



21 December



Christmas

It all happens on Christmas Eve. Seriously, everything does as we have our **Sunday morning service** at 10.30am which will be a pre-panic, pre-turkey, pre-last-minute-present-buying style, all very relaxed around some carols and stories within a shorter service.

Christmas Eve evening begins with our angel workshop at 6.30pm in the hall for everyone to make glow stick angels for the service. A bit of colouring, sticking and lighting.

The light festival service begins at 7pm in the church as we light up the tale of nativity, finding the message within the story and sharing it among us. Lots of atmosphere and carols and excitement.

Watchnight begins at 11.30pm with the choir singing from about 11.15. We share this service with All Saints and together we let the light fade, the flame kindle, the night hesitate on the cusp of midnight. It is the ultimate waiting game, and we fill the time with prophets and promises, silence and hope, carols and incarnation.

Christmas Day will arrive, and we relax into an informal service at 10.30 in the Cross Church building leaving behind the wrappers and empty boxes of Santa's arrival and meet together to ponder the story at the heart of the day.

Then we stop. And do nothing for a week until **Hogmanay** when we gather at 10.30am in New Kilpatrick building with the Cross Church joining us on the cusp of the year. Another waiting game as we ring out the old and ring in the new.

Join us as you feel able in this season, and may we find peace among us in a world that needs it so desperately.

Carols at ASDA

Carol singers from New Kilpatrick, Castlehill Baptist Church, Killermont Parish Church and St Andrews RC Church raised £715.22 for St Margaret's Hospice and Drumchapel Foodbank last Saturday. Well done, everybody!

The Coffee Pot

Tomorrow, Friday 22 December, we will have a special Christmas soup, bread & cheese lunch from 11am - 1pm in the hall. Please let the office know if you are coming (942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Glasgow City Mission:

Just one place left to be filled by New Kilpatrick for the Evening Drop-In. Monday 22 January 2024 from 6-8.30pm at the Crimea Street building.

Church volunteers will eat dinner with the Mission team and their guests, and join the regular teams in running the drop-in, serving food, cleaning up, etc.

The sign-up sheet is in the hall walkround.

Heritage Corner

The Heritage Group has set up a small reference section of books in the church hall.

You can browse through these while waiting for a meeting etc. or come along at any time the halls are open in the day for a longer read.

We only have one copy of each book so please **don't remove them from the halls.**

Donated local history books welcome.

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes

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

Christmas Cards and Greetings

Once again, this year we have put up a table in the Walkround of the church hall, where Christmas cards can be exchanged in alphabetical boxes, saving postage costs.

Do remember to have a look!

Unity Lunch:

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



Hogmanay Ceilidh

Just to let you know, all the tickets for the Hogmanay ceilidh are gone. Other Hogmanay ceilidhs are available - just not at NK!

St Gregory's Food Bank

A letter from St Gregory's:

Dear Roddy

I'm here with a further update on our work at the St Gregory Food Bank to share with your, oh so very generous, congregation at New Kilpatrick Parish Church Bearsden.

The week of 4th December we helped to support 624 adults and children, the vast majority of whom come from our immediate locale, which is a new grim record for us. New people attending St G for the first time is on average 15 or more each week.

We are remarkably blessed to have the support of so many in the community as well as the great team of volunteers we have, who always go the extra mile to meet the needs of those we serve.

Whilst it's great so many think to help us at this time, it's the ongoing steadfast support of congregations like NKPC Bearsden throughout the year which allows us to plan and develop what we are able to offer and that makes such a difference. Your congregation's contribution in terms of shoppers, drivers, donors, and general supporters makes it possible for us to do what we do and, as always, we are forever grateful.

As the season of Christmas approaches, we wish you and yours a peaceful and blessed time with those that you love and thank you for your amazing help and support throughout the years.

Kindest regards
Eileen Low
and
All the Volunteers
at St Gregory's
Food Bank



Diary

Friday 22 December

Coffee Pot Special Christmas Soup, bread and cheese lunch 11am - 1pm in the hall

Christmas Eve

Sunday Morning Worship 10.30am.

Light Festival Workshop 6.30pm in the hall.

Light Festival Service 7pm in the church.

Joint Watchnight Service with All Saints

11.30pm in the church, with carols from the choir from 11.15pm.

Christmas Day

Joint Christmas morning worship 10.30am
at Bearsden Cross Parish Church

Sunday 31 December

Morning Worship shared with Bearsden
Cross Parish Church **at New Kilpatrick**

Sunday 7 January

Morning Worship 10.30am in church
Led by New Kilpatrick Elders.



NK Volunteers delivering to St Gregory's

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.



Some Photographs

Some photographs of last Sunday's Nativity Service.



New Kilpatrick Regulars

NK Weekly Regulars:

Midweek Service, Daybreak, Coffee Pot, The Guild, SingSong! and The Monday Club are on holiday and will all start back again in the New Year.

SingSong! Tuesday 9 January, 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake.
A warm space.

Midweek Service Wednesday 10 January, 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake.
A warm space.

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

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

Monday Club Monday 15 January with the NK Dancers and Singers.

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