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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. Tickets are now available at the church office.**

Bearsden Parking

Some of you may have seen the recent publicity about the Council proposals to extend parking charges at Bearsden Cross to the current on street parking spaces in Kirk Road, New Kirk Road and Douglas Place.

A public consultation is currently open for comment, and we understand a considerable number of objections have already been lodged with the Council. The traders at the Cross are extremely concerned about the

impact this will have on their businesses, especially if the Council proceeds with its proposals for the Glebe Car Park unchanged. They are also concerned that the proposed Order prohibits the use of the parking spaces for loading or unloading goods in relation to a commercial concern.

There are obviously other concerns which we covered in our objections to the Glebe Car Park proposal, but which may be worth repeating here, about schools drop offs, picking up prescriptions, and the like, where a short free period of say half an hour or an hour would be helpful.

The proposed charges are higher than the charges proposed for the Car Parks, and there is no provision for a free time before charges apply. This will mean a charge of 50pence for every 15 minutes, subject to a maximum time of 2 hours (i.e. a maximum of £4) with no return permitted within an hour. A penalty of £100 will apply for overstaying or other contraventions. The chargeable hours are the same as those proposed for the Car Parks, namely 0800 to 1800 Monday to Saturday.

It would appear that it will be necessary to purchase a ticket from a machine in the street in which you park, or it will not be valid. So, care will need to be taken as the nearest machine may not be the correct one, but at the moment there is no indication of how many machines will be installed or of their location.

Provision is being made for both cash payment machines and for payment by telephone. It is not clear whether there will be a choice, or whether the Council will install only one or other type of machine.

If you have not already submitted an objection, please consider doing so by the deadline of 16 May 2025. The more objections, the better, as it may give the Council pause for thought. Email objections can be sent to

TROconsultation@eastdunbarton.gov.uk; or you can write to East Dunbartonshire Council, 12 Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ. The objection/representation must state the grounds for the objection/representation and must state that it is an objection/representation to the proposed traffic order. All validly made objection/representations submitted in time will be considered by the Council prior to a final decision being made on the proposed traffic order.

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.

Milk Bottle Tops for Bearsden & Milngavie Macular Support Groupand you are showing that it is SO easy!

Your wonderful response to my article in March is very much appreciated by Pathfinder Dogs.

When I explained in that article that 'Pathfinder' are able to sell the plastic milk bottle tops to raise money to fund the training of guide dogs for the blind, I hoped that, with your help, we would be able to send perhaps a 'box full' each month. I have just posted off something equivalent to 14 full boxes of plastic milk tops, with more awaiting packaging.

You are wonderful people.

Some of you have apologetically said to me..."I am sorry, but I have only two tops this week"....But two tops and another top and another two tops...they all add up to the large number which I am delighted to post off to

Pathfinder and they are even more delighted to receive them.

It costs around £36,000 to train one dog for a blind person and then about £5,000 per year to keep the dog working.

Please keep bringing the plastic milk bottle tops and putting them into the box which is on the table in the Entrance to the Halls.

THANK YOU. Joyce B Deans.

St Gregory's Food Bank

'For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'
(Matthew 25:35.)

Once again "Thank You" is entirely inadequate to express how grateful the team at SGFB are to the congregation at NK. Donations continue to be vital to achieve the mission of providing for those less fortunate in our community.

Please fill our trug and help to relieve hunger. All non-perishable foods are necessary - e.g. rice, noodles, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, canned soup, vegetables, fish, meat and fruit. Also, baby essentials. As always, monetary donations are very welcome.

The Hall is open Monday to Friday (9 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

NK Book Club

Here are the dates and books going forward. Looking forward to our discussions. All are welcome to come along to the hall and join in. Happy reading!

April - 'Diva' by Daisy Goodwin.
Meeting on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm.

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

June - 'Black Roses' by Jane Thynne.
Meeting Tuesday 24th June at 7.30pm.

NK Heritage Forum

NK Heritage Forum is for all those with an interest in the long history of the parish. The next meeting is this evening, Thursday 24th April, at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome.

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 once every eight weeks. If you'd like to help, please contact the church office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).
If Coffee Pot volunteers are unable to print off the rota, there are hard copies in the Coffee Pot pigeon hole in the halls vestry.

Coffee Pot Lunch

Friday 9th May Coffee Pot lunch 12 - 2 pm
Memory of Wartime lunch to commemorate **VE day**.

Soup and Rhubarb & Apple Crumble
Suggested donation of £3:00

Flower Donations

Thank you to all those who help with the flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday, those who place them and those who support through a donation.

We always appreciate them as they enhance our worship and, perhaps more significantly, they are greatly appreciated by those who receive them following worship, especially in times of loss or celebration. It is a ministry that offers more than just words but a sign of a community that thinks and supports each other as much as we can.

If you would like to sustain this ministry, we would be very grateful. It can be done in a couple of ways, either by sponsoring a particular week in memory of someone or a one-off donation into the fund. If you would like to do so the bank details are:

Account Name: New Kilpatrick Parish Church,
Sort code: 80-05-57,
Account number: 00701598
Reference: Church Flowers.

or a cheque with a note saying it is to go to the flower fund.

Thank you for your ongoing support in shaping our worship, creating community and expressing our love and care towards each other.

Thought for the Week

"Habit with him was all the test of truth, "It must be right: I've done it from my youth"

George Crabbe (1754 - 1832)
poet, surgeon and clergyman.

The Diary

Thursday 24 April

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

NK Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall.

Friday 25 April

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 27 April

Holy Communion 10.30am.

Add to Hymnlist 6.30pm in the hall.

Tuesday 29 April

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

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

NK Book Club 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 30 April

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Midweek Service 11am in the hall

Thursday 1 May

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

NK Community Team meeting 7.30pm, hall.

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall.

(Genesis 37: 1-11)

Friday 2 May

Coffee Pot from 10am in the hall.

Sunday 4 May

Morning Worship 10.30am

God Welcomes All 6.30pm in the hall

NK Youth Club 7.15pm

Monday 5 May

The Monday Club 2pm in the hall.

Tuesday 6 May

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Wednesday 7 May:

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 8 May:

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.