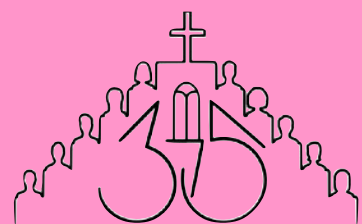




375 ANNIVERSARY



Worship
Community
Storytelling
Drama
Music
Hospitality
Conversation



Anniversary

Still learning and evolving
as a parish church

This 375th anniversary of being a parish speaks into who we are called to be: a church for a people, a congregation for a community. This anniversary is not about ourselves, but the love of a parish of diverse needs, attitudes, lifestyles, longings, worldviews. Our call is to serve these people, in love and generosity and grace.

Anniversaries celebrate memories, but they also serve as correctives; to refocus, and remind us what it is to be a congregation and a church. We're forever learning and relearning, imagining and reimagining, developing and redeveloping. 'Always reforming' as our motto says.

This anniversary year asks us to do that more, to constantly shift the focus from us to each other: neighbours, community and parish. We trust that the events we have planned enable us to do that; each one is designed easily to invite others to enjoy and recognise the truth that we all belong to one community. It is a celebration, as much as a reminder, of who that community includes, who we live to serve and love, and to whom we all belong.

In God's Name, let us enjoy this year and reaffirm our calling as a parish church.



JANUARY

Photo Me

Ongoing

We now have a kaleidoscope of photos of the congregation in the hall but we know there are a number who missed PHOTO ME Sunday. You can still add your image if you send a digital version to us at mail@nkchurch.org.uk. Use your mobile and share it by email.

Long, long ago...

A Timeline that begins before time began. From prehistoric eras right up to this anniversary year, we are creating a timeline that will grow throughout the year. You can watch it stretch across the downstairs hall windows and be in awe of where we have come from.

FEBRUARY

**Anniversary
Service
Sunday 18th**

From 9am

We begin with breakfast from 9am. Come and join the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Maybe have a bacon roll, or sausage and potato scone, along with pastries and croissants, tea and coffee. Fit for every generation

The Anniversary Service is at 10.30. A service with a community, a moderator, and a congregation, sharing common ground in celebrating 375 years of being a parish. The service will include long service certificates, music, stories, a new hymn and great singing.

10.30am



MARCH

Heritage Weekend

Sat 9th & Sun 10th

The big story of a faith that has shaped and shifted through many generations. Come and see artefacts, fabrics, images, books, photos, and some real people who hold this story for us and share it with us. The Heritage Forum has organised the weekend to engage us and help us reimagine who we are.

Guild Anniversary

Sunday 10th

10.30am

An anniversary within an anniversary. It is 120 years since the founding of The Guild in New Kilpatrick and so we give thanks and recognise the work past and work still to happen through the members of the Guild. A rededication and thanksgiving service.

NHS Choir Concert

Saturday 16th: £5



7pm

A Parish Church is about everyone beyond the walls and so we support and encourage the NHS staff by hosting a concert led by the Glasgow NHS choir. They know how to enjoy themselves and so do we, so come along and enjoy an evening of entertainment. Proceeds goes to Maggie's Scotland.

Passion Play

Tuesday 26th
Free

1pm & 7.30pm

LAMPS Collective, a group from Oxford, offer their passion play in Holy Week. They are on a tour of Scotland and we have been able to host them for two shows, an afternoon and an evening one. This is a deeply moving play with music and words on the passion. It is open to everyone in our community and beyond. Please do invite others and bring yourself.

We have talent everywhere and so we bring it all together in a great concert of words and music and everything in between. Our ain folk from across the generations and community.

APRIL

Anniversary Concert

Friday 19th

7.30pm

When John Knox taught the first of the reformed how to share communion, he did so in Finlaystone Estate on the banks of the Clyde. In memory they planted a Yew tree on the very spot the first communion service was shared in Scotland. We still share that same basic liturgy in our communion. In commemoration we will plant our own Yew tree and share communion, looking towards the next 375 years.

Yew Tree Communion

Sunday 28th

10.30am

MAY

Sing Together

Sunday 19th

2pm
for those who want
to get to know the hymns
3pm
service for Care Home
6pm
for the big sing itself

Imagine the sound of a congregation that fills every seat in the church building. That is what we are going for, when all our 'sister' congregations will be there with hymns from across the centuries and those yet to come.

We are creating a scratch rehearsal in the afternoon at 2pm then invite residential homes at 3pm to join in, and the big evening edition for a massively big sing that will raise the roof at 6pm.

JUNE

A big picnic in the Manse garden for everyone. Garden games, art competition, storytelling, treasure hunt. Bring your own sandwiches and garden seat and we'll provide the sunshine. A giant relaxing time for everyone.

Sunday Lunch

**In the garden
Sunday 2nd**

After Church

A uniquely commissioned retelling of the story of the parish; from millions of years ago when Bearsden basked in the tropics up to the present moment. From the folk of Bearsden Festival who brought us the "Bearsden Shark", another massively entertaining event dramatising the parish tale and how we grew to be Bearsden. Touring local primary schools and the congregation.

The Parish Story

Mid June



SEPTEMBER

Dedication Service

Sunday 1st

10.30am

Beginning a new season with a belonging service that includes and dedicates us all. There is a space for everyone. Come and remind ourselves whose we are and the parish we serve.

Schools Stained Glass

Mid September

Having told the story of the parish to all our primary schools, our windows tell it back to us in stained glass. We're creating an exhibition that will cover all the windows in the hall, imagined by the young folk in our community.

Open Doors

Mid September

The church is open to explore and retell the parish story in glass, image, and conversation. Organised by the Heritage Forum.



OCTOBER

Harvest

6th October

10.30am

The big finale where we stretch right up to the top of our parish and include the farmland and agricultural heritage. A unique harvest service to celebrate the bounty of the parish and give thanks for 375 years of a parish whose land has given of itself. A time to rededicate ourselves to caring for it in a time of climate change.

AND BEYOND...

Pilgrims' Way

Over the next few years we seek to work with others to explore and reestablish the pathways of faith that brought the monks from Paisley Abbey to the northside of the river and laid the foundations of Kilpatrick with a church on this site in the 13C. The idea is to recreate a pilgrims' way, a path that leads from Paisley to New Kilpatrick and over to Old Kilpatrick and, in due course, walk it together, meeting folk along the way from all walks of life: a faith route into the future.

Quick Look			
January	Photo Me!	Sundays 21st & 28th	
February	Anniversary Service	Sunday 18th	9am Breakfast 10.30 Service
March	Heritage Weekend	Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th	10am-2pm
	Guild 120th Anniversary	Sunday 10th	10.30
	NHS Choir Concert	Saturday 16th	7pm
	The Passion	Tuesday 26th	1pm & 7.30
April	Anniversary Concert	Friday 17th	7.30
	Yew Tree Communion	Sunday 28th	10.30
May	Sing Together	Sunday 19th	Afternoon 2pm and evening 6pm
June	Sunday Lunch in the garden	Sunday 2nd	After church
	The Parish Story	Mid June	
September	Dedication Service	Sunday 1st	10.30
	Schools Stained Glass	Mid September	
	Open Doors	Mid September	10am-2pm
October	Harvest	Sunday 6th	10.30
Throughout	Timeline		Hall Windows
And at the end, just the beginning...	Pilgrim Way		
			Times may be subject to change



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