



26 January

Presbytery Plan

It seems the plan is an ever-moving feast, so here is the latest, but, as always, it is correct at the time of printing, but might not be beyond that.

Originally it was to be in place by the end of December and then that was moved to the beginning of February. That too has shifted to 11th of March for a full discussion in Presbytery with a view to accept or reject it.

There was a meeting a fortnight ago with all the congregations in Bearsden with Presbytery Planning Committee representatives who heard our views and ideas and they have taken that away with them. We now wait to see what they are going to suggest.

Meantime, we will continue to take the initiative and keep doing what we did here, growing ideas and plans. We could stop and wait for the presbytery plan to be formalised, but no one really knows when that will be; so, we will continue to do as we have been doing, along with continuing to talk to other local congregations and finding ways of working together and being the church here.

Communion

We share communion on Sunday for every age and generation, especially children.

It is designed for everyone, holding on to some of our deep traditions as well as retelling the story, as we do each time, in a way that is hopefully relevant, affirming, and inclusive.

We want to invite everyone who wants to be there, be you member or not, Christian or not, to find a welcome and a place. It is a broad table. A generous meal. An affirming community.

There has always been a discussion about how much we ought to understand before coming to communion, yet there is also the discussion that being there and experiencing the meal is how we come to some recognition of what it is about. Indeed, how can you prepare for grace? No one can do that.

Therefore, we offer a wide invitation to come to an open table where all have a place and become part of the story of Jesus and his disciples, struggling to understand, and finding, despite themselves, a place of belonging before believing. We are those disciples today. Sunday 10.30 for everyone.

Christmas Community Volunteers Thank you!

Many thanks to all the knitters, crafters, workshop attendees, donors, card-designers, drivers and anyone who gave of their time and effort to make the tree decorations which went with Christmas cards to over 600 in our community. We have received many letters and words of appreciation.

Coffee Pot

The Coffee Pot is open tomorrow from 10.30am in the hall.

Home baking. A lovely place to meet. See you there!

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 this evening at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome!

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 Monday, 6 February.

Warm Spaces

Our warm spaces are open, filled with activities to keep us connected.

We offer art workshops, knitting circles, singing, and crafts. We're exploring keeping fit.

All will be advertised here. Check the diary.

We are open on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday mornings through to early afternoon and Friday mornings through into the afternoon.

Donations for St Gregory's Food Bank

Your kindness is a lifeline to so many in the community.

The need for donations is still great as last week St. Gregory's Food Bank gave out 232 bags (value £9+), a staggering number.

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All non-perishable food items are welcome - e.g., UHT milk, tinned tuna and meat, pasta, jam, custard, and rice. Also, baby wipes, washing up liquid and washing powder for clothes. Monetary gifts are most acceptable too.

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

Housebound? Please contact Muriel Salmond (942 8484) and your donation will be collected.

Kelvingrove Recital
Chris Nickol is giving the Sunday 3pm recital on February 5th.

The Coronation Big Lunch
A nationwide act of celebration and friendship on Sunday 7 May 2023, the day after the coronation of Charles III.

It would be good to put a team together to organise a community event. More information and ideas/suggestions on <http://coronationbiglunch.com/> and www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced

If you would like to be part of this team, please contact the church office: 0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk

Thank you.

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

Moira Muir
Campbell Snowden House (18.11.22)
Alex Rennie, Stirling Drive (05.01.23)
Sarah Benson, Iain Road (20.01.23)

Diary

Thursday 26 January

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

NK Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 27 January

Coffee Pot (Warm space) 10.30am in the hall

Sunday 29 January

Morning Worship: All-Age Family Communion, 10.30am in the church

A Reflective Service, 6.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 31 January

SingSong! (Warm space) 1.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 1 February

Midweek Service (warm space)

11am in the hall followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 2 February

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 3 February

Coffee Pot (Warm space) 10.30am in the hall

Sunday 5 February

Morning Worship

Evening Service: Life Stories

6.30pm in the hall

Monday 6 February:

Friendship Group for the Bereaved

10.30am in the hall

Tuesday 7 February

The Guild 1.30pm in the hall

Martin Forest: *Chaplain Low Moss Prison*

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 8 February

Midweek Service (warm space) 11am, hall

Thursday 9 February

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall