

NK Wee Bulletin

16 June 2022

Meet the Shark!

If anyone is wondering who the new occupant of the back pews in the North Gallery is, meet the Bearsden Shark!

Made for the Bearsden Festival by Carnival Club at Gartnavel Royal Hospital, this splendid fellow is an imaginative replica of Bearsden's oldest resident - the 330-million-year-old fossil found in the Manse Burn 40 years ago, in 1982.

The Bearsden Festival has been touring a little theatre performance, telling the story of the discovery of Bearsden Shark, to all 9 local primary schools as well as to some care homes and sheltered housing.

The Festival is very grateful to New Kilpatrick for all their support, and not least for offering the Shark a temporary home until the Festival Weekend on the 9th to 11th September.



Actor and storyteller Raymond Wilson and cellist Simone Seales, pictured with children from Colquhoun Park Primary School.

Summer Postcards – Keeping in Touch

All our Keeping in Touch initiatives over the last two and a half years have been very much appreciated by members of our community who are less able to get out and about.

This summer the Community Team would like to send out friendly greetings on postcards once again, although we are hoping for postcards from further afield than was possible last year.

If you are going to be away, could you please consider bringing back 10 postcards and handing them into the church office? Blank cards are great, but if you have time to add a brief friendly greeting with the address left blank, that would be even better. And if you would like to join the team of volunteer postcard and address writers, please let Kirsteen Maclean know.

Thank you from the Community Team and enjoy your holidays!

Food Bank Drop-Off

We have been hearing a lot about the increasing need for food banks and how the food banks we already have, are running low on stock due to the increase in the cost of living.

We will all feel the effect but some far more than others. Helping with donations is something we have been involved in supporting for a number of years now and have managed to build good relationships with three food banks, which we have continued to support.

In response, we would like to set up a permanent drop-off area in the hall, keep contact with the three partner food banks we have supported regularly in the past, and work with them to help gather the right food and household items and toiletries throughout the year.

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Would you be interested in helping to organise this? We hope to set up a task group of 4 or 5 people to work together to organise, keep contact, find out what to collect and ask for volunteers to deliver items to food banks as they are gathered. We would like to set up this small team from across the congregation within the next fortnight, who would work together.

If you are willing to be involved in this relationship-building project, then please contact the office (mail@nkchurch.org.uk 0141 942 8827).

Summer Services

We're sharing our summer services this year, as we once did, with the Cross Church, beginning from June 26th. Together we'll be on our travels though sunnier weather, exotic destinations, and beautiful scenery from the story of Abraham. We begin the journey here in New Kilpatrick on 26th June for four weeks and then travel ourselves to the Cross church from 24th July to the 14th August.

We offer both the 9.30 and 10.30 service all the way through the summer with the 9.30 in the church hall for the first four weeks and then transported (no passports required) to the Cross Church Hall. And the 10.30 service in the church, a more classical version of worship, beginning in New Kilpatrick and moving to the Cross Church on the 24th.

Glasgow Chamber Choir

Glasgow Chamber Choir will be singing Midsummer Songs and Sonnets this Sunday, 19 June, at Houston & Killellan Kirk at 5pm.

Conductor Michael Bawtree, Organist, our own Chris Nickol. Music by Bach, Harris, Schütz, Lauridsen, Shearing and Whitacre. Tickets (at the door or online) Adults £10, Students £5.

Houston & Killellan Kirk, Kirk Road, Houston, Johnstone PA6 7HW

Platinum Picnic photos

Our photos last week prompted more for you:



Coffee Pot

We hope to re-launch the Coffee Pot on Friday mornings after the summer.

Before we start, we need to talk about how we do this. If you would like to be part of a discussion group to work out a plan, please let Catherine know (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

It has always been a great way to keep in touch with each other and excellent for your figure with all the home baking. We would like to create that space again, where we can have our doors open for a time of friendship for everyone.

Join the growing list of people ready to meet and discuss how to bring back the Coffee Pot.

Parish Communication

Over the last two years, NK has made a big effort to keep in touch with as many people as they could find would benefit from contact, especially under lockdown.

Now that contact is becoming easier and some people are again being visited face-to-face, we find that our expanded list has led to needing a few more people to help keep contact with those who may welcome a voice at the end of the phone, or a friendly face popping in to see them.

If you would be able to make one or two 3 or 4-weekly visits or might be willing to phone two or three people regularly, could you please contact either Catherine in the office (0141 942 8827) or Kirsteen Maclean (0141 942 7603).

Mask Wearing

We invite people to continue to wear masks in church as you feel comfortable, but there is no specific area for mask wearing. People are spread about a bit more and doors continue to be open to enable good ventilation, and hand gel is available for use at the doors.

We hope everyone continues to feel comfortable and safe. If mask wearers prefer a specific space, can we suggest that the far pews on the pulpit side tend to be for those wearing masks.

Diary

Thursday 16th

Daybreak in the church hall at 1.30pm

Sunday 19th

Morning Worship led by Rev Tina Kemp, 10.30 in the sanctuary.

Wednesday 22nd

Midweek Service, 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake

Thursday 23rd

Daybreak in the church hall at 1.30pm

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