



23 March

(Don't forget the clocks spring forward on Saturday)

Presbytery Mission Plan Update

A special meeting of Clyde Presbytery was held last Saturday to discuss the latest draft Mission Plan. Our Representative Elder, Fiona Nicolson, attended and voted on our behalf. Our Session Clerk also attended as appointed representative to express the views of the special Kirk Session meeting held last Wednesday to discuss the Plan. Over 4 ½ hours, Presbytery considered the proposals for each of the six clusters and agreed some small amendments to the Plan, before it was finally approved for submission to National Church. What happens now is that the Plan is considered by the Church's Faith Impact Forum and the General Trustees. If they agree the Plan, it is returned to Presbytery for a final vote before it becomes the approved plan; if they do not approve, it is returned to Presbytery for further discussion and the process repeated until approval is obtained.

If the Plan is eventually agreed in its current form, we will form a Parish Grouping with the Cross Church and Cairns Church in Milngavie, each church retaining its minister, buildings, and separate identity, but working together to encourage mission across three parishes. Eventually, there will be two ministers for the three congregations and how that will work in practice will be for us all to decide over the next five years.

Killermont and Westerton Churches will be working towards a union based at Killermont (although they may retain a presence in Westerton), and Baljaffray will be working towards a union with St Luke's in Milngavie. Baljaffray will be allowed to call a new minister to fill the vacancy created by Ian McEwan demitting the charge at the end of December, once the Plan receives final approval.

Stated Annual Meeting

After the service on Sunday 26th March, we will have the **Stated Annual Meeting**. The Treasurer will present our accounts and any questions can be asked.

Guild Spring Coffee Morning

The Spring Fair returns this Saturday, 25 March, from 10am in the church hall.

The clocks spring forward and the Guild springs into action with coffee, tea, baking, stalls, laughter, chat, community.

You're going to lose an hour on Saturday night, but we have enough to fill any loss of sleep with good memories and happy stories.

Local History Month

Our church will be open on Saturday 25 March from 10 am to 1 pm. Information will be available regarding the windows and some of our church records will be on display.

There will also be an opportunity to see if perhaps you have relations buried in the Churchyard.

Lent Series - "The Chosen"

The last of our Lent Series Bible Study is next Tuesday, 28th March at 6.30pm. We will watch two episodes (episodes 7 and 8) in the hall. Please try to watch episode 6 at home before you come. [Here](#) is the link. We would be delighted if you could join us on this last stage on the journey towards Easter.

NK Heritage Forum

The Heritage Forum is a group for all those with an interest in the history of New Kilpatrick Parish. The next meeting is Thursday, 30 March at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome!

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group is a chance for those who have been bereaved to drop in for coffee/tea and a friendly chat with others in similar circumstances. The next meeting is on Monday, 3 April, 10.30am in the hall.

Easter Family Fun Event

Hop along to a FREE event for all the family on Friday 7 April, 10am-12.30pm. Enjoy some Easter Bonnet-making, biscuit-icing, Easter competitions, and some family-friendly Easter crafts. Tea, coffee, and hot cross buns will be provided, and our NK bakers will be making chocolate nest cakes too.

We are hoping to attract as many families as we can and look to showcase what we are doing at NK to support the community.

Highchairs

We need some highchairs for the Easter Family Fun Event on Good Friday. If you have a highchair that you no longer need, we would be happy to take it for the event. Or we would be grateful for a temporary loan for Good Friday. Contact the church office (mail@nkchurch.org.uk, 0141 942 8827).

Bearsden Festival

Following on from our very successful Year of Stories Festival last year, the Bearsden Festival Association is hoping to create some events for the whole community in September. If you are interested in contributing ideas or volunteering, please get in touch with Jane Gordon (jane@gordon1.eu). The Festival Committee is hoping to meet in the next couple of weeks and would love to welcome some new people.

Welcoming

We are looking for volunteers across the congregation who would like to be our 'Hello' on a Sunday morning, sharing the welcoming of people into our community. Would you be happy to be in the aisle on a Sunday morning as people arrive to welcome and offer to take people to seats, especially if they are visitors and guests? All you need is a willingness to welcome people and make sure everyone finds their place in our community.

If you are interested, please let the office know (mail@nkchurch.org.uk 0141 942 8827).

St Gregory's Food Bank

Let's bring some joy this Easter to the needy in our community! - and what better time to do this than Lent. In order to express our love and concern, we plan to give EASTER EGGS (any shape or size) along with, of course, our much-needed food or monetary donations. Please help us this way, if you can - and we'd be grateful if any Easter eggs could be given by Palm Sunday. Please keep the Easter eggs rolling in; and thank you for the eggs already received. All the usual non-perishable food items are also most welcome, as well as baby essentials. The Halls are open Mon. to Fri. (9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

Coffee Pot The Coffee Pot needs more helpers. Please contact the church office (mail@nkchurch.org.uk, 0141 942 8827).

Easter 2023 Community Project NK will be spreading community cheer again this Easter.

We have easy knitting patterns and recipes, and crafters to demonstrate. We aim to meet again in the church hall walkround from 10 - 12 on Monday 27th March and 3rd April. You are welcome to work away at home, or join us for a chat, cuppa and creative activity.

Please let Kirsteen know how many items you will make (kirsteen7@btinternet.com or telephone 0141 942 7603). We would really like to receive all the creations by Monday 3 April. If anyone is able to volunteer for delivery on Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th April, please let Kirsteen know.

We hope that some of our non-perishable creations will be available to purchase at the **Guild Spring Coffee Morning** this Saturday, 25th March, to add to their fund-raising and to our gifts to be distributed to the parish.



NK Crafters on Monday 13 March

Holy Week Services at New Kilpatrick **Monday 3rd - Friday 7 April**

Each morning in Holy Week at 11am, we will have a short service of worship in the church.

Lenten Lunches **at Bearsden Cross Church**

Lenten Lunches will take place at Bearsden Cross on Thursday 30th March and Thursday 6th April at 12.30pm. There will be a short reflective service (plus Communion on 6th April), followed by a delicious plate of home-made soup! All welcome.

St Paul's and Baldernock Church **Easter Festival**

5th, 6th and 7th April. There will be an exhibition telling the Easter Story in fabric and flora, held in St Paul's Church. A tearoom and craft area for children will be available in the Large Hall.

Those we have lost

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

Irene Miller

Burnside Walk (11.03.23)

Diary

Thursday 23 March

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 24 March

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Saturday 25 March

Guild Spring Fair 10am-12noon in the church hall. Stalls and refreshments.

The Church will be open for Local History Month Open Day 10am-1pm

The clocks spring forward on Saturday.

Sunday 26 March

Morning Worship for Passiontide

led by Alex MacCallum, with **New Kilpatrick Church Choir**, 10.30am in the church.

Stated Annual Meeting after morning worship

A Reflective Service 6.30pm in the hall

Monday 27 March

Community Project Workshop 10am in the hall

Tuesday 28 March

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Lent Bible Study (The Chosen)

Last in series, 6.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 29 March

Midweek Service (warm space) 11am, hall

Thursday 30 March

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

NK Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 31 March

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 2 April

Morning Worship for Palm Sunday

10.30am in the church.

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Monday 3 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Community Project Workshop 10am in the hall

Friendship Group for the Bereaved, 10.30am, hall

Tuesday 4 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

The Guild 1.30pm in the hall.

Home for Good (Guild Project).

Wednesday 5 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

followed by coffee and cake in the hall

Thursday 6 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Maundy Thursday Communion

7.30pm at The Cross Church

Good Friday, 7 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Easter Family Fun Coffee Pot with hot cross buns and crafts 10am in the hall.

Good Friday Service at New Kilpatrick

7.30pm in church.

Easter Sunday, 9 April

Easter Sunday Service 10.30am in church