

# New Kilpatrick

*Wee Bulletin*

## 10 November

### The Guild

**The Guild meets again this Tuesday, 15 November, at 1.30pm in the church hall.**

Andrew Boyd will talk to us about *The Role of the First Responders*.

All welcome: both members and those who would like to come along and keep warm on a Tuesday afternoon. We are looking forward to welcoming some men too.

### Think Again

**There will be no Think Again this Tuesday.**

There is an extra **Kirk Session meeting** on Tuesday 15 November at 7.30pm to discuss the latest version of the **Presbytery Plan**.

### Something Different for S1-S3

**We meet again on Sunday 20 November at 7.15pm in the church hall.**

### The Untold Christmas Story.

If you have any questions, please speak to Alex or Roddy.

### NK Heritage Forum

**The next meeting of the Heritage Forum is on Thursday 24 November at 7.30 pm in the hall.**

There will be a PowerPoint presentation and talk on those men commemorated on the war memorial in the West Porch. All are welcome to attend.

### Gardening Group Log Sale

**We have a few bags of locally grown air-dried logs for sale at £5 per bag.**

Stocks are limited and so please phone or e-mail Tom McCubbin [tom@mccubbin.org.uk](mailto:tom@mccubbin.org.uk) to reserve yours.

### Christmas Tree Decorations

**At NK we have had a very good response to our outreach three or four times a year to the more isolated in our community.** As

we approach Christmas, we are again looking to spread a little cheer to about 300 in our own congregation, as well as the residents of the Care Homes in the area.

So now we are looking for Christmas Tree Decorations! Whether you can knit, crochet, design out of paper or any other material, bake a chocolate truffle or a piece of tablet that would go in a little bag tied with tinsel, we can use your talents! There are many ideas out there on the internet, but we can supply patterns or ideas if you can supply the time. Just a few from quite a few people would help us reach our target.

And, if you don't have the creative urge, we would be more than happy for you to donate a few small, purchased items - perhaps from the Guild Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

We hope to have workshop at the beginning of December and would like the items, in time for distribution, by about 12<sup>th</sup> December.

If you are willing to be part of the project, can you please give your name and contact details to Catherine in the office (0141 942 8827) or email [kirsteen7@btinternet.com](mailto:kirsteen7@btinternet.com)

### Foodbank Donations

Exciting news! One of our two charities, St. Gregory's, has been announced Scottish winner this year of the National Church Awards in the "Volunteering" category. The Award Ceremony took place at Mercers' Hall in the City of London on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. This is a tremendous achievement and honour for St. Gregory's.

A total of 217 bags was given out to "service users" last week. At about £9 per basic bag (with additional items added where the bag is to cover 2 persons or more) the organisation has become a huge undertaking. St. Gregory's is expecting to dispense over 8,000 bags during the current year.

Both St. Gregory's and Birth, Baby and Beyond are extremely grateful for the continuing support from our congregation. As winter approaches, the need for donations will become even more vital.

Suggested items are listed as follows (no perishable food please):

Sugar, soup, tuna, jams, marmalade, pasta, spaghetti, biscuits, rice pudding, longlife milk, fruit. Also, Pet Foods.

Baby essentials - formula, food pouches, nappies, cream.

The Hall is open for donations - Mon to Fri, 9.00 am to 2.30 pm.

If you are housebound or would have difficulty in delivering to the Hall but would like to donate, please contact Muriel Salmond on 942 8484.



St Gregory's volunteers receiving award

## Bible for Duffers

**There are no experts and we're all learners. In fact, we have decided to call this Bible for Duffers just to prove the point.** Come and explore with us, for it genuinely is an exploration without answers!

## CHURCH REGISTER

since the last notification in our bulletin:

### New Members

John F MacLeod, David Miller,  
Carole Hough, Marion Ault,  
Mary Dickie, Sheila Macmillan,  
David and Irene Scott, Marie Blair,  
Sandy and Marjory Orrock, Lorraine Watt.

### New Members by Profession of Faith, Sunday 30 October 2022

Graham Nichol, Margaret Nichol,  
Scott Nichol, Sarah Nichol,  
Ailsa McGregor, Alison Douglas

## Those we have lost

**Having to record those who have died is always difficult. We record their names here and celebrate what they have been to us.**

**We have not given an up-to-date list of those we have lost over the last few months. We do so now, knowing that each one has been a gift to our community here.**

<b>Anne McCallum,</b> Antonine House	(03.01.21)
<b>Isobel McHugh,</b> Mugdock House	(16.10.21)
<b>Anne Nicoll,</b> Thorn Road	(08.12.21)
<b>Joyce Timar,</b> Dumgoyne Drive	(25.12.21)
<b>Elizabeth Thomson,</b> Douglas Park Crescent	(03.01.22)
<b>Cecilia Murray,</b> Mugdock House	(19.01.22)
<b>Margaret Carruthers,</b> Kessington Drive	(23.01.22)
<b>Maureen Dallman,</b> Thomson Drive	(28.02.22)
<b>Sheila Syme,</b> College Gate	(08.03.22)
<b>John Wheeler,</b> The Erskine Home, Bishopton	(25.03.22)
<b>Ann Cant,</b> Strathblane Road, Milngavie	(18.04.22)
<b>John Steele,</b> Atholl Gardens	(29.04.22)
<b>Joan Young,</b> Edgehill Road	(05.05.22)
<b>Alexander Murray,</b> Schaw Drive	(21.05.22)
<b>Robin Yates,</b> Morven Road	(27.05.22)
<b>Linda Napier,</b> The Erskine Glasgow Home	(24.06.22)
<b>Norman Ingram,</b> Montrose Drive	(03.07.22)
<b>Tricia Lemond,</b> Thorn Road	(20.07.22)
<b>Jean Stewart,</b> The Erskine Glasgow Home	(04.08.22)
<b>Sandy Barrie,</b> Tannoch House, Mugdock Road	(09.08.22)
<b>Grace Mill,</b> Ellangowan Court, Milngavie	(19.08.22)
<b>Helen Allison,</b> Homebrae House, Milngavie	(15.09.22)
<b>Peter Martin,</b> Ralston Road	(24.09.22)
<b>Avril McNicol,</b> Stirling Drive	(25.09.22)
<b>Jean Bell,</b> Schaw Drive	(03.10.22)
<b>George Anderson,</b> Milverton Avenue	(03.10.22)
<b>John Yuill,</b> Alexander Grove	(22.10.22)

## Letter from the Minister

Dear All –

I thought I should write to keep you up to date with some of the things happening in the life of the congregation as well as the Presbytery Plan. The good news is how much is being offered in the congregation.

### Loop System in Hall

We've now corrected issues with the sound system in the hall. The loop is working now, and people seem to be able to hear a lot better. If you use the system, please let us know if it is working better for yourselves.

We are still exploring the church sound system; it works best round the edges, closer to the loop wire, but we are going to map the space and find out where sound quality is best.

### Open Church

We are exploring ways to have the **church sanctuary** open most days, especially in the morning for people to come and have a quiet seat, as well as offering some short worship early in the morning on Mondays and Fridays.

In addition to that, from 14th November you'll begin seeing times when we will offer a **warm space** in the church hall, but we are attempting to fill that time with activities: making things for Christmas, knitting corners, reading spaces, serving coffee and tea, and creating community – even a keep fit class or art activities. If you are willing to help organise (not lead), then please let us know.

### New and Old Activities

Church is certainly busier now, and all our groups are open to everyone, including the Guild, which is open to men and women. It is one of the ways we have evolved after Covid by finding common space for everyone in all we do. We have an open wellbeing group for the whole community, which was very popular on our first meeting in Massimo's. Perhaps that was the pizza! We're on again, 21st November in the new, bigger space in Massimo's with a question-and-answer session.

We also have a new Youth Group called Something Different and you'll see some photos in the bulletin of our fire pit and s'mores night.

And we have a much stronger relationships with two local food banks, St Gregory's and Birth, Baby and Beyond. Thank you for your generosity. It is hugely appreciated and genuinely makes a difference to a lot of people.

We're updating our web pages so we can include more of our heritage and include information about access. We are also adding more photos of what life is like here. The Podcast and YouTube video continue to be offered each week with about 70 folk logging on each time from various places round the country and the world.

### Presbytery Plan

There continues to be much discussion about the Presbytery Plan. I've been a little reluctant to outline each version as it comes along, as people may think any one of them is set in stone, and none of them are.

However, what is going to be presented to Presbytery this month is a plan to have, sometime in the future, three ministers in Bearsden working together. But this is not immediate and indeed the suggestion is that the time it will take to get there lies outwith the lifetime of the plan, which is five years. The plan offers intermediate steps on that journey where New Kilpatrick would move in the direction of union with the Cross. Westerton and Killermont would become a union, and Baljaffray and St Luke's in Milngavie would form a union. But, and this is important, this is NOT set in stone. While the general shape may make sense, there is much still to discuss in the details and the Session are meeting next week to make presentations to the presbytery, as we have been doing throughout the process. You are welcome to attend that meeting if you wish.

This general plan will be presented to Presbytery on 22nd November. There will be more discussion, as it is across all 66 congregations of Clyde Presbytery. That number must reduce to 40 ministers!

However, we recognise where we are as a church now is not where we were a couple of generations ago, and ours is to respond to our current situation, with enough hope and flexibility in what we do, to allow for the church to evolve once more into what it is still yet to be. And for that to be better.



## Futures

We are all very aware there is a lot of change and uncertainty, not just in the church but across everything we once took as certain. Ours is to respond knowing the greater certainty of love, shaped in our worship and stories of a God whose love holds it all. While everything else about the church might change, that is our faith and our anchor.

Thank you for allowing that future to be imagined and for being willing to journey towards it.



Something Different Fire Pit and S'mores Night

## Christian Aid

A FABULOUS TOTAL FROM Joint Harvest and London Marathon Appeal!

The joint appeal brought in a staggering total of approximately £5500 for Christian Aid.

Can we take this opportunity to thank everyone in the congregation who gave so generously.

Please see below a wee article from Jean Wilson about her London Marathon endeavour.

DATE for the DIARY - Coffee following worship on Sunday 4th December will be served by the Christian Aid Committee as part of our Christian Aid Christmas Appeal. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there with the extra enticement if home baking!

## Jean's London Marathon for Christian Aid

Well; I did it and had a most marvellous experience from the start at Blackheath where the roads were lined with cheering spectators and what a lift that was each time someone called out my name all 26 miles to the Mall.

The sites were marvellous from running round so close to the Cutty Sark, running up to London Bridge in sunshine and seeing the arches within arches, being so close to Westminster and looking up at Big Ben and at the final turn, Buckingham Palace seemingly dwarfed by the Victoria Monument. The run up the Mall is actually quite short and before I knew I was finished in 6 hours and 20 minutes - not my fastest or my slowest time, but I did enjoy every cheer filled second.

I had my own supporters who popped up at unexpected places and what a boost - huge thanks to Neil, Iain, Julie, and Catriona who tell me that they had a fantastic day.

I met some fabulous people on the train to Blackheath, during the run, at the post run reception organised by Christian Aid and a great response from the staff on the underground and railways who the day before were striking for better conditions and pay.

Afterwards? Surprisingly OK with little to no stiffness and I can only put that down to the excellent coaching from my running club and the gym training, pilates and body balance at the Allander.

I loved it and I am so grateful to the support and prayers from the Cross and New Kilpatrick Churches and for the generous donations made to Christian Aid.

The finishers T-shirt this year says;

We Start, Train, Sweat, Dream, Win, Run, Finish Together.

We certainly started together when I spoke at Bearsden Cross Church on 18<sup>th</sup> September, we ran together in spirit on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and finished this journey together on 16<sup>th</sup> October when I spoke at New Kilpatrick.

I thank each of you for your interest, your kindness and support to me and your generosity to Christian Aid.

Jean

<mailto:https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jean-Wilson15>

## Can you help?

**The Communications Task Group are looking for volunteers to help with our Warm Spaces programme over the Winter months and possibly beyond.**

### Photographer

Are you a strong digital photographer who has an eye for taking and editing photographs during church events? We are looking for volunteers who are competent in using digital tools such as Photoshop, Video, etc, so that we can use the images in our different printed and social media platforms.

### Microsoft Publisher

Would you be able to lend some of your time in creating communications using the above Microsoft App? Looking for volunteers with experience and knowledge of the Publisher tool.

### Warm Spaces

In the run up to Christmas and beyond, we will be opening NK as a Warm Space. If you could volunteer some hours to engage with those coming in, make teas, coffees, etc, then we would be very grateful. This is one way we can welcome our parish into the church community and show a generous friendship to all.

We will begin offering warm spaces on Monday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and into the afternoon, and Friday morning up to 1pm. We may be able to extend these depending on the help we get.

If you can help, please email [geraldinedonnan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:geraldinedonnan@yahoo.co.uk)

## Kelvingrove Organ Recitals

**Chris Nickol is playing the organ recitals at Kelvingrove Art Gallery on the following dates:**

Saturday November 19th; Saturday December 3rd; Wednesday December 28th.

They're all at 1pm.

For further information visit the website [organrecitals.uk](http://organrecitals.uk)

## Diary

### Thursday 10 November:

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

### Friday 11 November:

**Coffee Pot** 10.30am in the hall

### Remembrance Sunday, 13 November:

**Act of Remembrance** 10.45am, War Memorial

**Morning Worship** 11.30am in the church

**Evening Worship** 6.30pm in the hall

### Tuesday 15 November

**The Guild** 1.30pm in the hall

**Kirk Session** 7.30pm in the hall

### Wednesday 16 November

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

**Faith Group** 7.30pm in the hall

### Thursday 17 November

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

### Friday 18 November

**Coffee Pot** 10.30am in the hall

### Sunday 20 November

**Morning Worship** 10.30am in the church

**Evening Worship** 6.30pm in the hall

**Something Different for S1-S3** 7.15pm in the hall.

### Tuesday 22 November

**SingSong!** 1.30pm in the hall

**Bible for Duffers** 7.30pm in the hall

### Wednesday 23 November

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

### Thursday 24 November

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

**Heritage Forum** 7.30pm in the hall