

New Kilpatrick Bulletin 30 October

NK Heritage Open Meeting

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

Margaret Martin is giving an illustrated talk on the war graves in the churchyard.

All are very welcome to attend and hear this interesting talk.

Windy Walk

Windy Walk around Kilmardinny this Saturday 1st November at 2pm.

This is open to anyone who enjoys a short walk. 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 the Thomson Drive entrance to Kilmardinny Loch at 2pm without notifying us, but we need an indication of those attending the tea in the 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 by lunchtime tomorrow (Friday) so we know how many to cater for.

Big Breakfast

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

We have a great menu and a fabulous bundle of breakfasteers 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 by noon tomorrow (Friday).

Donations will go to Glasgow City Mission. **Jack Geddes of Glasgow City Mission will be our guest this Sunday at our Homeless Sunday Service.**

All Saints Evening Service

We have been invited to be part of All Saints evening service this Sunday, 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 to the church office (0141 942 9927, mail@nkchurch.org.uk) **by today at 2.30pm.** 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.

Big Sing for Remembrance

Next 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 Maclean who served abroad.

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.

If you can **supply a traybake or shortbread biscuits**, please contact Suzanne through the church office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk)

NK Ramblers

The next walk is at Callander Woods and Kelty Water on Saturday 15 November. More information will be on the poster in the hall window.

Thinking Allowed

Thursday 13 November, 7.30 for 8pm at New Kilpatrick Halls.

Professor Heather Cubie will talk on Cervical Cancer Prevention in Malawi.

Professor Cubie was a Consultant Clinical Scientist in virology and Director of R&D in NHS Lothian. She had shared responsibility for a cervical cancer reduction programme in Malawi from 2013-24. Continuous professional development for providers, cascade training and mentorship have created a skilled workforce offering a sustainable programme.

Quiz Night

Ready to prove you're the smartest person in the room? Don't miss our Quiz Night on Friday 21 November at 7.30pm in the hall.

Tickets cost £5 per person and are available from the Church Office or on a Sunday morning.

Teams consist of 4 or 5 people but we welcome smaller groups and individuals who will be put together to form a team.

BYOB and snacks will be provided.

The winning team gets ultimate bragging rights!

Sing-along Sound of Music

So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, good night... or rather, hello!

Get ready for musical fun with a ***Sing-Along to The Sound of Music* on Sunday 30 November**, starting with lunch after the service then the full film to sing along to.

All the words will be in the booklet provided.

If you're joining us for lunch, just count out how many tickets you'll require for your party and pop them in the box in the hall walkround.

Yodel-ay-hee-hoo!

New Members

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.

NK Book Club

Here are the dates and books over the next 6 months, all at 7pm in the hall:

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

Mile of Loose Change

We are moving along quite nicely. We're out the hall doors and turned to the right to go up towards Gartconnell. Slowly but surely...

This project is intended to take up to two years and is in response to the deficit we will have this year of about £35,000. Our demographics as a congregation are changing and the cost of everything is rising significantly and we have never found ourselves in this position before.

We thought hard about how best to respond to this as we do not want to stop all the other partnership working and support we share with Glasgow City Mission, G15, St Gregory's Foodbank, Christian Aid and many, many others, who are always the priority in the Kingdom of God, and discovered that by creating a mile of £1 coins over the next two years would raise about £60,000, in effect all from our 'loose change'!

We felt this was low key, possible, a bit of fun and would enable us to continue the very generous support we are privileged to give our neighbours as we believe we are called here to do yet also keep everything going at 'home' without a big fundraising campaign - all from a few coins in our pocket.

We can use Gift Aid too if you wish. Please speak to Alistair Wood, our treasurer.

Nick Novak **Our student minister**

Following a 20-year career in education, tech and social enterprise, Nick has spent the last few years exploring a call to



ministry and recently began his formal coursework in theology. Despite living in the UK since 2012, Nick still is no closer to losing his American accent or his love for baseball. He is thrilled to be at New Kilpatrick and is grateful to be so warmly welcomed by this thriving community. When not at NK, you are likely to find Nick, his wife Allison and their pup Chester out hiking the Arrochar Alps from their home in Tarbet.

St Gregory's

The response to our recent Harvest appeal for the foodbank was wonderful and the team at St Gregory's were extremely grateful. Recently they handed out a record number of 371 bags in one week - a grim statistic. They have also had to reduce what goes into the bags of basic food due to a general downturn in online donations and the ever-increasing price of fresh produce.

They have asked me to thank everyone at New Kilpatrick for continuing to support them in spite of the gloomy economy. This gives them strength and hope that they can continue to support those in need.

I would like to thank the members of the congregation who have very generously donated food and money and a special thanks to those who have donated home grown apples (a bumper crop this year) and fresh vegetables.

Gardening Group

Can you use a rake? No Green fingers required. We are very busy 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.

Lodging House Mission:

Christmas cards will be on sale in the church hall after morning services this Sunday and on Sundays 9th and 16th November, in aid of The Lodging House Mission. Please come and support this work and enable staff to make Christmas special for homeless people.

Weekly Video Service

Just a wee reminder that a weekly video version of the service filmed in the Manse garden is posted on the website each Saturday so that those unable to attend church can still share in worship with us.

You can watch the seasons change, comment on haircuts and drink coffee at the same time, which you can't do in church! There is also an audible podcast version posted weekly on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts.

Bearsden Festival

As you know, Storm Amy forced the cancellation of the Bearsden Festival Community Day on 4th October, however the Festival team are busy creating a Christmas-themed Community Day on Saturday 6th December instead.

There will be a craft fair, storytelling with Santa, some live music and a festive family ceilidh.

We would love to offer some hands-on crafting activity for families to do together, perhaps while waiting their turn to go and see Santa. We would need a small team to supervise the making of simple eco-friendly decorations, Christmas cards or wrapping paper (full instructions and materials will be supplied). If you could spare an hour or two from around 11am to 2.00pm to help with this little bit of community outreach, please contact Catherine in the office by 16 November.

We would also love to recruit anyone who would like to sing a few carols to add to the atmosphere - something that was very much appreciated last year. Again, please leave your name with Catherine if you fancy a good sing.

Many thanks in advance to all the helpful elves out there!

Boys' Brigade

The Boys' Brigade annual concert will be held in the BB Hall on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November.

The show starts at 7.30 pm. This year the Boys are putting on their take on "Frozen" - "The Eternal Blizzard".

Tickets are £6 Adult and £3 Child.

Eco-Congregation.

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 this bulletin's EcoTip:

As we start thinking about Christmas gifts, let's consider whether our gifts are made from sustainable and recyclable materials and can be used again and again. Are they produced and sold/delivered by companies whose business practices are good for people and planet?

The Diary

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

Sunday 2 November:

Big Breakfast 9.15am in the hall

Homeless Sunday Worship 10.30am

Shared service at All Saints 5pm

Monday 3 November:

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday 4 November:

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Up for Discussion: Bible Study 7.30pm, hall

Wednesday 5 November:

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 6 November: Daybreak 1.30pm hall

Friday 7 November:

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Big Sing for Remembrance 7.30pm in church

Saturday 8 November:

NK Ramblers: Callander Woods & Kelty Water

Sunday 9 November:

The Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.45am.

Morning worship at New Kilpatrick at

11.30am. Please note the change of time.

Desert Island Hymns at 6.30pm in the hall.

NK Youth Club 7.15-8.45pm, hall.

Monday 10 November:

NK Country Dance Club 7.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday 11 November:

The Guild 2pm in the hall.

Film Afternoon: Mrs Harris goes to Paris

Wednesday 12 November:

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 13 November:

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Thinking Allowed 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 14 November:

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Saturday 15 November

Bearsden Cross Church Coffee Concert at NK

11.30am. Apollo's Melody - flute and harp duo

Sunday 16 November:

Morning Worship 10.30am in the church

Words and Music 6.30pm in the hall

Those we have lost:

[We record their names here and celebrate what they have been to us.](#)

Mary Morrison, Antonine House (14.10.23)

Elizabeth Beith, Mannofield (05.10.25)

Bill Paterson, Garvel Road, Milngavie (19.10.25)

Thought for the Week

"Give thyself time to learn something new and good, and cease to be whirled around."

Marcus Aurelius (c. AD 121-180) Roman Emperor and philosopher.

Other dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Saturday 29th Guild Fair

DECEMBER

Sunday 7th Solar Aid Launch

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Sunday 14th Red Sock Sunday

Gift Service

Monday 15th Outdoor Nativity

Sunday 21st Nativity Sunday

Carol Service

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