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**Mission Statement: *King's Park Church sharing  
God's love by reaching out to others.  
"Faith is counting on Him when we do not know  
what tomorrow holds"***  
***See Hebrews 11:1***

***1930-2014—84 Years of Spiritual Service***

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**ANY ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL BE**  
**INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 2015 ISSUE.**

**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 = 624

### BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

26<sup>th</sup> Oct    Nina Christina Isabella Stewart, Kingsacre Road

### AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

16<sup>th</sup> Nov    Mrs Jenny Hogg, Lindsayfield Lodge Nursing Home

20<sup>th</sup> Nov    Mrs Jessie Spence, Kingscliffe Avenue

### Prayer Focus

Lord, everyone is searching for peace, yet no one seems to find it, there is trouble in the world, trouble at work, trouble in the family. Lord, we find it difficult to live in harmony and struggle to love each other, yet we need to trust in order to live a full life. In this New Year, Lord, come and be our Counsellor. Open our eyes that we may see ourselves as you see us. Open our hearts that we might find compassion in the Christmas Message. And give us grace to live out our lives in service to each other. Amen  
(Extract from Crossreach Prayer Diary)



## FROM BETHLEHEM . . .

Dear Friends,

This Christmas for me is different from any other. Why? Let me explain. Earlier this year a family joined us in worship, taking part in the life of our church. They came from a very troubled country where, as Christians, they were persecuted just because they know God loves them and they want to follow Jesus Christ in their lives. A few of us have been trying to help them all we can, through listening, praying, financial help and practical care. Then 2 weeks ago as if to remind me, our Scripture Reading was, Matthew 25: 31-46

*'I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me...Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'*



This Christmas time I think I can relate to the Inn Keeper . In some ways the Inn keeper and his wife had so much. They rented out their rooms to those coming to Bethlehem to sign

up for the census, but they were asked to go the extra mile, for a man and his very pregnant wife far from home, with nowhere to stay.

Many of us can't really relate to their situation, having very little, not even a roof over their head, or a bed for their new born son to lie in.

But this Christmas why not try going the extra mile for someone in need. We probably won't need to look too far to **see** someone we can help, we probably will have to **listen** very carefully because people are proud and won't ask for help, whether it's financial or practical but we need to **see, hear** and **do** what we can for others, whether they are family, friends or complete strangers.

We have a choice this Christmas and every day; will we **chose** to help others as Jesus asks?: *'Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was **me—you did it to me.**'*

Lawson, Alistair, Laura and I pray that you will know God's peace and love this Christmas and throughout 2015.

Wishing you all God's Blessings, *Sandra*

### **Editor's Extras...**

Another year end - another Christmas and a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As we remember this event, a reason for King's Park Church to exist, we also remember with gratitude the work of Mr Douglas McLagan who died recently. He was involved with this church since its inception in 1930 and a fitting tribute is included in this issue. Also included under "Women of the Bible" is the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus - who else at this time of year?

Another year beginning - another time to consider the future of our Church and of the Church in Scotland in general. Presbytery Plans, Stewardship, Congregational Conventions, all "rear their heads" along with the building refurbishments taking place. Let's approach these and other difficulties with energy and with faith and all will be well in 2015.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

*WP*

### **Pondering Our Mission Statement**

Sharing God's Love:

- Grumbling, Gratitude and Grace, Exodus 17:1-7, Phillipians 2:1-13,
- Boys' Brigade—All for one and one for all, Genesis 1-2:2, Isaiah 9:6-10, Matthew 28:16-20
- Remembrance - The Greatest Love, John 15:1-17
- Risky Business, Matthew 25:14-30
- Winners & Losers!, Matthew 25:31-46

### **FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Will members in the postal district who use the FW envelopes please collect them from the corridor outside the lesser hall.

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE**  
*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*  
**FINANCE REPORT - OCTOBER**

**Income**

	£
Offerings	8,285
Last Year Offerings	8,563
Difference +/- %	-3.25%
YTD Difference +/- %	-2.95%
Regular Monthly Income	572
One Off Income	772
Gift Aid April - June	3938
Total Month's Income	13,567

**Costs**

Regular Monthly Costs	14,371
One Off Costs	1641
Total Month's Costs	16012
Monthly Income vs (Costs)	-2,445

Comments:

Stewardship Initiative returns of £192 were received during the month.

One off costs in October included the balance for the replacement CCTV system £556, roofing repairs at the church of £468 and Christmas music £100.

*The Finance Committee*

## **Kirk Session & Congregational Board**

The Session discussed the next stage of the Presbytery Plan with a Group from Presbytery visiting to consider the Church's and Parish Grouping activities. Presbytery are also considering "networking" work in the Church in general. Stewardship - time, talents, money - will concentrate on Money in 2015 - more later. Encouragement of "Messy Church" group was also discussed - to encourage children and parents to attend and hopefully become a part of the Church family.

The Congregational Board discussed the Finance Report as shown in this issue and also agreed one retiring offering for three charities who requested help - Cancer Support, Erskine and Quarriers Homes. The Property Clerk reported that the pipes in the corridor, at Garth, had been insulated and floor replaced. The next stage will be the insulation of pipes in the "dunny" and boiler room with the Church being dealt with at a later date - these refurbishments were agreed along with the replacement of lighting in some halls and toilets. This is expected to defray the cost of heating and lighting. To deter further purloining of lead from the roof a floodlight will be installed.

It was brought to the Board's attention that the kitchen is not being cleared and cleaned after use. The approach seems to be that "someone else will clean it". The slogan must be "leave it as you find it". Testing of the fire alarm will be implemented in the near future.

### **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Now that our website ([www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk](http://www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk)) has been up and running for several months this is a good time to reflect on what's been going on. For those of you interested in the statistics so far, the number of "views" on our website have been:

Nov	14,870	Oct	20,317	Sept	15,069
Aug	15,735	Jul	9,794	Jun	9,991
May	14,331				

This is a great way to get our Church seen. We have had emails from all over the world asking about the history of our Church and trying to contact people who used to live here, so all in all it's a wonderful way of communicating with people far and wide. Remember if you want anything advertised on it or your organisation page updated then let Lynda Young know ([lyndayoung@ntlworld.com](mailto:lyndayoung@ntlworld.com)) or just speak to her.

**Douglas James McLagan**  
**12th December 1915 – 5th October 2014**



Douglas was a real gentleman, loving, kind and caring. He was unique, a private man who kept himself to himself. He was fiercely independent and determined, a traditionalist, having high principles, ideals and standards that he not only expected of himself but of others in the Kirk Session too.

Douglas was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1915. Sadly Douglas's Dad went missing during the war, and died when Douglas was 6 months old. He attended Victoria School in Govanhill then moved to Hutchison Grammar School, excelling at numbers and figures.

When he was 12 years old he and his mother moved to Kingsacre Road. Douglas attended the Boys' Brigade in Govanhill before joining the 118 Boys Brigade Company in King's Park when it was 'born' in October 1929. Douglas proudly spoke of the first thing he did for the church - he and other BB boys went around the houses in King's Park posting leaflets advising people that there would be a meeting for people interested in starting King's Park Church, which opened in April 1930. Douglas went on to achieve the King's Badge, which he was extremely proud of.

Douglas left school at 15 and became an office boy in Ingram Street in Glasgow. He then moved to work outside Motherwell with Sir James Lithgow Shipping on the Clyde, and during this time Douglas also studied Accounting at the School of Accountancy in West George Street on a correspondence course, going on to become a Junior Accountant. Douglas chose to remain with the company moving to Bridge-of-Allan, where he qualified as an accountant. Douglas went on to become the Head Accountant for the Cork'n'Seal retiring at 65 in 1980.

Douglas was heavily involved with King's Park Parish Church, and met Margaret McAllister through Mrs Pearcey who was the Junior Sunday School Superintendent, who started the Sunday school in Kingsbridge Drive opposite the Primary school, at one time having 500 children in it.

Douglas married the love of his life Margaret McAllister in 1956 here in King's Park by the Rev Robert Paterson, going on honeymoon to the South Coast of England, to Looe in Cornwall. Douglas and Margaret enjoyed 44 very happy years of married life together.

Douglas and Margaret were blessed with a daughter, Irene in April 1958 and son, Donald in April 1965, of whom he was very proud. Every Thursday night he would go with Irene to Weir's swimming club in Pollokshaws baths, loving swimming and even surfing on holiday.

Douglas always made birthday's very special, putting a great deal of effort into planning and organising a wonderful day for family and friends, with cine-camera in hand.

Holidays were special times in the McLagan family travelling to Girvan or Newquay. Douglas, Margaret and Donald travelled to France and then America and later Canada. They cruised on the Mediterranean going on the Canberra, one of its last cruises on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary.

Douglas was a Junior and Senior Sunday school leader, as well as Sunday school Superintendent, with Robert Paterson asking him 3 times before he eventually accepted the honourable position of Elder. Douglas was on the Vacancy Committee for the last 3 ministers, and being instrumental in Rev. Stewart Smith becoming the minister of Kings Park Church, supporting and giving the minister all the help he could.

John Tierney invited Douglas to join the Congregational Board putting him on the Finance Committee with Douglas becoming Assistant Treasurer then Treasurer for 29 years, and Rev Jim Hosie said as treasurer Douglas grudged every penny that was spent, only giving it up when he took over as Session Clerk emeritus. He was also the Presbytery Elder and gave 30 years of service to Glasgow Presbytery in the Finance Committee, assisting in assessing church accounts for churches all over Glasgow, where his eyes were opened to the wider work of the church.

Tragically Margaret died 2001, having a huge impact on Douglas, life never really being the same again. Douglas enjoyed spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren, David, Joanne, Gavin, Gregor and Nairn. On a Saturday night returning from Irene's house in Neilson, he would look over Glasgow and remark – I wonder how much all those lights cost?

Douglas recently received a certificate and Quaich from King's Park Church in recognition of his 60 years as a committed and faithful serving Elder.

Douglas will be greatly missed by all those who were touched by his life, his life finding its completion with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

## **THE GUILD**

Our new session continues to progress well. We recently had 2 more new members joining us, making a total of 7 new members altogether. On 22nd October, Mr David Atkins, who is now one of our regular visitors, came along to give a presentation on a visit to Russia. It was entitled, "From Moscow to St Petersburg - Part 1.!" This was most interesting and we look forward to seeing Part 2 during our next session.

Mrs Joy Blair came on 29th October with her presentation on, "Romance at Rouken Glen". This was about the real-life romances of some Victorian ladies, each of whom had a connection with Rouken Glen. This gave us an insight into life in Victorian times.

On 5th November, we were visited by Ms Paula Pinda, who came along on behalf of Crossreach, to speak on one of our projects - "Hearts for Art." This enables people with dementia to express themselves through art, and to make new friends too. They can also receive support and advice from the Crossreach staff.

Our Annual Charity Night took place on Wednesday 12th November. This year, the entertainment was by the Close Shave Barber Shop Chorus. This was an excellent show, enjoyed by all who came along. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the evening such a success, including the people who came along to support us, and all the "willing helpers" who helped to pour tea and to clear up afterwards. The proceeds will go to our 2 chosen projects, which are Crossreach "Heart for Art" and Mary's Meals.

We held a special Tuesday Coffee Morning for Guild Week on Tuesday 18th November. This raised the sum of £174 , which will also go towards our 2 chosen projects.

Mr David Wright came to our meeting on Wednesday 19th November with his presentation entitle "Women at War". He spoke of many famous women throughout the ages who had gone to war, including Joan of Arc and Florence Nightingale. He spoke also of the women who served in the 2 great wars and the ones serving in today's armed forces.

The syllabus for January & February is as follows:

Jan 7 2pm Rev Sandra Boyd  
 Jan 14 2pm Glasgow's Hidden Treasures, Mr David Walker  
 Jan 21 7.30pm Guest Night - Scottish Night - Helen Kerr & Friends  
 Jan 28 2pm Mary's Meals  
 Feb 4 2pm Rev Jack Drummond  
 Feb 11 2pm Tom Marchant - Some Place, Glasgow  
 Feb 18 2pm PC Richard Samson - Rutherglen Police, more about  
 community safety  
 Feb 25 2pm Glenton Travel - Courier James McAleese

As we are always happy to welcome new members, anyone who wishes to come along to any of our meetings, or special evenings will be made most welcome.

*E Gillespie - Secretary.*

## **HOLYROOD SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 REUNION**

Did you attend Holyrood from 1977 to 1983 or know anyone who did and would you like to reconnect with your fellow classmates? Then please view our Event Page on Facebook Holyrood Class of 1977 Reunion Party.

(HOLYROOD SCHOOL REUNION CLASS @77- Group page) for more details of the event which will take place on Saturday 7th November 2015. Alternatively email Lesley (Bennett) Gourlay on [leshyg@sky.com](mailto:leshyg@sky.com) for further details. We have over 80 people interested via Facebook, we need to contact over 300 more, please share with anyone you know who attended Holyrood at this time.

### **ALL KITCHEN USERS**

It would be good if we all work together to keep our kitchen up to the standard that is required. This is important because environmental health can visit at any time and if the kitchen is not up to standard, they could close it down. Please ensure that you leave the kitchen clean and tidy, and follow all the instructions as indicated. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.

*Health & Safety Committee*

### **YOU CAN SEE - OTHERS CAN'T**

Remember the Coffee Morning and Sale for the Blind on Saturday 14th February 2015 in the Large Hall from 10am till 12 noon. Donations for the following stalls will be most gratefully received: Soft Goods; Home Baking; Books; Discarded Treasures (only small items, not jumble). The Committee hope and look forward to receiving the usual generous support of the Congregation and friends for this most worthy cause. Note, this is a very special year as we are celebrating our **FIFTIETH YEAR!** We hope you all come along and celebrate this with us.

*Allan Thomson*

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE VICTORIA INFIRMARY**

As many of you will be acutely aware the closure of the Victoria Infirmary which has been such a vital local resource to so many of us, for so long is fast approaching. This year will be the final Christmas Carol Service in the old place and this will be the final opportunity to take part in the Christmas Carols round the wards which have been such a help and inspiration to the patients and staff - and to those taking part.

King's Park Church have been loyal supporters of the Victoria Infirmary for many years and I would like to thank all those who have joined me in the Sunday services, and previous Carol services, over the past few years and to pay tribute to all those faithful supporters, too numerous to mention by name, of the services down through the years.

I know from my many conversations with folks in the Victoria that our support has been highly valued by the Chaplaincy team and appreciated by patients, their families, and the staff. Why not make this year's Christmas even more special for those in the Victoria by joining us, for the final time, in our Carol Services.

Christmas Carol Service	Sunday	14th December	( 5.45 for 6.00)
Carols round Wards	Tuesday	23rd December	(5.45 for 6.00)

Thank you, again for your support. *Raymond*

### **YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH NEED YOU!**

Calling all able volunteers to assist with the delivery of this year's Christmas leaflet detailing all of our special services, ensuring that all homes and streets are covered and that the invitation to Share God's Love at Christmas-time reaches around the whole Parish. Copies will be available to uplift from the vestibule for distribution from early December. Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance in this important outreach activity.

### **CARPET BOWLS**

On the 4th of November, someone may have noticed the steam above the roof of the Iona Hall. Workmen were in .... It wasn't them! Bowls were being played, it was the bowlers. An aggregate game was in progress, black bowls v. brown bowls. By the 9th end black were leading by 11 shots to 3, a healthy lead. Ending the 10th end the black skip played his last shot into the head and could hardly believe it, gave away 4 shots. His was not a happy team, now 11 to 7 shots. On the 10th end the black skip played into the head and gave away another three shots to brown. Now black down to a lead of one shot ... the team were fuming with disbelief, generating the heat up to the roof. Hence the steam, and the team wondering what kind of tortures they could inflict on the skip, he looking for a crack in the floor to hide in. One end to play, all was not lost. A player in the brown team played and burnt the end, giving the black team a win by 3 shots. That was a hard way to win a game. That skip is still allowed to play bowls and a week later, the next aggregate, with almost the same team and same skip, won again without the drama.

Singles and pairs ties have not yet started, at time of writing, but great bounce games continue.

*Jim Riddell*

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY & POPPY APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone for their assistance at both the Garden of Remembrance Day and Remembrance Day Services. Your help was very much appreciated at this sad but important time of the year. Our Poppy Appeal this year raised £876.14

Ken Blair (Poppy Appeal)

## **YOUTH CO-ORDINATORS**

We have now visited all the Youth Groups within the Church, we have passed all our contact details to all the leaders. A photograph was taken of all the groups and they will be put up on our Buzz Boards, outside the lounge and also at the Iona Hall, so look out for these.

We look forward to visiting the groups again in the New Year and with God's Blessing we wish all our young people a happy and fun filled year.

*Margaret Mills & Faye Walker, Youth Co-ordinators*

## **BB NEWS**

Both Junior and Company Sections are now well into the Session and working towards the various awards on offer. The Junior Section have entered 2 football teams in the Cathkin District 7-a-side league and at time of writing, the 'A' team have gathered 7 points from their first 3 games and the 'B' team are on the 6 point mark. The top goal scorer for the 'A' team is Scott Cowan and for the 'B' team Alex Adair



Meanwhile on the Company Section front 3 boys will be attending the Glasgow Battalion President's Badge Course at St John Renfield Church at Anniesland on the 11th of December. The Boys are: Craig Fellowes, Adam McLeish and Subham Aslam.

As this is the last column before the Christmas/New Year festivities both boys and officers of both Junior and Company section wish every member of the congregation a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

*Ian Livingstone RO*

## **NEW COMPUTER FOR CHRISTMAS?**

*If you have one and would like some tuition, a new course is starting in January and you would be made very welcome. If you want to know your right clicks from your left clicks, contact Wilson Paterson.– Signing off.*

## ***Why go to the God Tock (Bible Study Group)?***

It seems that the name “Bible Study” deters people from coming along to our meetings on a Monday night at 7pm-9pm, so we have decided to change the name. Maybe people are afraid that they might get labelled Bible Bashers, or Holy Joe’s. *Nothing* could be further from the truth. This is a group of church members exploring their own path that God has chosen for them and about finding their way along it and helping others on their journey too.

There is now a strong contingent of between 15-20 regular attendees every Monday evening, varying from the young to the not so young (some of us are on the wrong side of thirty) and also different levels of faith can be found among the group.

It is an enjoyable experience to have time and fellowship with friends who are only too glad to see you and are willing to give and receive support and encouragement on our journey of faith.

There have been some occasions when people have popped into the St Mungo Hall so see what all the hilarity and laughing is about (this seems to be a regular occurrence) and hopefully will continue.

The path to God is not always easy, but doesn’t mean we can’t enjoy ourselves while travelling on it.

Our weekly routine comprises of tea and bickies, sharing daily and weekly experiences, sometimes we learn from the Bible, watch DVD’s, study different books, but mostly enjoy being where we are, doing what we do and being part of one of the most satisfying and enjoyable groups within our Church. I would personally like to thank Sandra and Raymond for the amount of work and support that goes into producing such a welcoming and enjoyable group activity within our Church family.

Why not come along and find out for yourselves what you are missing. It’s not just another group .... This one is an adventure!

*Dougie Mills*

## **SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS**

### ***THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL***

Further to the note in last month's magazine the Christmas Star appeal was launched on Sunday 30th November and will run until the end of the morning service Sunday 14th December. You can donate to Robin House Children's Hospice at the front door of the Church after any service and hang a star on the cross. A Christmas Card will then be distributed to everyone at the Family Service with your name on it. Thank you for your generous support for this worthy cause at this special time of year.

### ***Popcorn & DVD Afternoon***

Calling all Primary 1-5 children, on **Saturday 6th December** from 2pm until 4pm in the Large Hall we will be entertaining children with popcorn and DVD's. All children will be made most welcome. Come along and join in the fun! Price £1.

### ***Thank You ...***

Thank you to Kings Park Brass Band who allowed us to share in their coffee morning with a very successful bookstall. We raised £67, considering each book was 25p this was a great amount so many thanks to all who supported the stall. The final total for our autumn textile collection was £300 for Church funds, thank you to everyone who contributed.

### ***Pie, peas and a picture ...***

This was such a successful event this year, so due to popular demand and numerous requests we promise to organise another one in the new year!

### ***Stocking filler...***

Don't forget that the Kings Park Church pens are still on sale for £1 from Sandra McCutcheon, you can catch her at tea and coffee after the morning service.. A great stocking filler at this time of year!

*Thank you again for your continued support, may we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful 2015.*

*Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee*

*Congratulations!*

Our warmest congratulations go to  
 Mr and Mrs Jim & Helen Riddell  
 who recently celebrated their 66th Wedding  
 Anniversary.  
 We wish them both every Blessing.

**Thanks . . .**

I would like to thank the Reverend Sandra Boyd and Raymond Jenkins for their visits and prayers and lovely flowers. Thanks to Rosemary and Ian McGill, my Elder who visited me in hospital and in Merrylee Lodge and at home. Thank you too to all my friends who visited me which cheered me up so much. God Bless you all.

*Love Margaret Caseby*



Just a short note to thank you for the flowers and best wishes that you've sent to our father, Jim Duncan, during his current ill health. Many thanks also to Sandra, Raymond and his friends from the Church for their visits and kind sentiments at this difficult time.

*Regards, Wendy & Billy*

I would like to thank everyone at King's Park and beyond for their generous support on my recent sponsored cycle around Arran raising a total of £945 so far. This will go towards the Stewardship campaign. Thank you again, *Raymond*

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to my many Church friends who sent me cards and words of encouragement during my further period in hospital and subsequent operation. Your kind thoughts and support were greatly appreciated. *David Cochrane*

## **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

### Mary, Mother of Jesus

The wife of Joseph, called the "Virgin Mary", though never so designated in Scripture (Matt 2:11; Acts 1:14). Little is known of her personal history. She was of the Tribe of Judah and was connected by marriage with Elisabeth, who was of the lineage of Aaron (Luke 1:36). While she resided at Nazareth with her parents, before she became the wife of Joseph, the angel Gabriel announced to her that she was to be the Mother of the promised Messiah (Luke 1:35). After this she went to visit her cousin Elisabeth who was living with her husband Zacharias (probably at Juttah), 100 miles from Nazareth. Immediately on entering the house she was saluted by Elisabeth as the mother of her Lord, and then forthwith gave utterance to her Hymn of Thanksgiving (Luke 1:46-56). After 3 months she returned to Nazareth. Joseph was supernaturally made aware (Matt 1: 18-25) of her condition and took her to his own home. Soon after this the decree of Augustus (Luke 2:1) required they should proceed to Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) 80 miles from Nazareth. While they were there they found shelter in the Inn (or Khan) provided for strangers (Luke 2:6, 7). But the Inn was crowded and Mary had to retire to a place among the cattle, and there she brought forth her son who was called Jesus (Matt 1:21) because he was to save his people from their sins. This was followed by the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and their return to Nazareth (Matt 2). There for thirty years Mary fills her own humble sphere, pondering over the strange things that had happened to her. During these years only one event in the history of Jesus is recorded; when He was found among the doctors in the temple (Luke 2:41-52), much to his mother's distress. Probably around this time Joseph died, for he is not mentioned again. After the commencement of Jesus' ministry little notice is taken of Mary. She was present at the marriage in Cana. A year and a half after this we find her at Capernaum (Matt 2: 46, 48, 49) where Christ uttered the memorable words "Who is my mother, who are my brethren?" The next time we find her is at the cross with her sister and Mary Magdalen and Salome and other women (John 19:26) from that hour John took her to his own abode. She was with the little company in the upper room after the Ascension (Acts 1:14), From this time she disappears from public notice. The time and manner of her death is unknown.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****DECEMBER**

- Tues 2nd 6.45pm KP Chicks night out at Ten-Pin-Bowling.
- Sat 6th 2pm-4pm DVD and Popcorn afternoon in large hall for primary 1-5 children.
- Sat 6th 4pm-6pm Messy Church
- Sun 7th 11am Gift Sunday for Church House  
6.30pm Remembrance Service for those who have lost a loved one.
- Sun 14th 11am, 3pm, 6.30pm Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm Final God Tock for 2014
- Tue 16th 7pm King's Park Brass Carol Concert
- Wed 17th 9.30am Bankhead PS Service at Spittal PS  
11am King's Park PS Service in the Church  
6.30pm Prayer Group, 7pm Kirk Session  
8pm Congregational Board
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm King's Park Community Lunch with Bankhead PS Choir
- Sun 21st 11am Christmas Family Service with The Nativity Story, refreshments served afterwards  
6.30pm Carols Around the Christmas Tree
- Wed 24th 6.30pm Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows  
7.00pm Family Christmas Eve Service for children.  
10.45pm Hot Chocolate served  
11.15pm Watchnight Service
- Thur 25th 10am Christmas Day Service - bring your gifts and toys!
- Sun 28th 11.00am Lessons & Carols led by The Choir  
6.30pm The Big Sing at Croftfoot UF Church
- Wed 31st 7pm Hogmanay Service: 2014-2015
- JANUARY**
- Sun 4th 11.00am Morning Worship pulpit Exchange Eastwood Parish Church. NOTE - No Evening Service
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm leave KP Church for Peter Pan Pantomime
- Sun 11th 11.00am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm God Tock in the St. Mungo Hall
- Sun 18th 9.45am Early Morning Worship  
11.00am Morning Worship
- Sun 25th 9.45am Early Morning Worship  
11.00am Morning Worship
- Thur 29<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm King's Park Community Lunch Club
- Frid 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Dementia Café in the St. Mungo Hall

Ladies—Come Along to our Frock Swap  
On Saturday 7th February 2015

This will be a 'bring your own bottle' evening, tickets £10. You will be welcomed on the evening with an introduction and explanation of the proceedings. Have a look around, peruse the goodies, see things you like & try on. Tea & coffee will be served, with an opportunity to contribute to our silent auction.

If you have any good quality clothes, shoes, accessories, this is your chance to hand them in and receive something else on the night!

We hope this is a fun-packed evening - watch out for further information in the intimations and on the Church noticeboard.

