

NK Bulletin

1st October 2021

Harvest Collections

This year we are collecting for East Dunbartonshire, North West Glasgow, and Drumchapel foodbanks, Glasgow City Mission and Women's Aid. We invite you to consider bringing to the church (times listed below) the following items:

tins of vegetables: carrots, peas, corn, tomatoes; spaghetti;

tins of meat: chicken, ham, meatballs, hot dogs;

tins of fruit, rice pudding, custard;

bottles: diluting juice, cartons of UHT milk, long life fruit juice;

jars: small jars of coffee, pasta sauces, jam;

packets: biscuits, savoury snacks, chocolate, sugar, pasta in sauce;

also, **toiletries:** shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet rolls;

men's boxer shorts (medium and large)

In addition, **arts and crafts materials for children:**

new items such as paper, card, colouring pens and pencils, glue, paint and glitter.

We are receiving all the above items in the church hall on three occasions:

Sunday 3rd: as you arrive for the service you can drop them off at the door of the hall.

Friday 8th: 11am-12noon and 6pm-7pm. Drop off at the door of the hall.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful generosity to those less fortunate than us.

Christian Aid

At harvest time we are given the chance to once more reflect on our place in the world. We are connected people, linked to so many in so many different and unexpected ways.

How we live our lives here, affect many who live in different places, and the opportunities these bring to ourselves are not as great to others. Ours is to live towards a more balanced, creative and just world.

The Christian Aid Committee would like to invite you to respond to the annual harvest appeal in one of four ways.

- You can pop an envelope through the manse or Church Hall doors (cheques payable to 'Christian Aid'),
- You can transfer a donation to the church bank account using the reference: Christian Aid, (Sort Code 80-05-57 and Account Number 00701598),

- You can donate on Christian Aid's own [website](#),
- You can leave a donation in the Christian Aid bucket which will be at the door as you leave church on 3rd October.

Thank you for your hugely generous support over this year. Every penny has made a difference to a huge number of our neighbours across the world.

Plastic Fantastic

We are looking to create a statement, and a challenge to ourselves and our community, about the amount of plastic we use every day.

We invite you to collect the plastic wrappings, bags, bottles, trays etc, that you find wrapping food, and wash it (important!!) and bring it to the church halls between 3rd and 17th October and put it in the wheelie bin. How much plastic do you think we acquire in a fortnight? We'll then create a newsworthy piece of installation art that visually challenges us and our lifestyle, as well as COP26 leaders.

We will be partnering St Nicholas' Primary School, who are also going to be working on creating messages for our community in plastic.

Zoom Meetings

We've been having some problems with our Zoom meetings recently. We've increased our security, changed links, passwords etc, but we need to do a little more.

To log in now, we are asking everyone to:

Log in using the Meeting ID number and password. The direct link will no longer work. When you click on the Zoom logo on your tablet or computer, it will ask you if you wish to join a meeting. Click that box.

On the next screen, in the top box, type in the meeting ID number, which you will find in this bulletin.

In the box immediately below, you will see how your name will appear on the screen. From now on, we ask you to click that box and type in your first and last names so we can identify you. It may already have your name there. If so, just click 'Join'.

No longer will we be able to grant access on the basis of your first name alone, or something colloquial like 'jeansiPad', nor will an email address be adequate. Click 'Join'

Then you will be asked for the meeting password. Again, it will be found in this bulletin. Type that in. You will then arrive in the waiting room.

I know this is a little more hassle, but it will only feel like that initially. Once it becomes our routine, it will feel quite normal

Bearsden Festival

Autumn Season: *celebrating wellbeing, nature and the environment*



Bearsden Festival is excited to be back as the trees change colour. We have some seasonal ideas to inspire us all to enjoy our environment - wrapped in scarves and woolly hats:

Operation Play Outdoors Sunday 17th October



We are kicking off with a great reason for the youngest members of our community to get outside and have fun on the last day of the October week holiday. Festival favourite Operation Play Outdoors is back with fantastic one-hour play sessions for pre-school and primary age children in New Kilpatrick Manse Garden.

Sessions are free but numbers are limited so please book the time slot (for either pre-school or primary children) you would like via the Bearsden Festival website www.bearsdenfestival.org

Reading for the Week

The reading for Harvest Sunday, 3rd October, is **Psalm 146**. If you can, read it over a few days, even focus on just a line or two and repeat, making it a mantra for the week.

COP26

A month to go!

We're adding to our COP26 webpage with articles on fashion and carbon footprint calculators. Give them a try as each of them offer way to reduce our footprint.

Diary

Friday 1st October Coffee Pot on Zoom

Sunday 3rd October

Outdoor Zoomday School 9.45-10.15

Worship on YouTube, Podcast, Phoneline 0141 465 5774

Sanctuary 10.30 (Collection for Christian Aid)

Monday 4th October

Quiz Night on Zoom with John McGee

Thursday 7th October

Sofa Surfers on Zoom:

Carole Hough: The naming of places

Friday 8th October Coffee Pot on Zoom

For all these Zoom meetings:

Meeting ID: 8711 706 8841, Password: Autumn

Coming Up

Evening Praise service Sunday 10th October, 7pm on Zoom

Sing Song! Tuesday 12th at 2pm

Men's Association – a concert from Chris on the organ. Tuesday 12th, 3pm: In the church and everyone is welcome, socially distanced and with masks.

An Opportunity!

Dougal White is retiring from his position of Health and Safety Administrator, and we wish to say a huge thank you for all he has done in being the link person for all H&S requirements.

He has established a great relationship with church officers who are the eyes and ears of H&S and keeping us all safe. Clearly, we want to continue to keep safe! We are therefore, inviting you to consider becoming our health and safety administrator. It would involve being the contact person for the head offices of the Church of Scotland, as well as local H&S inspectors. It would also involve keeping documents and risk assessments up to date, as well as general inspections from time to time.

If you might be interested in finding out more, we can provide a 'job description' and a wee word with Dougal too. If you'd like to consider this then email the church office mail@nkchurch.org.uk and we can send you the short descriptor.

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