



**8 February 2024**

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

**Our parish anniversary service, that sets the ball rolling, is a week on Sunday, 18th February.**

The Moderator will be sharing the service and preaching but she will also be having **breakfast** with us from 9am in the hall. We have a fabulous team of breakfasters who will make sure we are fully sustained for the service with bacon rolls and waffles and rolls and sausage and cereal and croissants (in whatever order you like).

We will have a few **guests** at our service from the community, and we will be presenting **long service certificates** as well. There will be **hymns** that span the generations of being a parish and speak into who we are now and are yet to be. And we finish it all off with **cake and coffee** afterwards. (We have magicked a band of tidy-elves who will clear away breakfast and set out for coffee!)

If you hope to be there for breakfast, can you let us know so we have right numbers. You can call the office or, better still, pick up a **breakfast token** from outside the church office and immediately place it in the box on the same table. Please don't take it away with you, just move it from the bowl to the box.

But that is all just the first act. We continue the story on 9th-10th March with a **heritage weekend** and the **120th anniversary of the Guild**. That is followed by a concert by **Glasgow and Clyde NHS Choir**. Tickets at £5 and all proceeds go to **Maggie's**.

And then there is more but 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).

It is going to be great because we are here 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 ongoing news.

## **Bearsden's Got Talent**

**On Friday 19th April, as part of our 375 celebrations, we are bringing together some of the huge talent we have in our parish and, indeed, congregation.**

We want to finish this **variety concert** with a great finale so now is the time to dust off your fiddle, flute, guitar, tuba or paper and comb!

We will have one rousing piece to close our concert and parts can be supplied of three notes or we can give those who would like a big cadenza!

There is absolutely no age-restriction - **a wide span of ages would be fantastic** - so please give your name and contact number to Catherine in the office (0141 942 8827, [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk)).

## **Warm Space**

**Cosy Monday with activities to Beat the Winter Blues - hot drinks, chat, and something interesting to do.**

The Cosy Monday group will be branching out into **flower-making** as well as **book folding** as they look forward to the joys of Spring (in spite of the weather!).

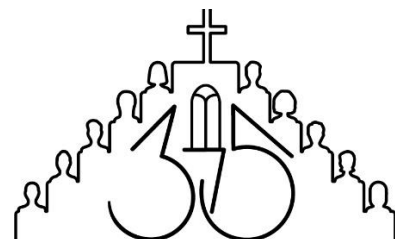
All welcome, and please come along even if you just fancy the coffee and chat.

## **The Guild**

**All are welcome at The Guild.** The next meeting is on Tuesday 13 February at 2pm in the hall, when Ailsa Turner, a local artist, will tell us about **The Glasgow Boys**. Men are welcome too.

## **St Gregory's Food Bank**

Basic non-perishable, nutritious foods are needed - e.g. tinned meat, fish, vegetable soup, baked beans, fruit, custard, as well as pasta and rice. Baby essentials and toothpaste are also needed. Monetary donations 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 morning.



## Thinking Allowed at Cairns

Cairns Church, Milngavie, tonight, Thursday 8 February 2024, 7.30pm for 8pm.

### Painted Parables: The Prodigal Son in Western European Art

**Speaker: Ailsa Turner**

An exploration of the parable of the Prodigal Son as represented by a range of artists over the centuries.

## 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)

## Diary

### Thursday 8 February

**Baby and Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

### Friday 9 February

**Music Appreciation Group** 9.45am, church

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

### Sunday 11 February

**Morning Worship** 10.30am.

**Short Communion service** after morning worship.

**Going Deeper with the Story at Evening Worship** 6.30pm in the hall.

### Monday 12 February

**Cosy Monday with book-folding/flower-making** 10am-12noon

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

**Finance Committee** 7.30pm, Walkround

### Tuesday 13 February

**Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**The Guild** 2pm in the hall. Ailsa Turner, a local artist, will speak about The Glasgow Boys. All welcome - men too.

### Wednesday 14 February

**Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

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

### Thursday 15 February

**Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

### Friday 16 February

**Music Appreciation Group** 9.45am, hall

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

### Sunday 18 February

**Breakfast in the hall** from 9am

**Morning Worship for the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish** 10.30am, led by The Right Revd Sally Foster-Fulton, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

**No evening worship.**

### Monday 19 February

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

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

### Tuesday 20 February

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

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

### Wednesday 21 February

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

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

### Thursday 22 February

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

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.



