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"Do this in Remembrance of Me"

**Mission Statement: *King's Park Church*
*sharing God's love by reaching out to others.***

"1930-2023 - 93 Years of Spiritual Service"

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AT REST**"I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

3 Dec	Mr John Davis, Dougrie Road
17 Dec	Mr Ian Cooper, Endrick Drive, Paisley
7 Jan	Mrs Sandra Dimilta, Kings Park Avenue
8 Jan	Mr Robert Petrie, Kingsheath Avenue
11 Jan	Mrs Agnes Durham, Oakview Manor Care Home
14 Jan	Mrs Catherine Hogg, Haydale Care Home
24 Jan	Mrs May Davidson, Curtis Avenue

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, we thank you for last year as we remember the sad times, but also the many blessings you have given us through your grace and mercy. We go forward into a new year with great expectations for our future plans. Inspire us with new ways of doing things and let your love shine from our hearts. May we show others that we faithfully follow Jesus by our example in the way we live our lives. Please bless all the children who live in dangerous places around the world, especially in war torn countries or those suffering from famine. Our children are the future of our church, we need to nurture and teach them about Jesus.

Hear our Prayer. Amen

gaerataylor@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP

The 8th of March is Women's Day of Prayer and more information will be announced in the intimations nearer the time. As always, we wish you a warm welcome on a Monday at 11am in the Lesser Hall. *gaerataylor@btinternet.com*

Dear Friends

In the midst of what is proving a very difficult winter for many people, I have been reminded, as I've been able to spend Sunday mornings at King's Park Church, how much being part of a congregation can bring a sense of belonging to keep me going through the week.

When I moved, on retirement, to the village of Lochwinnoch, I was really disappointed to find that the church had closed during the lockdown brought by the pandemic, and wouldn't re-open. I suppose I'd thought that joining that congregation would be a good way of finding a place in the local community, and there's still a sadness in walking past the darkened church building.

At this time of year we remember Jesus as light for the whole world and all its people. The season of Epiphany takes us into the territory of Jesus being revealed – to the wise men from the east, of course, but then in other ways from his baptism to calling a group of followers – as God's Word made flesh.

I hope that, however challenging these cold months are for you, you know warmth and light in the people around you, and in the knowledge of God's love.

I was pleased to hear at the recent Kirk Session meeting, that the church building is to be open on Tuesdays to provide a warm space, soup and rolls for anyone who wants to come. Hospitality is, I think, one of the important marks of the community of faith, and it is so important to hold open our door to people who might need a bit of cosy warmth and a bite to eat.

Even as I write, the days are – imperceptibly – lengthening....there is light!

Ian Galloway (Interim Moderator)

KING'S PARK BRASS - NEW YEAR UPDATE!

The band enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas break after a busy November and December! The Senior Band kicked things off in November with our concert in Rutherglen Town Hall entitled "Storytelling". The following weekend the Junior Band played at our coffee morning in the church. This warmed them up for their trip to Perth to take part in the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships for the first time since 2019. Congratulations to them on achieving a bronze award!

In December the Senior and Junior Bands combined for our Christmas concert in the church, while groups from the Senior Band were out and about playing carols at local supermarkets, in the park, and even at a wedding!

The Senior Band is now rehearsing for our next concert on the afternoon of Sunday 26th March, in the church, where one of the main musical offerings will be Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf'. We'll be joined that afternoon by a small ensemble of young Royal Conservatoire of Scotland graduates, who will offer a different perspective on brass music!

CARETAKER POST

Fixed term appointment/temporary contract, commencing as soon as possible.

Main duty to keep the buildings secure, clean and well-maintained. Responsibilities will include: making sure heating, lighting and alarm systems are working properly, checking doors and windows are locked when the building is not in use, open up buildings in the morning and locking them at the end of the day as required, carrying out basic day to day maintenance as required, cleaning/ preparing the sanctuary and halls, adhering to the Church of Scotland's safety policies to create a safe environment for everyone. Hours of employment are 16-20 hours per week, flexible hours available, can be discussed, however there will be core days and hours during September to May. Salary £10.90 per hour. Anyone interested in applying should contact office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk or speak to Lynda Young (07736 844014) in the first instance. Please feel free to share these details.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

In previous issues of the magazine, we have featured old photographs, to get folks remembering and sharing little bits of information which are fascinating and add depth to the story of our church family here in King's Park. This issue, we remember the Percussion Band.

For 21 years, youngsters in the congregation had enthusiastically joined the Percussion Band under the leadership of Mr John D Govan, but it had never been given official status as a church organisation until John offered his band to the church in June 1964. This marvellous organisation operated on strict discipline and a promotion system, members beginning in the triangle section and moving through each section to the drums. Thereafter, they each became a deputy conductor and finally a full conductor. Mr Govan started his Percussion Band when he arrived in King's Park after having been blitzed out of Dalmeir. The only instruments saved from his original band were the triangles, everything else, including his home, being totally destroyed. In two respects King's Park Percussion band was unique. Normally percussion bands were only for very young children, whereas ours catered for about forty children up to 12 years of age. This meant that more ambitious musical ventures could be tackled. The problem with this, though, was that Mr Govan and his successors had to arrange all the band parts themselves, because in those days, it was impossible to buy advanced music for percussion bands.

In another respect, too, KP Percussion Band was in a class of its own – it was the only known percussion band which was not just an offshoot of another organisation.

Mr Govan was a real character. Winter or Summer, hail rain or shine , he could be seen trudging along KP Avenue with his wee brown case. And what affection he inspired from his band! They even wrote to a national newspaper describing his work in such glowing terms that the paper presented him with a bicycle to help him carry his music and gear! A brilliant pianist, his solo spots in band concerts were much appreciated by enthusiastic audiences.

The photo displayed was taken, outside the church, in around 1948. Are you in it? Are your Mum or Dad, or Granny in it. Were you ever a member of the band? Please let the magazine team know – we'd love to hear of your experiences with the King's Park Percussion Band.



GRAHAM MCGEOCH

You may remember that Graham spent some weeks with us in Dec. 2021/Jan 2022 as our Locum before returning to Brazil. As it had been a year since he was with us we sent him a copy of our Dec. '22/Jan. '23 magazine and wished him all the best for 2023. We were surprised to learn that Graham is currently in Amsterdam as a Locum with the Church of Scotland.

He writes, "Please do pass on my best wishes to all at King's Park. I remember fondly my time with you all, and am pleased to see all the things happening in the life of the church and congregation, as reflected in the magazine. May you know peace and joy this Advent and Christmas".

SMALLS FOR ALL

The charity 'Smalls for All', a charity we have supported in the past, has reached out, asking again for donations of new pants and new or gently worn laundered bras (not sports bras or cropped tops).

Last time we collected for them, the focus was mainly on Africa, where underwear is regarded almost as a status symbol and young women, having to attend work or school during their period, are put in an unacceptable and undignified position.

This time the charity has been approached by homeless charities and schools in the UK, who are finding that men, women and children here either cannot afford underwear or just can't get pants etc for all number of reasons. Giving bras and pants seems like such a insignificant thing, but many girls and women miss school or work during their period because they have no underwear. The charity supplies underwear to homeless units and school banks in the UK, and to refugee camps across the world.

They are looking, specifically, for girls and boys' pants from age 3 years and up, and ladies and men's pants of all sizes. A large pink bucket has been placed in the foyer to the church halls for anyone to place a donation, and these will be delivered directly, on a regular basis, to Smalls for All in West Calder.

Thanks...

Thank you to Bob Pitman who is stepping aside as Roll Keeper after many years - his well used 12" ruler is looking forward to a well-earned rest! We welcome Julia Greer who has agreed to take over this important post in due course.



Thank you to Lynda Young who is stepping down as Convener of the Social and Fundraising Committee after many years of hard work planning and organising.

CLUSTER UPDATE

King's Park and Croftfoot's joint 5 years Mission Plan was submitted to presbytery on 8th December, for onward transmission to the 'Presbytery Mission Plan Implementation Group' (PMPIG) in Edinburgh for consideration. Meanwhile, we received and responded to comments made by PMPIG on a paragraph relating to KP and Croftfoot, which had been included in Carmunnock and Castlemilk's joint mission plan.

On Sunday 22nd January, we attended a meeting in Cambuslang Church of all the clusters in Zone 5 (A-D). We are 5C, and along with the rest, we were informed that PMPIG wished to see more detailed information on our objectives with regard to our mission priorities identified in the 5-year plan. To enable this to work, we (KP and Croftfoot), were advised to meet again with the rest of cluster 5C to concentrate on these objectives and priorities and identify cluster wide initiatives, all to be added to the mission plan proforma already in place - new information to be submitted to presbytery by the 21st February.

Presbytery then has until 6th March to resubmit the whole mission plan for Glasgow to PMPIG. King's Park's team are hopeful, that, with your continuing prayers for our church and our cluster partners within the wider local community, that we will be able to move forward in the near future.

In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to our Interim Moderator/Locum Ian Galloway, for his support and advice throughout this process.

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are needing people to join in the task of looking after our church - with all its different facets. Any volunteers would be part of a team, would not have to attend Kirk Session meetings, but would be an important cog in ensuring the smooth running of all the affairs of our church. Some tasks could be carried out from home...So please consider offering some time and talent in areas as varied as finance, fabric, youth work, administration and pastoral care. This way we can be sure of being in that good place that enables us to serve the people of our Parish, and beyond.

Contact us for a chat and we'll put you in touch with the relevant people.

John and Eunice.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2022

	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	12,401	7,258
Gift Aid Income	3,441	-
Christmas Bazaar	2,951	-
Hall Hire Income	250	550
Rental income	517	517
Grant - VAT Reclaimed	-	1,317
Magazine	72	-
Charitable collections	119	669
Other regular Monthly Income	195	205
Total Month's Income	<u>19,946</u> =====	<u>10,516</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	14,489	11,481
Charitable Donations	119	984
Property maintenance & repairs	155	55
Total Month's Payments	<u>14,763</u> =====	<u>12,520</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	5,183	-2,004



FLOWER FUND

Thanks are due to all who contribute to the
 flower fund, beautifying our worship week by
 week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship, Sunday School Fundraiser
after morning service
- Sun 12th 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 19th 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 26th 11am Morning Worship

MARCH

- Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 12th 11am Morning Worship, Sacrament of Communion
- Wed 15th Kirk Session meeting with attestation of accounts
- Sun 19th 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 26th 11am Morning Worship, after morning service - AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2023 Annual General Meeting of King's Park Church will take place, after the morning service on Sunday 26th March, when the financial affairs of the church will be presented to the congregation. If you are not a trustee and wish to attend this meeting, please email the church at office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk or call Alan Pratt on 07776 328914, and we will arrange to send you a copy of the 2022 Annual Accounts prior to the meeting.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our recent Star Appeal, where we raised the grand sum of £365.26, which has now been sent to The Simon Community. Thanks too for all the donations to Gifts for Jesus which will be put to good use in the Church.

Due to new demands on my time at work and new commitments within the Church, and after prayerful consideration, I am stepping down as the Social & Fundraising Convenor. It has been 12 years of real joy and privilege to serve in this role and I look forward to supporting new leadership. From Burns Suppers to Beetle Drives, Frock Swaps to Fashion Evenings and everything in between, I pray that I have served you well. Huge thanks to the committee who supported me along the way, without whom a Convenor would simply be just a title.

With every Blessing, *Lynda*

Warm Space

Every Tuesday 1-3pm

Soup, Tea & Coffee

(no charge)



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