



26 September 2024

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: v.35).

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE - 6th OCTOBER.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to be reminded of the many things we can take for granted. It is a time for us to think of others and to fill our trug with an abundance of tinned and dried produce. There are many in need who are just a short distance away from New Kilpatrick.

All non-perishable foods are very welcome - e.g. high-protein tinned foods, pasta, rice, coffee, tea, biscuits, tinned fruit and peanut butter. Also, baby essentials. As always, monetary donations are most acceptable.

Grow for St. Gregory's: Freshly harvested vegetables are welcome; please put them in the labelled box beside the Trug on a Monday. Anyone who would like information about fresh, homegrown produce, please contact Peter Davies (email: psd@dmgovan.com).

Outreach Autumn 2024

Many thanks to all those who have helped make the Harvest gifts and to those who will deliver them this coming week.

Drivers can collect their deliveries from the hall walkround, either after the service this Sunday, or on Tuesday 1st October (Monday is a holiday) from 12-1.30pm. Alternative arrangements can be made.

Harvest

As it is the last big event of our 375th anniversary we are doing it in style.

We begin on Friday 4th October with a harvest lunch organised by the Coffee Pot. You'll need tickets for that as there is a limited number of spaces, but you'll be served soup and crumble, and it will be fabulous. If there are tickets left, you'll get them through the church office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

While that is happening, the **Country Dance Festival** is happening in Milngavie which is for local primary schools. It is not a public event as such, but it is good to be aware that is going on, with the chance to bring these primary schools together, and all the massive work the country dance team do with that.

Saturday is **Bearsden Festival's Community Day** with a bundle of things happening for everyone. Have a good read because there will definitely be something there for you to enjoy, from a **societies fair to crafts, a toy swap to garden play, a burger from the BB to coffee with Café Crème**, (as well as, perhaps, volunteer for a few hours if you can!).

Sunday is the **Harvest Festival service** itself with **breakfast** beforehand in the same style as the one we had in February with the moderator. (It feels like a weekend of eating!). There are **Breakfast slips in the hall walkround. Please put one in the box for each person coming.** We'll have lots of singing and colour and thanksgiving at the service at 10.30, along with a **few farmers with tractors in the churchyard** too. Who doesn't want to play on a tractor?! We'll also have the **Boys' Brigade** with us in the morning for their enrollment parade.

Then we start our **evening services** that evening with a calm and gentle **Iona style communion in the chapel.**

Peace is ... The Sunday School took up the invitation of the United Nations International Day of Peace and wrote some poetry and ideas about peace. They were fabulous. We had everything from "Lying in bed under a warm blanket" to 'Sharing Colin the Caterpillar cake". **All their suggestions have been printed out and are on wee posters all around the church halls.** Please do wander round and see the extent of their vision of peace and, indeed, might we take up some of their suggestions as a congregation.

BEARSDEN FESTIVAL



On Saturday 5th October there will be a Community Day for all the family being held in the BB Hall, NK Halls and the Stables from 11am to 3pm.

There will be a **Societies Fair** for anyone wanting to try a new hobby or sport this winter, **craft stalls, a jazz band, face painting, hot rolls** served by the Boys Brigade and a **Cake Stall** from Café Crème. Children can **play** all day in the Manse Garden with the experts from **Operation Play Outdoors**, create **Lego** masterpieces with Creatovators and come along to the **Toy Swap**.

If you would like to contribute to the Toy Swap, please bring along clean toys and games with all parts intact. These can be delivered in advance to the Walkround from 5pm to 6pm on Friday 4th October, but families can also come along on the day to swap a toy on a one-in one-out basis.

Our popular early evening **all-age ceilidh** in the Hall from 6pm to 8pm is now sold out. To add your name to the waiting list, contact info@bearsdenfestival.org

We do need some **volunteers** to make the day a success. There are sign-up sheets in the Walkround, or email Jane or Katie to find out more on info@bearsdenfestival.org.

See you there!

NK Heritage Forum Illustrated Talk

On Thursday, 3 October at 7.30pm in the church hall, **Donald Shankland**, local historian, will give an **illustrated talk on the history of the farms in our area**. Free. All welcome!

The Forum is open to all with an interest in the history of the parish. **The next meeting is in the church hall tonight, Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm.**

Evening Services

For those who enjoy and appreciate a different space on a Sunday evening, the evening service returns on 6th October.

We begin the season with a **round table Communion** in the chapel, sharing bread and wine in an original way, as always, words written just for the occasion and never to be used again, such is the expense and vulnerability of bread and wine.

Over the month we offer a pattern of styles.

The second Sunday of the month will be **Desert Island Hymns** where we have a castaway each month who chooses a few of their favourite hymns and talks about them and themselves a little, as we get to know each other better.

The Third Sunday each month up to Christmas will be called **God Welcomes All** where we will take new hymns each night from the new supplement and learn them, talk about them, and encourage each other into new ground in our music and song that we offer to God.

The fourth Sunday will be **'Add to Hymnlist'** where we have a group of four people each time who have been given a hymn chosen by one of the others and who are now to connect that hymn with one that they have chosen. It could be any connection at all, but the series that will grow will be interesting.

It all happens at 6.30 each Sunday evening though there are some exceptions. Just keep your eye on the order of service each Sunday.

Healing Service

We have moved the healing service to immediately after the morning service on the third Sunday of the month as a pilot. It will be a short service that includes prayers for others, some music for reflection and the laying-on of hands for those who appreciate that. More information soon but the **first service will be on 20th October** immediately following the morning service in the chapel.

Coffee Pot Harvest Lunch

Soup and apple crumble. Suggested donation £2. If you would like to come, please book by contacting the church office 0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk

Student & Associate Ministers

Our new student arrives this weekend.

Stuart will be introduced during the morning service and will be with us until Easter next year. He is still at university and will be here every Sunday and a few hours during the week. Come along on Sunday to introduce yourselves and he introduces himself to us.

Our new **Associate Minister** begins with us at the beginning of October, and you will meet her at various events and in homes and hospitals etc. We will be introduced to **Barbara Ann** formally on 13th October.

New Kilpatrick Ramblers

The next NK Ramblers walk is on Saturday 28 September. It is a moderate walk starting at Portencross near West Kilbride and will take in three castles and two power stations as well as extensive views over the Firth of Clyde. Further information, including meeting place, time and cost is on a poster on the church hall noticeboard.

All who like to walk are welcome.

All Saints Day

We have been invited to join All Saints Episcopal church on 3rd November at 6pm in All Saints church for a special service.

Part of that service will be to remember those we have lost; all the saints that have gone before us. If you would like anyone mentioned (you don't have to be there for that to happen) please submit their name, or names in an envelope titled 'All Saints' and we will read those names during the service.

Stables Clear Out

Do you or your organisation have anything stored in the Old Stables?

If you are not sure, the church officers would be happy to arrange to let you in and have a look. We would like to have a really good clear out and recycle, reuse or get rid of anything in the three storage rooms that is not required.

Unclaimed items are in danger of disappearing by Sunday 27 October !

Online Worship

The online **YouTube service** is back up and running. Find the link on our website (www.nkchurch.org.uk) or on our YouTube channel (just search for New Kilpatrick).

Country Dance Group

Anyone with an interest in Scottish Country Dancing will be made very welcome at our weekly meetings.

No previous experience is necessary, so come along and enjoy a sociable Monday evening with live music and encouraging instruction, knowing that dancing is good for body, balance and mind.

The first meeting of the session is on Monday 7th October 7.30-9.30 in the church hall.

For more information contact Maureen Smith on 07799572341 or maureen smith750@gmail.com

The Guild

The first meeting of the new season is on **Tuesday 8 October at 2pm in the hall.**

With Entertainment from the **NK Gals Singers.** All are welcome - men too!

Conversation Training

An open invitation to **Volunteers Good Conversation Training** in the church hall on Wednesday 16 October at 6.30-8.45pm. So that we can have an idea of likely numbers, please RSVP to mail@nkchurch.org.uk Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, but please feel free to bring a sandwich if you are going to miss your evening meal. It is also fine to join in even if you can't make it on the dot of 6.30pm.

Those we have lost:

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

Walter Carswell, Norwood Park (17.09.24)

Diary

Thursday 26 September

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Heritage Forum 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 27 September

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 29 September

Morning Worship 10.30am

Tuesday 1 October

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 2 October

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

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

Thursday 3 October

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

NK Heritage Forum Illustrated Talk

7.30pm in the hall.

Friday 4 October

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Coffee Pot Harvest Lunch (ticketed) 12.30pm.

Saturday 5 October

Bearsden Festival all day. See article above.

Sunday 6 October

Harvest Breakfast 9am in the hall

Harvest Morning Worship 10.30am

Iona Communion 6.30pm in the chapel

Monday 7 October

Monday Club 2pm in the hall.

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in hall.

Tuesday 8 October

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

The Guild 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 9 October

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

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Thursday 10 October

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall.

Thought for the Week

**"Two men look out through the same bars:
one sees the mud, and one the stars."**

Frederick Langbridge, Church of England
clergyman and author (1849 - 1923)