



23 November

St Gregory's Food Bank

N.K. Christmas Gift Service, Sunday 10th December Many thanks to everyone for continuing to fill our trug.

During the festive season St. Gregory's Foodbank normally receive an increased number of donations. This helps them greatly in the upcoming year, as well as allowing them to provide extra to service users over the holidays. At Christmas time, they like to be able to give the service users treats to go alongside basic food and toiletries. Suggested treats would be: **boxes of biscuits, chocolates, gift toiletries.**

Of course, the usual essential foods and baby needs will be gratefully received as well as monetary donations. Please note, St. Gregory's does not accept toys.

If you are considering donating, it would be helpful to receive your gifts in the first two weeks of December so that they can be distributed well before Christmas Day. As always, many thanks if you are thinking about helping those in need.

If you are housebound, please contact Muriel Salmond (0141 942 8484) and arrangements will be made to uplift your donation. The halls are open Mon - Fri (9am - 2.30pm) or Sunday mornings.

Christmas Outreach

Thinking ahead to our Christmas Outreach, there will be an easy bit of knitting or sewing to be done or a simple co-ordinating of the same. We have arranged three workshops - 10am - 12noon on Mondays 27th November and 4th and 11th December - when we can meet together over a cup of tea or coffee - and it would be good if you are able to put any of these dates in your diary. We are doing this as a joint project with the Cross Church, so hope we can renew old friendships or foster new ones. Can anyone who would be willing to be added to the emailing list of patterns etc, and has not been on it before, please contact kirsteen7@btinternet.com.

The Guild All welcome - men too!

Guild Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Fair. Tea, coffee, home-baking, crafts, bottle stall. The craft tables are laden with a wide variety of goods. A great opportunity to buy gifts. Saturday 25 November 10-12noon in the church halls.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28 November, at 2pm in the hall for *The Journey to my Guide Dog* with Irene McClure and Orlya.

Kelvingrove Organ Concerts:

Chris Nickol is playing in the Art Gallery on Sunday 26 November at 3pm and on Saturdays 9th and 30th December at 1pm.

Angel Workshop

While everyone in New Kilpatrick is already a high-quality angel, we are offering an invitation to increase the number for Christmas.

On Saturday 2nd December, we are offering a morning to fill the skies with celestial beings handcrafted by your good selves. It is easy. Honestly. It is suitable for all ages, friends, members, space aliens, no one will be turned away. We'll provide the raw material, quantities of glue and tissue paper and 'Behold, I bring you good news', by the end of the morning we'll have a heavenly host everywhere.

We'll use these to decorate the church over the next few weeks and it will be fabulous, glorious, wonderful.

From 10am-1pm, arrive after your Saturday long lie and we'll provide tea, coffee, and apprentice angel wings to all who attend.

Carols at ASDA

We are seeking singers from New Kilpatrick to join Castlehill Baptist Church, Killermont Parish Church and St Andrews RC Church, carol-singing at ASDA on Saturday 16 December - 12noon - 1pm. Collection buckets and carol sheets provided.

The Coffee Pot

Come and join us for home baking and good company. Every Friday morning from 10am in the hall. All takings go to St Gregory's.

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal **THIS Christmas will you help young women?**

Kakoli Katun, 21, lives in Kurigram in N Bangladesh. This is one of the poorest and disaster-prone regions of the country. Life is challenging but especially so for women. Until recently Kakoli had to ask her father and brothers for money if she wished to do anything.

Kakoli Khatun is, now, studying for a degree at college. At the same time, she's running a successful business from home, making beautiful quilts, and selling them online. She supports her parents and creates employment for nine other young women. Kakoli launched her business with training, start-up funding and support from Christian Aid and Christian Aid's partner, Aid Comilla. Your donations could help someone like Kakoli break out of poverty. Every woman deserves that chance.

Ways To Donate:

There will be red Christian Aid envelopes in the pews this Sunday, 26th November, and next Sunday, 3rd December. Put your donation in the envelope (fill in the Gift Aid slip, if appropriate) and pop it in the red buckets at the door as you leave church.

OR

Give your donation directly into the church account using Reference: Christian Aid - Account Name: New Kilpatrick Parish Church Sort code: 80-05-57 Account number: 00701598.

OR

Hand your donation into the church office or pop it through the manse letterbox.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you, in advance, for your ongoing generosity in supporting the work of Christian Aid.

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

NK Heritage Forum

The Heritage Forum is a group for all those with an interest in the history of New Kilpatrick Parish. The next meeting is Thursday, 30 November at 7.30pm in the hall.

Advent Bible Study

A wee advent zone of prophets and promises found in the Bible begins for three weeks on Tuesday 28th November.

How do we hear the words written then, now? How might we make sense of promises for a different time and culture in today's time and culture? And how does the way we 'do' Christmas and the story of incarnation make any sense religiously?

We explore the following passages and there are prizes for all those who read ahead:

Thursday 30th: Isaiah 41:1-11

Tuesday 5th: Malachi 3:1-7

Tuesday 12th: Luke 1:39-56

The Bible Study often turns into a thorough and honest discussion about how these passages were first read and how they have grown in the telling, and we often discuss what we do and don't hold with certainty in today's world, so different from the original setting.

Friendship Group for the bereaved **The meeting on Monday, 4 December has been cancelled.**

The next meeting is planned for Monday 5 February 2024 in the hall, 10.30am.

The Monday Club

Come and join us for friendship and entertainment. Transport is available, if required. The next meeting (Monday 4 December) is an outing. Contact: Rona

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Lodging House Mission: Very many thanks to all the church members who contributed so generously to this worthwhile cause. The

combined total of sale of Christmas cards and donations amounted to £583!

Jessie Cameron

Westerton Male Voice Choir

The Spirit of Christmas. Festive songs and stories in the church. Musical Director, Bryan S Marshall, Pianist, Penny Watson. Friday 15 December at 7.30pm, Saturday 16 December at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/westerton-male-voice-choir

Cathures Chamber Choir

Cathures Chamber Choir will be giving a concert of Carols and Seasonal Music in Bearsden Cross Parish Church on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30 pm, the net proceeds from which will go to the Glasgow City Mission.

The programme will include Carols for both choir and audience as well as choral items including the wonderful setting of "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen, often heard on Classic FM.

Cathures Chamber Choir is based in the West end of Glasgow and has been in existence for more than ten years. The membership is drawn from a wide area including Glasgow, East Dunbartonshire, Lanarkshire, and Ayrshire.

Entry to the concert will be by donation at the door.

Those we have lost:

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

Margaret Goodwin Antonine House (21.11.23)

Diary

Thursday 23 November

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 24 November

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Saturday 25 November

Guild Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Fair. 10-12noon in the hall.

Sunday 26 November

Morning worship led by Carole Hough., 10.30am.

Evening Worship led by Carole Hough going deeper with the story at 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 27 November

NK Country Dancing Group

7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 28 November

The Guild 2pm in the hall

Community Team 7pm

Wednesday 29 November

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

Thursday 30 November

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall.

Advent Bible Study 7.30pm, hall walkround

Friday 1 December

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Saturday 2 December

Angel Workshop 10am-1pm in the hall

Sunday 3 December

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Evening Worship is a healing service, 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 4 December

Monday Club is an outing.

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 5 December

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Advent Bible Study 7.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 6 December

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 7 December

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

