

A huge thank you for the generosity in response to our harvest appeal. We have received hundreds of bags of tins and jars and packets and cleaning equipment and masks and... well, the list goes on.

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Friday 30th October



New Kilpatrick Parish Church
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Faith

We have clearly received two or three times the amount we would normally on any Harvest Sunday and our local food banks, Glasgow City Mission and Woman's Aid, are extremely grateful. Thank you.

Friday 30th is our final day for the appeal, where we will be receiving crafts, writing and drawing equipment and children's books, which can be delivered to the New Halls between 11 am and 12 noon.

While we were unable to get the shop up and running easily, we are working on it and hope to be able to return to it over Christmas, when again we will work in partnership with organisations that support people in our local community.





Coffee Pot News

The Coffee Pot had a special coffee morning a few weeks ago in support of Macmillan. This has been an annual event and pandemics didn't stop us doing so again. Together on the day £340 was raised - a big thank you once more - along with donations made directly online to Macmillan.

All these gifts are gratefully received. Given the limits on our living at the moment, all in place so that we might keep each other safe, this is another way we can support and care for each other. Thank you.

Coffee Pot was very sorry to lose one of its long time volunteers in Winnie Ryan recently. Wendy O'Neil writes:

On behalf of the Coffee Pot, we were all so sorry to hear of Winnie's passing. She came on to the committee in 2006 and contributed so much over the years, and had a smile and welcome for everyone. Winnie fought this terrible illness with great courage and dignity throughout and we shall miss her so much, not just Coffee Pot but everyone who knew her. May she now rest in peace.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8th November

It seems that there will be no official service at the War Memorial this year due to restrictions. That, however, invites us to mark the day in a different way in our community.

While some might informally



gather at the Cross at 11 o'clock, we will shape all our services that day, as always, round Remembrance. The Sanctuary service will begin, as usual, at 10.30 with an 11 o'clock silence, and the online services will be timed so that, if you start them at 10.30, you should arrive at 11 o'clock at the silence.



But we can do more to mark the day and we have offered, at the back of the Bulletin, an outline of a poppy. In the same way everyone responded to the harvest apple, we would like to invite you to print out the poppy and colour it in, take a photo, and email it to us, or simply cut it out and pop it through the church hall letter box (or Manse). We will bring these together in a great montage on Friday 6th November into a large poppy in the upstairs windows of the New Halls, a symbol for our whole community.



So please colour it in, or leave it white (white poppies are part of our tradition too) and write a name of someone across it, or perhaps an event, a battle, a a quote from conflict, or a hope for Remembrance. We only have a short time in which to do this so, if these could be returned to the hall or emailed to us by then (mail@nkchurch.org.uk), we will create a community poppy from them all.

There are a number of other resources and ideas from [Poppy Scotland](#), who are suggesting placing poppies in our windows during November. You can find out more about that and other initiatives at the links below:

[Scottish Poppy Appeal](#)

Download a [Scottish Poppy to display](#) in your window. This includes a donation towards Scottish Poppy Appeal

[Poppy Scotland Shop](#)

All Saints Service

Sunday 1st, 7.30, Zoom.



Sunday 1st of November is traditionally known as All Saints. It has not always been part of our tradition to recognise it, but what is very clearly part of our historic tradition is to recognise that everyone is a saint. That has been a deep rooted belief from the Reformation.

In the echo of that, perhaps, but also because we are human and need to recognise our pain and loss, we have a service to remember those we have lost over the last seven months. We haven't been able to celebrate their lives in the way we would normally, and we haven't been able to support fully their families, so we offer a service at 7.30 on Sunday evening on Zoom, where we will take time to pause, reflect and in some way recognize the space these people have left, and to celebrate their stories.

We can't do that individually for each one on Sunday, but we will shape words, make space, give time, and recognise the place they have had, and still have, in all our memories. In that way, we can support their families and each other knowing, while we could not all be there in services of thanksgiving, we are here for their families and we will not forget or let their stories fade.

Whisper It

It's the word 'Christmas'. Don't mention it too loudly but, frighteningly, it's creeping up on us and, while governments and authorities are stressing about how best to handle the festival, we have an opportunity to tell this story, that belongs to everyone, in a uniquely special way this year.

We will not be able to celebrate as we have in the past, and that is fine. It invites



us to rethink how we engage people with the promise and hope of the season. Christmas is about incarnation: God becoming one of us where we are, in this world, in all its realness. So, how might we speak of it this year? How might we unfold that promise more, such that it might help our communities and neighbourhoods find new meaning and possibility in this story, and help us through these times? How might we reenact nativity plays, carol services, light festivals, in a way that draws people into the story still, and offers Good News right in the heart of pandemics and winter solstice?



To that end, we are holding a short series of Wednesday evenings to think through what Christmas means and how we can offer moments and spaces beyond our sanctuary for folk in this season. It is an opportunity to completely think out the box, or out the church, drawing ideas, volunteering to help reshape, recreate and reimagine this festival beyond our walls.

You never know, we may invent a few new traditions as we go, finding life in this alternative approach to Christmas. Are you up for it?

Two weeks: Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 18th November at 7.30 on [Babylon Files on Zoom](#).

Thank You

Following our Zoom Songs of Praise a fortnight ago saying thanks to Iain Maclean for his years as Session Clerk, and before that as Depute Clerk, he writes:

'I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the congregation who contributed so very generously to my presentation on my retirement as Session Clerk.

It has been an honour and privilege to be of service to New Kilpatrick Parish Church, and I am conscious of being only a small part of a long line of people who have done so much for this community over the centuries.

Thank you again for your generosity.

This Week's Diary

Podcast & Video services: from the church website home page worship banner, from midnight Saturday.

Phone Service: dial 0141 465 5774 (after a wee pause).

Sanctuary Worship: 10.30am. But please phone to book before 10am on Friday.

Remembering the Saints: 7.30, Sunday 1st, from our Zoom page. A time to reflect on those we've lost.

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 3rd, especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our Zoom page.

Quiz Night at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd from our Zoom page with guest quiz-mistress, Kathleen Perfect.

Sofa Surfers: A virtual bonfire and firework display night on Zoom, Thursday 5th at 7pm

Diary email to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 6th.

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 6th, from our virtual lounge on our Zoom page.

It's getting to look a lot like Christmas: A Babylon Files special thinking ahead to how we might celebrate Christmas this year, with ideas on how we engage our community. Wednesday 11th 7.30 from our Zoom Page

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