



**22 February 2024**

## **375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday**

**Thank you! What a great day last Sunday when we found we celebrate well with guests and food and singing and cake and bacon rolls and a Moderator.**

And to everyone (and there were a few!) who helped cook, serve, bake, serve, tidy, serve, organise, serve, worship, serve - a massive thanks. It all created a great atmosphere from the first moment and carried on throughout the day.

You may have read the Moderator's comment on the front page of the Church of Scotland website this week but if you haven't, here they are:

*The Moderator said it was "wonderful" to see such a wide cross-section of community representatives and ecumenical and interfaith partners at the event. "The sanctuary was full, and the breakfast was heaving, people were queuing out of the door at 9am," she added.*

*"A lot of thought had gone into the service; children were involved, and it was not just a celebration for the congregation but of the part they play in the community. There was a real sense of community purpose in that place, and I came away buzzing, it was superb. I found a congregation not only in good heart but intentionally looking for imaginative ways to be part of the community - to bring people into the space and work outside it."*

What the Moderator describes is our intent and promise towards our parish of which this last weekend was only the latest point where we recognised who and whose we are.

Thank you for that hospitality, imagination, enthusiasm, and love that are all the essential ingredients, as well as intuitive gifts, of a congregation full of life and creativity.

## **375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heritage Weekend**

**We continue the parish story on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March with a heritage weekend.**

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.

There's lots more to come in our Anniversary Year. Have a wee look at the **brochure** on the website or pick up one in the halls any time.

If you would like to be included in the great Kilpatrick kaleidoscope **photo montage** of us all, please send a digital photo to [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Here we are after 375 years, still longing to care better for our **parish**, and longing to find life among us and around us.

May we find joy in sharing the story. Check Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for news.

## **375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Still to come....** **We have a concert, a play and another anniversary coming up in March.**

As well as our 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish, we have the **120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Guild**, and we'll celebrate that on Sunday 10 March.

Tickets for the **GGC NHS choir concert** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March are on sale now for £5 and all funds will go to **Maggie's**. You can collect tickets from the office, or on a Sunday, or you can use the QR code below to buy them from Eventbrite.

This concert is in memory of **Dr Carol Gardiner** who was part of our congregation and also sang with the choir.

There will be refreshments, laughter, singing, fun and a good night for all.



## 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Still to come....

**The Passion** is a moving and memorable retelling of the Easter story on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. It is performed by Lamps Collective who have been with us before with the play. We have organised it to take place in Holy Week as part of our journey towards Good Friday and offer two opportunities to see it here at 1pm or at 7.30pm. You can pick up free tickets from the church or come along on the day.

Please do invite others to join us at any of these events.

## NK Heritage Forum

**The NK Heritage Forum is a group for all those with an interest in the history of New Kilpatrick Parish.** The next meeting is tonight, Thursday 22 February at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome.

## Kelvingrove Organ Concerts:

**Chris Nickol** is playing in the Art Gallery on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Both performances at 3pm.

## St Gregory's Food Bank

**There will be a good opportunity during the Service this Sunday to hear more about one of our Community projects.**

St. Gregory's co-ordinator, **Eileen Low**, is coming along to speak to us. There will also be a chance during coffee time in the Hall to ask her any questions you may have. The Foodbank is situated next to the Wyndford flats, a particularly deprived area of Maryhill, and it has been shown that the cost-of-living crisis is disproportionately hitting the most vulnerable in our society.

Basic non-perishable, nutritious foods are needed - e.g. tinned meat, fish, soups, baked beans and fruit. Also, tea, coffee, sugar, and long-life milk as well as pasta and rice are required. Baby essentials including wipes and nappies (size 3 and above), toothpaste and shampoo are most welcome. Financial contributions, of course, are always very acceptable. Housebound? Please contact Muriel Salmond (942 8484) and your donation will be uplifted. The halls are open Mon. - Fri. (9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

## Those we have lost:

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

**Ian McPhedran** Argyll Road

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## Family Ceilidh

**the Bearsden Festival is running a free early evening family ceilidh in the Church Hall, 6pm to 8pm on Saturday 24 February.**

Dancing, games, and fun for all generations. All welcome.

You can book places now on the Festival website [www.bearsdenfestival.org](http://www.bearsdenfestival.org) or ask at the church office if you would like help to do that.

## New Members' Class

**We all belong to different things in different ways and the church always wants to be open to everyone.**

Belonging is fundamental to who we are, and we always make an invitation to anyone who would like to formally join the church through profession of faith.

We run four classes after church and then offer a special service of joining formally; however, we are always learners. What we think and believe changes as life changes. We offer no answer but a way of thinking about the world, shaped by the stories of the Bible. So, we explore that: what we mean by God, how the Bible came to be, what the church is...

If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, please let us know. The classes will begin in March and there is no pressure to ultimately join.

Tel: 0141 942 8827. Email: [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk)

## Bible for Duffers

**The Lent edition is now open.**

We take the Sunday passages and explore them a little more deeply, asking the questions that niggle, and looking at the passages from a different perspective.

We will need to slalom between Tuesdays and Thursdays, but this week it's Tuesday, 7.30pm in the hall, with Luke 7:1-17. Come with a hymn, a symbol, and a way of reading the passage that might help us engage in worship.



## Diary

**Thursday 22 February**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround.

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Heritage Forum** 7.30pm in the hall

**Friday 23 February**

**Music Appreciation Group** 9.45am, church

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

**Saturday 24 February**

**Bearsden Festival Family Ceilidh** 6-8pm, hall

**Sunday 25 February**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am.

**Taizé Service** 6.30pm in the hall.

**Monday 26 February**

**NK Country Dancers** 7pm in the hall.

**Tuesday 27 February**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround.

**The Guild** 2pm in the hall. Dr Ian White will speak about Clyde Coastal Walks.

**Bible for Duffers** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Wednesday 28 February**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround.

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall.

**Thursday 29 February**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround.

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Kirk Session** 7.30pm in the hall

**Friday 1 March**

**Music Appreciation Group** 9.45am, church

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

**Sunday 3 March**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am,

**Evening Worship** 6.30pm in the hall.

**Monday 4 March**

**The Monday Club** 2pm in the hall.

**NK Country Dancers** 7pm in the hall.

**Tuesday 5 March**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround.

**SingSong!** 2pm in the hall.

**Bible for Duffers** 7.30pm in the hall

**Wednesday 6 March**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall.

**Thursday 7 March**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

