



8 December

Christmas Services

We already know the nativity story, but we've never seen it told in this way before. The Sunday School lead us on the 18th at 10.30 and you really need to be there.

The carol service led by the choir will be at 4.30 that same afternoon in the church. Apparently, there is a football world cup final going on earlier, but this will be the antidote to a whole world cup thing: an atmospheric gathering of songs and stories as we slide towards the manger.

The Light festival is all about stars. We have a workshop at 6.30 (for adults and children!) where we will be making stars and then the service at 7pm. Great storytelling in this interactive intergenerational service. Come gather as a whole community on the cusp of Christmas.

The Watchnight service is at 11.30 with the choir leading some carols beforehand as we gather. A service that finds the waiting space one that is full of intrigue and possibility. This is the Christmas moment.

Christmas Day service is at 10.30 in the Cross Church as we share this service in a relaxed, informal pre-turkey version of Christmas Day. Short and fun.

Ne'er Day service is again shared with the Cross church but here in New Kilpatrick at 10.30, and specially led by a number of elders who invite us to look into the year and wonder what might lie there...

Kirk Session Meeting

There is a meeting of the Kirk Session tonight at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Gift Service – 11th December Foodbank Donations

10.30am in the church.

Please help: this year our donations will go to **St. Gregory's Food Bank**. All non-perishable foods welcome: tins of meat, tuna, spaghetti, baked beans, fruit, also jam, custard, cooking oil, pasta. Baby essentials. Pet foods. Boxes of chocolates, sweets, and biscuits for Christmas (do not wrap).

Monetary gifts also most acceptable.

The Halls are also open for receiving donations 9am-2.30pm (Mon to Fri) and Sunday mornings.

If you are housebound and wish to donate, please contact Muriel Salmond (942 8484) and one of our team will be happy to collect from you.

The Guild

Matt Ramsey entertains the Guild this Tuesday, 13 December, at 1.30pm in the church hall.

All welcome: both members and those who would like to come along and keep warm on a Tuesday afternoon. We look forward to welcoming some men too.

Bible for Duffers

There are no experts and we're all learners. In fact, we have decided to call this Bible for Duffers just to prove the point. This Tuesday, 7.30pm in the hall - the last for this year: Christmas Bible Study, exploring Isaiah 7:1-17 and the prophecy of a virgin birth. But all might not be as it seems...

Westerton Male Voice Choir

Westerton Male Voice Choir are delighted to be returning to New Kilpatrick for their first Christmas Concerts for 3 years.

There will be performances on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th December evenings, together with a matinee on the Saturday afternoon.

There will be a lively mixture of familiar tunes and some new songs to enjoy led by Musical Director, Bryan Marshall, who re-joined the choir this year after a two-year break.

Tickets are available from choir members, Massimo's or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/westerton-male-voice-choir

Cosy Crafts Afternoon for All

Christmas crafting, re-using and recycling books to create some beautiful crafts for Christmas.

All welcome at the church hall on Wednesday 14th December, 1.30-3.30pm, for a very special craft session for everyone. We have a special guest crafter who will teach us how to turn old books into Christmas decorations so come and join us as we create some unique and unusual Christmas crafts. Examples below:



Something Different for S1-S3

We meet again on Sunday 18 December at 7.15pm in the church hall.

It's Christmas so guess what we will be doing.

Organ Recitals

Cesar Franck Bicentennial Celebration Concert: Friday December 16th 18.30 to 21.45 in University of Glasgow Memorial Chapel:

As well as the ever popular 'Panis Angelicus', Franck composed 13 major organ works, which Franz Liszt said were worthy to stand alongside Bach's masterpieces. This concert will feature all 13 pieces, played by 13 organists, including Kevin Bowyer, Andrew Forbes, David Hamilton, John Kitchen & Christopher Nickol. Admission is free! and for those unable to be in the chapel, the concert will be livestreamed.

Chris Nickol is also playing the organ recital at Kelvingrove Art Gallery on Wednesday December 28th, at 1pm.

Warm Spaces

Now the weather has got colder, we are opening our warm spaces, filled with activities to keep us connected.

We offer knitting circles, singing, crafts, and a book club. We're exploring art and keeping fit too, all of which will be advertised here.

We are open on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings through to early afternoon and Friday mornings through to the afternoon.

Christmas Tree Decoration Outreach

A big thank you to all the knitters and crafters who have been busy helping us reach our 400 target.

If you are still creating at home, could you please contact Kirsteen to let us know how many you will be handing in by the deadline on 14th December?

If you can help with distributing the finished products to some of the more isolated members of our community, could you please also contact Kirsteen?

Kirsteen7@btinternet.com 0141 842 7603.

Christian Aid

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid with their donations at the coffee after worship last Sunday. Once again you were so very generous and raised over £300 on the day. We enjoyed serving you and there was a lovely buzz with everyone gathered chatting.

Should you still wish to give to Christian Aid this Christmas then you can give via the church account (ref - **Christian Aid**)
NAME: New Kilpatrick Parish Church,
SORT CODE: 80-05-57, ACCOUNT
NUMBER: 00701598, or hand an envelope into the church office or pop it through the manse door.

The Christian Aid committee would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a prosperous 2023.

Can you help?

The Communications Task Group are looking for volunteers to help with our Warm Spaces programme over the Winter months and possibly beyond.

Photographer

Do you enjoy digital photography, or do you know someone who has an eye for taking and editing photographs during church events? We are looking for volunteers who are competent in using digital tools such as Photoshop, Video, etc., so that we can use the images in our different printed and social media platforms.

Microsoft Publisher

Would you be able to lend some of your time in creating communications using the above Microsoft App? Looking for volunteers with experience and knowledge of the Publisher tool.

Warm Spaces

In the run up to Christmas and beyond, we will be opening NK as a Warm Space. If you could volunteer some hours to engage with those coming in, make teas, coffees, etc., then we would be very grateful. This is one way we can welcome our parish into the church community and show a generous friendship to all.

We are offering warm spaces on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and into the afternoon, and Friday mornings up to 1pm. We may be able to extend these depending on the help we get.

If you can help, please email geraldinedonnan@yahoo.co.uk

Glasgow City Mission

We are seeking one more volunteer to help those who are homeless over the winter.

One volunteer is still needed for Thursday 26th January, 6pm – 8.30pm. The duties are preparing food for those using the Mission and clearing up afterwards. Location at Glasgow City Mission's premises at 20 Crimea St, Glasgow G2 8PW.

If you feel able to volunteer on this date to help with this, please contact Margaret Johnston (0141 563 9899, maj@ntlworld.com)

Coffee Pot

Suzanne is preparing the two Coffee Pot rotas - for helpers and bakers.

If you would like to help, please let us know by contacting the church office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

On **Friday 16th December** 10am-1pm (last Coffee Pot of the year), **scones and mince pies** will be served at a Christmassy celebration - look forward to seeing you there. All welcome!

Coffee Pot will be back in the new year, on Friday 6th January.

Carols at ASDA

Come and join other singers from New Kilpatrick and Castlehill Baptist Church, Killermont Parish Church and St Andrews RC Church, carol-singing at ASDA on Saturday 17 December 2022 - 12.00noon to 1pm

Donations will be divided equally between Drumchapel Foodbank and St Margaret's Hospice. Collection buckets and carol sheets will be provided. Further information from Iain Stuart (0141 942 2056, iainstuart78@gmail.com).

Christmas Cards and Greetings

This year we will put a table up in the Walkround of the church hall, where Christmas cards can be exchanged in alphabetical boxes.

For NK Elders, the pigeonholes in the church hall's vestry are up and running again and can be used for exchanging Christmas cards, as in the past.

Unity Lunch

The Association of Bearsden Churches Unity Lunch is at Baljaffray Parish Church on Saturday, 21 January 2023, at 12noon.

Tickets (£10) are available from Iain Stuart (0141 942 2056, iainstuart78@gmail.com).

The theme will be about the environment and the speaker is **Laura Young**, award winning climate activist, environmental scientist, and ethical influencer.

Those we have lost

Having to record those who have died is always difficult. We record their names here and celebrate what they have been to us.

Lachlan McCallum, Queensberry Avenue
(23.11.22)

Sandy Lawson, Mugdock House (24.11.22)

Diary

Thursday 8 December

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 9 December

Coffee Pot 10.30am in the hall

Sunday 11 December

Morning Worship is a Gift Service for

Advent 3 10.30am in the church

Evening Worship 6.30pm in the hall

Desert Island Hymns on Christmas Island.

Tuesday 13 December

Guild: 1.30pm in the hall

Bible for Duffers: 7.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 14 December

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 15 December

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 16 December

Coffee Pot (last of the year)

10.30am in the hall.

Westerton Male Voice Concert

7.30pm in the church.

Saturday 17 December

Westerton Male Voice Choir Concert

2.30pm and 7.30pm in the church

Sunday 18 December

Morning Worship is a **Nativity** by the

Sunday Clan: 10.30am in the church

Short Communion Service

11.30am in the church.

Carols and Lessons with the Choir

4.30pm in the church

Punch and shortbread will be served in the North Porch.

Tuesday 20 December

SingSong! 1.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 21 December

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 22 December

Daybreak Christmas Party

1.30pm in the hall

Christmas Eve

Light Festival

Workshop to make stars to take into the

church 6.30pm in the hall

Light Festival 7pm in the church

Watchnight from 11.30pm in the church
with carols from the choir from 11pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Morning Worship

10.30am shared with the Bearsden Cross
congregation at The Cross Church.

Ne'er Day

New Year's Morning Worship

10.30am shared with the Bearsden Cross
congregation at New Kilpatrick.