



29 August 2024

Dedication Service

As part of our 375th parish anniversary activities, we have a special service of dedication this Sunday, 1st September.

We celebrate the continuing story of New Kilpatrick over the last 375 years, and longer, adding our names and experiences and stories to the bigger story of faith in this place. It is just one day but a day where we connect lots of dots and turn ourselves from past to future and where that unknown land might take us.

From traditional hymns to contemporary, weel kent readings, to the same readings told in a new way, things learned and things still to learn, a day to be who we are, here and now, carrying the story of our faith for our parish and future.

And there is **special anniversary chocolate** to be had.

East Dunbartonshire Doors Open Day

The Church will be open on Saturday 7 September from 10am - 12.30pm & 1.45pm - 3.45pm with guided tours of the church and graveyard during the morning and afternoon.

Come and learn more about our rich history dating back to the 13th Century and about our stained-glass windows featuring masterpieces by acclaimed artists Stephen Adams, Alfred and Gordon Webster.

Glasgow City Mission Fundraiser

On Friday 6th September, **Eileen Young** will be launching off from a crane down a zip wire alongside the river Clyde! She is hoping to raise £500 to support the work of The Mission.

If you are able to donate, please use this link. <https://glasgowcitymission.enthuse.com/pf/eileen-young>

Drive to Church:

The way we do church is always changing but one of the things we do best is meet together on a Sunday and be a living community.

There are a number of people who are unable to make it by themselves, and we have received a few requests to bring back the drive to church scheme.

It would be a good thing if we were able to do this and, thus, we are looking for volunteers who might be able to add their name to a list of drivers. You may not be able to offer every week, or you may be coming anyway and, if you don't already (because we know a good number already share cars and offer lifts), you may be able to offer a seat for someone who would like to attend but can't because of lack of transport.

If you are able to help, please contact the office (0141 942 8827, mail@kchurch.org.uk) and we will create a **list of possible drivers** and match that list with a growing one of folk who would appreciate a lift.

Outreach Autumn 2024

We are planning our next Outreach project to go out on 1st October.

For this there will be straightforward knitting and/or baking, and workshops planned for September 9th, 16th and 23rd September from 10am - 12noon in the halls.

For those who have been before, but also for those who would like to try it out, there will be a bit of simple crafting - you don't need to knit or bake - filling of bags, together with plenty of tea, coffee and chat.

Anyone new to the group, please give your name to the office for further details (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk)

Crossreach

The national church is looking for congregations to appoint a Crossreach Champion.

If you would like to help promote the work of **Crossreach** in our congregation and community and help to keep their work in our thoughts, please contact the office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

The Late Rikki Fulton

We have been approached by Hopscotch Films who are producing a tribute to the late Rikki Fulton to mark his birth centenary. It is planned to show this on BBC TV in January. They have been told that Rikki Fulton greatly appreciated the welcome he had received from everyone at NK and have asked if anyone has any stories about him and his attendance at NK, and that we put you in touch with them. If you have anything suitable, please let the office know (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

They have also asked to film a service at NK to provide further background. This is planned for Sunday 8 September. The film crew will be here early to get some external shots, and to film members as they arrive for worship. They will then also film during the service. Your attendance that Sunday will be taken as consent to appear in the film, and if you do not wish to appear please sit in the King Memorial, or in the gallery. If they film you on your way into church, please simply ask them to edit you out again! They have promised to be unobtrusive, and there will be no rehearsals, nor will you need to arrive early - it will simply be an ordinary Sunday with a baptism and a film crew in attendance!

The Bible for Duffers

Come and explore the Bible with us as we consider the passages that we will meet on Sunday mornings. Every fortnight (Tuesday or Thursday) at 7.30pm in the hall. The next meeting is on Thursday 12 Sept.

NK Flower Delivery

We are indebted to all those who help arrange and distribute flowers each Sunday and thank those who are no longer able to help.

We are looking for distributors to help deliver 2 or 3 bunches on a Sunday after church. It's likely to be twice a year.

If you can help or wish more information, please contact Eileen Young on 07762899127 or eileenyoung1@gmail.com

New Kilpatrick Ramblers

The next NK Ramblers walk is on Saturday 7 September. This is a strenuous walk from Old Kilpatrick to Duncolm, via Loch Humphrey. Further information, including meeting place, time and cost is on a poster on the church hall noticeboard. All who like to walk are welcome.

Coffee Pot Harvest Lunch:

If anybody has **spare cooking apples from their garden**, the next Coffee Pot lunch is on Friday 4 October and will feature apple crumbles. Please bring your spare garden apples to the office.

St Gregory's Food Bank

After 33 weeks of 2024, we have been told that the number of service users remains consistently high.

In this period, St Gregory's have distributed just under 10,000 bags, demonstrating that the increasing demand for help continues to be a cause for concern. The community of volunteers at St. Gregory's wish to make it known that they feel blessed to have the help and support from New Kilpatrick Church and offer their heartfelt thanks to such steadfast and consistent donors in terms of food and financial assistance.

As usual, non-perishable food and baby essentials are vital, along with monetary gifts. Specially required are high protein foods such as peanut butter and canned foods including chicken, beans, fish and vegetables. Also required are pasta, pasta sauce, sugar, olive oil and baby food.

Grow for St Gregory's: If you wish to donate freshly harvested vegetables, please put them in the labelled box beside the Trug on a Monday. The halls are open Monday to Friday (9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

Guild - Bearsden Festival

The Guild have been invited to have a craft table on Saturday 5 October for the Bearsden Festival Clubs and Societies Fair.

Calling all crafters! If you have any donations, please contact Linda Jolly (0141 563 8869, lindajolly2@outlook.com)

Thinking Allowed

Rev Dr Norman Shanks will share insights about church, society and faith - from his experience of working in the Civil Service, as a university chaplain, a university lecturer, a Church of Scotland parish minister, and in the voluntary sector.

A revised edition of his book - *God's energy: the vision and spirituality of the Iona Community* - was published in 2009 by Wild Goose Publications.

Thursday 12 September 2024 at Cairns Church, Milngavie. 7.30 for 8pm.

Gavin's Mill

Fairtrade Fortnight

An evening with rice farmer, Howard Msukwa. Saturday 7 September 7-9pm, Gavin's Mill café.

Hear about the importance of the fair-trade partnership between the rice farmers and True Origin and learn how you can support projects working with the farmers' communities to build capacity and mitigate climate change.

Sample dishes cooked with Kilombero rice, grown in Northern Malawi. Rice available to buy at the event.

Book tickets (£10) in advance - www.gavinsmill.org/events

Those we have lost:

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

Hellena Kirk, Uddingston (20.08.24)

Thought for the Week

**"That best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered acts
of kindness, and of love."**

William Wordsworth

Diary

Thursday 29 August

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 30 August

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 1 September

Morning Worship 10.30am

A special service of dedication for our 375th anniversary.

Monday 2 September

The Monday Club are on an outing.

Tuesday 3 September

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Community Team meeting 7.30pm, hall.

Wednesday 4 September

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

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

Thursday 5 September

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Campus Team meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Friday 6 September

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 8 September

Morning Worship 10.30am

Tuesday 10 September

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 11 September

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

Thursday 12 September

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall