

Wee Bulletin

Thursday 11 August 2022

Bakers

Over a great number of years, we have had an even greater bundle of bakers who have generously offered baking for special events where we have offered hospitality to our neighbours and other organisations. Thank you for this important ministry of hospitality and welcome to others.

We would like to relaunch this list, aware that the original one was created more than a decade ago! Time and resources have changed, and we would like to create a new list, letting some who have been volunteering to do this for decades take a rest if they wish and to open this up to a bundle of new bakers.

If you would like to volunteer to bake for the various acts of hospitality we offer (new members' events, afternoon communion, Christmas party for senior members etc) then please contact the office in the first instance (mail@nkchurch.org.uk). Baking will always be for a special event where we welcome and generously care for others.

Communion and Picnic

Round the table together at 10.30 followed by a welcome back picnic in the Manse garden.

Next week, on Sunday 21 August, we come together round the table as we begin a new season. It is a table that is open to all, of every age, a safe place to be where we welcome each other back and share a story where everyone has a place.

It will be an intergenerational communion, less formal, but just as deep in creating community once more and will lead into a picnic in the Manse garden. With echoes of the Jubilee, we'll have traditional Sunday School picnic races and games for every generation.

We'd like everyone to come to the picnic. Please bring a seat for the garden and some sandwiches. We will provide juice and entertainment. If it is raining, then we will be in

the hall, but we are doing everything we can, in an act of generosity, to move any possible rain to our neighbours down south.

Christian Aid

East Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal

We have received an urgent appeal from Christian Aid for the crisis in East Africa. Many are facing famine and lives are at risk following the worst drought to have hit the area for 40 years.

Anyone attending the joint summer service at Bearsden Cross Church last Sunday should have received a Christian Aid envelope and flyer to enable you to make a donation. There will be envelopes available this Sunday too. If you prefer, however, to donate online you can do so by pressing on [this link](#).

You can hand the envelopes back in at either New Kilpatrick or Bearsden Cross Church.

Huge thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sunday Clan

We are ready to set off on another journey into life, faith, and Jesus every Sunday from 10.30 -11.20.

Sunday School is about to begin on 28th of August. We gather in intergenerational communion on 21st and then begin all our activities on the 28th. It is a great opportunity to step back into church life and share some fabulous stories together, be creative together, explore faith and life together. Anyone aged from three years to primary 7 is invited to join the journey with us and enjoy church once more and add some colour and laughter and creativity to our church life.

Enquirers' Class

We're going to be offering a short run of classes for anyone who might be interested in formally joining the church.

These will be three discussions on what faith means today and what it is to be church in this day and age. It is also open to anyone who has recently joined or anyone who has been a member for decades to look again and explore a reimagined version of ourselves.

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 (0141 942 0035, roddy.hamilton@churchofscotland.org.uk) or just come along at 11.30-12.30.



Macmillan Coffee Day

3rd September 2022

In the absence of Coffee Pot last year, many supported a Macmillan Coffee Day which was held here in the garden at 25 Gartconnell Road. The great news is that Coffee Pot will be returning to NK but, until it gets going, there will again be a Macmillan day here, this time on Saturday 3rd September. We will still have some safeguards in place, in through the front door and exiting through the garage - annual tidy-up will happen, though you may not notice!

All are very welcome, but it would be helpful if you could book a place at one of the 4 slots:- 10-11am, 11.30-12.30, 1.30-2.30 and 3-4pm and indicate if you are happy to sit at a small table with others or would prefer to be in your own "bubble". The weather is going to be beautiful, but there will be contingency plans.....

The personalised Macmillan website for this particular coffee day can be found at thyg.uk/BUS007218768 and, if you wish, donations can be made through this page. If you can manage, please book one of the slots - there will be about 20 places at each - by emailing kirsteen7@btinternet.com or phoning Kirsteen on 0141 942 7603. Time for a cuppa, a chat and all in a good cause.

Postcards 2022

This is our last week for contributing postcards for our community project.

Our writers are sharpening their pencils for the Writing Bee on Friday 19th August. Whether you have visited some exotic place, or stayed at home, we would be grateful for postcards, written or blank, to try to get to our target of 650. There are a lot of more isolated people in our community!

Welcome Back Season

As we start up again and reimagine ourselves here are some dates for your diary that we hope you will find as a doorway back into church life.

Health & Wellbeing Group: an open group that will offer ways of handling life, gently and generously
Monthly from Monday 19th September

Think Again: our discussion group that dares go where our faith wants us to but we are not always comfortable with: fortnightly from Tuesday 20th September

Bible for Duffers: an honest Bible study that takes the passages from the upcoming weeks and explores the background, context, and possibilities of hearing anew. Fortnightly from Tuesday 27th September

That's the serious stuff. We'll have lots of less formal and more social activities too in the upcoming weeks. More next week on that.

Diary

Thursday 11th

Daybreak, church hall, 1.30pm.

Sunday 14th

The last of our shared services at Bearsden Cross Parish Church:

All-Age Worship in **Bearsden Cross** church hall at 9.30am.

Morning Worship at 10.30 in **Bearsden Cross** sanctuary.

Wednesday 17th

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

Thursday 18th

Daybreak, church hall, 1.30pm.

Friday 19th

Postcard Writing Bee 10-12noon, church hall

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