

New Kilpatrick

Wee Bulletin



There are a mixture of social and worship events coming up that, hopefully, will make return after the summer interesting and enable us to renew friendships.

We've a songs of praise this Sunday as well as the Sunday Clan starting up. We'll also hear about how some of our congregation are hosting Ukrainian guests. Next Sunday (4th September) we'll be finding out more about our big food bank project from one of the food bank organisers in St Gergory's.

There's a Quiz Night in the church hall on 1 September. It was one of the weekly highlights when we lived on Zoom and we are all now very clever indeed. But we have brought together the five quiz masters and mistresses who will lead us in a fabulous night of questions and quizzes. None of them are too scary but all will broaden our minds and deepen our intellect. And if that fails, we'll definitely have a laugh.

You can pop along on your own or organise a group. We won't guarantee prizes but we will guarantee a great night. There will be tea and coffee and biscuits which no one got on Zoom.

We've also got a couple of other groups beginning, from Wellbeing to Bible Study, Discussion and the Coffee Pot. Please come to whichever events you feel comfortable with, rather than think you need to start with worship. **Each one is a step back to church and into our future.**

Sunday Clan

This Sunday, we launch another creative, colourful and engaging journey through the many faith stories we have and the possibilities they offer.

Sunday School returns this Sunday, 28th August. We begin in church at 10.30 with everyone and then have time with our own age-group till about 11.20. 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.

Alex MacCallum

Hi Everyone - You might have already seen me in and about the church over the last few weeks but let me introduce myself. My name is Alex, and I am currently the Probation Minister here at New Kilpatrick.

Having started over the summer I will be with you until October 2023, at which point I will hopefully be moving to my own charge or wherever God leads me to.

I am originally from Belfast and moved over here in 1999, firstly to attend University and then I married my wife, Adele. We have two kids, Eva and Finn, and currently we live in Milngavie, so no excuse for me being late for meetings!

During my training, I attended Highland Theological College and completed placements at Bearsden Cross, Campsie Parish and Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill.

Before joining you all in July, I was Locum minister at Bonhill Parish and spent some time with the congregation at St Andrews East in Denniston.

I am really looking forward to my time at NK and getting to know you all. We have exciting times ahead in the church!

Every Blessing,

Alex MacCallum

Macmillan Coffee Day

3rd September 2022

In the garden at 25 Gartconnell Road. There are still two slots available, 1.30-2.30 and 3-4pm. Please book by emailing kirsteen7@btinternet.com or phoning Kirsteen on 0141 942 7603. Please indicate if you are happy to sit at a small table with others or would prefer to be in your own "bubble".

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

Time for a cuppa in a good cause.

New Kilpatrick Food Bank

Guest Speaker

Please join us on Sunday 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 Sunday mornings. If you are housebound and wish to make a donation, one of our team would be happy to collect 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.

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.

Bearsden Festival



9-11 September

A long, long time ago there was a shark. It knew not that it was going to become famous; so famous the good people of Bearsden would name it after them and come to love it as one of their own. In fact, it turned out to be one of a kind, which made it even more famous. It found its way to the Manse Burn and there it lived for 100's of millions of years undisturbed.

But one day, it revealed its last hiding place, and it grabbed the imagination so deeply that poets crafted verse about it, authors wrote books about it,

universities taught about it, dances were created about it, pictures were taken, and films made of it.

And it all comes together on one unique weekend in September. Between the 9th and 11th of September, Bearsden Festival will retell the story of the Bearsden Shark in a plethora of different ways. Posters are around the church and the details are below. All events are free, but tickets are required for some from Eventbrite. You can pop over to the festival website (<https://www.bearsdenfestival.org/>) for all the details and easy access to the tickets.

Friday 9th September

A Celebration of Edwin Morgan who wrote about the Bearsden Shark 7.30pm. New Kilpatrick Church Hall.

There will be poetry and music and theatre with a cellist and actors. We'll have live conversation with the biographer of Edwin Morgan and an expert who has studied his story and poetry. Quite a significant and unique night. Never before have all these folk and words and music come together to celebrate Bearsden's most famous writer. Please do join us.

Saturday 10th September

Doors Open Day at New Kilpatrick Church 10am-3pm organised by our **Heritage group** plus, in the same space, an almost life-sized shark, information about the finding of the shark 40 years ago and an **art exhibition** from local schools.

A family fun **treasure hunt**, beginning in the church and going round the cross with goodie bag prizes.

Make Your Own Shark **Willow Workshops** at 10am and 1pm in the church hall.

In the evening a **Gala Film Screening** 7.30pm in Bearsden Baptist Church, of films made by local Bearsden families and young people at special workshops a few weeks ago.

Animations, dramas, and documentaries, including Bearsden Memories with a few well-kent faces. A red-carpet community event.

Sunday 11th September

An Afternoon of **Wellness 30-minute Taster Sessions** for some for all ages, some for grown-ups - 1.30-8pm New Kilpatrick Church Hall from Yoga to Wellness workshops, SingSong to knitting, music making to art and a labyrinth. Book your free pass or just come along in good time to your chosen sessions.

If you would like to take part, then go to the Festival website (www.bearsdenfestival.org/) which has easy access to all events. If you would like to volunteer to help steward, or put together the goodie bags then please speak to Roddy Hamilton.

It is a weekend of community engagement, storytelling and experiencing together an ancient tale with lots of modern twists. Something for every age group.

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.

Ministry of Intercessions

If you would like to share in worship by leading the intercessory prayers, please let us know. Roddy will discuss the theme of the service with you so that you can reflect it in your prayers. Participation in this ministry is very much appreciated. Just contact the office, mail@nkchurch.org.uk, 0141 942 8827.

Quiz Night

Thurs, 1st September 7.30pm

Don't forget to come along to our live quiz night where we've transported our weekly meeting place during the pandemic to the church hall. The Zoom quiz is in the flesh for one night only and the five quizmeisters will be there, each with their own round and everyone else poised with paper and pen. Come as teams or as individuals. Either way we will assure you of leaving with your brain a little larger and your confidence boosted.

Manse Road

We need to make you aware that there are now no longer any parking pays on Manse Road. They seemed to have been removed this week. If you normally park there you may need to think of another road, or we might sell tickets for the Manse driveway!

Organ Concert

Chris Nickol is playing the 3.00pm organ concert in Kelvingrove Art Gallery this Sunday 28th August. Songs by Elton John, Billy Joel, Richard Rodgers & music by Bach, Lefebure-Wely & Nickol(!).

Diary

Thursday 25th

Daybreak, church hall, 1.30pm.

Sunday 28th

Songs of Praise. A Big Sing in the sanctuary at 10.30am.

Sunday Clan for 3 years-P7

Monday 29th

Presbytery Mission Plan Consultation

7.30pm, Church Hall.

Wednesday 31st

Midweek service at 11am in the church hall, followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 1st September

Daybreak, church hall, 1.30pm.

Quiz Night, church hall, 7.30pm