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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.

We are looking for four volunteers to help with hospitality between the 9.30 and 10.30 services for Sunday 26th June and Sunday 3rd July. If you are willing please contact the church office (mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Pentecost and Platinum Picnic

This week is Pentecost Sunday, and we have an intergenerational service linked to the platinum jubilee. It should be an interesting combination.

We will move directly from the service to the manse garden for our platinum picnic (bring your own). We will provide jubilee juice, create a crown, celebration cake, royal garden games, and you'll also be invited to create an impromptu choir to sing 'Sweet Caroline' the song the nation has been asked to sing.

You are invited to wear purple or red for Pentecost and even a hat for the garden party! Prizes will be awarded for creativity, variety of colour and for cucumber sandwiches.

Pentecost Questions

A number of folk have asked about the questions posed during the service last week about what was central to us.

They were simply reflective questions and people were invited to write any thoughts on strips of paper. These have been collected in and made into Pentecost flames.

The questions posed were:

What makes our faith tick for us?
What do we rely on completely?
What questions hover round our faith?
If you could let go everything, what would you want to hold on to?
What word sums up your faith?
What word or phrase speaks to you constantly?

Please feel free to reflect on them further in our own reflections each day.

Mask Wearing in church

Clearly most people are comfortable without wearing masks in church. We're a bit 'all to one side' where the non-mask-wearing pews on the lectern side are full and masked pews on pulpit side are a bit sparse.

From this Sunday we invite people to continue to wear masks as you feel comfortable, but there will be no specific area for mask wearing. People will be spread about a bit more and doors will continue to be open to enable good ventilation, and hand gel will still be for use at the doors. We hope everyone continues to feel comfortable and safe. If mask wearers would continue to prefer a specific space, can we suggest that the far pews on the pulpit side will tend to be for those wearing masks.

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group meets monthly on Mondays in the church hall walkround from 10.30am-12noon.

It is a chance for those who have been bereaved to drop in for coffee/tea and a **friendly chat** with others in similar circumstances.

The next meeting is this coming Monday, 6 June.

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).

Sunday Coffee

It's good to be getting together again after Sunday morning worship for coffee and fellowship. Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to let this happen, with a rota in place up to 17 July.

We will need a new rota when we return to services in the church on Sunday 21 August, following the four weeks of summer services at Bearsden Cross Church. If you would like to be on the rota, please let us know. It would be great to ring the changes and have some men volunteering too.

Hope to hear from lots of folk ready to join our list of volunteers. 0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk

Return of face-toface SingSong!

After more than two years on Zoom, **SingSong!** is very happy to say that we are meeting again in the New Kilpatrick Church New Halls for two more meetings before the end of June. These will be on Tuesdays 14th and 28th June at 1.30 – 3pm. **SingSong!** is open to anyone who likes a singalong of popular songs with a bit of fun, but also welcomes those who have a degree of memory loss. And, of course, we round it off with a cup of tea and chat.

Any more information can be had from Kirsteen Maclean, 0141 942 7603 or kirsteen 7@btinternet.com

All necessary precautions will be taken to keep everyone safe and new and present members are very welcome.

Diary

Thursday 2nd

Daybreak in the church hall at 1.30pm

Sunday 5th

Morning Worship for Pentecost, 10.30 in the sanctuary. The Sunday School meet at the front of the church on the bean bags.

Platinum Picnic, immediately after morning worship in the manse garden.

Monday 6th

Friendship Group, 10am in the hall.

Wednesday 8th

Midweek Service, I lam in the hall, followed by coffee and cake

Thursday 9th

Daybreak in the church hall at 1.30pm Heritage Group, 7.30pm in the hall.

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