

## 15 June

## 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.

Think about the distance we have travelled, the way culture and language has changed, where the church is placed in society, how faith has evolved. Think also of the characters and saints we have known in this place, that have shaped who we have become, from buildings to community engagement. And then there are the stories, a thousand stories of what has happened and is happening and is still yet to happen.

Can we bring all these different streams together and celebrate, put New Kilpatrick on people's map again, be a welcome and an opportunity for all our neighbours, offer a place that is unique, caring, generous, tenacious? The answer is yes to all of that. So, let's get started.

On Monday 26th June at 7pm you are invited to become part of a wee group that can begin organising and developing some ideas for our 375th anniversary. It is self-selecting and not everyone who is interested will be able to make it that day so just come to the next one on Tuesday 25th July and we can grow some ideas that offer a creative, imaginative, welcoming and outgoing story of how we live as a parish into the future.

Everyone is welcome. No need to have ideas, just some energy and willingness to roll up sleeves and enjoy developing our story.

#### **Summer Services**

We begin sharing service with the Cross **Church on Sunday 25th June.** 

From then till 16th July (inclusive) we will worship in New Kilpatrick, with the services shared between Graeme Wilson, Alex and Roddy. It will be a surprise each week to find out who is on (including the ministers!).

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.

But also, on 2nd July we have National Thankyou Day where we will have a few special happenings. And our young people will be invited to the manse garden on a few Sundays too, so we keep in contact and give them space to do something different over the summer.

All services at both churches are at 10.30.

## **Pottery Challenge**

There are still two places left for the Pottery workshop and pit firing in the manse garden.

**Anne Hudson** will lead a pottery workshop which will involve pot making (not on a wheel) and pit firing in the manse garden.

This event takes place over 3 days on 2 weekends, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24,25<sup>th</sup> June - please make sure you can attend all 3 sessions. Call the church office (942 8827) to put your name down. There is a total cost of £10 for the clay and equipment needed for the three workshops and pit firing.

### "The Chosen"

The last of the series is on Tuesday 20 June.

We start at 7pm, where we show the Series 2 episode for the week (with some light refreshments). Then at 8pm we have a group discussion until approximately 8.30pm. All episodes are available on the internet.

# 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 19 June. Contact: Rona Armstrong 0141 956 4318, rona ah38@outlook.com)

# St Gregory's Food Bank

The continuing generosity of our congregation is remarkable and is hugely appreciated.

Please keep filling our trug with the usual nonperishable foods and baby essentials. Monetary donations are also very welcome.

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



#### Those we have lost

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

James Rippard Roman Court (02.06.23) Isobel Mathison Atholl Gardens (09.06.23)

The Pentecost Tapestry of Names is on display in the church hall

## **Diary**

Thursday 15 June Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday, 16 June
Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

# **Saturday 17 June Pottery Workshop** 1.30-3.30pm

Pot making demonstration, then make your own pots. No previous experience with clay is needed. The pots will be fired ready for a pit firing the following weekend.

Sunday, 18 June Morning Worship 10.30am, in church.

**Short Communion service** after morning worship

Monday 19 June Monday Club 2pm in the hall

Tuesday 20 June

SingSong! 2pm in the hall

**Bible Study: "The Chosen"** 7pm in the hall Last in series.

Wednesday 21 June Midweek Service 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake. Thursday 22 June
Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 23 June
Coffee Pot 10am in the hall

**Saturday 24 June Pottery Workshop** 1.30-4pm
Prepare pots and firing.

Wrapping and packing of pots in the pit. This will be left to burn down slowly overnight.

Sunday 25 June Morning Worship shared with Bearsden Cross Church at New Kilpatrick 10.30am in church, with Sunday School Prizegiving.

**Pottery Workshop** 2-3.30pm Unpack kiln and clean pots ready to take home.

Wednesday 28 June Midweek Service 11am in the hall, followed by coffee and cake.

Thursday 29 June Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall