

New Kilpatrick Bulletin 4th September

Open Day and Christian Aid 80th Anniversary

Two things come together on the one day this Saturday. 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.

Blankets: The **beautiful blankets created by NK Volunteers** for Glasgow Presbytery's Close Knit Project will be on display at tomorrow's **Coffee Pot and at the Christian Aid Coffee Morning and East Dunbartonshire Open Day** this Saturday.

EDC Doors Open:

The church will be open this Saturday 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:

This Saturday, 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.

Road Closure: Kirk Place

The disabled spaces by the church hall are once again accessible, but the road is quite narrow, so we ask that only those who need disabled access park there.

Up For Discussion: Bible Study

You'll have stored up soooo many questions over the summer about some of the passages we read in church and so, before anyone bursts, Bible Study is back.

We're back with a new name because we are clearly not longer 'duffers'; we are now masters of bible study because we approach it honestly, openly and ready to be challenged by the insights and questions we all bring.

'Up For Discussion' takes place every fortnight on a Tuesday, though there will be some Thursday's in the schedule in order to negotiate the church calendar; some of the time we'll need to slalom through the weeks and that happens right at the beginning with our first 'Up For Discussion' on Thursday 11th September at 7.30 in the church hall.

It's all shiny and new so if you have ever wanted to pop along and let your mind expand a little (hopefully) ending up with more questions than answers about faith, or simply sit and listen and take it all in, then this is a great opportunity to dip your toe in the waters. We've perfected the skill of turning those waters into tea and coffee which is where we always begin.

What's the background to that?

How did the people who first heard this story hear it?

What was the culture of the time and does that make better sense of these words?

Is this history or storytelling or song or metaphor or prophecy or politics...?

Are these two versions of the same tale?

What does that mean for us today?

Do I have to believe that?

Just some of the questions and reactions to our bible study discussions. Hoping to see you there as we jump in with Genesis 3 and that famous fruit tree....

Autumn Outreach Project

Anyone who has taken part before, or not, is welcome to any of three workshops for our latest outreach project.

On 8th, 15th and 22nd September from 10-12am, there will be a very straightforward piece of craft work, or very simple knitting pattern, both of which will allow plenty of brain space for chat, tea or coffee, and cake.

There is always a very favourable response from recipients, so do join us.

Open Discussion with Liam Frazer

It's all too depressing, or it feels that way when you look at all the headlines about the quickening demise of the church: no one is going anymore, we've lost a number of generations and only a few congregations are able to support Sunday Schools.

However, perhaps that's not where to begin when we look at the future of church. It doesn't have to be depressing, Perhaps it is to understand what is going on, that we aren't the only ones affected and changes in society outwith our control have helped shape this scenario. Once we understand that, perhaps we can design a faith community around the patterns and lives and concerns of people today. Understanding that we can find the correct words to use that people will hear today and know the culture we are living in today that we might respond appropriately.

Liam Frazer, a Dr Who look-a-like, is the minister of the new St Michaels at Linlithgow and Avon Valley church and has researched why we are where we are, and it is not always what you expect, and has some thoughts about the future. He was the first pioneer minister in the Church of Scotland and has been convenor of the Theological Forum of the church.

We have managed to track him down and invited him to speak to us. He will lead a discussion on Tuesday 16th September at 7.30 in the Church Halls. This is an open evening to everyone who might be interested in hearing about some of the reasons the Church of Scotland, especially, finds itself where it is but also offers some hope and possibilities for us all and leaves us with an opportunity to consider how we might respond and grow into the church shaped for tomorrow.

NK Ramblers:

The next NK Ramblers walk will be an 8-mile moderate walk on established tracks from Strathblane to Milngavie this Saturday, 6 September.

Surfaces can be stoney, so boots or very stout trail shoes are required. Carry wet weather gear, lunch and poles if you use them.

Notification of intention to join the walk should be made by this evening. Contact details are on the poster in the hall walkround.

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.

NK Book Club

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

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.

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.

Coffee Pot

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

Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 15th October 9.30am to 11.30am

We will be running this event for babies up to pre-school aged children on the above date. To run this event, we are needing some helpers on the day - well quite a few of you! We need people who can be on door duty, take the register, helping with very easy crafts, organising the snack time and generally wandering around the floor area and helping out.

Not everyone needs to be PVG certified as the children will be with their parents/carers. You are welcome to bring along your own teddy bear too!!!

To help offset the cost of this event, we are asking for donations of multi-pack Pomme Bear original-flavoured crisps, along with packs of small-sized Fruit Shoots and flavoured water.

Fun Morning at New Kilpatrick

Thursday 16th October 9.30am to 12.30pm

We will be running this event for primary school aged children on the above date. To run this event, we are needing some helpers on the day - well quite a few of you!

We need people who can be on door duty, take the register, help with very easy crafts, organise the snack time and generally wander around the floor area and help out.

Not everyone needs to be PVG certified, - for example, those working in the kitchen and on door duty; but those dealing directly with the children would need a PVG certificate to work with children.

If you can help with either of these events, can you please let Catherine in the office know which of the events you can help out that or maybe all three!!! - (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Once we have a list of helpers, we will have a meeting to organise who is doing what.

To help offset the cost of this event, we are asking for donations of multi-pack crisps, e.g. Quavers, Wotsits, normal crisps, along with packs of small-sized Fruit Shoots and flavoured water.

Please bring all donations to the church office. Many thanks!

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 & Stewart Young eileenryoung1@gmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Day

A few of the lucky ones who were outside at our Macmillan Coffee Day. Many thanks to all, inside and outside, for a magnificent total of over £2,000.



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.

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.

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.

The World Day of Prayer

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*.

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

Suzanne Foster, treasurer@wdpscotland.org.uk

Thought for the Week

"A Friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature".

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

Those we have lost:

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

Ernest Cormie, Colquhoun Drive (29.08.25)

Elizabeth Bell, Greenock (02.09.25)

The Diary

Thursday 4 September

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 5 Sept: Coffee Pot 10am - 12pm, hall.

Saturday 6 September

East Dunbartonshire Doors Open Day

The Church will be open from 10am - 3pm.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

in the hall from 10am - 12noon

NK Ramblers, Strathblane- Milngavie

Sunday 7 September

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Monday 8 September

Autumn Outreach Project

10am-12noon in the hall

Tuesday 9 September

Kirk Session Meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 10 September

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 11 September

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Up for Discussion: Bible Study 7.30pm

Friday 12 September

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Sunday 14 September

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Short Communion service 11.30am

Monday 15 September:

Autumn Outreach Project

10am-12noon in the hall

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall

Tuesday 16 September:

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

Special Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm, hall.

Dr Liam Fraser, author of

Mission in Contemporary Scotland

Wednesday 17 September:

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 18 September:

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.