



9 March

Hello!

Hello! It is the first word you hear when you enter New Kilpatrick, it is the first word on our video worship and podcasts, it is there on every pew. It is a small enough word with huge impact.

We would like to use it more often and are looking for volunteers across the congregation who would like to be our 'Hello' on a Sunday morning, sharing the welcoming of people into our community. We are inviting folk who would be happy to be in the aisle on a Sunday morning as people arrive and not just say hello but offer to take people to seats, especially if they are visitors and guests.

No training is required. No degrees necessary. No certificates or diplomas needed. Just a willingness to welcome people into their home and make sure everyone finds their place in our community.

If you are interested, please let the office know (mail@nkchurch.org.uk 0141 942 8827).

Easter 2023 Community Project

Calling all knitters, bakers and crafters! It's the time of year again to spread a little community cheer and NK has proved that we can spread the net a little wider each time.

While not spoiling the "surprise" for the recipients, we have a theme for which we have easy knitting patterns and recipes, and crafters who are willing to show us how to make beautiful things out of ordinary materials.

We aim to meet in the walkround from 10 - 12 on Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th March, with possibly 3rd April. You are welcome to work away at home, or join us for a chat, cuppa and creative activity on one or more of these days.

If you can give a little time to this, then can you please email your interest to kirsteen7@btinternet.com or telephone 0141 942 7603.

And for any who don't have time or inclination to create, we hope that non-perishable items made by the time of the Guild Spring Coffee on 25th March will be available to purchase there, to add to their fund-raising and to our gifts to be distributed to the parish.

Worship Collective

We would love to explore the possibility of an informal worship group that would meet monthly, look ahead at the stories we will be telling, and perhaps take part in worship by reading contemporary readings, offering prayers, or help us engage more fully with the story. There is also the chance for people to reimagine the story through their own words. The idea is to gently stretch our worship. Indeed 'liturgy' is a Greek work which describes 'the work of the people' through worship and prayer.

There is no pressure, just come along to think ahead and be part of developing our worship in a variety of ways to engage folk more deeply through the diversity of life experiences, questions, and voices. It will be fun. It is not something anyone needs to come along to every time.

The first get together of the Worship Collective is tonight, Thursday 9th March, at 7pm in the Hall.

Coffee Pot

The Coffee Pot is open tomorrow from 10am in the hall. Home baking. A lovely place to meet.

Lent Series - "The Chosen"

Our Lent Series is based around the very popular series "The Chosen".

Next Tuesday, 14 March, we will be discussing episodes 3 and 4 of season 1, with some light refreshments.

We will only be showing episode 4 in the hall, so please try to watch episode 3 at home before you come. [Here](#) is the link.

We would be delighted if you could join us as we journey towards Easter.

Guild Spring Coffee Morning

Make a date in your diary for Saturday 25 March.

The Spring Fair returns just as the clocks spring forward; the Guild springs into action with coffee, tea, baking, stalls, laughter, chat, community.

You're going to lose an hour that night, but we have enough to fill any loss of sleep with good memories and happy stories.

St Gregory's Food Bank

Let's bring some joy this Easter to the needy in our community - and what better time to do this than Lent. In order to express our love and concern, we plan to give EASTER EGGS (any shape or size) along with, of course, our much-needed food or monetary donations. Please help us this way, if you can - and we'd be grateful if any Easter eggs could be given by Palm Sunday.

All the usual non-perishable food items are most welcome, as well as baby essentials. The Halls are open Mon. to Fri. (9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.



Talk on Refugees and Homelessness

The Lenten series at St. Andrew's Bearsden continues on 16 March with a discussion of the plight of the homeless, particularly those left destitute as victims of war and climate change, who have been forced to seek refuge here in Scotland, particularly East Dunbartonshire.

This event provides an opportunity to meet community resettlement officers from East Dunbartonshire Council and representatives from the Wayside Club and the Refugee Survival Trust. All are warmly invited to attend the Upper Hall, St. Andrew's Bearsden at 7pm on Thursday 16th March.

Turkey and Syria

Donations can be made through the Disasters Emergency Committee, of which Christian Aid is a part. (dec.org.uk)

Mary's Meals have been serving meals at schools in Aleppo since 2017. Since the earthquake, their partner, Dorcas, is offering meals to thousands of hungry people. You can donate through the website <https://donate.marysmeals.org/int>

Those we have lost

We record their names here and celebrate what they have been to us.

Margaret MacPherson

Thorn Road

(03.03.23)

Diary

Thursday 9 March

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Worship Collective 7pm in the hall

Friday 10 March

Coffee Pot (Warm space) 10am in the hall

Sunday 12 March

Morning Worship at 10.30am

Short Communion after morning worship

A Healing Service 6.30pm in the hall

Monday 13 March

Community Project Workshop 10am in the hall

Tuesday 14 March

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Lent Bible Study (The Chosen) 7pm, hall

Wednesday 15 March

Midweek Service (warm space) 11am, hall

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Thursday 16 March

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 17 March

Coffee Pot (Warm space) 10am in the hall

Sunday 19 March

Morning Worship at 10.30am

'Life Stories' - Evening Worship 6.30pm, hall

Monday 20 March

Community Project Workshop 10am in the hall

Tuesday 21 March

The Guild 1.30pm in the hall. Film Afternoon.

Lent Bible Study (The Chosen) 7pm, hall

Wednesday 22 March

Midweek Service (warm space) 11am, hall

Thursday 23 March

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Date for your Diary

Saturday 25 March

Guild Coffee Morning, 10am in the hall.