

# NK Wee Bulletin

## **Sofa Surfers**

Thursday 10th March 2022, at 7pm. Through Pandemic and Beyond: Youth in our community.

The uniformed youth organisations in our area have for many years made a huge contribution to the young people in our community. We want to celebrate that and hear a little about these activities.

We welcome Maggie Baister, representing Girlguiding, and Andrew McNee, representing The Boys' Brigade. The situations faced in such organisations are very different from those which we remember in our youth. The very concept of uniformed organisations is challenged by so many other activity groups.

Perhaps that is a scenario which sounds familiar to church members?

Come and hear from some of the people who willingly give of their time to take on these challenges and find new opportunities.

## **The Guild is Back**

The Guild is back in the Church Hall, fortnightly from Tuesday 15 March at 1.30pm.

Iain and Kirsteen Maclean will entertain us at our first meeting.

## **Knitting Time Again!**

Easter is approaching and we are aware of how much your various gifts to some of the more isolated in our community have been appreciated

So now we are asking our amazing NK volunteers to be creative again. Any Easter bunny, chick or duck that would hold a cream Easter egg would be very acceptable, but we have a pattern that adapts 30-stitch plain-knitting squares into bunnies with ears, by means of a simple sewing up.

You can run up a square while watching one episode of Eastenders, or, if you would like company knitting, we are hoping to have two or three “knitting/ sewing bees” in the NK hall: the first one is on **Tuesday 8 March from 10am – 12noon**. For some that may still be edging out of lockdown, this might be an opportunity to go to a small group, distanced at long tables, either knitting or sewing, whichever you prefer, have a bit of chat and a carefully-provided cup of tea or coffee with even an individually-wrapped biscuit or piece of baking. Wool and sanitation can be provided.

You have been fantastic at answering the call so many times and, as we seem to emerge from a very hard two years, we can still make a difference – and perhaps encourage one another back to sociability. If you are willing to take part as a knitter, or sewer, or both, at home or with others, please could you contact Kirsteen Maclean at [kirsteen7@btinternet.com](mailto:kirsteen7@btinternet.com)

### **Midweek Service**

[We are piloting the midweek service in a different time slot.](#)

Every Wednesday, at 11am (not 12 noon), we offer a short 15-minute service and then some coffee/tea and cake afterwards. We are in the Hall, and we keep to all the COVID regulations, which means table service for coffee, and mask wearing except when we have our refreshments. The hall is also ventilated.

### **The Old Halls**

[Members may be wondering what is happening about the proposed sale of the Old Halls after the ballot last Spring.](#)

Commercial confidentiality means that the Kirk Session cannot share details with members, but we can give you a brief update. After the vote, we made arrangements for marketing the Halls through the Church of Scotland Law Department, and after a busy period of viewings by interested parties a closing date was fixed in September. Reviewing the offers received, Session chose a bidder whose proposals were acceptable and negotiations began. Regrettably that bidder withdrew their interest in February after lengthy delays in the negotiations, and Session instructed that the Halls be put back on the market. After a second busy round of viewings another closing date was

fixed for earlier this week, and Session at a special meeting on Tuesday discussed the offers received, which are all conditional on various consents being received, and have again chosen a party with whom they wish to negotiate the sale. Further information will be shared with members just as soon as progress allows that.

### **Appeal for Ukraine**

All of us have been moved and feel quite helpless in the face of so much conflict in Ukraine.

The Disasters Emergency Committee, who are a group of 15 leading charities including Oxfam, Red Cross, Christian Aid, have opened an appeal, and those who wish to respond in this way to help the people of Ukraine can make a donation directly into the church account using the reference 'UKRAINE' and we will send any donations directly to the DEC – or you can go to their website: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

We will leave this appeal open till Monday 14th March, and the details for any bank transfer are below.

If you are able to attend church, you may also use the open plate on a Sunday and place your donation in an envelope marked UKRAINE, or pop an envelope through the Manse or church letter boxes and we will send that on. Any cheque should be made out to NEW KILPATRICK PARISH CHURCH.

The account details are:

New Kilpatrick Parish Church bank account,

Use the reference "UKRAINE"

Sort Code 80-05-57

Account Number 00701598

### **Letters of Thanks**

We have received some nice letters and cards thanking New Kilpatrick for donations.

Maryhill Integration Network: “Many thanks from all at MIN for making us one of your beneficiaries....We were delighted to received your generous donation...”

Church House, Bridgeton: “Thank you so much for the generous donation.... This will be put to good use for the young people who attend our groups.”

J12 Youth Project: “Your kind donation plays a huge part as we continue to work with the young people in the East End of Glasgow.....It is heartening for us to see many of these young people mature socially and emotionally and gain more confidence....and grow in their desire to know God more.....it is the generosity of supporters that makes the work of the project possible.”

3D Drumchapel: “This Christmas we have been able to help dozens of families make the festive season special for their children and ease some of the financial pressure. A huge thank you for helping make this possible.”

The letters and cards are on the noticeboard in the Church Hall Walkround.

### **World Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer service this year takes place in Bearsden Cross Church tomorrow, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, at 11am.

There will be a limit on numbers, but there should be space for all.

### **Gavin's Mill Bake Off**



To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, Gavin's Mill invite you to join them in a Fairtrade Bake Off this Sunday, 6 March.

The competition and tasting will take place at Gavin's Mill and there are three categories:

**Category A for children at primary schools:**

Please bake a batch (at least four all the same) of your favourite biscuits, using at least two Fairtrade ingredients or more if you can.

**Category B for pupils at secondary schools:**

Please bake a batch (at least four all the same) of your favourite cupcakes, using at least two Fairtrade ingredients or more if you can.

**Category C for everyone else:**

Please bake a cake (just one!) suitable for morning coffee or afternoon tea, using at least two Fairtrade ingredients or more if you can.

The event will be open for bakers to submit their Bake-Off entries from 1pm to 2pm. Judging will start at 2pm.

Registration forms and rules can be downloaded from <https://www.gavinsmill.org/bake-off/> or obtained from Gavin's Mill.

**Diary****Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Pot, 10.30, Zoom

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

All-Age Sunday School in the hall 10.15

Worship in the Sanctuary 10.30, led by Rev Tina Kemp

YouTube, Podcast and Phoneline (465 5774), anytime

Songs of Praise, 7pm, Zoom

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Country Dancing in the hall 7.30pm

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Baby and Toddlers in the hall 9.15am

Quiz Night, 7pm, Zoom

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Baby and Toddlers in the hall 9.15am

Midweek Service in the Church Hall at 11am, followed by coffee and cake

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Baby and Toddlers in the hall 9.15am

Sofa Surfers, 7pm on Zoom. Through Pandemic and Beyond: Youth in our community

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee Pot, 10.30, Zoom