



9 May 2024

375th Anniversary

We're all set for another 375 years! After a communion service where all our past traditions came together (shortbread and port to name a few), we put down new roots and planted a yew tree. As John Knox did in Finlaystone, we did in New Kilpatrick, keeping the story going this week, next week, and the week after that, and that again...



Sing Together, our big Songs of Praise, is coming up on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May at 6.30pm.

It is a big celebration of the common ground we all stand on, regardless of denomination and congregation, and overflowing with the songs we share together. We've invited congregations from all around Bearsden and beyond to all stand on common ground and sing the songs that bring us all together.

From 2pm we have a scratch choir for anyone to come along and sing through the hymns as a warm-up and get to know different lines of harmony and just enjoy the company.

At 3pm we've invited residential homes to join the choir and sing along to some of these great hymns.

At 6.30 we all come together in the church, making a place of belonging for everyone as we join voices and make community and fill the space with our stories and songs.

Please invite your neighbours and friends for this is common ground for us all.

New Kilpatrick Ramblers

Anyone who enjoys walking is very welcome.

Each walk is advertised in the church hall window about 10 days beforehand with full details including contact information of the walk organiser who can give any further advice on the walk. All activities at own risk.

The next walk is on Saturday, 25 May. A strenuous walk to Wood Hill, Alva, Ochil Hills. For further details see the poster in the Church Halls window.

Photos from a recent walk (Rumbling Bridge, River Devon, Yetts o' Muckhart).



Ian Norris Ian Norris is retiring this month after being one of our Church Officers for six years. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for him, please put your contribution in a labelled envelope and hand it in to the Church Office before Friday 17 May.

NK Organisations

If organisations would like to make a report on past events, we would happily put these in the bulletin so everyone can share in the story of the diverse events happening at New Kilpatrick.

Christian Aid Week Volunteers

Those delivering for Christian Aid Week can pick up their leaflets etc from the box in The Walkround. Many thanks for your help.

Christian Aid Week 2024, 12th - 18th May

This year Christian Aid are supporting the people of Burundi, 70% of whom fight against malnourishment and poverty.

You will find leaflets with more information on this year's appeal and Christian Aid Week envelopes in the pews on Sunday. Please, please give generously - as you have done year on year to Christian Aid Week.

You can donate using the Christian Aid envelope.

OR using the JustGiving link (<https://www.justgiving.com/page/bearsdenchristianaidweek2024>)

OR the QR code:



OR by giving directly into the church account, Ref: Christian Aid, (Account Name: New Kilpatrick Parish Church, Sort code: 80-05-57, Account number: 00701598) OR by simply handing your donation into the church office.

All donations at coffee following worship on Sunday will be for Christian Aid.

Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

St Gregory's Food Bank

The Foodbank trug in the hall has been full every week recently - a massive thanks to all concerned.

Every penny's worth of food donated to the Foodbank goes directly to those in need.

Nutritional foods are necessary, e.g. canned soup, fruit, vegetables, stew, and fish - also pasta, rice, cereals, long-life milk and baby essentials. Monetary donations are, as ever, most welcome too.

St. Gregory's Foodbank are looking for more volunteers. Anyone who may be interested in helping please phone Muriel Salmond (942 8484) for information.

The halls are open Monday to Friday (9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

Save the Date

Bearsden Festival Showcase, Saturday 15th June, 7pm.

Everyone is invited to come along to a community performance of "Story of a Stone" – a short play inspired by the history of Bearsden that will be touring to local Primary Schools in June. This project is a partnership between NK and the Festival to celebrate the 375th Anniversary of the parish.

We will also be screening a short film that was created as a Festival project by local teenagers during the October week last year. The film provides a glimpse into the effect of social media on their lives, and has been written, directed, and acted by the young people themselves with support from young professional film makers.

There will be a chance to hear more from the creative teams behind both projects and an opportunity to ask questions over some refreshments.

Those we have lost:

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

Christine Fields Seafield Avenue (26.04.24)

Sheila Burns Westbourne Drive (28.04.24)

Harry Henderson Ralston Road (02.05.24)

Diary

Thursday 9 May

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Friday 10 May

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 12 May

Morning Worship 10.30am in the church.

Short Communion 11.30am

Evening Service 6.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday 14 May

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 15 May

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

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

Thursday 16 May

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Friday 17 May

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 19 May

Morning Worship 10.30am

Sing Together - 1000 Voices in Church

2pm scratch rehearsal.

3pm **Big Sing for the local Care Homes.**

6.30pm for the **Big Songs of Praise itself.**

Monday 20 May

Monday Club 2pm in the hall.

Tuesday 21 May

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Wednesday 22 May

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

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

Campus Team meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Thursday 23 May

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.