



31 August

Bearsden Festival

The festival is back for everyone. 22-24 September.

Starting on Friday we have **Raymond Wilson**, hot from the fringe, offering his one-man show. You'll remember Raymond starring in the Bearsden Shark show last year.

Saturday afternoon, we have 5-star award-winning **David Hughes** in the secret garden telling tales for children and families, and then an early evening Family Ceilidh at 6pm in the church halls.

Sunday offers a **clubs and societies fair** in the afternoon and running throughout is a **café crawl** on Friday in Cafe Creme at 5.30 on **Men's Health**, on Saturday at Bearsden Baptists at 4pm called **Menopause Café** with a short show from **Fiona Stewart**, and Sunday New Kilpatrick Halls 2pm on **meditation**.

All your needs catered for over the weekend on 22-24th September. Tickets are **free** and can be booked from the festival website (bearsdenfestival.org) or Eventbrite. It is going to be fabulous. Everything is to be missed if you don't come along.

Macmillan Garden Coffee Day

As part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, there will be a Macmillan Garden Coffee Day at 25 Gartconnell Road this Saturday, 2nd September. Please email

kirsteen7@btinternet.com or telephone 0141 942 7603 to book for one of these sessions 11.30am-12.30pm/ 1.30-2.30pm /3-4pm.

NK Heritage Forum

The Heritage Forum is a group for all those with an interest in the history of New Kilpatrick Parish.

The next meeting is tonight, Thursday, 31 August at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome!

Parish Outreach Project:

Many thanks to all those who have helped make the shell cards and to those who will deliver them this week. Drivers can collect their deliveries from the hall walkround, either after the service this Sunday, or on Tuesday 5th from 12-1.30pm. Alternative arrangements can be made.

Wondering about Worship

We have offered a variety of styles of worship over the years.

We try to keep within our tradition but offer worship that is open, inclusive, and engaging, being aware of the various learning styles we all have. Some love to listen, others interact, some prefer the music, others the spoken word and some, the silence. Most of us like all these things but in different proportions.

One of the questions we continually explore in worship is how do we make our community intergenerational where worship is the one thing we all do together. It is our central activity as Christians. How might we understand what we offer is for everyone, of every age, learning style, and ability? What do we offer in our worship that invites and enables everyone to have an encounter with God? Does the model we traditionally offer engage people of this age, and what might we need to evolve to create worship that speaks more deeply to more people who do not naturally listen to a monologue or sit still for an hour, or seek God in an encounter rather than something to learn in worship?

Sunday 8th October, we have **Darren Philip** with us who works for the church nationally and has been exploring intergenerational worship for a number of years, trying to understand what we do and how we might make our worshipping and faith communities more reflective and inclusive of all God's People. He will share the service on that day and everyone is invited to be part of a discussion for an hour following the service (we'll provide tea and coffee in the church - panic not!) on what intergenerational worship and communities are, how we are quite some way along that road already, and reflect on what we might do to our space, our liturgy, our style to make worship more inclusive.

Daren has just published a book on intergenerational communities and will have that available on the day with a 35% discount!

It will be an interesting morning and we hope you will wait behind after worship to hear more about the possible future shape of our worship and church communities.

NK Bible Study

Thursdays 7, 14, 21, 28 September, 7.30-8.45pm in the hall.

Each week we will dig deeper into the passage that we will be hearing on the Sunday of that week. Come along for a relaxed and welcoming chat....

First Aid Course

We are hoping to offer a one day First Aid course, run by a St Andrews First Aid trainer, at New Kilpatrick in the near future.

The course will cover CPR and the use of the defibrillator as well as more general, essential knowledge. Having more trained first aiders in the congregation will take the pressure off our medically trained members in church and at events, but anyone could find this a useful addition to their skills in a variety of other contexts. After the course you will be awarded a certificate that is valid for three years.

All you need to participate is the ability to get down onto the floor and to get up again.

We will achieve best value for money if we can attract 12 participants - the maximum number St Andrews First Aid allows. We are happy to make the course open to other churches or community organizations as well as to our own people.

If you are interested in taking part or know someone who would be, please let Catherine in the office know as soon as possible. We will then look at possible dates with St Andrews First Aid.

EDLC Doors Open Day

The church will be open for Doors Open Day on Saturday 9 September, 10am - 1pm

There will be stewards onsite to answer any questions on our very fine collection of stained-glass windows, including work by Stephen Adams and Alfred and Gordon Webster, and the WW1 War Memorial in the West Porch.

St Gregory's Food Bank

Schools are back, and so those people who were reluctant to let their families know of their Foodbank visits have returned to seek further help, thus creating a greater demand for supplies.

It was good to see a selection of freshly harvested homegrown vegetables donated last week. Please leave any such produce in the vegetable trug - but ONLY ON A MONDAY.

Many of you have been exceedingly generous with both your non-perishable donations and monetary gifts it is quite humbling to witness the commitment of so many in our NK community.

There is still a "big push" for nutritious non-perishable foods - e.g., tins of meat, chicken, fish and vegetables. The Halls are open to receive any contributions Mon. to Fri. (9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

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, 4 September, at 10.30am 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 on Monday 4 September is an outing. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318, rona_ah38@outlook.com)

Glasgow City Mission is fundraising with a zip slide across the Clyde tomorrow, Friday 1 Sept.

Donations would be welcome and can be made to <https://glasgowcitymission.enthouse.com/profile> Further information from Eileen Young (eileen.young3@icloud.com)

Alex MacCallum

As you know Alex, our probationer, has a call to Oban and Tiree.

He'll be ordained and inducted there on Friday 13th October (don't read too much into the date!) and we are all invited to attend. If you are interested in going by bus then, together with the Cross church, we will organise transport. Please give your name into the office if you wish to travel by coach.

Of course, we'd like to say thanks to Alex for the 15 months he has been with us, and, indeed, simply wish him all the best. We intend to do that by presenting him with a gift on 1st October which will be his last Sunday with us. If you would like to contribute to that gift, then please feel free to place a donation in an envelope with 'Probationers Gift' written on it and this can be handed in on a Sunday or put in the offering plate or given into the office any time during the week.

Bearsden Cross Parish Church:

Saturday 9 September at 11.30am: **Coffee Concert**, with coffee served from 10.45am. The artiste is **Ryan Corbett**, Classical Accordionist.

Messy Church will take place on Friday 29 September from 3.15-5.30pm and will focus on Jonah. There will be a range of craft activities followed by a two-course meal. All children aged 3 years to P7 are welcome and should be accompanied by at least one adult.

Those we have lost

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

Marjorie Bannerman Mugdock House (22.08.23)

Diary

Thursday 31 August

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 1 September

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 3 September

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Monday 4 September

Friendship Group for the Bereaved

10.30am in the hall

Monday Club are off on an outing this week

Wednesday 6 September

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

Thursday 7 September

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Bible Study 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 8 September

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

Sunday 10 September

Morning Worship 10.30am in church

Tuesday 12 September

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

Wednesday 13 September

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

Thursday 14 September

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Bible Study 7.30pm in the hall