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"Do this in remembrance of me"

The Sacrament of Communion will take place on

Sunday 25th June 2023

**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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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

26 March	Mrs Myra Kerr, Ardmay Crescent
19 April	Mrs Bunty Kelly, King's Park Avenue
28 April	Mrs Moira Buchan, Kirklands Drive, Mearnskirik
1 May	Mrs Margaret Campbell, Pollokshaws Road
16 May	Miss Margaret McDonald, Carmunnock Road

Prayer Focus..

Heavenly Father, we pray for all the churches who will face closure. We give thanks that our plan has been accepted by Presbytery and at last we may look forward to new beginnings. We give thanks for all who work in and around our beautiful church - well done! For those who are weary, we wish you a time of rest. Looking after yourself is important; recharge your body mind and spirit and you will be ready for the next stage of our development. Hear our prayer. Amen

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CAN YOU HELP US?

We are still needing people to join in the task of looking after our church - with all its different facets.

You would be part of a team, would not have to attend Kirk Session meetings, and would be an important cog in ensuring the smooth running of all the affairs of your 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 person.

John and Eunice.

SPOT THE DELIBERATE MISTAKE...

As well as the very occasional spelling or grammatical error you may very occasionally notice in any issue of 'King's View', are you able to spot the deliberate mistake in this magazine?!

All suggestions to the Editor

Dear Friends

As I write, I've been spending time this week observing much of this year's General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh – both online and, for one day, in person. Our newly elected Moderator, Sally Foster Fulton, is a good friend, and it was good to be able to give her a big hug along with my best wishes for her year in office.

I was struck, watching on, by the energy and commitment of so many people, ministers and elders alike, who were taking part, and that, while the Church is facing great challenges, there is much to be thankful for, and signs of hope that shouldn't be too easily dismissed.

I was particularly impressed by the passion of younger people, and by the stories shared by the delegates who joined the Assembly from partner churches in many parts of the world.

At the same time, there's no getting away from the reality that the church needs to change, and that we can't just cross our fingers and hope that we can go on doing what we have always done.

King's Park is a church with much to be proud of, and it's good news that the Kirk Session may soon be able to begin the process of forming a nominating committee to look for a new minister. Let's all pray that that will happen, and bring a new chapter as well as a new person. But be aware that whoever that turns out to be, they will not be coming on the basis that things can simply remain the same, so pray too that you will be prepared for change.

That way, we may all stay in touch with the God who makes all things new.

Rev Ian Galloway (Interim Moderator and Locum)

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2023

	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	9,789	7,420
Hall Hire Income	595	215
Rental income	517	517
Magazine subscriptions	-	623
Charitable collections	1,175	354
Other regular Monthly Income	1,267	170
Total Month's Income	<u>13,343</u> =====	<u>9,299</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	16,329	12,253
Charitable Donations	967	335
Property maintenance & repairs	863	56
Total Month's Payments	<u>18,159</u> =====	<u>12,644</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	-4,816	-3,345

Happy 90th Birthday

Our warmest congratulations go to

Mr Don Mathieson

who celebrated his 90th Birthday on

17th May 2023. We wish him a very warm Happy

Birthday from all his friends

at King's Park.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Sun 4th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 11th	11am Morning Worship, with Alison Fenton
Thur 15th	7.30pm King's Park Brass Summer Concert
Sun 18th	11am Morning Worship, with the worship team
Sun 25th	11am Morning Worship, including the Sacrament of Communion

JULY

Sun 2nd	11am Morning Worship
Sun 9th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 16th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 23rd	11am Morning Worship
Sun 30th	11am Morning Worship

Note: Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 25th June, not the usual second Sunday in June this year.

PRESBYTERY REVISED MISSION PLAN

The cluster team attended a meeting on Tuesday, 25th April, at Cambuslang Parish Church. This was led by Glasgow Presbytery to give every congregation the opportunity to approve Presbytery's revised Mission Plan for Zones 4 & 5. King's Park is in Zone 5. It also allowed for any questions to be raised. The Revised Mission Plan for Zones 4 & 5 was approved. Once all Zones had approved the Plan, Presbytery forwarded it to PMPIG in Edinburgh. On 19th May, our Interim Moderator/Locum informed us that the Plan has been approved by PMPIG.

Presbytery will meet to give their final approval and we look forward to being able to move forward.

This has been an arduous task which has only been completed because of your thoughts and prayers and we thank you so much for that support and for your patience. We will keep you informed. *Eunice*

STAMP APPEAL

I would like to thank everyone for continuing to donate your used stamps to the Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal, which is involved in the World Mission work of the Church. The project for 2023-24 is called 'Firmly Planted' which involves the planting of trees in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This will help to address the challenges of food deprivation, deforestation, climate change and youth unemployment. The stamps go from here to Mr Keith Scott from Wishaw, who deals with everything from there. As always, please leave a border of about a quarter of an inch (or 0.6cms) around the stamp as that avoids damage to the stamp and makes it easier to remove from the backing. Thanks again, *Elizabeth Gillespie*



Thank you ...

Thank you very much to Raymond for delivering such beautiful flowers and card on behalf of the church on the occasion of my 80th birthday. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated.

Catherine Mackenzie

My grateful thanks to all who attended the 'Sing for Joy' evening on Sunday 30th April, where £460 was raised for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and Baby Loss Retreat. Thanks too, to those who joined the augmented choir, Liz Patterson who stepped in at the last minute to accompany me, and to Coop Funeralcare who assisted with the tea afterwards.

Thank you, Jonathan.

On behalf of Norah and I, can I thank the congregation for their words of sympathy, cards and prayers following the passing of my mum on the 18th of April, and to Raymond for his visits and conducting the funeral service. It means so much to have that care and concern round us at this time.

Jonathan and Norah Buchan

KING'S PARK BRASS IN CONCERT

The band's annual summer concert takes place in the church on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm.

The concert marks conductor Chris Mansfield's final appearance with the band. Highlights will include "Breezin' Down Broadway" - a whistle stop tour of classics from the musicals - and a nod to the coronation, with excerpts from Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks".

The Junior Band will also be taking part, featuring music from Abba, and from the world of opera in the form of the "Grand March from Aida".

All are welcome to come along with entry by payment at the door - £5 (children £1). We hope to see you there!

SAIDIANA WOMEN PROJECT (KENYA)

Dear friends, I am pleased to be able to forward to you, the latest report from Kenya. It's wonderful to see how the work is developing. Thanks to all of you who support Saidiana with your donations and your prayers. You can contribute by cheque, made out to Mary Smith, and sent to her address (available on request) or directly into the bank account: HBOS, Sort Code 11-47-05, Account No: 00005903. If you have access to the most recent edition of the Iona Community's "Coracle" magazine, you will see a photo of Fridah and Marksen at a meeting of the Community's Africa Regional Group. Also, Marksen's email message tells of his mother's death on 1st January, so please hold him and the family in your prayers. *With best wishes, Mary Smith*

SAIDIANA WOMEN PROJECT (KENYA)

The year 2022 has come to an end and it's always common for people to think the new year would be better than the former. We hope such may be true, especially where high costs of living are being experienced, not only in our country, but across the globe. In Kenya, 2022 was an election year, when, on 8th August, the country voted for six elective positions, including that of president. We thank God, as the process was fairly peaceful. During the 2nd half year, Saidiana activities ran as planned, although challenges of election disruption were evident.

Sewing and Knitting: We returned to normal operation, working with twelve volunteers, nine in production, and three in marketing. The bulk production unit worked on school uniforms to be marketed from January 2023. We are happy to note that besides business, this activity gave a lifeline to the volunteers involved, by providing much needed income for their families.

School of Sewing and Hairdressing: Those involved in this area are mostly young single mothers, some having dropped out of school. Our 2022 class have completed the training and now await graduation. However, on release to the market to be engaged by those who may need their services, it's our wish that we equip them further, allowing them to be as productive as possible for their families, by becoming self-employed. This would require donation sewing machines to some, and start-up capital to others. It is our prayer that in the future, Saidiana would be able to continue life changing area of activity.

Micro-credit and Empowerment: Both units under this heading, namely farming and buying/selling, did well, despite increasing challenges from the high costs of living.

Those in farming got good yields – enough for self-sufficiency, and due to favourable prices in the market, much needed family income, in selling a portion of the harvest. In total, this activity benefited seventeen families, who are now looking to the year 2023 more positively.

Relief Supplies: We continued with relief matters such as health, mostly HIV/AIDS related and emerging food security situations. Our society will always have vulnerable people in its ranks

and it's in the interest of Saidiana Women Project to maintain a modest amount available for such needs.

Water Harvesting: In the second half of 2022, we managed to dig two boreholes in different areas at a total cost of £2,000, slightly higher than planned. In the next two years we will circulate an appeal, locally and globally, for funds to drill for water at our centre, to establish a rescue unit for those facing crisis in their life or in the lives of their families.

Gavin's Mill Gifts: Our priority this year was the cow harvest. Two families benefited from the arrangement where each is gifted a calf. They will care for them until grown and when they give birth, the offspring is given to another family. The original family would then own the cow initially received. This is an experimental arrangement, and we'll see how it succeeds. The benefits to the families would be immense – milk for both family consumption as well as income generating purposes.

Subsequent reproduction would remain with the family to use as they wish.

Added advantages to the families would be new responsibilities, as the nurture

and care for their animals. **Conclusion:** Saidiana Women Project is no longer a village undertaking. Today, its effects are felt widely, beyond denominational and regional boundaries. Plans are underway to establish a rescue centre to save women and children facing crisis; reunite children and families, restoring hope via education/business opportunities/ parenting skills and spiritual guidance. Renewing dignity among families and young adults. We hope to be able to lift people from lives of neglect and impact the surrounding area for future generations.

Fridah N Wafula, Patron, Saidiana Women Project (Kenya)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2023 - UPDATE

King's Park church family and friends have again been busy this year, raising money for Christian Aid.



A very satisfactory amount of money is expected for Christian Aid Week 2023 as a result of Raymond and Alan's 300,000 step challenge, which, at time of writing, was still progressing (*painfully*) all the way to midnight on 31st May. Financially, the total raised from the boys' JustGiving page will be added to the cash gathered from those who kindly donated individually, or via the hardcopy sponsor forms in the church.

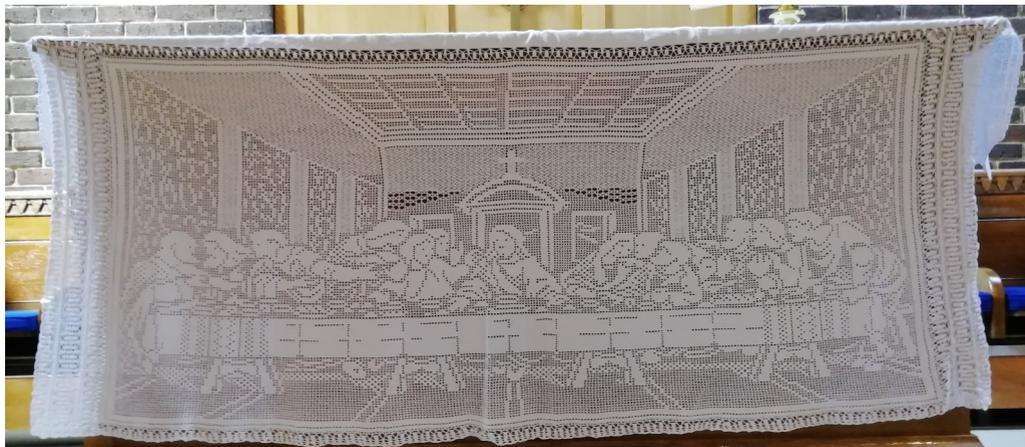
To celebrate Christian Aid Week itself, we made CA envelopes available to those who attended the morning service on Sunday 14^h May, and appealed to all members through the magazine, online service, and Facebook for donations to Christian Aid, and, as a result, there is another amount of cash/cheques etc waiting to be counted, then passed over, although, if you still wish to donate, please look at the April/May magazine for payment details. More details, including the final sum raised, will be confirmed in the August/September edition of the magazine.

In addition, this year, the Kirk Session decided that we should deliver a Christian Aid envelope to every household in our parish, thereby giving everyone under the KP church 'umbrella' the opportunity to support Christian Aid. Well done and thank you to all those who assisted with the delivery! (*sounds like a quote from 'Call the Midwife'*)

We hope to bring back the popular Christian Aid Quiz in the Autumn, but meantime, **thanks to all who have contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to continue our church family's superb tradition of support for Christian Aid Week.**

THE COMMUNION TABLE CLOTH

As we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Communion later this month, we take the opportunity of sharing a photograph and some interesting details relating to one of our church's artifacts, displayed only when we share communion together in our beloved sanctuary.



This beautiful cloth was presented to the church in 1956 by Mrs McIntosh, a member of the congregation, who wrote, asking for the pattern, to a Mr Sarahan of South Bend, Indiana, USA, having heard that he had originally crocheted it. In response to this request, Mr Sarahan generously gifted his work to the church. As it turned out, the gift was slightly too small for the Communion table, so Mrs McIntosh complemented it with a beautiful border and a pure white linen top.

The picture on the tablecloth represents Leonardo da Vinci's mural painting of the last Supper. His masterpiece was completed over five centuries ago on a wall in the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan. Christ is seated in the midst of His disciples and is saying "One of you will betray Me." The disciples are shown in various attitudes, some recoiling in horror at the idea, some distressed, some pointing at themselves, saying "Is it I?"

STEWARDSHIP 2023

Due to the recent pandemic and our slow recovery from it, our annual Stewardship Programme (our giving of time, talent and money to glorify God) has been left behind. At a recent Kirk Session meeting it was agreed that we need to focus on Stewardship, starting with the generation of much needed funds to support our dwindling finances. After discussion we decided to have a Gift Weekend, in or around September, where we all should consider dedicating one weekend of giving to our much-loved Church and its funds. It is hoped there will be a coffee morning, and an opportunity to perhaps give up a personal social event or treat, e.g. trip out for a meal or the cinema, and, instead, donate the money saved to the Church. It will be a time of reflection and thanksgiving for all that King's Park Church has meant to those in the past, what it means to us now, and most importantly, what it means to those we leave it to in the future. More details will follow in the summer magazine and intimations.

In relation to our Christian stewardship, the Kirk Session also agreed that as well as promoting a Gift Weekend we should encourage everyone to consider re-addressing their weekly giving. While this is a time of increased costs for us all, we know that the continued work in our Church is so important. We are glad to see our halls being let out again to the community and it's hoped that this will revitalise our mission outreach as well as creating some much-needed earnings. Perhaps you are reading this, realising that you have not increased your weekly offering for a long time; this would be a good time to think about that and simply update the standing order with your bank (get a form from us or do it online), or commit to a little more each week in your Free Will Offering envelope. For those who are part of the Gift Aid scheme, increases of e.g., £5 to £20 a month would amount to increases of £75 to £300 respectively, over the year.

We know how difficult it is to address the financial side of our Christian stewardship at this time, but unfortunately, we are seeing the deficit currently facing us, increasing as the year progresses, and while we all appreciate that the Church is indeed it's people, it is also a building, with halls and fabric, which it is our responsibility to maintain and care for. Accordingly, please do prayerfully consider this now and we look forward to sharing more details about our Gift Weekend very soon.

Finance Committee



Fischy 25th Anniversary

Glasgow
Royal Concert Hall

SAT | 15:00

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September
2023

Aberdeen
Tivoli Theatre

SUN | 15:00

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2023

Edinburgh
The Queen's Hall

SUN | 15:00

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September
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25 years of Fischy Music!

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