

22 June

Seashells

During your holidays, or day trips, if she/he sees seashells on the seashore, can they please collect a few, as this will be our summer outreach project.

We hope to have a little afternoon trip to the seaside sometime in August, for a paddle, a walk on the shore collecting shells and, of course, a coffee, and then a couple of "workshops" putting the seashells on card with a message to be sent near the beginning of September to the more isolated in our community and the residents of the Care Homes.

Meanwhile please pick up a pretty periwinkle from Puerto Pollensa, Pittenweem or Paphos and put it in your purse.

National Thank-You Day

Sunday 2nd July is National Thank You Day, with an emphasis on those caring for family with dementia.

Music for Dementia aims to create a record for the most people singing the one song on one day - the song being "Thank you for being a friend", a recording being released by Tony Christie, recently diagnosed with dementia, on 27th June.

Three local groups, **Mind that Song**, **Daybreak** and **SingSong** are getting together and would be very happy for anyone, who can sing, or not, to join them singing the song at the coffee after the joint 10.30am service of New Kilpatrick and the Cross Church, being held at New Kilpatrick on Sunday 2 July.

Words will be provided, so all you will need are a pair of lungs and some enthusiasm.

375th Anniversary

Next year is our 375th anniversary of being a parish. Something to both celebrate and respond to outwardly because it is an anniversary not about us, but the community we are part of, and care for, and love.

On Monday 26th June at 7pm you are invited to become part of a wee group that can begin organising and developing some ideas for our 375th anniversary. It is self-selecting and not everyone who is interested will be able to make it that day so just come to the next one on Tuesday 25th July and we can grow some ideas that offer a creative, imaginative, welcoming, and outgoing story of how we live as a parish into the future.

Everyone is welcome. No need to have ideas, just some energy and willingness to roll up sleeves and enjoy developing our story.

Summer Services

We begin sharing services with the Cross Church this Sunday, 25th June.

From then till 16th July (inclusive) we will worship in New Kilpatrick, with the services shared between Graeme Wilson, Alex, and Roddy. It will be a surprise each week to find out who is on (including for the ministers!).

From 23rd July till 13th August (inclusive) we will be centred at the Cross church. They have a pulpit exchange going on during that time and we will have the pleasure of hearing from **Greg Jones**, a minister from the US, for a few of these Sundays.

But also, on 2nd July we have **National Thank-you Day** where we will have a few special happenings. And our young people will be invited to the manse garden on a few Sundays too, so we keep in contact and give them space to do something different over the summer.

All services at both churches are at 10.30.

St Gregory's Food Bank

The continuing generosity of our congregation is remarkable and is hugely appreciated.

Please keep filling our trug with the usual nonperishable foods and baby essentials. Monetary donations are also very welcome.

The Halls are open Mon. to Fri. (9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

Family-Friendly Coffee Pot

This year we are going to continue Coffee Pot during the summer with the popular home baking.

Additionally, during the school holidays (from Friday 30 June), we are having tables for children and young people who might like to join us.

We will provide some games etc for them so their adults can enjoy a quieter cup of coffee.

We look forward to families at the Coffee Pot.

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group is a chance for those who have been bereaved to drop in for coffee/tea and a friendly chat with others in similar circumstances. The next meeting is on Monday, 3 July, 10.30 am in the hall.

The Monday Club

Come and join us for friendship and entertainment. Transport is available, if required. The first and third Monday of every month.

The next meeting is on Monday 3 July. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318, rona ah38@outlook.com)

Strawberry Tea

A big thank you to all who came to Irene's Strawberry Tea last Saturday.

The grand sum of £578 was raised for Transform Trade.

Those we have lost

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

Lorna McGibbon Almond Court (14.06.23)

Diary

Thursday 22 June
Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 23 June Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Saturday 24 June Pottery Workshop 1.30-4pm
For those who attended last Saturday.

Sunday 25 June Morning Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church at New Kilpatrick 10.30am in church, with Sunday School Thansgiving.

Pottery Workshop 2-3.30pm For those who attended last Saturday.

Monday 26 June 375th Anniversary Discussion Group 7pm in the hall.

Wednesday 28 June Midweek Service 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 29 June Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 30 June Coffee Pot 10am in the hall
Child-friendly for the start of the School holidays.

Sunday 2 July Morning Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church at New Kilpatrick 10.30am in church.

National Thank You Day song at coffee after morning worship

Monday 3 July Friendship Group for the Bereaved 10.30am in the hall

Monday Club 2pm in the hall.

Tuesday 4 July SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 5 July Midweek Service 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 6 July Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall