



**6 July**

### **St Gregory's Foodbank**

**We received a lovely email on 27 June from Mags MacDonald, volunteer at St Gregory's Foodbank:**

"Just a quick email, Roddy, to say a massive thank you for the wonderful donation of £625, which Muriel kindly dropped off on her recent visit to us. This comes at a crucial time, when belts are being tightened further due to the ever-increasing food prices, meaning the knock-on effect for us is new service users for the food bank. Your donation will help us continue to help those experiencing food poverty. We are, as always, truly blessed to have such amazing support from yourself and your congregation.

Kind Regards  
Mags MacDonald  
Volunteer"

A special toast to our coffee and tea drinkers! All your donations over the last few months have raised the handsome sum of £1,600 for the Foodbank - a huge thanks to everyone involved.

### **An Update on St. Gregory's Foodbank:**

Since January, St. Gregory's has helped 11,750 adults and children in handing out 5,200 basic bags. There are 300 new people who have started using the Foodbank services so far this year. St. Gregory's have the help of 60 volunteers - 25 of whom work to keep the Foodbank open, stocked, and ready 5 days per week. Another 30 go shopping and take receipt of foods which need to be chilled or frozen, and others run the administration side of the work. The giving of their precious time, their dedication and great good will are so inspirational. Those who operate the Foodbank are extremely grateful to have the encouragement, prayers and great support of the New Kilpatrick congregation and it is vital that we continue to help those in our community who need our assistance.

Please keep filling our trug. Tins of meat, fish and vegetables are most welcome, along with the usual non-perishable foods and baby essentials. Monetary donations are also extremely welcome. The Halls are open Mon. to Fri. (9 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

## **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.

Thank you for all the shells already received.

## **375<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 25th July at 7pm you are invited to become part of a wee group that has begun organising and developing some ideas for our 375th anniversary. Let's offer a creative, imaginative, welcoming, and outgoing story of how we live as a parish into the future.

Everyone is welcome. All you need is some energy and willingness to roll up sleeves and enjoy developing our story.

## **Summer Services**

**We are currently sharing services with the Cross Church**

Until 16th July (inclusive) we are worshipping in New Kilpatrick, with the services shared between Graeme Wilson, Alex, and Roddy.

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.

All services at both churches are at 10.30am.

## Family-Friendly Coffee Pot

We are continuing the Coffee Pot over the summer months with the ever-popular home baking.

Additionally, during the school holidays, 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 are looking for **plastic dough cutters** for playdough. If you can help, just bring them to the office (Mon-Fri 9am-2pm).

Hoping to see lots of young families at the Coffee Pot.

## 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 17 July. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318, [rona\\_ah38@outlook.com](mailto:rona_ah38@outlook.com))

## National Thank You Day

**Lots of people came to the hall last Sunday for New Kilpatrick's contribution to Music for Dementia's record attempt on the most people singing a song, *Thank You for Being a Friend*, at the same time.** Lots of us gathered with three local groups, **Mind that Song, Daybreak** and **SingSong** and gave it laldy! Photos below. There is a video of the singing on the church website.



## Christian Aid Week 2023 - A HUGE THANK YOU!

**Firstly, apologies for not getting this 'HUGE THANK YOU!' out to you before now.**

We had another successful Christian Aid Week this year thanks to those volunteers delivering leaflets round the doors and those donating either through the church or the area JustGiving page. Our congregation alone brought in at least £2815! This amount includes donations to the Kiltwalk at the end of April - thanks also for supporting our Christian Aid committee in that endeavour too.

This is a fantastic total so finally a HUGE thank you to everyone who either donated or delivered - or both - for Christian Aid Week 2023. Your ongoing support and generosity will help create long term change for people living in poverty in Malawi and around the world. THANK YOU!

## Diary

### Thursday 6 July

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

### Friday 7 July

**Family-Friendly Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

### Sunday 9 July

**Morning Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church at New Kilpatrick** 10.30am  
**Transform Trade** stall in hall walkround.

### Wednesday 12 July

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

### Thursday 13 July

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

### Friday 14 July

**Family-Friendly Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall

### Sunday 16 July

**Morning Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church at New Kilpatrick** 10.30am in church.

### Monday 17 July

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

### Tuesday 18 July

**SingSong!** 2pm in the hall

### Wednesday 19 July

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

### Thursday 20 July

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

