



11 January 2024

375th Anniversary

Our anniversary service marking us becoming a parish church is on Sunday 18th February and we have the Moderator of the General Assembly leading our worship that day. It will be the beginning of a number of events to mark this 375th year.

We are publishing a **brochure** in the next week of all our events, which involve:

- moderator
- heritage weekend
- concerts
- BBQ's
- NHS Choir
- 1000 voices in a big sing
- a dedication weekend
- a unique harvest festival
- a growing timeline
- a uniquely created piece of drama about the parish to tour local primary schools
- and more ... this is not everything!

All the events will help us face outwards to our parish, be with our parish, and always include those we are called to serve and be a church for.

But to begin with, we are hoping to create a great **montage of the community that is New Kilpatrick**. On the 21st and 28th January we have a couple of **photographers** who will take all our photos, which we will put together in an **NK kaleidoscope**. Every generation, every story, every design and imagination that is each one of us, imagined in a photo, all woven together.

So please feel free to get your hair done, your make-up on, organise your annual visit to the barber, look out your best outfit on either of these Sundays, and we will have our photographers there to create the image of the story of the community that is **New Kilpatrick in this moment of time**.

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes

Freewill offering envelopes for 2024 are available for collection in the church hall walkround.

Drive to Church:

The way we do church is always changing but one of the things we do best is meet together on a Sunday and be a living community.

Numbers continue to creep up and people find a way to return to worship after the pandemic, but there are a number of people who are unable to make it by themselves, and we have received a few requests to bring back the drive to church scheme.

It would be a good thing if we were able to do this and, thus, we are looking for volunteers who might be able to add their name to a list of drivers. You may not be able to offer every week, or you may be coming anyway and, if you don't already (because we know a good number already share cars and offer lifts), you may be able to offer a seat for someone who would like to attend but can't because of lack of transport.

If you are able to help, please contact the office (0141 942 8827, mail@kchurch.org.uk) and we will create a **list of possible drivers** and match that list with a growing one of folk who would appreciate a lift.

It would be great to be able to have this up and running by the end of January as we enter our 375th year of being a parish church.

Unity Lunch:

Baljaffray Parish Church on Saturday, 20 January 2023, at 12noon. Tickets (£8) available from Iain Stuart (0141 942 2056, iainstuart78@gmail.com).

St Gregory's Food Bank

A new year - and a new opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our food and monetary donations for St. Gregory's Foodbank bring much hope and relief to the many service users.

Basic non-perishable, nutritional foods are needed - e.g. tinned meat, fish, baked beans, fruit, custard, along with coffee, tea, pasta, and rice - also baby essentials and toothpaste. Monetary donations are very much welcomed.

A massive thanks to everyone for their continued support - our congregation's commitment to St. Gregory's has been truly remarkable during 2023. Let's keep it up this year!

The halls are open Mon - Fri (9am - 2.30pm) and Sunday mornings.

Diary

Thursday 11 January

Baby and Toddler Group 9.15am in the hall walkround.

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 12 January

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 14 January

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30am.

Short Communion after morning worship.

A Healing Service 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 15 January

Cosy Monday 10am in the hall.

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall.

NK Country Dancers 7pm in the hall.

Tuesday 16 January

Baby & Toddler Group 9.15am in the hall walkround.

The Guild 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 17 January

Baby & Toddler Group 9.15am in the hall walkround.

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 18 January

Baby & Toddler Group 9.15am in the hall walkround.

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Friday 19 January

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 21 January

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30am

Desert Island Hymns 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 22 January

Cosy Monday 10am in the hall.

NK Country Dancers 7pm in the hall.

Tuesday 23 January

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the hall walkround.

SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 24 January

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Tuesday 25 January

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall.

Opportunity to take part

Ministry of Intercessions

If you would like to share in worship by leading the **intercessory prayers**, please let us know. Roddy will discuss the theme of the service with you so that you can reflect it in your prayers. Participation in this ministry is very much appreciated.

Tel: 0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk

Warm Spaces

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

**Monday 15th and 22nd January
10am- 12 noon**

Discover the fascinating world of **book folding with Yvette** and recycle your battered old paperbacks into works of art. This simple, relaxing craft is suitable for everyone - no experience required.

We would love to hear your ideas for other activities! Scrabble championships? Old gramophone records? Help with IT and Apps?

Let us know and watch this space.



New Kilpatrick Regulars

All our regulars are back from their Christmas break: NK Country Dancing, Midweek Service, Daybreak, Coffee Pot, The Guild, SingSong! and The Monday Club.

Daybreak Weekly from today, Thursday 11 January, 1.30pm in the hall.
A group for those with some degree of memory loss.

Coffee Pot Weekly from tomorrow, Friday 12 January, 10.30am in the hall.
Home baking and good company. A warm space.

Monday Club Weekly from next Monday, 15 January, with the NK Dancers and Singers.

NK Country Dance Group: Next meeting is this Monday 15 January in the hall, 7.30pm. Dancing to live music from 7.30 to 9.30pm. If you would like to join, contact maureensmith750@gmail.com

The Guild Fortnightly, from next Tuesday 16 January, 2pm.
Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme - Douglas Wilson (Coordinator).

Midweek Service Next Service: Wednesday 17 January, 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake. A warm space.

SingSong! Next meeting Tuesday 23 January, 2pm in the hall. Popular songs for all followed by a cup of tea. A warm space.

NK Heritage Forum Next meeting Thursday 25 January, 7.30pm in the hall. For all those with an interest in the history of the parish. All welcome.

Lodging House Mission

Heartfelt Thanks from the Lodging House Mission: ... I am writing to acknowledge and thank the congregation at New Kilpatrick Church for the fantastic Christmas Card sales of £609.50 as well as £71.50 in donations, to assist us in our work with people who have lived experience of homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion and are guests of our centre at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow. ...Happy New Year from all the team at LHM360.

Healing Service

New Kilpatrick has been holding monthly Sunday evening Healing Services for a couple of years now. What happens in a Healing Service?

In a Healing Service the atmosphere is calm and prayerful where we create a safe place for everyone. Prayers are made for healing, be it physical, mental, or spiritual. We offer space, silence, reflection as well as the traditional laying on of hands and occasionally anointing, and all of these are completely optional. Prayers are made for the needs of others not present and for the world.

There are various accounts of healing in the Bible: James 5:14-15 "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."

Sometimes God heals, sometimes God heals in a while, and sometimes, sometimes, we just need the space to reflect on what wholeness means, and how we live with longing and hope.

Why not come along?

CHRISTIAN AID Christmas appeal - update!

The Christian Aid committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous giving to the Christmas Appeal. Just over £3000 was donated, which is a fantastic amount. This will help Christian Aid continue their work in the fight against poverty.

A huge "THANK YOU" to you all - once again!

Thank you!

Hello to Everyone.

Roddy, Shirley and Katie would like to thank everyone in the congregation for their cards, gifts and good wishes over the festive season. It is overwhelming how kind people are but as there are too many to reply to individually and we do wish to show our appreciation, we have, therefore, given a donation to **Christian Aid**.

We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and send you every good wish for the New Year.

Many thanks again
Roddy, Shirley and Katie