

NK Wee Bulletin

30 June 2022

9.30 Service cancelled for one week

Abraham has Covid! So, we've had to cancel the 9.30 service for this week only (3rd July) but the 10.30 will take place as normal.

Unfortunately, we have had to put the 9.30 service to bed with some paracetamol and a hot drink due to covid, but it will be back next week as normal.

The 10.30 service will take place as normal in the sanctuary, hopefully led by Graeme Wilson, recovered after his Covid bout, but if not, you'll have a mystery preacher. It might be worth coming along just for that!

Normal service will be resumed next week at both 9.30 and 10.30.

Support Food Banks

You may have noticed the food bank drop off trug in the walkround, left of the door.

We have been in touch with St. Gregory's and Birth, Baby and Beyond in Anniesland, two of our partners from Christmas, to see what they need most. It is not surprising that they are finding more families than ever coming for help.

Food that needs little or no cooking is always appreciated: tinned meat, fish, rice, custard, fruit. Microwaveable items work for some folk too.

Baby essentials include: formula, food pouches, nappies, baby cream, wipes.

Just put any donations in the trug if you are passing or on Sunday mornings. We shall sort them and make sure they go where they are needed most. Thank you for being so generous and caring. The Community Team

Summer Postcards

Postcards have started coming in ready to send out friendly greetings, as we did last summer. Our community is all about connecting and supporting and caring for each other, especially the least.

This year, we can offer postcards from further afield, now we are able to travel further (depending of flights and strikes!)

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 (mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Thank you from the Community Team and enjoy your holidays!

Beadle's About!

We enjoy the excellent service of two part-time church officers.

You will appreciate that a lot of hard work goes unseen. Gregor works Monday to Wednesday and Ian works Wednesday to Friday and they each work alternate weekends. They cover for each other on many occasions and on holidays. However, very occasionally, a personal commitment or illness can result in an unforeseen absence of both. This is when it is not possible for one to cover for an unbroken period. As an employer, the Kirk must make contingency plans for a stand in when these events occur, sometimes at short notice.

The Team that does this is called the Beadle Team. We tend to work in a team of two or three on such occasions. The Team consists of some willing, able people. Some of the group can assist during the week but working people can assist at weekends.

We would like to add to our number. We invite people of any age or gender, who can undertake tasks such as prepare the church for worship on a Sunday or rearrange .../

the hall furniture layouts for meetings and services or hall users. If you'd like to ring the bell occasionally, change the pulpit fall, carry in the Bible, and sometimes shift a chair or two, we would like to hear from you.

If you'd like to know more about the role of the Beadle Team or volunteering to join us, please contact Dougal White (0141 942 6963) or Alistair Wood (0141 942 7784). You will be very welcome.

Summer Services

We are sharing our summer services with Bearsden Cross Church this year.

We're in New Kilpatrick for the next three Sundays, and then we travel to the Cross church from 24th July to the 14th August.

We're heading out with Abraham and we're taking to the road for a road trip across the middle east visiting such places as... we'll we're not going to tell you because we'd love you to join us on the trip. No passport necessary and no visas, just yourself.

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 Monday, 4 July.

Exploring the Future

We're taking a journey into the future after the pandemic and all the consequences from that on the church nationally and locally.

After the summer we will be organising opportunities for us all, as a whole congregation, to explore our future, talk to each other about it, think about who we would like to be, and what we need to think about and plan in order to do that.

It is an exciting, creative opportunity for us all, and we will give you more details soon on how we plan to do that so we are able to listen to each other and journey together into what we are yet to be.

Mask Wearing

We invite people to continue to wear masks in church as you feel comfortable, especially as we move around in the church, 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 30th

Daybreak in the church hall at 1.30pm

Sunday 3rd

All-Age Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church, **09.30 service cancelled**

Morning Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church, 10.30 in the sanctuary.

Monday 4th

Friendship Group 10.30am in the church hall.

Wednesday 6th

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

Thursday 7th

Daybreak in the church hall at 1.30pm

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