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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
(see Jeremiah 29:11)

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

***"1930-2021 - 91 Years of Spiritual Service"***

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## **AT REST**

**“I am the Resurrection and the Life”**

24 March    Mrs Eve Thomson, late of Langlea Drive  
 9 April     Mrs Marion Moffat, Ashcroft Drive  
 17 April    Mrs Charlotte Buchanan, late of King’s Park Avenue  
 3 May       Miss May Smart, Buchanan Drive  
 18 May     Mrs Joan Dudley, Coldstream Drive

While we could not attend a funeral service for our dear friends during this time, we can take time to remember them all now. May the Lord bless them and keep them. Amen.

When the time is right, and we can gather together in church once again, a fitting memorial service is planned to remember and celebrate the lives of all those who were lost in these difficult days. *Raymond.*

### ***Prayer Focus..***

Gracious God, we pray for the Queen and every one who has lost a loved one, and for all who have come safely through this Pandemic. But we must be vigilant and continue to stop the spread of the virus. We pray for India; let the world unite in supporting them. Lord, let your will be done, and give us patience as we continue in our search for a new Minister. You have a plan for our future; guide us to the right person. We pray for peace in the Middle East and all places of conflict. Hear our Prayer in the sweet name of Jesus. Amen  
***gaerataylor@btinternet.com***



## **FLOWER FUND**

**Thanks are due to all who contribute to the flower fund, especially in these difficult times.**

## Dear Friends

The other day a car, belonging to a school of motoring, drew up beside me at a set of traffic lights. Emblazoned on the side were the words, "Learn to drive in a week!" From lurching starts through grinding gears, to a smooth and confident performance round the test route, in just one week! We live in a day when everyone is in a hurry. So food is fast, coffee is instant, answers must be quick, solutions rapid, and remedies are expected to bring immediate cures. No one has time to wait.

This approach to life doesn't fit comfortably into the Christian scheme of things. God is eternal and isn't subject to time as you and I are. A day with the Lord is as a thousand years, as the apostle Peter puts it, and a thousand years as a day. He stands outside time. Indeed, he created time. While we are ruled by time from the moment we wake up in the morning until our heads hit the pillow at night, God is the lord of time. Time, as a hymn puts it, is his slave. That is something we tend to forget. When God doesn't act when we think he should, we fret with impatience. Sometimes it is the delay which upsets us. "Why hasn't God answered my prayer?", we ask. At other times it is his timing which perplexes us. "Surely now is the time for God to act", we say. "Let him show his glory and demonstrate his power so that everyone will know that he is God." But he does not, and we are left wondering why he has let a never to be repeated opportunity pass. Samuel Ruthertford, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Scottish divine, said that "it is not for us to set the hour-glass for the Creator of time." Yet that is what we often do. We draw up a timetable and then ask God to work within it. But God is not at our beck and call. We can't timetable him. He will act when he sees fit and it will always be the right time.

This was a lesson which the prophet Habakkuk, in Old Testament times, had to learn. He came to see that there was no immediate solution to Judah's spiritual, moral and political decline. As for the day when "the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" – it was a nice thought, but difficult to believe. So he had to learn to wait on God. He likened himself to a guard on a watch tower, watching to see what would happen. While he waited, God assured him that, however bleak the present state of the nation, and however testing the way ahead, he was in control. The vision he had given the prophet, of better times to come, would be fulfilled. "It will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it. It will certainly come and will not delay." (2.4)

For us, as for Habakkuk, the apparent slowness with which God works can be a test of faith. Yes, we believe that all things work together for the good of those who love God, but how long it sometimes takes for circumstances to change for the better, for wrongs to be righted, for problems to be solved, for hurts to be healed, and for reconciliations to be effected. Pray and hope as we might, heaven sometimes strikes us as a vast bureaucracy in the sky where things move very slowly, where petitions get lost, and cases gather dust in files awaiting attention. That is why Scripture has much to say about the importance of waiting on God, of holding fast to his promises, and of persevering in prayer.

In a day when we expect instant solutions to every problem, waiting will never come easy, but it is an essential Christian discipline which we need to learn as we commit to God the unfinished business of our lives – the questions waiting for an answer, the problems still to be resolved, and the prayers to which, as yet, we have had no response. One item of unfinished business which touches us all at King's Park is the time it is taking to call a minister to serve among us. Whatever the reasons, surely this is a time for us all, like Habakkuk, to watch and wait, as we trust in God to make the future plain.

Wishing you God's peace in times of uncertainty,  
*David, Locum*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Live worship is now taking place in our Church building. As before, if you wish to attend, contact Alan Pratt on 07776 328914 by 9pm on the preceding Thursday evening. We will keep you updated on our website and all of our social media platforms if our plans change in any way. In the meantime, our online services continue on our Facebook and YouTube channels as normal.

#### **June**

Sun 6th	11am Morning & Online Worship
Sun 13th	11am Morning & Online Worship, both including the Celebration of Communion
Sun 20th	11am Morning & Online Worship
Sun 27th	11am Morning & Online Worship

#### **July**

Sun 4th	11am Morning & Online Worship
Sun 11th	11am Morning & Online Worship
Sun 18th	11am Morning & Online Worship
Sun 25th	11am Morning & Online Worship

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE**  
*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*  
**FINANCE REPORT - 2021**

	<b><u>Mar</u></b>	<b><u>April</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>£</b>	
Offerings & Donations	10,945	12,446
Gift Aid Income	-	-
HMRC Furlough salary contribution	693	767
Hall Hire Income	-	-
Rental Income	517	517
Charitable collections	-	942
Other regular Monthly Income	1,215	485
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b><u>13,370</u></b> <b>=====</b>	<b><u>15,157</u></b> <b>=====</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Monthly Costs	12,380	10,769
Charitable Donations	-	837
Fabric maintenance & repairs	1,617	176
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b><u>13,997</u></b> <b>=====</b>	<b><u>11,782</u></b> <b>=====</b>
<b>Monthly Income vs Expenditure</b>	<b>-627</b>	<b>3,375</b>

**Comments**

March - Deficit of receipts after payments made was £627.  
 Unrestricted funds had a surplus of £933 and Restricted Funds had a deficit of £1,560.

April - Surplus of receipts after payments made was £3,375.  
 Unrestricted funds had a surplus of £4,911 and Restricted Funds had a deficit of £1,536

## **SPRING PROPERTY UPDATE**

The last time we reported on church fabric etc, was back in the February/March issue of the magazine, when we mentioned water penetration, the manse, painting and stewardship.

So, starting in a similar fashion:-

Significant water penetration has been affecting the ceiling of the corridor between the chancel and the garth for some months now. We're pleased to say that satisfactory repairs have been carried out externally to alleviate this, and we're now ready to have some form of suspended ceiling fitted to 'mask' the damage to the ceiling surface, following the loose parts of that surface being brought down. Thanks go to Colin Wilson for taking down the external floodlights and CCTV cameras, and disconnecting the internal lighting, to allow for the works to be carried out.

Our bell system, at the moment, can only be operated manually, for safety reasons. This means that we can't programme the bells to ring at a certain time on a certain day - it needs Alan to actually "press the button" at the time the peel or tune is needed. To alleviate this problem, a new amplifier board is required and, as there are sufficient funds in the Belltower fund, the work will go ahead as soon as the engineers are able to attend.

In preparation for the forthcoming caretaker occupation of the manse, we had to replace ceilings in the three largest rooms, and as a result, took the step of cleaning all the carpets and carrying out a comprehensive deep clean of the whole accommodation without taking on any additional costs relating to redecoration etc, which will be needed in due course, as we progress through the vacancy process. We also took the opportunity of adhering to new legislation requiring owners/occupiers to fit linked fire and smoke detection equipment in all dwelling houses by February next year, and additional thanks to Colin for working on this, and to Laura, our cleaner, for spearheading the cleaning task.

Most of the work described above, required to be undertaken by skilled tradesmen. There are tasks, though, that we can do ourselves, as part of our stewardship commitment to prolong the life and effectiveness of the "bricks and mortar" part of our God

given mission to the people of King's Park. Amongst other things, we need to paint the windows and doors of our new halls suite, and prepare and treat the external doors of the church. We need our volunteers to take on these tasks, so, if you would like to assist, please get in touch with Alan Pratt (07776 328914)

### **USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

Our Church has been collecting used postage stamps for many years now. I regularly empty the 'postbox' in the vestibule and pass the stamps to Mr Keith Scott from the World Mission Stamp Appeal. From there, they go to the Church of Scotland Headquarters at 121 George Street, Edinburgh to be used for life-changing projects around the world. Last year's project was the Women's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy, Sri Lanka. That project has been carried forward into this year too, because of the pandemic. It is to support women and girls who have survived rape, sexual violence and family rejection; returning them to education, and learning skills that will allow them to make a living.

To be of use, the stamps should have a good border of backing paper—about 7mm (3/4 of an inch in old money!). This avoids damaging the stamp before it is separated from the backing.

In addition to the modern day stamps, they are also interested in old stamps, preferably pre-King George VI era, as they may be of value. If you happen to have such stamps, please keep them separate from the modern ones, so that they can be valued.

Please continue to keep the stamps coming folks, as they are used for a good cause.

*Elizabeth Gillespie*

### ***Thank You...***

I would like to thank Raymond very much for the delivery of the beautiful Church flowers, especially after his exhausting day walking, to raise money for Christian Aid, although it was lovely to see him in his kilt! I am now feeling much better, thanks again.

*Annie Robertson*





## **KIRK SESSION REPORT**

### **GOOD NEWS!**

The congregation of King's Park has been given permission to continue with the vacancy, so the next step is to proceed to a ballot. All members and adherents will shortly receive a letter of explanation and a ballot paper.

The result of this ballot will determine whether or not we move to the next stage.

A group has been formed to update our Parish Profile in readiness for advertising the post.

### **ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE (aged 12 – 25)**

Do you want to take part in a Zoom discussion about having an impact at COP26, and on the climate crisis in general? Following a report from Tearfund and ahead of COP26, an ecumenical open evening has been arranged by Glasgow Presbytery Youth Office - contact Karen Wallace [youth@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk](mailto:youth@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk)

The Zoom discussion will take place on 9th June at 7 p.m. – please contact Karen at above address for details of how to take part. Young people can be accompanied by a youth leader/adult – again please contact Karen for details.

I will be happy to forward the original email from Karen – phone John on 07954 278379 or email [jcablack@virginmedia.com](mailto:jcablack@virginmedia.com)  
*Eunice and John Black*

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021 - UPDATE**

Even in these restricted times, King's Park has again been busy, raising money for Christian Aid.



An incredible amount of money was raised for Christian Aid as a result of Alan & Raymond's Glasgow Bridge Trek on Sunday 25th April, when our dynamic duo, under the mantle of the "Virtual Kiltwalk 2021" visited all Clyde bridges within the city boundary. A total of £2372, raised from supporters, was paid to the Kiltwalk organisation, where an additional 50% was funded by the Hunter foundation, with the total sum of £3558 thereafter transferred to Christian Aid. Many, many, thanks to all who supported the boys!

If anyone is interested, there are 29 bridges – although some could be described as historic crossings, like the 1st Dalmarnock & 1st Caledonian Railway bridges, where only the piers remain.

The starting point for the trek was the Rosebank Bridge, spanning the river from South Lanarkshire into Glasgow at Clydeford Road, and the final crossing was the Millennium Bridge, close to the new BBC Scotland HQ at Pacific Quay (Alan tried to see where "Reflections at the Quay" was recorded, but the curtains were closed!)

There are pipe bridges and footbridges; bridges carrying motorways or network rail. Some are historic suspension bridges and some are just "squiggly or squinty", but all are well worth checking out! Alan will be happy to lend you his list.

To celebrate Christian Aid Week itself, we made CA envelopes available to those who attended the 'in person' service on Sunday 9th May, the CAW launch, and appealed to all members through the magazine, online service, and Facebook for donations to Christian Aid, and, as a result, there is another £750, ready to be passed over, although, if you still wish to donate, please look at the April/May magazine for payment details. The final sum raised will be updated/confirmed in the August/September edition of the magazine.

We hope, depending on the prevailing circumstances, to organise some form of 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.



Following the Kirk's General Assembly, the newly appointed Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Lord Wallace, encouraged Christians across the country and further afield to join together in prayer and reflection:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
Living God, may Your presence be known to us  
even in our weakness. May we know You as Your presence is  
revealed and as Your calling is renewed.  
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
Living God, may Your presence be known to us  
in all the gifts of Creation. May we receive these gifts as a sacred trust  
and treasure all that You have given to us.  
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
Living God, may Your presence be known to us  
in the One whom You have sent to redeem us. May we share in the  
life of Christ and in the life of the body of Christ.  
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
Living God, may Your presence be known to us  
in the One whom You have poured out upon us. May we be renewed  
by the Spirit and share in the life the Spirit gives to us.  
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;  
Living God, may Your presence be known to us  
in our worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
May You receive us as we are and accept us in our weakness.  
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

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