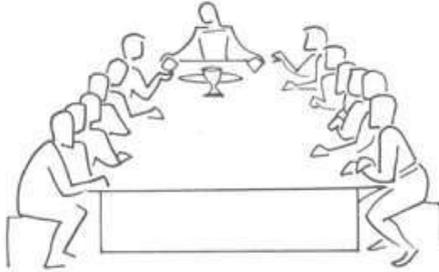


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a way of life

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God's love by reaching out to others.**

***"The best part of praying is being still long
enough to listen"***

See Psalm 17:6, 2 Samuel 22:7

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FLOWER FUND

**Thanks are due to all who contribute to the flower
fund, beautifying our worship week by week.**

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 639

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

20th April Amelia Hazel Dickson, Seil Drive, Simshell

EARLY DATE FOR NEXT MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please note, due to holiday commitments, all material for the July/ August 2014 edition of the magazine should be in the office NO LATER than after the 11am service on **Sunday 15th June**. This is one week earlier than it normally is, however the magazine will still be ready for circulation on the first Sunday of the month as usual.



Stewardship
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FROM THE MANSE... *What gift has God given you?*

Dear Friends

As you will no doubt be aware each May we have been focusing our attention on the National Stewardship Programme, which the General Assembly has been encouraging every congregation in Scotland to participate in. It works in a 3 yearly cycle looking at Time, Talents & Money. In 2014 our Stewardship Season will be focusing on **TALENTS**. We will be looking in depth at: *Matthew 25:14-30, The Parable of the Talents*. Here the Master divides the talents, or money, among his servants according to their abilities. The Talents represent any kind of resource we are given. God gives us time, gifts and other resources according to our abilities, and he expects us to invest them wisely until he returns. We are responsible to use what God has given us. The issue is not how much we have, but how well we use what we have.

So following the example of many other congregations, on Sunday 8th June, Communion Sunday, our treasurer Niall Kinloch will be giving out £10 to anyone who wants to put it to use, using it wisely to realise some money for the church. You should use the gifts God has given you; e.g. having a coffee morning in your house, cut the grass or do people's gardens, baking to order your speciality, making cards, washing cars, having a Garden Party, typing up people's Christmas Card lists, taking people on an outing, baby-sitting, a sponsored walk/run etc.

The list is endless and only limited by our imagination. You then have until Communion Sunday 14th September to accrue as much from your £10 as you can, not just from folks within the church but asking your neighbours or people at your place of employment. This is not a competition; the church is the only winner.

As we face yet another year of financial difficulties, this is our opportunity for each of us to do our part. Put your thinking cap on and work out what gift God has given you and how you can build his kingdom through using them.

Wishing you all God's Blessings, *Sandra*

New Session Clerk

Aileen Campbell has now completed her tenure as Session Clerk and received the thanks of the Session at the April meeting along with a presentation of flowers. She then took her seat among the members and Alan Pratt “took over” the position. We wish both these servants of the Church every Blessing for the future.

Editor’s Extras...

“We’re all going on a summer holiday”. I hope you all are and that you enjoy it as much as Cliff Richard’s song. But let us not forget our Church with its financial problems, its 10 year plan and the overall Presbytery Plan “forgotten” perhaps but not gone. Let us return with a view to strengthening our ties and saving our Church for our Community; perhaps not so devoted as the saints we have been discussing over this year but as devoted as many of “our saints” represented in this magazine. While looking through a hymn book for an Easter Service I found this little hymn from Mission Praise:

I’m confident of this very thing

That He who has begun a good work in you

Shall perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

So, have a good summer—see you later!

Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus, you showed us the power of forgiveness in your journey to the cross and in dying for us. Let us take the time to forgive anyone who has hurt or offended us. It is not easy to do but may we try to be like you in our day to day actions with each other.

God, our Father, let us take time to speak to the person next to us and to show them support just as we hope we will receive support for the Church in the future, caring for each other, the best way we can. Amen.

Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God’s Love:

- Last but not least! 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Matthew 19:28-30
- Can these bones live again? Ezekiel 37: 1-14
- 5 ways to be Holy this Week! Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21:1-11
- Empty or *Empty!* John 20, 1-18

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT (1/3/14-31/3/14)**

<u>General Fund</u>		<u>General Fund</u>	
Offerings	12,727	Salaries & Wages	4,356
Last Year's Offerings	11,278	Ministries & Missions	7,432
Difference +/--%	-12.85%	Travel Expenses	341
YTD Difference +/--%	-1.69%	Heating & Lighting	1,893
General Income	3,889		
Soc & Fund Committee	1,232		
Restricted Income	37	Restricted Expenses	2,500
TOTAL INCOME	17,885	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	16,522
<i>Unrestricted Funds Deficit</i>	<i>1,383</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds Surplus</i>	
<i>Restricted Funds Deficit</i>	<i>1,231</i>	<i>Restricted Funds Surplus</i>	
	<u>20,499</u>		<u>16,522</u>
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The Finance Committee

THE GUILD

Our Annual session came to a close on Wednesday 26th March with our Daffodil Tea. Before that, however, we held our AGM on 19th March.



At the AGM, Margaret opened the meeting, after which she invited our Pastoral Assistant, Raymond Jenkins to conduct the business part. Margaret Atkins, our Leprosy Mission Representative then gave an up-to-date report on the amount of money donated by the Guild (and friends of the Guild) to the Mission. This year, the sum donated was £460, which was an increase of £10 from last year's figure. She then thanked everyone on behalf of TLM for their support and asked the ladies if they would continue to fill their boxes during the summer months. After the AGM, our guest, Mr Colin Thomas entertained us by singing a variety of songs from various shows. This was very much enjoyed by all.

Our Daffodil Tea took place on Wednesday 26th March, when we were visited by the Comrie Singers. They also sang songs from the shows and told some really funny stories too. This was also enjoyed by everyone who came along.

Finally, our President, Margaret would like to thank the Guild committee, the willing helpers and our pianist, Barbara for all their help and support throughout the session. It is much appreciated.

Our new session will begin on Wednesday 1st October at 2pm, so enjoy your summer break and we will see you all then.

E. Gillespie, Secretary

NEW WEBSITE

By the time you are reading this our new website will have gone live (hopefully!). The address is still the same: www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk, however a lot of work has been put in to update it to make it more reflective of what's really going on in our church today. We are very keen that the website belongs to the whole congregation, so, if you are part of an organisation in the church which is holding an event or want to put more information about your organisation on the website then it's vital that you let me know. We know that in the technically advanced world we're living in this is the best method of contacting people in the wider community. However, the site will only be effective if it's kept up to date and that can only happen if I get as much feedback as possible. So, have a good look around it and please do let me know what we can change, update, or what you'd specifically like to see. We are open to suggestion, it's your website!

Happy browsing,
Lynda Young (lyndayoung@ntlworld.com)

WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL 2013

Last year's Stamp Appeal was a great success raising £4,072 for the Living Water Project, part of an ecological programme in the Czech-Moravian Highlands.

Please continue to collect stamps for the 2014 appeal which is for the Dorcas Refuge House for Women Victims of Domestic Violence and their Children. A brand new house run by the Greek Evangelical Church will provide a safe haven for women in Northern Greece. The money collected will go towards the running of this house.

Thank you.

FOOD BANK

At the last Kirk Session meeting it was agreed that our Community Lunch Club would link with Govanhill Food Bank. Currently this is for information only and when donations are needed the Church will announce this in the magazine and intimations.

CARPET BOWLS

April already, can't be much of a winter left but lets face it, we on the south west side of the rift valley were lucky again. Yes, we had heavy rain and wind storms, endless dark, dreary days but no snow up to our knees, and only a couple of icy mornings so lets give thanks for the ease with which we were able to move about.

Our ties are coming to an end. A singles was played by W Todd V Ian Barr. This was won by W Todd. Another singles was played, Alan Haining V Jim Riddell and was won by Alan. Both games marked by John McCabe. A short time later a pairs tie was played with Jack Buchanan and Jim Riddell V Ian Barr and Philip Hendry. This was won Jack and Jim. Next tie was the Final. Jack Halliday and Rickie McDermott V Jack Buchanan and Jim Riddell, which was won by Jack Halliday and Rickie.

The singles final was played by W Todd V Alan Haining which was won by W Todd. The marker was John McCabe.

The final results for our season's competitions are:

Singles Winner: W Todd. Runner Up: A Haining

Pairs Winners: J Halliday and R McDermot

Runners Up: J Buchanan and J Riddell

Aggregate Winner: W Todd

Runner Up: Ian Barr

Bounce games will continue until the club AGM on the 30th April.

J Riddell



BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections of the 118 Boys' Brigade Company are gradually approaching the end of another season.

By the time you read this the Company Section will have had their Parent's Night and the Junior Section will be holding theirs on Wednesday 7th May with Margaret Paul as Guest of Honour.

On the footballing side, the Junior Section Boys consolidated their mid table finish in the Cathkin District 7-a-side league, and at time of writing are awaiting the KO Cup Draw.

The Officers of both sections would like to thank all the boys for the support during the session just ended and hope that they and the rest of our congregation enjoy a relaxing summer.

Ian Livingstone RO

FREEWILL OFFERING CONVENOR

Mrs Sheila McKellar has stepped down from the position of convenor of the Freewill Offering Scheme. This is an important role in the finances of the Church. Sheila has carried out this work with diligence and great attention to detail. During several years being convenor Sheila was known for her organisation and integrity.

The new convenor will be Mrs Aileen Campbell - Tel: 647 3970.

We thank Sheila most sincerely for her years as Freewill Offering Convenor.

LODGING HOUSE MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS SPRING 2014

Dear Friends,

Thank you all once again for all the prayer support you give us here at the LHM. C.S. Lewis in his classic Narnia book, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" comments that the people who lived there were continually complaining that it was "Always winter, never Christmas."

Now that the clocks have changed and the nights have become lighter, our hope is that the new life that Spring brings will start to burst into life bringing with it hope and warmth. We have already witnessed the blossom appearing on the trees and the daffodils bursting forth revealing their bright yellow flowers. Colour is now starting to replace the cold grey dreary shadow of winter.

Please pray that many of those coming through our doors will engage with staff and get involved in the many education and other activities on offer - helping them leave the cold of winter behind and enjoy the warm refreshing sunshine that Spring brings.

Prayer Points

Give thanks for:

- God's provision over the past year
- The beginning of the renovation work in the church
- A full refurbishment of the learning centre at no cost to the LHM
- The large number of ESOL students who attend classes
- All the financial and other donations we received during the Advent Season

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Please pray for:

- Our service users that they might find the support they need at the LHM
- Staff that they will find encouragement and satisfaction as they support service users
- Service users who find it difficult to express their feelings
- Protection of service users from abuse and violence
- The renovation work to progress smoothly with as little disruption to the daily running of the Day Centre
- Funding, that we will continue to receive enough support to sustain our work
- God's word to penetrate hearts and therefore help change lives for the better

Thanks Aileen!

The job of Session Clerk is an onerous one if very often a fulfilling one. Aileen Campbell steps down from her tenure of five years. She's our "electricity girl" - AC current of course, and we try to find words to express both the job and her characteristics.

- A** Approach, Assiduous, Available to help, Accessible, Attributes, Assertive, Advocate, Analytical, Anxious to please
C Communion, Conferences, Computer literate, Conscientious, Confident, Communicative, Concern, Compromise

BUT Through words it's not easy to convey
 And flowers must surely die
 But memories of a job well done
 Will cheer her bye and bye

In five years past surveys were due
 To look at Elders toil
 More deadlines needing to be met
 To these she's always loyal

Added work in Presbytery Plans
 Churches together, Intimations too
 Help printing magazine and all
 She allowed a clearer view

Communion duties to be done
 Bread and wine she did prepare
 Work distribution to be made
 No time and effort did she spare

So how's she going to fill her time
 To exercise her brain?
 But for past years of loving work
 Thanks Aileen - once again.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014 11 - 17 MAY

During Christian Aid Week 2013 in King's Park, the house to house collection, which is the mainstay of our CAW, saw a return of just over £2900! That was a lot less than the previous year.

It would be great to reverse that trend, wouldn't it? Since 2005 our collection area has included over 2800 houses. To visit every house we need over 60 collectors; last year we only had 28 collectors, which, for a church this size, with such a committed membership, was pretty disappointing – no surprise the total was down!

To offer the people of our parish the opportunity to give, we need to provide as many of them as possible with Christian Aid envelopes... and to do that we need collectors!

If you've never been a Christian Aid Collector before, why not give it a try this year and be part of Christian Aid Week – seven amazing days of fund-raising, prayer and action against global poverty!

Please put your name on the list at the church doors or call Alan Pratt on 07776 328914 to find out what's involved in being a collector.

KITCHEN HELP?

Please can you help? We are looking for some people who can spare some time, 1.5-2 hours every 3 weeks to help clean the kitchen.

If you would be able to help with this can you contact Arlene Bryson. Tel: 641 5766

**CHRISTIAN AID – ERSKINE BRIDGE & BODEN BOO
SPONSORED WALK**

Saturday 10 May 2014 2pm – 5pm

For the 27th year we take to the Erskine Bridge to walk in support of people living in poverty.

The views over the River Clyde are not to be missed and the forestry walk round Boden Boo is a beautiful scenic addition to this long-running sponsored walk.

Last year's walk was really worthwhile with the KP participants raising a brilliant £1674 - more than we'd ever managed before. Can we do better? **Yes - if we get more walkers!!**

Come and join the KP team for a fun time – it's a great afternoon out for all ages and there are prizes for most crossings of the bridge and most raised by an individual or group.

Please let Alan Pratt know, as soon as possible, if you would like to take part – call 07776 328914.

Prayer from Iona . . .

Deep peace of the running waves to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to You.

“SAINTS PRESERVE US”

So, the series on the lives and legends regarding Saints mainly connected to Scotland comes to an end. We cannot really include Saint Patrick who, apparently was born somewhere between the Severn and the Clyde and who is given the credit for driving snakes out of Ireland of whom he was Patron Saint. Other Saints of the United Kingdom, which are well-known, are Saint David (Wales) who was reputedly either an uncle or nephew of King Arthur; Saint George (England) who again reputedly tamed then slew the dragon in the cause of Christianity and whom the George Cross medal is named after.

Other Saints we, as Christians, know well are the Apostles; Matthew; Mark; Luke and John, whose histories of Christ can be found in the New Testament. Their patronages respectively apply to accountants, Venice, doctors and theologians/writers.

Finally, other saints whose names are often mentioned are - Saint Cecilia (music), Saint Christopher (travel) and Saint Anthony (poor, helpers and lost articles).

All the Saints discussed in the last eight issues of the magazine suffered hardships, often of their own making, in the name of Christ. Every place where Christians could be found would have a Patron Saint to protect and guide the daily lives of its inhabitants. Their blessing was affirmed by reports of miracles connected with the Saint's tomb or relics. To be considered for Sainthood the four Cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice must be displayed alongside the spiritual virtues of hope, faith and charity. How do we “measure up”? In hymn 740 the important lines in verse 1

“For all the Saints who from their labours rest
 Who by faith before the world confessed
 Thy name, O Jesus be forever blest
 Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Let us confess thy name and reiterating the song we started with:
 “Well, I want to be in that number,
 When the Saints go marching in”.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent textile collection, we will let you know how much was raised in the next issue of the magazine. Thank you too to everyone who attended the very successful Pie, Pea & Picture evening, the event was a huge success, and even though it was a social evening we managed to not only break even but put £50 into our fund.

Although most organisations are stopping for a summer break and things are starting to quieten down, the Social and Fundraising team have a busy time ahead of them! We will be holding a Quiz Night on **Sunday 1st June** after Evening Worship (7.30pm) in aid of Christian Aid. Come along with a few friends as part of a team, perhaps you are in an organisation and would like to gather a team together? Or join a team when you get there. We didn't hold this event last year and it was missed very much so we look forward to welcoming everyone back again this year. Each team pays £5 for taking part, there will be tea and coffee and biscuits and all proceeds raised will go straight to Christian Aid.

Our Summer Fete will be held on **Saturday 7th June** from 10am until 1pm. There will be a variety of stalls including, punch balloons, crazy hair (not only for the children!), face painting, coconut shy, sponge throwing, lucky dip, bottle stall, balloon release, there will also be a home baking stall, plant stall, candle stall and a strawberry tea room.

We hope to involve the whole community in our Summer Fete, so do please come along and support this event. Weather dependent we will have stalls in and around the grounds of the Church so there will be no missing us on the day!

If anybody would like to volunteer to help can you please let one of the committee know. If you have any donations for the bottle stall can you please place them in the box at the pulpit side door from now onwards. All donations for the home baking stall can be handed in to the Church on the evening of Friday 6th June or on the morning of the fete. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to another fun filled and successful Summer Fete.

See you all there,

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

Thanks . . .

We would like to thank Sandra, Raymond and Bob Pitman for visiting our father when he was in hospital. Your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort.

Lorna Adamson and Eleanor Aitchison

Big thanks from Lorraine & Lyndsie (the PartyLite Girls) to all who supported "PartyLite on Palm Sunday" – especially those who provided the delicious afternoon tea. We had a fun afternoon and the sum of £300+ was raised for church funds.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make my two coffee mornings a success for Yorkhill Hospital. A sum of £130 was raised and has been duly forwarded to 'T' Jenny.

Margaret Paul

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the shared Holy Week Services. A special thanks to all the Worship Team members who gave of their time and talents providing us with points to ponder throughout Holy Week. Thank you too to everyone who came along to the Walk of Faith around the Parish on the gloriously sunny Good Friday.

To everyone involved in preparing tea and coffee after services, to the Brass Band, to those who helped with breakfast on Easter Sunday, you all know who you are. Holy Week was made extra special because of everyone involved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**MAY**

- Sun 4th** 11am Morning Worship- Start of Stewardship Season
- TALENTS
6.30pm Evening Worship
- Mon 5th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Tues 6th** 7pm KP Chicks with the St Andrew's Ambulance
- Wed 7th** 7.45pm Kirk Session
- Sun 11th** 11am Morning Worship, marking the beginning of
Christian Aid Week.
6.30pm Evening Worship
- Mon 12th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Sat 17th - Friday 23rd Church of Scotland GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
- Sun 18th** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship, Celebration of Youth Service
- Mon 17th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Sun 25th** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship, including Sacrament of
Baptism, also marking the start of the all-age Summer
Sunday School
- Mon 26th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall

JUNE

- Sun 1st** 11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship
7.30pm CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ in the Large Hall
- Mon 2nd** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Tues 3rd** KP Chicks Pot Luck Supper Evening
- Sat 7th** 10am-1pm **SUMMER FETE**
- Sun 8th** 11am Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
3.00pm Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Mon 9th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Wed 11th** 7.30pm Kirk Session Social
- Sun 15th** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Mon 16th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Sun 22nd** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship with Pulpit Exchange
- Mon 23rd** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall
- Sun 29th** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Mon 30th** 7pm Bible Study – St. Mungo Hall

Note: There will be no early morning or evening worship in July or August.



We are all safely home for a very special and moving week in Iona. The sun shone brightly on this special place every day and no doubt you will all be hearing stories and looking at photographs from the pilgrims for many weeks to come!