



7 December

NK Gift Service Sunday 10th December

All gifts will go to St Gregory's Foodbank

Basic nutritional foods and baby essentials are greatly needed as well as the much-appreciated monetary donations.

St. Gregory's would also be delighted to receive Christmas treats, i.e., **boxes of biscuits / chocolates / gift toiletries**. Please remember that the FoodBank does not accept toys.

The Halls are open Mon to Fri (9am to 2.30pm) or Sunday mornings.

If you are housebound, please contact Muriel Salmond (0141 942 8484) and arrangements will be made to uplift your donation.

Christian Aid

Donations at this Sunday's coffee, following worship, will be for Christian Aid.

There will be baking provided to accompany your coffee so please do come along and support.

Your generosity will, again, help young women to shine. As we prepare for Christmas, in areas around the world, girls as young as 13 are preparing to get married. Like all girls, they have dreams - but, born into poverty, they don't have the choice to fulfil them. They're disadvantaged from the moment they're born, because of their gender.

By donating now, your gift could help transform the lives of young women in remote, vulnerable regions like Bangladesh's Kurigram district. With training in business skills, they'll become change agents. They'll use the power of the internet to support each other, help their families and lead real progress for their communities.

Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Many thanks for the large number of donations we have already received through the Christian Aid envelopes. They are very much appreciated.

Christmas Outreach

One more workshop on Monday 11th December - when we can create our gifts over a cup of tea or coffee. We are doing this as a joint project with the Cross Church.

A big thank you to all the knitters and crafters who have been busy helping us reach our target.

If you can help with distributing the finished products to some of the more isolated members of our community, could you please contact Kirsteen? (Kirsteen7@btinternet.com 0141 842 7603). Gifts will be distributed in the week beginning Monday 18th December - and can be picked up at the church hall during office hours (Mon - Thurs 9am-2pm) or delivered to you.

The Guild All welcome - men too! The next meeting is on Tuesday 12 December, at 2pm in the hall for entertainment by Mary McDonald and singers from Clydebank District Choir.

Kelvingrove Organ Concerts:

Chris Nickol is playing in the Art Gallery on Saturdays 9th and 30th December at 1pm.

Carols at ASDA

We are seeking singers from New Kilpatrick to join Castlehill Baptist Church, Killermont Parish Church and St Andrews RC Church, carol-singing at ASDA on Saturday 16

December - 12noon - 1pm. Collection buckets and carol sheets provided. Let Iain Stuart know if you will be joining the singers (0141 942 2056, iainstuart78@gmail.com).

The Coffee Pot

The last Coffee Pot of the year at the usual time (10am) in the hall is on **Friday 15**

December when we will be singing carols and having mince pies.

On Friday 22 December we will have a special Christmas soup, bread & cheese lunch from 11am - 1pm in the hall. Please let the office know if you are coming (942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Advent Bible Study

A wee advent zone of prophets and promises.

We explore Luke 1: 38-56 on Tuesday 12th in the hall. Mary sings her song and we join in, but do we know what we sing?.

Glasgow City Mission is looking for 2 volunteers per night from New Kilpatrick for the Evening Drop In from Monday 22 January 2024 to Thursday 25 January from 6-8.30pm at the Crimea Street building.

Church volunteers will eat dinner with the Mission team and their guests, and join the regular teams in running the drop-in, serving food, cleaning up, etc.

The City Mission are also looking for help for the Evening Drop in in the week beginning Monday 26 February 2024 (except for the Wednesday

28th) to join the Mission team and guests for dinner and serving/clearing up.

Both sign-up sheets will be in the hall walkround this Sunday. Or contact the church office, if you can help (942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk)

The Monday Club

Come and join us for friendship and entertainment. Transport is available, if required.

The next meeting (Monday 18 December) is an outing. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318 rona_ah38@outlook.com

Westerton Male Voice Choir

The Spirit of Christmas. Festive songs and stories in the church. Musical Director, Bryan S Marshall, Pianist, Penny Watson. Friday 15 December at 7.30pm, Saturday 16 December at 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/westerton-male-voice-choir

Cathures Chamber Choir

Cathures Chamber Choir will be giving a concert of Carols and Seasonal Music in Bearsden Cross Parish Church on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30 pm, the net proceeds from which will go to the Glasgow City Mission.

The programme will include Carols for both choir and audience as well as choral items including the wonderful setting of "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen, often heard on Classic FM.

Entry to the concert will be by donation at the door.

Heritage Corner

The Heritage Group is setting up a small reference section of books in the church hall.

You can browse through these while waiting for a meeting etc. or come along at any time the halls are open in the day for a longer read.

We only have one copy of each book so please **don't remove them from the halls.**

Donated local history books welcome.

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes

Freewill offering envelopes for 2024 are now available for collection in the church hall walkround.

Christmas Cards and Greetings

Once again, this year we have put up a table in the Walkround of the church hall, where Christmas cards can be exchanged in alphabetical boxes, saving postage costs.

Diary

Thursday 7 December

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 8 December

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 10 December

Gift Service 10.30am.

Nativity rehearsal and

Sunday School Party after the service

Christmas Island Hymns 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 11 December

Christmas Outreach Workshop 10am hall

NK Country Dancing Group 7.30pm hall

Tuesday 12 December

The Guild 2pm in the hall

Advent Bible Study 7.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 13 December

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 14 December

Daybreak Christmas Party 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 15 December

Coffee Pot 10am with carols and mince pies!

Westerton Male Voice Choir Festive Songs and Stories in the church 7.30pm

Saturday 16 December

Westerton Male Voice Choir Festive Songs and Stories in the church 2pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 17 December

Nativity Service 10.30am in church

Short Communion 11.30am in church

Joint Carol Service with Bearsden Cross Parish Church and All Saints 4.30pm at NK

Monday 18 December

Monday Club is an outing.

Tuesday 19 December

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 20 December

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

CHRISTMAS

NATIVITY

Sunday 17th, 10.30am

CAROLS & STORIES

Sunday 17th, 4.30pm

Shared with All Saints
& Bearsden Cross
Hospitality as you arrive

LIGHT FESTIVAL

Sunday 24th

6.30pm: Angel Workshop
7pm: Festival
8pm: Hospitality

WATCHNIGHT

Sunday 24th, 11.30pm

Shared with All Saints

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday 25th, 10.30am

Shared with Bearsden Cross
in Bearsden Cross Church