



20 April

AI Service

This Sunday we have an AI theme for the service with a discussion afterwards in the church. We will introduce the theme in the service and then explore the idea of artificial intelligence and worship and faith for a short time afterwards.

There has been an increasing number of stories and opinions about AI in the news over the last month. We will take some of those concerns as well as opportunities and wonder about them a little. We don't have any answers as AI is so new to most of us, though it is all around us: flying planes, interpreting X-rays, creating Spotify lists, or Netflix favourites based on our viewing habits. Google only lists those things we are interested in and when you open your iPhone with face recognition, all of that is AI.

We don't have any answers to that. It's not really a question anyway. Rather it is a shift in how we understand ourselves. We offer a space to explore that a little, following the service. It will, no doubt, be the first of several discussions about the development of artificial intelligence in the church and in our faith.

For your information, AI corrected the grammar for this article.

"The Chosen"

A weekly series each Tuesday night beginning Tuesday, 25th April and running until 20 June, with a break on 30 May.

We will focus solely on Series 2.

Each Tuesday, we will start at 7pm, where we will show the episode for that week (with some light refreshments). Then at 8pm we will have a group discussion until approximately 8.30pm.

Look forward to your company for Series 2.

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, 27 April at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome!

Communion

We will be sharing communion on Sunday 30th April.

You are invited to be part of this ancient tradition of bread and wine, all of which will be on the pews as you arrive.

We invite you to sit downstairs or round the front pews in the gallery, where bread and wine will be waiting for you.

Kiltwalk for Christian Aid

Members of New Kilpatrick Christian Aid Committee are doing the Kiltwalk 'Wee Wander' on 30th April in support of Christian Aid. We would be delighted if you

would be willing to donate to Christian Aid and support us in our endeavour. There is a JustGiving page set up for donations - www.justgiving.com/NKChristianAidWalk - or sponsor us through the sponsor form in the Walkround, or you can give directly into the church account -

Account Name: New Kilpatrick Parish Church, Sort Code: 80-05-57, Account number: 00701598 Reference: Kiltwalk

- or just hand an envelope into the church office or the manse.

You are always very generous, and we take this opportunity to thank you in advance.

We're looking for willing volunteers to deliver for Christian Aid Week. It is delivery only - no need to knock doors or make return visits. Easy!!!

Coronation Celebration

Sunday 7 May

Royal pageants and coronations don't come round that often, so we're going to make a point of celebrating our community with some fun and imagination over the coronation weekend.

On the Sunday we offer an invitation to be part of a number of things.

At the service we have 1st Bearsden **Boys' Brigade parading** for the 125th anniversary.

We also invite you to **dress up** a bit if you wish, wear a hat, and think back about how we used to get all dressed up to go to church. We're making it like Royal Ascot but there is absolutely no pressure to do so. Just for fun.

Immediately following worship, we have a **coronation celebration do** in the manse garden. The idea is to **bring your own picnic** and any garden seat you wish.

We're also holding a coronation **cake competition**. Coronation chicken was invented for the last coronation. This time round we're suggesting a coronation cake, designed, created, and produced by yourselves, if you feel able, to bring along to the picnic where we will simply show our appreciation by sharing them with each other. Please do make a cake if you can, and we are hoping **his majesty** will be there (or his representative on earth) to judge.

There will be coronation garden games including a **right royal pillow fight**, a **hunt the diamonds treasure hunt**, **royal scrabble** and a **lawn-crown** to decorate along with a **coronation quiz** and **royal music**. All for fun.

Of course, unlike last coronation, the weather will be glorious but, if it isn't, we'll take everything into the hall, so we'll still enjoy.

It is all free, so please do come along. You can drop off your seat in the garden before the service or on the Saturday. It is going to be great, with a special prize for all those who bake a cake.

Coronation Chapeau

Charles 3rd

Coronation Chapeau Competition

Dig out your Mary Quant creation circa 1960s Unwrap your Mother of the Bride Flummery Your favourite Fascinator (must be in a box somewhere)

Revive your Wackiest Chapeau from Royal Ascot

And come to the **Coronation Picnic** and prove that we in NK really know how to do a Coronation!

Fabulous prizes will be awarded by guest judges, so don't miss this chance - you may never get another!

Wellbeing Group

A space to discuss certain areas around self-care, mental health, and general wellbeing. An informal gathering for anyone to attend.

Save the date: Monday 15 May in the hall, 7.30-9pm.

Church Flowers

We are short of deliverers for the Sunday flowers.

Every Sunday, the church flowers are delivered to addresses within the parish.

If you can help, please contact Eileen Young (eileen.young3@icloud.com, 07762 899 127). Thank you.

St Gregory's Food Bank

A huge thanks to all who have contributed so generously with food and money. We have received the following letter from St Gregory's Food Bank:

"On behalf of St Gregory's Food Bank and its volunteers, I write to thank you for the ongoing help and support we receive from your congregation. We are blown away, yet again, for the magnificent cheque for £937.50 and £70 cash, which Muriel so graciously dropped off, and of course the regular food donations we are fortunate to receive too - we are blessed."

...It's heartwarming to have your support and generosity and your kind gestures will help us continue to serve the local community here in the Wyndford, Maryhill, relieving some of the anxiety that so many are experiencing in these extremely difficult times.

Please pass on our sincere gratitude to your wonderful congregation for continuing to have St Gregory's Food Bank in their thoughts. We are truly thankful.

Kind regards, Eileen Low, Volunteer"

Please keep filling our trug. All the usual non-perishable food items and baby essentials are welcome - as indeed are monetary donations.

The Halls are open Mon. to Fri. (9a.m. to 2.30p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

Spring into your garden!

This is just to let you know that the gardening group will be selling bedding plants again this year.

If you supported us last year, we will send you details, by email, of what we have available and how to order, around the end of this month.

We will have Petunias & Red Geraniums and perhaps a few others. If you want to be added to the list or have changed your email details since last year, please let Tom McCubbin know, tom@mccubbin.org.uk or telephone 0141 942 2669. Many thanks again for your ongoing support.

Coffee Concert

Saturday 13 May, 11.30am.

Special charity concert - All proceeds to Christian aid. Bearsden Cross Church.

An hour of opera pops, arias, ensembles from favourite operas, featuring vocal students from the Royal Conservatoire Scotland.

Admission £10.00 (children free)
Payable at the door (cash only please)

Coffee and home baking from 10.45am included.

Those we have lost

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

Elisabeth McIntyre Campsie Drive (06.04.23)

Diary

Thursday 20 April

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday, 21 April

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday, 23 April

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Healing Service 6.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 25 April

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Bible Study (The Chosen) 7pm in the hall

Wednesday 26 April

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

Thursday 27 April

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

NK Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 28 April

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 30 April

Holy Communion 10.30am in the church

A Labyrinth Service 6.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 2 May

Bible Study (The Chosen) 7pm in the hall

Wednesday 3 May

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

Thursday 4 May

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Community Team Meeting 7.30pm in the hall

Friday, 5 May

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday, 7 May

Morning Worship 10.30am, in church,
followed by BB Parade

Coronation Celebration Do

after morning worship in the manse garden

Desert Island Hymns with royal music
6.30pm in the hall

