



9 February

374th Anniversary

Imagine what the parish was like 374 years ago in the year we became a parish church, chose to take responsibility for our neighbours more fully, be there for each one of them, create a space where all folk could gather and find a home.

It wasn't quite as welcoming as now, perhaps, with different rules and expectations on how the people of God should behave and what they should believe. Yet then, as now, it was an invitation to look beyond ourselves, realise we were part of something bigger in society, and offer something unique and important to that society.

That is what we celebrate on Sunday 19th February: 374 years of being a parish church. We haven't always been great at it, we are still learning, and we have opportunities still to pick up. That is who we are still to be. That will be our theme this year on that Sunday with a small keek towards the bigger anniversary of 375 years in 2024.

Lent Series - "The Chosen"

We are planning to run a weekly lent series each Tuesday night beginning on 28th February.

This year our series will be looking at and discussing the multi series show "The Chosen".

The Chosen documents the life and work of Jesus and has gained huge popularity across the world over the recent years. It delves into the lives of all those around Jesus and provides us with much to talk about!

The show is completely free to watch online, simply type in "the chosen" and you will be able to access all of the series so far.

For our lent series we will be solely looking at series 1 and at each meeting we will show the relevant episode followed by a group discussion.

We would be delighted if you could journey with us throughout this time and we will be sending out much more information in the coming days. Roddy & Alex

Worship: Online and face-to-face

We continue to offer worship and community online. A new video is produced each week still and will continue to be so as it gathers quite a number of people yet. The podcast and phone line service also continues to be produced.

Yet we are definitely increasing in numbers in the sanctuary. There is certainly a busier sense of a worshipping community about the place and coffee after the service has never been busier. We bought a whole bundle of new mugs after lockdown, but we keep running out of them. We're off to the shops to buy more.

These are a number of ways lockdown has changed us: we still find a place online for community, and we increasingly value the community we have in the sanctuary and find that meeting place shared in coffee afterwards. It's good to be back.

Three Opportunities 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.

Communion glassware

If you could help with the cleaning of the Communion glasses after the service, using the new speedy dishwasher in the hall kitchen, please let us know.

The Coronation Big Lunch

A nationwide act of celebration and friendship on Sunday 7 May 2023, the day after the coronation of Charles III.

Some volunteers have come forward to organize a community event. If you would like to join them, please let us know. More information and ideas/suggestions on <http://coronationbiglunch.com/> and www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced

For any of these opportunities, contact the office: 0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk

Coffee Pot

The Coffee Pot is open tomorrow from 10.30am in the hall.

Home baking. A lovely place to meet.

Wellbeing Group

We will meet for the first time this year on Monday 6th March from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Again, our venue will be the wonderful Massimo's private function room at the back of the Restaurant.

We will confirm more details in the coming weeks but save the date in your diary!

Please join us on the night if you can for a time of learning, company, and fun.

The group is open to everyone so invite your friends and neighbours!!

If you have any questions or ideas, please get in touch with me in the church office or on my email,

amaccallum@churchofscotland.org.uk

Planned roadworks at Manse Road

The section between Drymen Road and Grange Road will be closed for 6 weeks from Monday 13th February.

Work is hoped to be completed by Friday 24th March.

Warm Spaces

Our warm spaces are open, filled with activities to keep us connected.

We offer art workshops, singing, coffee/tea, a midweek service. We're exploring keeping fit.

All will be advertised here. Check the diary.

We are open on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings through to early afternoon and Friday mornings through into the afternoon.

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 on Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome!

Kelvingrove Recital

Chris Nickol is giving the Sunday 3pm recital on February 11th and 15th.

Donations for St Gregory's Food Bank

Joy of joys - our N.K. Trug has been bulging with food donations throughout January!

We have also had many anonymous donors giving cash - a huge 'thank you' to everyone involved. One day last week, 87 bags were given out in one 2-hour slot - a frightening statistic - as it smashed the previous record of 75 bags. So, it is clear that your continued efforts mean so much to so many.

All non-perishable food items are welcome - and of course, monetary donations too. The Halls are open Mon. to Fri. (9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and also Sunday mornings.



Bill and Iris Wilding with our delivery



Alex MacCallum with the collection trug in the hall

Thinking Allowed

Cairns Church, Buchanan Street, Milngavie, G62 8AW on Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Christianity Today: Time to Recast the Mould? - Part 2

This follow-up to Rev Andrew Frater's lecture will take the form of a debate. Andrew will start the debate with a short summary of what he said in September. This will be followed by a response from the Right Reverend John Chalmers, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, and former Principal Clerk to the General Assembly. Following his response, members of the audience will be encouraged to participate in a debate. As this is the second part of a series, you can listen once again to Andrew's lecture on the Cairns Church website www.cairnschurch.org.uk

Those we have lost

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

Muriel McIntosh

Upper Glenburn Road (27.01.23)

Isabel Kennedy

Edinbarnet Nursing Home (20.01.23)

Alice Hall

Mugdock House Care Home (05.02.23)

Turkey and Syria

Loving God
may we be present with hope and support
for those in Turkey and Syria
may we make time to listen and share
the pain of the people
may we leave silence
where voices were once in conversation and
laughter
may we move together
to repond beyond prejudice and fear
may we live by faith
where the good news is incarnated in our
living closer to each other
may we hold everyone
the hurt and the hurting
the rescuer and worker
the grieving and worried
in a love that cannot and will not
let us go
So be it
Amen

Donations can be made through the Disasters Emergency Committee, of which Christian Aid is a part. (dec.org.uk)

Diary

Thursday 9 February

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 10 January

Coffee Pot (Warm space) 10.30am in the hall

Sunday 12 February

Morning Worship 10.30am in the church

Short Communion after morning worship

A Taizé Service, 6.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 14 February

SingSong! (Warm space) 2pm in the hall (change of time).

Wednesday 15 February

Midweek Service (warm space) 11am in the hall followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 16 February

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 17 February

Coffee Pot (Warm space) 10.30am in the hall

Sunday 19 February

Morning Worship at 10.30am:
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A Healing Service 6.30pm in the hall

Monday 20 February

Art Workshop 1.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 21 February

The Guild 1.30pm in the hall
Trading Standards (Scams) - Graeme Hill

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 22 February

Midweek Service (warm space) 11am, hall

Thursday 23 February

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall