

**25 January 2024**

## 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Our anniversary service marking us becoming a parish church is on Sunday 18th February and we have the Moderator of the General Assembly leading our worship that day. It will be the beginning of a number of events to mark this 375th year.**

You can now pick up a **brochure** of all our events, designed to help us face outwards to our parish. We're going to have:

- a timeline stretching across the hall windows.
- breakfast before the Anniversary service.
- a Heritage Weekend on 9 & 10 March.
- the Guild 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rededication and Thanksgiving Service on 10 March
- a concert led by the NHS Choir on 16 March.
- a Passion Play on 26 March.
- an Anniversary Concert on 19 April.
- a Communion service where we will plant a yew tree on 28 April.
- 1000 voices when our daughter churches will join us on 19 May.
- a picnic in the manse garden on 2 June.
- a touring Parish Story in mid-June.
- a Dedication Service on 1 September.
- a stained-glass story of the parish with our young folk in mid-September.
- Open Doors with the Heritage Forum in mid-September.
- A Harvest Service celebrating our farmland and agricultural heritage on 6 October.
- Planning a Pilgrims' Way from Paisley Abbey to New Kilpatrick. The monks crossed the Clyde and laid the foundations on the northside of the river in the thirteenth century.

On Sunday 28th January, a **photographer** will take all our photos. Every generation, every story, every design and imagination that is each one of us, creating the image of the story of the community that is **New Kilpatrick in this moment of time**. If you can't be here on Sunday, please send a **digital photo of yourself** to [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk) and we will add it to the collage.

## Bearsden's Got Talent

**On Saturday 19th April, as part of our 375 celebrations, we are bringing together some of the huge talent we have in our parish and, indeed, congregation.**

We want to finish this **variety concert** with a great finale so now is the time to dust off your fiddle, flute, guitar, tuba or paper and comb!

We will have one rousing piece to close our concert and parts can be supplied of three notes or we can give those who would like a big cadenza!

There is absolutely no age-restriction - **a wide span of ages would be fantastic** - so please give your name and contact number to Catherine in the office (0141 942 8827, [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk)).

## Warm Space

**Cosy Monday with activities to Beat the Winter Blues - hot drinks, chat, and something interesting to do. Monday 29th January 10am- 12 noon.** Discover the fascinating world of **book folding with Yvette** and recycle your battered old paperbacks into works of art. This simple, relaxing craft is suitable for everyone - no experience required.

## The Guild

**All are welcome at The Guild.** The next meeting is on Tuesday 30 January at 2pm in the hall for a Film Afternoon. Men are welcome too.

## Thinking Allowed at Cairns

Cairns Church, Milngavie, Thursday 8 February 2024, 7.30pm for 8pm.

### Painted Parables: The Prodigal Son in Western European Art

#### Speaker: Ailsa Turner

An exploration of the parable of the Prodigal Son as represented by a range of artists over the centuries.

## Those we have lost:

**We record their names here and celebrate what they have been to us.**

**Iain Dickson**, Kilmardinny Gate (21.01.24)

## The Reverend Ralph Smith

Sadly, we have been informed that **The Reverend Ralph Smith**, former Associate Minister at New Kilpatrick, has died. He died in Edinburgh on Sunday 21 January 2024.

## St Gregory's Food Bank

**"Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it....."**

Let's help those "that want it" within our community and fill our trug to overflowing. Basic non-perishable, nutritious foods are needed - e.g. tinned meat, fish, vegetable soup, baked beans, fruit, custard, as well as pasta and rice. Baby essentials and toothpaste are also needed. Monetary donations are always very acceptable. Housebound? Please contact Muriel Salmond (942 8484) and your donation will be uplifted.

The halls are open Mon. - Fri. (9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning.

Our **donations** for coffee after the Midweek Services, Sunday Services and Coffee Pot for the months of October to December amounted to £1,625.52 and have again been donated to St Gregory's Food Bank. This brings the total for 2023 to £6,276.30 which is a fantastic total.

Members have also donated via the Church bank account a total of £4,063.75 which has also been transferred along with numerous envelopes with donations of cash handed in over the year.

Along with all the food donations handed in from week to week and at our specific collections at Harvest and the Gift Service, this been a tremendous help to St. Gregory's and the community they support.

### **A letter of thanks from St Gregory's:**

Dear Roddy. Once again, we find ourselves being so very grateful to you for your generous cheques towards the work of the food bank. It has been such a challenging year for us at St Gregory's with an approximate 33% upturn in those needing our help in 2023 compared to figures gathered for 2022. The ongoing help and support we receive from you and your congregation leaves me practically speechless .... Please be assured that this money will be put to the very best of use in the weeks to come and bless you and your 'team' for thinking of us once again.

Eileen Low, Volunteer, St Gregory's Food Bank.

## Heritage Forum

**The Heritage Forum is a group for all those with an interest in the history of the parish.**

The next meeting is tonight, Thursday 25 January at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome.

## Diary

**Thursday 25 January**

**Baby and Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Heritage Forum** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Friday 26 January**

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

**Sunday 28 January**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am.

Photographer after morning worship

**Evening Worship with meditative reflective music** 6.30pm in the hall.

**Monday 29 January**

**Cosy Monday with book-folding** 10am-12

**NK Country Dancers** 7pm in the hall.

**Tuesday 30 January**

**Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**The Guild** 2pm in the hall. A Film Afternoon.

**Wednesday 31 January**

**Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall.

**Thursday 1 February**

**Baby & Toddler Group** 9.15am in the hall walkround.

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Friday 2 February**

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall.

**Sunday 4 February**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am

**A Healing Service** 6.30pm in the hall.

**Monday 5 February**

**The Monday Club** 2pm in the hall.

**NK Country Dancers** 7pm in the hall.

**Tuesday 6 February**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround.

**SingSong!** 2pm in the hall.

**Wednesday 7 February**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall.

**Thursday 8 February**

**Baby & Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

## New Members' Class

**We all belong to different things in different ways and the church always wants to be open to everyone.**

Belonging is fundamental to who we are, and we always make an invitation to anyone who would like to formally join the church through profession of faith.

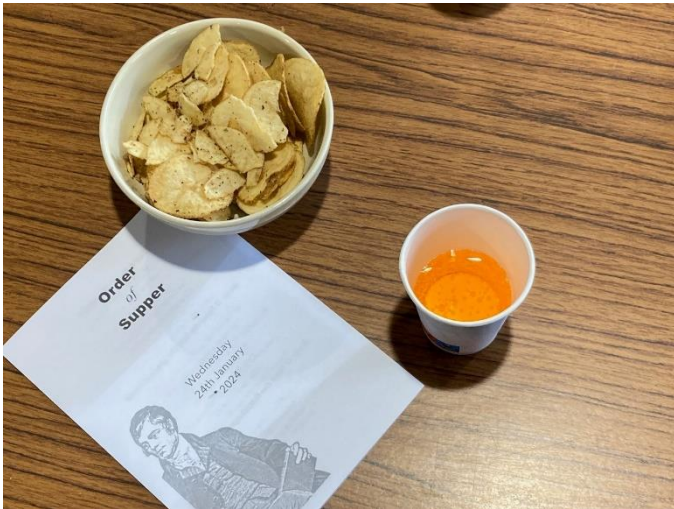
We run four classes after church and then offer a special service of joining formally; however, we are always learners. What we think and believe changes as life changes. We offer no answer but a way of thinking about the world, shaped by the stories of the Bible. So, we explore that: what we mean by God, how the Bible came to be, what the church is...

If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, please let us know. The classes will begin in March and there is no pressure to ultimately join.

Tel: 0141 942 8827. Email: [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk)

## Burns-ish Midweek Service

**Haggis crisps and Irn Bru at the Burns-ish Midweek Service on Wednesday.**



## FREE Climate Emergency Training for people across East Dunbartonshire in February & March

**People who live, work, or play in East Dunbartonshire are invited to attend free training to learn what the Climate Emergency means for local communities, and find out how they can take positive action.**

Register your interest in attending the training by emailing [climate@keepscotlandbeautiful.org](mailto:climate@keepscotlandbeautiful.org) outlining your name, which training date, and location you would like to attend.

The training is designed for people who are involved with, (or interested in), community organisations or communities. Participants who complete the training will have the opportunity to be certified as Carbon Literate, after gaining knowledge of the carbon costs and impacts of activities and identifying practical actions to tackle them. There is also an Introductory Session available for people wanting to find out more in just 60 minutes.

### Confirmed dates and locations:

#### Accredited Training

- 6 February, 09:30-16:00: Lennoxton (Please note venue is Campsie Memorial Hall)
- 22 February, 09:30-16:00: Milngavie (Fraser Centre)
- 27 February, 09:30-16:00: Bishopbriggs (Cadder North Halls)
- 6 March, 09:30-16:00: Kirkintilloch (Town Hall)

#### Introductory Session:

- 15 February, 18:00-19:00: Online via Zoom

