

New Kilpatrick Bulletin 16 October

Our student minister - Nick Novak

As you know, Nick has joined us as a student.



Nick and Ali and Chester the dog

Mile of Coins

We are slowly and gently filling up the boards to create a mile of pound coins.

So far, we have travelled a distance of 0.0015 of a mile! That is about 8 feet! So, if we started at the hall door, we would pass the defibrillator and reach about the fourth slab. We're on our way.

This fun and informal project is simply to help us do all the daily things we need to do as a congregation which we used to take for granted, being one of the largest congregations of the Church of Scotland. We are easily still one of the largest though half the size we were in the 70's and 80's, and we continue to be amazingly generous through weekly offerings and volunteering and just being here every Sunday, and all the things we do during the week, but the dynamics and sustainability of congregational life have changed. So, this is just one fun way to help make sure everything runs smoothly, that we keep being creative and reaching out to our parish.

At the same time, we continue to support many other projects in and around our community, as well as overseas as you can see from some of the articles in the bulletin, and for that, thank you.

G15 Youth Project

Thanks for your generosity at Harvest for G15's young people.

A lovely message of thanks was received - see below.

These gifts are intended to give the young people a much needed "boost" at Christmas and so we have decided to continue to offer you the opportunity to help until Sunday 14 December (this is the last day by which we can arrange delivery in time for the gifts to be wrapped and distributed to the young people). A reminder of what would be useful:

Fluffy Pyjamas
Fluffy socks
Fluffy Blankets / knitted crochet blankets for extra warmth
Soft cushions (they love cuddling a cushion)
Woollen hats, gloves, and scarves
Toiletries - toothpaste/brush, hairbrush, deodorant, body wash, shampoo conditioner, body sprays, bath bombs
Cuddly toys (everyone loves a cuddly toy)
Socks for boys

A wee sweetie/chocolate selection pack would also be appreciated since it is Christmas, but please check the sell by dates since these will not be received until Christmas itself.

A box will be available in the walk round for any further donations - thank you!

G15 say 'Thanks'

On behalf of G15 youth project, I want to extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you who donated at the Harvest services. Your generosity has wrapped our young people in love, care, and community spirit. These gifts are more than material items, they are symbols of hope, dignity, and belonging. For many of our young people, they represent the warmth of being seen, supported, and uplifted by a wider family of faith.

You've reminded us that church is not just a building, it's a living, breathing network of compassion. Through your kindness, you've helped us create safer, more inclusive spaces where young people feel valued and empowered.

We are especially grateful for the way you've responded with open hearts and thoughtful action. Whether you gave a pair of gloves, a handmade blanket, or a word of encouragement, your contribution has made a lasting impact.

May your kindness return to you tenfold.

Joyce Bell

NK Ramblers next walk is **Dams to Darnley Country Park, Barrhead, on Saturday 25 October.** More information on the poster in the hall walkround.

NK Youth Club

Our youth club begins again on Sunday 26th October.

Anyone from Primary 7 to Secondary 3 is welcome to the hall at 7.15 (just after the evening service) for a variety of activities and projects and games. We finish at 8.45.

The first meeting on the 26th will be outdoors round the fire in the manse garden, so wear something warm, and don't mind smelling of smoke. Toasted marshmallows will be provided plus campfire games and creepy stories. Just to warn you, there are monsters lurking among the trees. You can hear them breathing but they have never yet been seen.

We'll gather at the hall first and go into the woods together... da, da, da!

NK Heritage Open Meeting

NK Heritage Forum is having an Open Meeting on Thursday 30 October at 7.30pm in the church hall.

Margaret Martin is giving an illustrated talk on the Commonwealth graves in the churchyard. All are very welcome to attend and hear this interesting talk.

Family Walk

Family Walk around Kilmardinny on Saturday 1st November at 2pm.

This is open to families as well as any adults who enjoy a short walk. The children will be given sheets to search for various items on the walk and following the walk we meet at the church from 3.30pm onwards to enjoy homemade soup and sausage rolls.

You can turn up at Kilmardinny without notifying us, but we need an indication of those attending the tea in the church hall. You're welcome to join us just for the company and the food.

If you are joining us for food, just put a ticket in the box in the hall walkaround area for each person attending so we know how many to cater for.

Big Breakfast

We invite you to breakfast in the hall on Sunday morning, 2 November, at 9.15am.

We have a great menu and a fabulous bundle of breakfasters who will make sure you have what you need. To give us an idea of how many will be attending, there are tickets and a box in the hall walkround. **Please count how many tickets you will need and pop them into the box (please don't take them away with you).**

Donations will go to Glasgow City Mission.

All Saints Evening Service

We have been invited to be part of All Saints evening service on 2nd November in celebration of the Feast of All Saints.

The service will replace our own evening service that day and begins at 5pm.

As part of the service there will be an act of memorial, and you are invited to submit names of those you'd like to be remembered as part of the great communion of saints by Thursday 30th October to the church office. These names of friends and family who have passed will be read out during the service. Please feel free to submit a name even if you are unable to attend the service itself.

Big Sing for Remembrance

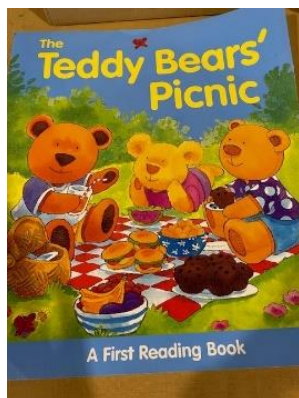
Friday 7th November at 7.30pm. A great night awaits you in the church with a Big Sing for Remembrance. There will be string and brass groups from East Dunbartonshire Schools as well as a piper. The Westerton Male Voice Choir will be singing and leading us in some community singing. Poetry, interviews with some of our members as well as hearing from Donald McLean who served broad. There will be an Act of Remembrance and donations on the evening will be sent to Erskine Home and Help for Heroes. Please come along on the evening and support our veterans.

New Members

Anyone interested in attending a new members class where we explore what it means to be part of the church, please let the church office know. We intend to start a class soon and it would be good to be able to arrange a suitable time and date with everyone. So, if you are simply intrigued or quite sure you'd like to formally join, then please email or phone the office or speak to the minister who can explain more. There is never any pressure to join but it is simply an invitation to join the journey into faith as part of a whole community.

Teddy Bears Picnic

What a super morning at our Teddy Bears Picnic with lots of children and adults having so much fun.



The children iced cakes and used a teddy bear topper and made teddy bears from paper plates. Story time, sing song time and bubble time were enjoyed by everyone.

Many thanks to everyone who donated crisps and juice and a special thank you to all the helpers.

Our next adventure is Rudolph's Christmas Party on 17 December.



Gardening Group

Can you use a rake? No Green fingers required. We are very busy from now right through to Christmas tidying up the millions of leaves that fall in the Manse garden and the path from Manse Road to the Church Hall. We would very much appreciate some seasonal assistants. If you can help (even if only once), please join us outside the Manse on Friday mornings at 9.30am if it's dry overhead. We usually take a short break and visit the Coffee Pot at around 10.30 so it is not all hard work. Outdoor clothing is required but we supply the tools. More details if you need them from Tom McCubbin 07711272838.

NK Book Club

Here's the date and book for our next meeting:

28 Oct - *The Hotel on the Riviera* by Carol Kirkwood. All welcome! 7.30pm, hall

And here are the dates and books over the next 6 months:

25 Nov - *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

6 Jan - *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim Defede

27 Jan - *Paper Cup* by Karen Campbell

24 Feb - *The Glass Maker* by Tracy Chevalier

24 Mar - *The King's Justice* by Susan Elia MacNeal

28 Apr - *Life and Limb* by Jamie Andrew

Eco-Congregation

Those of you who were in church on Sunday 28th September will have heard that New Kilpatrick is becoming an Eco Church. We thought one of the things we could do is to share some tips for sustainable living. You will find a new EcoTip in each newsletter.

If you have EcoTips we could share here, please email them to the church office. **Look out for an EcoTip in every Bulletin.**

Here is our first EcoTip:

Local and seasonal food not only tastes great but is better for the planet too - no food miles and less transport waste. Let's try to incorporate more locally grown produce into our diet and add a reminder to our shopping lists.

Clocks go back

Don't forget the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 26 October.

Don't be too early for church!



Thought for the Week

"Nature has given us two ears but only one mouth."

Benjamin Disraeli, (1804 - 1881) politician, Prime Minister and author.

The Diary

Thursday 16 October

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 17 October:

Coffee Pot 10am – 12pm in the hall.

Sunday 19 October

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Words and Music 6.30pm in the hall

Monday 20 October

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall

Tea and Entertainment for seniors

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday 21 October

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Up for Discussion: Bible Study 7.30pm, hall

Wednesday 22 October

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall

Thursday 23 October

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 24 October

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Saturday 25 October

NK Ramblers: Dams to Darnley Park, Barrhead

Sunday 26 October

Holy Communion 10.30am in church

Add to Hymnlist 6.30pm in the hall

Monday 27 October:

NK Country Dance Club 7.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday 28 October:

The Guild 2pm in the hall.

NK Book Club 7.30pm in the hall.

Campus Team 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 29 October:

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 30 October:

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

NK Heritage Open Meeting 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 31 October:

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Saturday 1 November

Family Walk at Kilmardinny 2pm

meet at the hall

Sunday 2 November:

Big Breakfast 9.15am in the hall

Morning Worship 10.30am in the church

Shared service at All Saints 5pm

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st Kilmardinny Walk with Soup and Sausage Rolls

Sunday 2nd Glasgow City Mission Speaker

Friday 7th Big Sing for Remembrance

Sunday 9th Remembrance

Thursday 13th Thinking Allowed

Friday 21st Quiz Night

Saturday 29th Guild Fair

Sunday 30th Words & Music Service

Lunch and Sound of Music Sing-a-long

DECEMBER

Sunday 7th Solar Aid Launch

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Sunday 14th Red Sock Sunday

Gift Service

Sunday 21st Nativity Sunday

Carol Service

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