

New Kilpatrick Bulletin 4 April 2025

Passion Sunday

Sunday, 6 April.

Traditionally this Sunday has been known as Passion Sunday. It is the one Sunday where we focus particularly on the suffering of Jesus.

Over recent years this Sunday has shared next week with Palm Sunday so that people don't jump from the Triumphal Entry to Easter Day without engaging with the trials and crucifixion.

This year we have chosen to go back to the old tradition of the church and find ourselves in Gethsemane. To help us do that, the choir will lead us in a couple of anthems held together with two short reflections. It is part of the story we do not often hold onto for any length of time as we rush from table to trials. It is worth pausing within this story to listen to the voices and questions that echo.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday opens the week where we find ourselves deep in the story of love.

On Sunday 13th we begin on the slope into Jerusalem with a donkey and a saviour, and push into the beginning of the week, hearing the notes change and the words shift.

Monday to Friday throughout Holy Week at 11am each morning we gather in the church and find ourselves pausing within the story, looking around, listening, as the shadows grow. We offer 25-30 minutes of words and silence and music that speak into the moment, every day.

Thursday evening (17th), Maundy Thursday, we gather at the Cross church for communion at 7.30 as well, and on **Good Friday evening (18th) we find ourselves back here in New Kilpatrick at 7.30, with the Cross Church.**

Stated Annual Meeting

Our Stated Annual Meeting takes place immediately following the service in the church this Sunday (6th April).

The treasurer will explain the finances for last year and the budget for this year. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions you wish about the life of the church.

Easter Day

Sunday, 20 April.

We celebrate. It's all we can do. No preaching, no learning, no teaching, just one big celebration with the loudest Alleluia of the year.

Following breakfast in the hall, we gather in the church at 10.30 and find a million different ways to experience the truth: 'He is Risen!'. An interactive service for every generation to enjoy and be together and eat chocolate (other sweet alternatives are available) and then enjoy some edible liturgy in the shape of lemon drizzle cake afterwards. Why lemon drizzle cake? Answers on a postcard or, better, come along and find out. We're expecting you.

Easter Breakfast

We invite you to breakfast in the hall on Easter morning, 20 April, at 9am.

We have a great menu and a fabulous bundle of breakfasteers who will make sure you have what you need.

To give us an idea of how many will be attending, there are tickets and a box in the hall walkround. Please count how many tickets you will need and pop them into the box (please don't take them away with you).

Lent Booklet

Lent is a space where we can pause within some of the values that we still have. To help that, we are offering **a wee booklet of prayers and readings and activities for each week in Lent.** These can be used daily, repeating that week's prayer and reading so that we might hear different things the longer we sit with it. **The booklets are available to pick up** from the church, hall, or office. The halls are open Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm.

NK Book Club

Here are the books we will be reading in April and June. Happy Reading!

April - 'Diva' by Daisy Goodwin
Meeting on 29th April at 7.30pm in the hall

May - 'The Covenant of Water'
by Abraham Verghese.
Meeting 27th May at 7.30pm in the hall.

June - 'Black Roses' by Jane Thynne
Meeting 24th June at 7.30pm in the hall.

Sunday School

School may be on holiday, but Sunday School will keep the story going this week (6th April) but will put their feet up for Palm Sunday - though everyone is always welcome to experience the palms and the ongoing story of the passion. But, of course, Easter Day is the biggest day there is, and we have an **intergenerational, multi-hymn singing, mega-alleluia, egg-shaped and chocolate-flavoured service**. You'll want to be there.

Sing-along at NK

Come along and sing the classics & also sing along to classic pop

Imagine a room with Handel, Bach and Vivaldi sitting in the same room as each other. Imagine what one would say of the others' music. Imagine the expression on the face of Bach as Vivaldi offered a piece, or how Handel would react to Bach's counterpoint.

But what a glorious sound! Imagine the soundscape as one piece was played after another. Imagine how your spirit would soar moving from Messiah to Gloria with hardly a breath between.

That's what we are offering on Friday May 30th with a uniquely fabulous sing-along to the composers. It's here in the church; from Messiah to spirituals, all played amazingly by Chris Nickol. What a night it will be, all these world-renowned composers all in the one room with a soundscape of familiar classics all sung by us all. Just imagine their faces!!

But then, once we have you warmed up on the classics, we invite you into the 20th century on Friday 20th June with Abba and the Beatles and Andrew Lloyd Webber and the Proclaimers et al, all again played on the organ and for us all to join in and sing along to. We'll have you moving to your inner Dancing Queen, walking 500 miles, dreaming of Yesterday along with a smorgasbord of classic pop.

Two fabulous nights to invite neighbours and friends and family: From Verdi to Queen Live. Both at 7.30pm, £10 for both concerts, £7 each.

The next Bulletin

There will be no Bulletin in Holy Week. The next Bulletin comes out on Thursday 24th April.

New Members

What does it look like to become a member of the church?

It feels a bit counter-intuitive to join things now-a-days and the church isn't exclusive only to members. Quite the opposite, but there is always the opportunity to become a formal member and make a profession of faith, becoming part of the world-wide body of the church: the only institution left, other than the NHS, that caters for every age group.

We are holding a new members class during May with a service of joining in June. If you interested, then please email the office (mail@nkchurch.org.uk). The time and dates of the classes haven't been fixed as life is quite dynamic and so, when we know who and how many are interested, we will fix a time and day that suits us all.

Even by coming along to the classes to explore some of the questions we ask and how the bible was written and who Jesus is and what church means, there is no pressure to join formally. That is entirely up to you.

There are others who are interested in being part of this, so please know you aren't the only one.

St Gregory's Food Bank

Good news - the EASTER EGGS are rolling in!! Please keep them coming and bring joy to the service users in our Community. It's a wonderful way to show that we care at a time of great need.

We'd be grateful if any Easter eggs (preferably not large) could be given by PALM SUNDAY (13th April).

As usual, donations of non-perishable foods are also greatly required along with baby essentials. Monetary gifts are much appreciated. The Hall is open Monday to Friday (9 am to 2.30 pm) and Sunday mornings to receive contributions.

Coffee Pot **The Coffee Pot on Friday mornings in the hall is very popular.**

We could do with some more helpers to prepare, serve, socialise and add to the friendly atmosphere. With the rota, you'd only be on duty every eight weeks. If you'd like to help, please contact the church office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Milk Bottle Tops for Bearsden & Milngavie Macular Support Group

Put your milk bottle tops in the box provided in the hall walkround. The Bearsden & Milngavie Macular Support Group will send them on to Pathfinder Dogs, who sell them to a factory that makes useful objects from them. Please note, ONLY MILK BOTTLE TOPS ARE ELIGIBLE. No other plastic tops please.

Maryhill Ruchill Church

Can you help?

Maryhill Ruchill Church is looking for **toastie makers, friendly faces, soup makers, floor sweepers, chatterboxes & people with a heart for loving people.**

If you are able to make a commitment **from 9.30am-1pm on a Friday**, either regularly or as part of a rota, **or commit to cooking during the week and delivering for Friday activities**, drop an email to maryhillruchill@gmail.com, or pop into The Mackintosh Halls, Shakespeare Street, Maryhill, on a Friday morning.

Thought for the Week

"Nature is but a name for an effect whose cause is God."

William Cowper (1731-1800). Poet, abolitionist and hymn writer.

Those we have lost:

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

George Kirkland, Mar Drive (31.03.25)

The Diary

Friday 4 April

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 6 April

Morning Worship for Passion Sunday
10.30am.

God Welcomes All 6.30pm in the hall.

Monday 7 April

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall. Tea and Entertainment for seniors.

Tuesday 8 April

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

The Guild 2pm, hall. 'Beyond Srebrenica' with Julie Adair.

Wednesday 9 April

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm, in the hall.

Thursday 10 April

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Think Again Group 7.30pm in the hall.

Going deeper with ideas and thoughts.

Friday 11 April

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Sunday 13 April

Palm Sunday Worship 10.30am

Words & Music 6.30pm in the hall

Monday 14 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Tuesday 15 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm, hall.

Mark 16: 1-8

Ash Wednesday 16 April:

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Maundy Thursday 17 April

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Maundy Thursday Service

at The Cross Church 7.30pm

Good Friday 18 April

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Holy Week Service 11am in church

Good Friday Service shared with

The Cross Church at NK 7.30pm

Easter Day 20 April

Easter Breakfast from 9am in the hall

Easter Morning Worship 10.30am