

26 October

Communion

We break bread together round the table on Sunday.

It is a formal communion and an open table sharing the meal with everyone who wishes to come and see. The Boys' Brigade will join us as part of their enrolment parade, and we will be able to create something of the breadth of community we are.

We gather at 10.30 on Sunday in a place and round a table where everyone belongs.

The Offering

Since the pandemic the offering has been missing from our order of service.

In one of those moments when you think, 'why didn't we think of that before', **from Sunday we will present the offering**, while still being collected at the door, as part of the service.

In the traditional place, just after our 'news' and before 'prayers for others' we will be invited to stand, and the offering will be brought forward.

The offering is an important part of our tradition. It is not a collection but described as an offering because that is what it is: an offering of ourselves, our time, our talents, and gifts to God. So, we will recognise that from Sunday again.

Envelopes and any other donations can be placed in the plates at the door as we enter and as we leave as is normal for us now, but we will make space to dedicate the gifts we give, and the people we are, during the service.

The Coffee Pot

Come and join us for home baking and good company.

Every Friday morning from 10am in the hall. All takings go to St Gregory's.

For those in the cashless society, if you wish to pay by transfer, the church bank account details are: Account Name: New Kilpatrick Parish Church Sort code: 80-05-57 Account number: 00701598, reference: St Gregorys.

St Gregory's Food Bank

We are pleased to advise the congregation that the donations less costs for coffee after our various services from July to September amounted to £1618.89. This has been donated to St Gregory's Foodbank, together with the amount of £1382.50 received at Harvest along with food donations.

We have received the following letter of thanks:

We are incredibly blessed in the warm relationship we at St Gregory's Foodbank enjoy with NKPC congregation. The help, support, and interest we receive from you is such a profound endorsement of all that we do, and we are very much indebted to you.

The number of people needing the help of our foodbank remains high. However, the many gifts we receive, in the form of cash or food, means we can help to meet those needs.

Grateful thanks seem totally inadequate to describe the backing we receive from NKPC, but nevertheless, you have our heartfelt appreciation. Kindest regards

Eileen Low Volunteer

As winter approaches, the need for support increases, and we do hope that you will continue to fill our trug every week. All the usual essentials are very acceptable with an emphasis on nutritional foods such as tinned meat, chicken, fish, and vegetables - baby necessities too. Monetary donations are also extremely welcome.

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

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 tonight, Thursday, 26 October at 7.30pm in the hall.

The Monday Club

Come and join us for friendship and entertainment. Transport is available, if required. Next meeting: Monday 6 November. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318.

The Guild

All welcome - men too! The next meeting is on Tuesday 31 October, at 2pm in the hall when Marjory Orrock will tell us Tales of a Primary School Teacher.

Daybreak is a group run for people with a degree of memory loss. We are a friendly bunch looking for **volunteers** to help with our increasing numbers. We would particularly welcome anyone with an **interest in crafts**, but this is not essential.

If you could spare 2 hours every other Thursday from 1.30 until 3.45pm, please contact Morven on 0141 834 6277 or mobile 07919 134 624.

Gardening Group

Can you use a rake? No Green fingers required. We are very busy from now right through to Christmas, tidying up the millions of leaves that fall in the Manse garden / Manse Road path to the Church Hall. We would very much appreciate some seasonal assistants. If you can help (even if only once), please join us outside the Manse on Friday mornings at 9.30am if it's dry overhead. We usually take a short break and visit the Coffee Pot at around 10.30am so it is not all hard work. Outdoor clothing is required, but we supply the tools. More details if you need them from Tom McCubbin 07711 272838.

Thinking Allowed

Cairns Church, tonight, Thursday 26 October, 7.30pm. Speaker: Rev Andrew Frater BA BD MTh. Lecture: God's Funeral.

Andrew in his lecture will address some of the most fundamental issues surrounding the concept of what we call 'God', issues which perhaps are at the core of the decline of religious belief in the western world. Four follow-ups to this lecture will take place on Thursdays 2,9,16, and 23 November.

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group is a chance for those who have been bereaved to drop in for coffee/tea and a friendly chat with others in similar circumstances. The next meeting is on Monday, 6 November, at 10.30am in the hall.

Those we have lost:

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

Avril Berry Buchanan Lodge (11.10.23)

Isobel Miller Kilmardinny Crescent (14.10.23)

Carol Gardiner Roman Road (16.10.23)

Alistair Galloway Sinclair St, Milngavie (19.10.23)

Mary Cochrane Bailie Drive (20.10.23)

Isabel Roberts Mugdock House (25.10.23)

Diary

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

NK Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 27 October
Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 29 October
Holy Communion 10.30am in church with the
1st Bearsden Boys' Brigade Enrolment Parade

Evening Worship is a Taizé Service, 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 30 October
NK Country Dancing Group

7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 31 October
The Guild 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 1 November
Midweek Service 11am in the hall
followed by coffee and cake. This will be a
Communion service.

Thursday 2 November
Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall
Faith Team 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 3 November Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 5 November Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Evening Worship will be **Evensong at All Saints** at 5pm.

Monday 6 November Friendship Group for the bereaved 10.30am in the hall.

Monday Club 2pm in the hall

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 7 November SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 8 November Midweek Service 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 9 November Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall