

New Kilpatrick *Wee Bulletin*

18 August

Welcome Back

We're organising a bundle of events to welcome people back over the next couple of months. Each one is a step back to church and a step into our future.

There are a mixture of social and worship events that hopefully will make return after the summer interesting and a chance where we will be able to renew friendships.



We begin this Sunday with an informal creative communion, which will lead directly into a picnic in the manse garden. You need to bring your own picnic (!), but we will supply juice, games and races. (If the weather is bad we'll do everything in the hall).

We've a songs of praise the following week as well as the Sunday Clan starting up too. We'll take a couple of Sundays to introduce two projects to the congregation: welcoming Ukrainian guests and new support for Foodbanks.

We have a quiz night too, as well as a new Bible study called Bible for Duffers and then Think Again returns with a new set of discussions on a variety of topics. Along with that a new well-being group that will meet monthly plus Bearsden Festival on the second weekend of September.

It is all go, lots going on, new ideas we've learned about during the pandemic as well as a safe space to welcome each other.

Coffee Pot is back in September, as well as a few extra coffee days depending on how cold it gets and how expensive energy is: we'll open the halls and gather there in the heat. The church's energy tariff was fixed last year until 2024!

This is just to start us off, and please come to whichever ones you are comfortable with rather than think you have to start with worship.



But that's not all. There's more...



And there is even more, but details about these, and all the above, will be advertised here over the next few weeks.

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Communion and Picnic

Round the table together at 10.30 followed by a welcome back picnic in the Manse garden.

This Sunday, 21 August, we come together round an open, intergenerational table and share a meal together in this new season. It is a safe place to be as we welcome each other back and share a story where everyone has a place.

The story is the feeding of the 5000 and will lead us into the manse garden (or church hall if the weather isn't as good as we have organised!)

We'll have traditional Sunday School races, some games and activities with a couple of space hoppers, and juice.

Do bring a garden seat or if you manage to sit down on a picnic blanket, we'll help you back up!

New Kilpatrick Food Bank Guest Speaker

Please join us on Sun 4 Sept when we shall hear a talk from Eileen Low of St Gregory's Food Bank, Maryhill - one of the charities we support along with Birth, Babies & Beyond, Anniesland.

Eileen is very passionate about the Food Bank - she will talk us through a normal day of collecting, shopping and distributing their goods to the community and shall also tell us about different ways to donate. In these current difficult times their services are being stretched to full capacity and they need our support badly.

You can drop off donations for either charity to the New Halls - Mon to Fri 9am to 2.30 pm or a Sunday morning before or after the service.

If you are housebound and wish to make a donation one of our team would be happy to collect it from you. (Please contact Muriel Salmond on 0141 942 8484)

Tinned food - meat, fish, rice, custard, fruit etc (no fresh perishable food please)
Baby essentials - formula, food pouches, nappies, baby cream, wipes etc.

Bakers

Over the years, we've generously baked and eaten a massive quantity of deliciousness from all our bakers.

Time and resources have changed, and we would like to create a new list, letting some who have been volunteering take a rest if they wish, and to open this up to a bundle of new bakers.

If you would like to volunteer to bake for the various acts of hospitality we offer then please contact the office in the first instance (mail@nkchurch.org.uk). Baking will always be for a special event where we welcome and generously care for others.

Sunday Clan

We are almost in launch position for another creative, colourful and engaging journey through the many stories we have and the possibilities they offer.

Sunday School returns on 28th August. It is a great opportunity to step back into church life and enjoy the antics of our leaders and the creativity of our children. Anyone aged from three years to primary 7 is invited to join the journey into what church will become.

Liz James (jamesfamily6@btinternet.com) or Roddy Hamilton (rghamilton@ntlworld.com) will answer any questions

Enquirers' Class

Intrigued by church? Questions about faith? Looking for something to think about?

We're offering three one-hour discussions about what it means to journey with the church in faith. These are open-ended discussions, we won't fill you with answers but invite you to question and journey from here on in.

We are running these after church on the 4th, 11th and 18th September for an hour in the chapel.

If you are interested you can let the minister know:
rodny.hamilton@churchofscotland.org.uk
or just come along at 11.30-12.30.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

Macmillan Coffee Day

3rd September 2022: many are already going, but there are still a number of spaces.

In the absence of Coffee Pot last year, many supported a Macmillan Coffee Day which was held here in the garden at 25 Gartconnell Road. The great news is that Coffee Pot will be returning to NK but, until it gets going, there will again be a Macmillan day here, this time on Saturday 3rd September. We will still have some safeguards in place, in through the front door and exiting through the garage - annual tidy-up will happen, though you may not notice!

All are very welcome, but it would be helpful if you could book a place at one of the 4 slots:- 10-11am, 11.30-12.30, 1.30-2.30 and 3-4pm and indicate if you are happy to sit at a small table with

others or would prefer to be in your own "bubble". The weather is going to be beautiful, but there will be contingency plans.....

The personalised Macmillan website for this particular coffee day can be found at thyg.uk/BUS007218768 and, if you wish, donations can be made through this page.

If you can manage, please book one of the slots - there will be about 20 places at each - by emailing kirsteen7@btinternet.com or phoning Kirsteen on 0141 942 7603. Time for a cuppa, a chat and all in a good cause.

Bearsden and Milngavie Macular Support Group

**The last Wednesday of every month,
from 1-3pm in Bearsden Cross Church
Hall.**

Anyone who has macular degeneration, or any other sight problem is welcome, along with family and friends. Advice, information, support social interaction and a listening ear are available - and a cup of tea and biscuits.
Contact Shona Spence on 07586 168803, shona.spence@macularsociety.org.

Presbytery Plan

The Presbytery is now consulting with congregations on its proposals for the Presbytery Mission Plan (PMP), which at the moment can be summed up as reducing the number of ministers in Bearsden from five to four.

A meeting with representatives from Presbytery has been arranged for Monday 29 August at 7.30 pm. This will be in the New Halls or the Church depending on the likely numbers attending. Members are warmly invited

to come along and hear what the Presbytery representatives have to say and share your thoughts on the PMP.

Elders already have a copy of the Consultation document, but members may receive a copy by contacting the office. It would be helpful if you could let the office know if you plan to attend the meeting.

Diary

Thursday 18th

Daybreak, church hall, 1.30pm.

Friday 19th

Postcard Writers, church hall, 10am.

Sunday 21st

All-Age Family Communion in the sanctuary, followed by a **picnic** in the manse garden

Tuesday 23rd

SingSong! 1.30pm, church hall.

Wednesday 24th

Midweek service at 11am in the church hall.



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