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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Admission by Profession of Faith.

On Sunday 28th June 2026 we welcomed 6 new communicants, may they find the peace and grace of the Lord within our midst.

Kehinde Olufolake Adeyemi Popoola
 Abraham Adeshina Adeyemi
 Joseph Ayomide Ademola Temitope Adeyemi
 Faith Oluwatofunmi Sodunke
 Osamuede Idemudia
 Emoseuwe Osula

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

31 May Brodie MacBeth
 28 June Callum Nosariemen Idemudia
 Emoseuwe Osula

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

25 May Rena (Chris) McFadyen
 4 July Margaret Munro

Prayer Focus

Help us to draw close to you each day through reading your Word and through prayer. Teach us to make space for you, not only in moments of quiet reflection, but also in the ordinary routines of life. As we go about everyday tasks or walk through your beautiful creation, may our hearts be turned towards you, bringing before you our thanks, our worries, and our hopes. We give you thanks that the harvest has been safely gathered in. We remember all those who work on the land and at sea. Be with our farmers and fishermen as they face the challenges of unpredictable and often dangerous weather. As the seasons seem to change around us, grant us wisdom to care faithfully for the world you have entrusted to us, helping us to protect your creation for future generations. We pray for all who are unwell, in pain, grieving, or struggling in mind, body, or spirit. Surround them with your healing presence, strengthen those who care for them, and remind them that they are never beyond your love and compassion. We also pray for the members of our new Pastoral Care Team as they begin this important ministry within our church. May they support and encourage one another as they seek to care for those in need. Hear our Prayers. Amen.
gaerataylor@btinternet.com

Message 'fae' the Manse

Hello friends

As I write this article, it's been a spectacular summer of sport so far. Wimbledon has just finished, the British Open begins today, the Tour De France has reached the halfway stage, the World Cup Final is on Sunday, and the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony only a week away from our very own home city to name but a few. It seems that this summer, if sport is your thing, then there is something for everyone. But even if you don't like watching sport, perhaps like me, you are still amazed at how professional athletes, from whatever sport, can continue to push their bodies to new limits, to achieve better results and set new records. And I do wonder if we will ever reach a point where to be faster, or stronger, or more agile than anyone else who has gone before, will become impossible. I would think that one day the answer to this will prove to be yes because I believe that due to our limitations of being human there is only so far we can push ourselves.

With God however, there are no limitations, and nothing is impossible to him. In Matthew chapter 19, Jesus reassures his disciples and us today of this. Human limitations do not apply to God, even when faced with seemingly impossible odds, or seeking hope in what appears to be a hopeless situation. This verse offers us deep comfort, and assures us that God's divine power can overcome any potential barrier or obstacle. This means he can help us through any situation, however challenging or impossible it seems to us. It also means that when it comes to our salvation and redemption, no matter what we do, we cannot bring about either of them, but through God's love for us, he can, and they are available to every single one of us. What it doesn't mean is that God will magically make the situation go away, nor does it mean that God will grant every one of our desires or perform impossible physical feats just because someone asks, so I guess my hopes of completing the Tour De France or running the 100m in 8 seconds will never happen.

But what it does mean is that God will be with us in difficult times and will help us navigate our way through them and come out the other side. This promise to us is one the fundamental and foundational messages of faith and trust that Christianity is built on, and whilst it isn't always easy to accept or believe, it is a promise that we should always try to hold on to.

So, I hope you enjoy the rest of the sport over the summer, and if sport isn't your thing, I hope that you find something else that you find enjoyable to watch or take part in. But however you spend the rest of the summer always remember that to God all things are possible.

Your friend in Christ, Stuart

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2026**

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	8,183	8,673
Hall Hire Income	1,103	1,725
Rental income	611	257
Fundraising	-	1,005
Magazine subscriptions	10	37
Charitable collections	385	1,553
Other regular Monthly Income	543	526
Total Month's Income	10,835	13,776
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	11,494	13,218
Charitable Donations	1,336	1,553
Property maintenance & repairs	313	710
Total Month's Payments	13,143	15,481
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Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	-2,308	-1,705

**CHURCH BANK DETAILS FOR REGULAR FREEWILL OFFERINGS OR
ONE-OFF DONATIONS :****KINGS PARK CHURCH - SORT CODE: 82-63-31 A/C NO: 50335056****FLOWER FUND**

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

Say Hello to the Pastoral Care Team

Friends

I hope that you are keeping well and that you have been able to enjoy the warmer weather we have been having recently. I am writing to let you know that following a series of discussions and prayer at recent Kirk Session meetings, it was agreed that we would form a pastoral care team to help with any pastoral situations anyone in the congregation may be having.

I am therefore taking this opportunity to tell you exactly what its function is and how it can be of help to anyone who might need to speak to someone in relation to pastoral care.

If you have a pastoral need then normally your first point of contact would be your elder, but we are aware that you may no longer have an elder, or you might not be able to, or want to, contact your elder, so the team has been set up to bridge those gaps. The team consists of Ann McNeice, Eunice Black, Ian Tomney, Julia Greer and Sheena Docherty, all of whom are available to speak to you should you need them.

The way the team will work will be as follows:

You can call the church pastoral care phone on 07949 797323 to leave a message asking for a call back, and if you wish to speak to one of the team specifically you can ask for that person to call you back. This information will be passed on to that person or one of the other members of the team who will reach out to you. It is then hoped that your situation will be resolved through speaking to the team member, however should you require further pastoral support then how that proceeds would be agreed between you and the team member.

Let me reassure you that all calls will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and should the person you speak to believe that another person may need to be involved, this will only happen with your permission, you will not receive a call from someone else without your permission.

The team is there for anyone who needs to speak to someone about a pastoral issue, and that includes you. I hope that this has explained why we set the team up and how they can support you pastorally if needed. If you do have any questions about this, then please do not hesitate to contact me either on my mobile which is 07305 239128 or via e-mail at scrawford@churchofscotland.org.uk

Kind regards, Stuart

Roots of Renewal – A Garden Refresh - We need you!

Saturday 6th September | 10:00am–12:00 noon

As we prepare to begin a new session/year together, we're also taking the opportunity to care for the wonderful space God has entrusted to us. Over the past few months, a small team of dedicated volunteers has been working faithfully in our gardens, but with such a large area to look after, there's always more to do.

Our gardens are a place of welcome, peace and community. They are enjoyed by so many people throughout the year, and by caring for them together, we are caring for one another too. We'd also really like to give our regular volunteers a helping hand as they continue to serve so faithfully through the seasons.

We'd love you to join us on **Saturday 6th September from 10:00am–12:00 noon**. Whether you're an experienced gardener or have never picked up a trowel, there's a place for you. There will be plenty of simple jobs—sweeping, weeding, tidying, planting—and lots of friendly faces, tea and biscuits along the way!

Please wear comfortable clothes and, if you have them, bring gardening gloves and any tools you think might be useful. If you don't have any equipment, that's absolutely fine—just bring yourself. Your presence is far more important than anything else.

Working side by side is a wonderful way to share fellowship, care for God's creation, and help our church continue to be a welcoming place for everyone. Even if you can only give these two hours, your help will make a real difference as we prepare the gardens for the months ahead. You may even discover a small corner of the garden you'd enjoy looking after in the future—but there is no expectation. Every helping hand is a blessing.

We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining us. **No experience is needed—just a willing heart and two hours to spare.** There will be a job for everyone, and we'd love to see you there.

With thanks and every blessing,
Lynda

Thank you...

Thank you to all those who attend the Tuesday Coffee Mornings. So far this year you have given £1,070 to church finances. The coffee morning runs from 10-11.30am every Tuesday - with home baking including Millie's famous pancakes. Why not join us for chat and company with friends (or strangers who will become friends) and know you are also helping support our church. Hope to see you soon.



The Tuesday Coffee Morning Team

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers and prayers as I recover from the first stage in my shoulder reconstruction. Unfortunately, the second part will not happen until September when custom designed parts arrive from the USA!! I am especially grateful to my family and friends who have taken me to my appointments while I cannot drive.

Thank you, love and prayers, Dot x

Thank you very much to the church family for my wonderful flowers, it touched my heart. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, may the lord bless you and keep you and give you peace

Love John-Paul xx



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Alzheimer's Scotland in memory of our papa, the late John McCabe. We recently completed the West Highland Way in his honour. John loved Scotland for its scenery and, as a lot of you know, also loved walking. He sadly never completed the West Highland Way himself but he was with us in spirit every step of the way. We raised a total of £1,595, thank you to everyone who supported us.

Declan & Troy (John & Millie's grandsons)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Sun 2nd	11am	Morning worship
Sun 9th	11am	Morning worship
Wed 12th	7pm	Kirk Session
Sun 16th	11am	Morning worship
Sun 23rd	11am	Morning worship
	6.30pm	Evening Service

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th	10-12	Roots of Renewal - Garden refresh
Sun 6th	11am	Morning worship, re-dedication of the Garth
Sun 13th	11am	Morning worship, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Wed 16th	7pm	Kirk Session
Sun 20th	11am	Morning worship
Sun 27th	11am	Morning worship
	6.30pm	Evening Service

OCTOBER

Sun 4th	11am	Morning Worship, Celebrating Harvest
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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2026 – The Final Story

As an update to the update in June/July's magazine, we can now confirm that the total amount raised for this year's Christian Aid Week was £1,985.10

You'll remember that this year, the Kirk Session again decided that we would not deliver CA envelopes to the homes in our parish, but instead, concentrate on our own church family and friends.

Envelopes were available on the Sunday of the CAW launch for people to take away and return to church, and this along with other personal donations, raised the sum of £1,623. Other memorable and successful events that took place during the week to add to the coffers and to our church family fellowship, comprised Millie's CA Tuesday Coffee morning, raising £110, and our Soup & Roll Sunday where £182.10 was donated.

Thanks to all who have contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to continue our church family's superb tradition of supporting Christian Aid.

Recycling – an update

Some time ago, the Kirk Session agreed that, rather than participating in Glasgow City Council's recycling scheme, at a cost in excess of £200 per year, we would try to recycle the relevant materials ourselves, initially by inviting members to take away stuff to put in our own domestic recycling bins, according to the rules that apply within the council area we live. In addition, regarding uncrushed drink cans and plastic bottles, we can take advantage of the Lidl Win Win Recycling Scheme currently operating and donate any financial reward achieved to the church in some way. More information on the Lidl scheme can be found by speaking to members of our Social & Fundraising team or at <https://www.lidl.co.uk/c/return-scheme/s10030877> . The materials for recycling are in the 'Dunny' – should anyone wish to take some stuff away, please speak to Pat, our caretaker, or whoever is on duty, and they will help you out.

We are now also disposing all of the general waste generated in the church buildings, ourselves, by black-bagging stuff for members to take away and dispose of in their own bins. These black bags, regularly left for uplift in the vestibule to the new halls, can also be taken in bulk, to Polmadie, for Glasgow dwellers, or to the alternative facility for those who live in South Lanarkshire. Everyone's welcome to help with this – don't just leave it to someone else!

KIRK SESSION NEWS

Friends

I hope this finds you well and that you have been enjoying the wonderful sunshine we've been blessed with over the last few weeks. The Kirk Session took a break during July, and we will meet again in August for the first meeting of the new session. I have now had the honour and privilege of serving as your Session Clerk for two years, and I still have so much to learn!

We are making progress with the sale of our flat in Kingsbridge Drive, and Stuart and I will continue to keep you updated both here and through the Sunday morning intimations. I am delighted that we have now finalised our Pastoral Care Team. More information about the team is included elsewhere in this magazine, but if you have any questions about how it will operate, please do not hesitate to ask Stuart or me directly. We wish the whole team every blessing as they support our existing Visiting Elders to care for our congregation.

Throughout the summer months, so much has been happening behind the scenes. Our Property Team has made excellent progress on our Fire Risk Assessment Tracker, ensuring that we continue to meet all legislative requirements. Our Health & Safety Team has been working diligently to ensure all our documentation is in order, while our Safeguarding Team continues to ensure that all Trustees have completed the required regulatory training. Our Finance Team are working hard at addressing our growing deficit, and our Property Team has also been busy painting and carrying out essential repairs across our buildings and grounds. We held our successful Tea and Plant Sale at the beginning of June, thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our Social and Fundraising Team.

All of this work plays a vital role in caring for the wonderful buildings and grounds that God has entrusted to us. Recently, I popped into our Tuesday Coffee Morning and was overwhelmed by what I saw. Small teams of volunteers were busy power washing, gardening, painting, baking, serving coffee, and I know that many others are carrying out countless unseen tasks. I am deeply grateful to every single person who gives their time, talents, and energy in service to our church.

There is always more to be done, yet I stand in awe of the generosity, commitment, and love shown by so many. It is a privilege to serve alongside you all. Amid the practical work, we have also witnessed God continuing to build with us as we welcomed six new communicants into our church family, a wonderful encouragement and a reminder that King's Park is not only caring for its buildings but is continuing to grow spiritually.

Please do take time to read the article on page 7 of this magazine. We are looking for you to come along and help us tidy up the church gardens for the winter. Our gardens are such a focal point of our community, a reminder of what God's creation is all about. However they do not look after themselves and while we all take the lovely credit for them when they are being admired it would be such a joy for us all to take equal pride in looking after them. Have a read and if you think you can join us just come along, I promise to provide lots of tea, coffee and biscuits!

As the Kirk Session begins another busy year together, please be assured of our continued prayers for our church, for our community, and for each one of you.

Thank you for your encouragement, your faithfulness, and your willingness to serve in so many different ways. It remains a tremendous honour and privilege to serve as your Session Clerk. Thank you for the kindness, and support you continue to show me.

I am incredibly proud to be part of such a caring and dedicated church family, and I look forward to working alongside you for another year, all as we support one another and build on everything that makes King's Park such a special place.

Ever yours,
Lynda, Session Clerk