



9 November

Remembrance Sunday

Just a wee reminder that we gather as a community at the war memorial this Sunday at 10.45am for remembrance.

The service in the church is at 11.30am, when music will be led by the choir.

Advent Bible Study

A wee advent zone of prophets and promises found in the Bible begins for three weeks on Tuesday 28th November.

How do we hear the words written then, now? How might we make sense of promises for a different time and culture in today's time and culture? And how does the way we 'do' Christmas and the story of incarnation make any sense religiously?

We explore the following passages and there are prizes for all those who read ahead:

Tuesday 28th: Isaiah 41:1-11

Tuesday 5th: Malachi 3:1-7

Tuesday 12th: Luke 1:39-56

The Bible Study often turns into a thorough and honest discussion about how these passages were first read and how they have grown in the telling, and we often discuss what we do and don't hold with certainty in today's world, so different from the original setting.

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, these are the church bank account details: Account Name: New Kilpatrick Parish Church Sort code: 80-05-57 Account number: 00701598, reference: St Gregory's.

Lodging House Mission

On Sundays 12th and 19th November, Jessie Cameron will be selling Christmas cards on behalf of The Lodging House Mission.

This is a Church of Scotland organisation that provides help and support to vulnerable adults, many of whom are homeless, in Glasgow. A free breakfast and lunch are provided seven days a week. Assistance is given in completing forms and housing applications, learning opportunities such as computer use are available as is welfare rights advice. There is a weekly health clinic providing advice on foot care, dental issues, and pharmaceutical requirements, whilst counselling is available from the Marie Trust. Service users also have access to showers, laundry facilities and haircuts. There is also a ladies' craft class and a community cinema. Every Friday, there is a spot in the programme for the Mission 'voice choir'.

There is a full-time chaplain available to provide ongoing spiritual advice. The LHM is heavily dependent on voluntary contributions from parishes throughout the West of Scotland and is part of a wider network of caring support from other churches.

It is hoped that the congregation will assist this worthwhile venture by purchasing Christmas cards in packs of ten for £4/£4.50. A table will be available in the Hall after the morning service.

St Gregory's Food Bank

St. Gregory's continues to provide food for the most vulnerable in society. As winter approaches the need for our continued support increases, so please carry on donating in the same generous way that never fails to amaze us.

The foodbank is staffed entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers - which means that there are no staffing costs, and therefore every penny and every item of food donated passes directly to those in need. As ever all the usual essentials are very acceptable with emphasis on nutritional foods such as tinned meat, chicken, tuna, and beans - also pasta, rice, tea, coffee, and biscuits. Baby essentials are required also.

Clean jam jars with lids would be useful for splitting bulk foods into portions.

Monetary donations are also extremely welcome.

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

The Guild

All welcome - men too! The next meeting is on Tuesday 14 November, at 2pm in the hall when we will hear about Medicine to Ministry from Roger Sturrock.

The Monday Club

Come and join us for friendship and entertainment. Transport is available, if required. Next meeting: Monday 20 November. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318. rona_ah38@outlook.com

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 tidying up the millions of leaves that fall in the manse garden / Manse Road path to the Church Hall. We would appreciate some **seasonal assistants**. 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.

Westerton Male Voice Choir

The Spirit of Christmas. Festive songs and stories in the church. Musical Director, Bryan S Marshall, Pianist, Penny Watson.

Friday 15 December at 7.30pm, Saturday 16 December at 2pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets £10 from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/westerton-male-voice-choir

Those we have lost:

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

Joyce Gibb Braeside Avenue, Milngavie (01.11.23)

Diary

Thursday 9 November

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 10 November

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 12 November

The Act of Remembrance is at the War Memorial at 10.45am.

Morning worship at New Kilpatrick at 11.30am. Please note the change of time. The music will be led by the Choir.

Coffee will be available in the hall after morning worship.

There will be a retiring offering for Poppy Scotland.

Evening Worship will be Desert Island Hymns at 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 13 November

NK Country Dancing Group

7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 14 November

The Guild 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 15 November

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

Finance Committee meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Thursday 16 November

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 17 November

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 19 November

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Faith Group meeting 11.30am in chapel

Evening Worship with meditative, reflective music, 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 20 November

Monday Club 2pm in the hall

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 21 November

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 22 November

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

Thursday 23 November

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

