

New Kilpatrick Bulletin 21st August 2025

Back to NK:

On our return to New Kilpatrick this Sunday, 24th August, we gather and say hello to this new season with an **intergenerational communion**. The bread and wine call us together, to a table that is open to everyone, regardless of age, gender, politics, or whatever generation we are.

So please accept the invitation that is given to all, to be together at table and share the story of love as we open up the year and step into a season that will help us retell our story and create a richer community.

Macmillan Garden Coffee Day:

We are again having an event, to tie in with the Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Day, at 25 Gartconnell Road on Saturday 30th August.

To support this good cause, please email kirsteen7@btinternet.com or telephone 0141 942 7603 to book one of the following slots:- 1.30- 2.30pm or 3-4pm

Or a donation can be made at www.justgiving.com/CM25017810

Open Day and Christian Aid 80th Anniversary

Two things come together on the one day on **Saturday 6th September**. We **open our doors** to tell our story in stained glass demonstrations and talks, as well as celebrate **Christian Aid's 80th anniversary** of giving hope to millions of people around the globe, which we have always supported.

One speaks of our heritage here, the long story of God's People in one place, and the other speaks of our heritage of compassion in the wider world, that we do not exist here on our own or for ourselves but for all of creation.

Please come along to both, and enjoy community, story and discovering something new. More information in the next column.

EDC Doors Open:

The church will be open on **Saturday 6th September from 10am-3pm**.

There will be guided tours, live stained-glass demonstrations and talks, and people there to answer your questions.

Christian Aid Coffee

Morning: Saturday 6th September, from 10am - 12noon in the hall, the Christian Aid committee is running a coffee morning to raise funds for Christian Aid to mark its 80th year. Hopefully you can support Christian Aid by coming along for a cuppa and cake. No ticket required, just a donation at the door.

NK Book Club

Here are the dates and books for our meetings over the next few months:

26 Aug (next Tuesday):

The List of Suspicious Things by Jenny Godfrey

30 Sept - *The Glass House* by Eve Chase

28 Oct - *The Hotel on the Riviera*
by Carol Kirkwood

All are welcome. All 7.30pm in the hall.

World Alzheimer's Day Service on Sunday 21st September at

2.30pm in the Church: This service is to recognise and promote this disease but also to thank God that people with any form of Alzheimer's are still valued and can offer so much to our community. It is also a thanksgiving service for their carers, family and friends, the health service and organisations who work with this group. There will be a guest speaker who will speak on Alzheimer's in the local area as well as other invited guests who have accepted our invitation to attend the event. Following the service, which will last 30/35 minutes, there will be an afternoon tea.

If you know anyone who has this disease or anyone who cares or has cared for people in the past, then please let them know.

To this end Suzanne Barltrop is looking for volunteers to bake, make finger sandwiches (no crust), gluten-free goods, and to help on the day. If you feel you can help, please speak to Suzanne or contact the office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk)

Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated.

Hidden Gardens 2026

Saturday 30 May 2026 12.30-4.30pm.

Held in 2018 and 2019 but not since Covid, this local open-gardens event is back, by popular request.

What kinds of gardens are usually open?

Gardens do not need to be show garden standard but should have some areas of interest, either in design or planting, to entice visitors in.

What is involved?

If you decide that this kind of event is for you, we would ask you to develop a short description of your garden, indicating level of accessibility and parking arrangements.

What else do I need to do on the day?

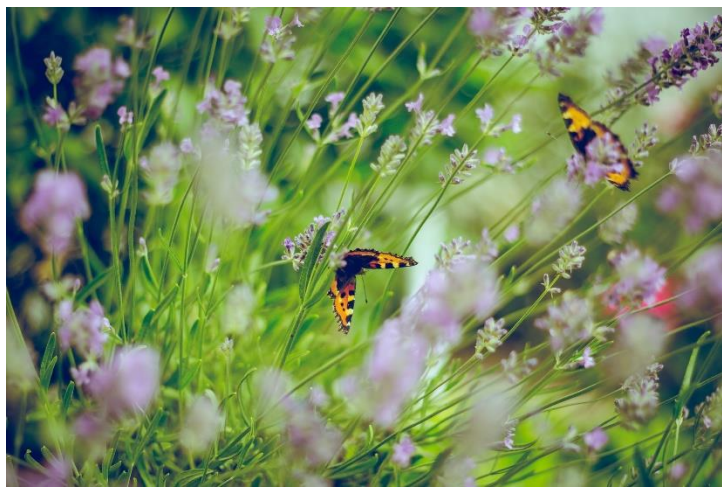
Simply have your garden open from 12.30-4pm.

What happens to the proceeds?

All proceeds will go to 2 charities - Glasgow City Mission and Revive MS Support.

What do I do now?

If you would like to be involved this year or would like more information, please contact: Eileen and Stewart Young eileenryoung1@gmail.com



Road Closure

Kirk Place will have very limited access due to essential works by SP Energy Networks **for the next 2 weeks.** The lane in front of the halls will have limited accessibility (some days closed), and the disabled spaces will not be accessible. We suggest instead that those with blue badges use the churchyard to park at this time.

Coffee Pot

The new rota from September to December can be collected from Coffee Pot's pigeonhole in the hall vestry.

NK Ramblers:

The next NK Ramblers walk will be a moderate walk in Campsie Glen and Milton of Campsie on Saturday, August 30th.

More information is on the poster in the hall walkround. All welcome!

Photograph of a tea break during the recent walk from Lunderston Bay to Inverkip.



Way Ahead Group:

This is a group for those who have had a stroke. We provide Physiotherapy, games, tea with home baking, but most of all fun and a time to chat with others in the same situation. Each person has differing problems and capabilities.

We meet every Thursday in Boclair Community Church, previously called Killermont Church. Most of our members are able to make their own arrangements to get there but a few need transport. I am asking if anyone is able and willing to volunteer as a driver. It would be once a month on the 4th Thursday. This is a really worthwhile and rewarding contribution. All our members, who by the way are great fun, appreciate all we do.

To chat about what this entails, please phone me, Pam Douglas, 0141 942 9373 mobile 07939493132.

Glasgow City Mission

is looking for **2 volunteers per night** from New Kilpatrick for the Evening Drop-in, weeks beginning **Monday 1 September** and **Monday 24 November from 6-8.30pm at Crimea Street.** New volunteers are particularly welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall walkround.

For more information contact: Eileen Young on 07762 899127 or eileen.young3@icloud.com

NK Crocheters

Volunteers at NK have been knitting 8-inch squares to create blankets for Glasgow's 850th anniversary as part of Glasgow Presbytery's Close Knit Project.

We meet again to crochet the beautiful squares into blankets on **Tuesday 26 August in the Hall at 2 pm**. We'd be delighted to have your company and your help. Bring along a 4mm crochet hook. There is always cake to enjoy as well as good company.

St Gregory's

As always St Gregory's are extremely grateful for all the support they receive from New Kilpatrick. Our trug has continued to be replenished over the summer when many people have been away.

There is always a need for non-perishable food items and toiletries.

Thank you all for your continued support.

The Hall is open Monday to Friday (9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

The World Day of Prayer Gathering

The 3rd World Day of Prayer Annual Gathering takes place on Saturday 20th September in Park Church, Stirling, 10.30am - 3.30pm.

The theme is *United in Prayer* and will look back to this years' service from the Cook Island and forward to Nigeria in March 2026.

Jo Love from Wildgoose Resource Group and Christina Paterson, the National Convenor of the Church of Scotland Guild will be there.

The programme will include guest speakers, prayer stations, WDP Stall, table talk, music, praise, worship and refreshments.

If you plan to attend, contact Suzanne Foster, treasurer@wdpscotland.org.uk

Milk Bottle Topsand back to the routine !

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the real summer weather we have experienced this year. For me, at times, it was too hot. Not often that we Scots have that complaint !

But here we are, heading into the Autumn. Schools are back and the winter routine begins. And that includes collecting the MILK BOTTLE TOPS for Pathfinder.

This project has been a tremendous success. Everyone has risen to the challenge and my only regret is that I have no accurate way of measuring just how many milk bottle tops we have sent off to Pathfinder.

I am about to send the sixth box. A photo of which is shown here.

The boxes are gifted from M&S in Bearsden. Quite large, as you can see.

So what is made from the MILK BOTTLE TOPS ?

Well one useful thing is Fence Posts. The 'TOPS' are shredded and then using an extruding process, made into fences. No painting, no rotting. And Pathfinder blind clients get involved in this process.

So PLEASE keep bringing your Milk Bottle Tops to Church and putting them in the container provided.

THANK YOU !

Joyce B Deans



NK Heritage Forum

NK Heritage Forum is for all those with an interest in the long history of the parish. The next meeting is on Thursday, 28th August, at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome.

Daybreak

A cry for help. Daybreak would be glad to welcome new volunteers to their ranks and would be especially thrilled if 1 or 2 gentlemen could spare a couple of hours every other Thursday to 'challenge' our Dominoes, Golf and Shooting enthusiasts. (rubber bullets, no fatalities so far!!) No special skills required just a sense of humour and a friendly disposition!

We also desperately need a Chairobics coach for just 20 minutes each Thursday. This is an important part of our session and greatly benefits our members AND our volunteers!

For more information, please contact Morven White on 07919 134624. Or why not pop in on a Thursday any time from 1.30 till 3.30.

Thinking Allowed

The next talk and discussion is at Carins Church, Milngavie, on Thursday 18 September.

Rev Professor Glen Pettigrove will talk on 'What do Christians think about Assisted Dying?'

The short answer is 'A wide variety of things', and the topic should provoke a lively debate.

As usual refreshments will be served from 7.30pm and the talk will start at 8pm.

Thought for the Week

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

(Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803 - 1882, American essayist, poet and philosopher)

The Diary

Thursday 21 August

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 22 August

Coffee Pot 10am - 12noon, hall.

Sunday 24 August

Family Communion 10.30am in church

Tuesday 26 August

NK Crocheters 2pm in the hall.

NK Book Club 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 27 August

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 28 August

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 29 August

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Sunday 31 August

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Monday 1 September:

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall

Tuesday 2 September:

SingSong! 2pm in the hall. Songs for all, especially those with memory loss.

Business Committee 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 3 September:

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 4 September:

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Friday 5 September:

Coffee Pot 10am - 12noon, hall.

Saturday 6 September

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

10am in the hall

East Dunbartonshire Doors Open Day

Church Open 10am - 3pm