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**Mission Statement: *King's Park Church sharing  
God's love by reaching out to others.***

***"Today well lived makes every  
tomorrow a vision of hope"***

***See Romans 15:13***

***1930-2015—85 Years of Spiritual Service***

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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 = 586

**AT REST**

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

10th Sept Mrs Mary Logan, Limetrees Nursing Home

14th Sept Mrs Ann Graham, Kingsbridge Drive

16th Sept Mrs Rae Hanlon, Kingslynn Drive

**Prayer Focus**

Heavenly Father, we pray that each child born this day throughout the world might be given what they need in terms of physical, emotional and spiritual needs. May they be given the potential to develop the opportunities arising in their life and make the world a better place by being in it.



May our Prayer Group be righteous in your sight as we pray for peace in the world; folk in our community and beyond who have health or other problems; for the Churches and Schools in our area and for the Church's Charities in Glasgow. Amen.

***FROM THE MANSE. . . Called to be a Blessing!***

Recently I have been reflecting a great deal on Abram's call from God in Genesis 12.

*GOD told Abram: "Leave your country, your family, and your father's home for a land that I will show you.*

*I'll make you a great nation and bless you.*

*I'll make you famous; you'll be a blessing.*

*I'll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I'll curse.*

*All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you."*

So Abram left just as GOD said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot with him, along with all the possessions and people they had gotten in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan and arrived safe and sound.

God asked Abram and Sarai to get up and go to a new place, an undisclosed place, with their family trusting wholly in God. He was sending Abram out into the unknown but giving him clear guidance about what was going to happen. He was blessed, to go out and be a blessing to others and then they would be blessed too.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is such that we can't keep this to ourselves, we can't be selfish saying I'm alright, we need to go and tell others about what God has done through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We need to reach out to others and through us, they too will receive God's blessing. I'm sure that we all want this for our family, our friends, our work colleagues, but God needs us to show God's love to everyone we meet, those we know and those we don't.

King's Park Church is one of 5 churches who have nominated themselves to be on a new national Pilot Project called Path of Renewal. It is a 3 year project equipping, resourcing and supporting 20 congregations over Scotland to reach out and be a blessing to people in their parish and beyond. There are 44 congregations over Scotland put forward and so the selection process starts in November when I, the Session Clerk and the Kirk Session will be interviewed to see if we are ALL up for this challenge. The same challenge God gave to Abram, the same Great Commission Jesus set his disciples at the end of Matthew's gospel.

Our lives and the life of King's Park Church carries on God's story from Creation, to today. God calls his disciples to continue his story in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We won't be able to do it in the same way as Abram or even Jesus' disciples so how can we in King's Park Church go and be a blessing to others right here, right now?

Are we as Christ's followers today up to God's calling, to be a blessing to others?

Every blessing to you and your family,  
Love, Sandra

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

As we go smoothly on, from our summer "festivities" and our 85th Anniversary Celebrations, to consider Harvest Thanksgiving and Remembrance Sunday, we realise we are well into another year of activity and worship (see "Both Sides now") and we wish our Minister, Pastoral Assistant, Board and Session Members and all leaders of organisations, well in this year.

A personal thanks to Sandra, Raymond and Alan Pratt for all their work to promote the 85th Anniversary. They went out of their way to ensure success and I reckon we are blessed to have them. See you in Church!

*WP*

### **Pondering Our Mission Statement**

Sharing God's Love:

- Considering "that's what friends are for!" Isaiah 35: 4-7a, Mark 7: 24-37
- The Lord is My Shepherd, Psalm 127, Matthew 11:25-30
- Communion - Focusing on Jesus, Psalm 116: 1-9. Mark 8:27-38
- Who is the Greatest? Psalm 54, Mark 9: 30-37

### **DIET AND FITNESS CLASS - (ROSEMARY SEDGWICK)**

There is a diet and fitness class in the Large Hall on a Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am - cost £5.00 per class. No strict diet, just practical nutritional advice, optional weigh-in, fun workout and lots of motivation. Come along, this service is for you.

Call Rosemary on 639 7477 or simply drop in.

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE**  
*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*  
**FINANCE REPORT - October 2015**

	<b>£</b>	
	<b><u>July</u></b>	<b><u>Aug</u></b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Offerings	8,124	8,448
Last Year Offerings	8,894	10,700
Difference +/-%	-1.10%	-21.05%
YTD Difference +/-%	-9.82%	-10.44%
Regular Monthly Income	1,204	395
HMRC Charities - Gift Aid	5,102	-
Badminton Club - Donation	100	-
Funeral Donation	200	-
KP Community Council	-	100
Anon Donation	-	20
Textile Collection	-	354
271st Guides - Donation	-	80
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b>14,730</b>	<b>9,397</b>
<b><u>Costs</u></b>		
Regularly Monthly Costs	14,837	12,980
One off Costs	2,766	1,520
<b>Total Month's Costs</b>	<b>17,603</b>	<b>14,500</b>
<b>Monthly Income vs (Costs)</b>	<b>-2,873</b>	<b>-5,103</b>

**Comments**

One off costs in July included Audio Lighting £1,694, Joiner £620.  
 One off costs in August included Piano Tuner £195, Piano movers  
 £180, Church Window Cleaning £120 and FWO Envelopes £289

*The Finance Committee*

### **Kirk Session and Congregational Board**

The first meetings of the new term were held in September with Session and Board on the same night, now an established feature

After the Session had rededicated itself for another year the major topics of interest were as follows:

“Presbytery Elder’s Report” - There will be regional meetings of Churches in various areas starting in November as it was felt that Presbytery as it is, was not being supported as it should. There will be refunds made from Mission and Ministries allocation, due mainly to lower numbers of Ministers as many are retiring. Consideration is being given to the training of Elders to post of Interim Moderator, King’s Park will have a representation at next year’s General Assembly.

Safeguarding - An enormous debt of gratitude was paid to Ian Tomney for all his work over the years and particularly during the summer as it will be illegal after October to work with vulnerable people without PVG authority. John Black will shortly take the reins as Safeguarding Convenor and was wished every Blessing.

Other - Information Security has become a Church of Scotland initiative and meetings of Senior Office Bearers to discuss this are in the pipeline. Aileen Campbell has agreed, upon request by Toryglen, to join their Nominating Committee.

At the Congregational Board meeting, the major topic of consideration was the leak in the pipework, preventing heating in the Sanctuary, and the relatively high cost of repair, to which the Board agreed. Andrew Aitken was thanked for all his work on Gift Aid as he gave his report. There were two resignations which affect the life of the Church - Niall Kinloch as Treasurer, due to pressure of work, a post not easy to fill, and Jacqueline Cumming as Church Cleaner, going to full time work. They were thanked for all their work in the Church. All other areas of business were proceeding apace.

## **THE GUILD**

At this time of writing, our new session has not yet begun, but I would like to mention some of our forthcoming events. Our Annual Guild Dedication Service will take place on Sunday 11th October at 11am, and it would be really good if all the Guild members could sit together near the front of the Church for this special service.

The Guild will once again hold a special Tuesday Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. This will be held on Tuesday 13th October from 10am until 12 noon in the Iona Hall, entry by donation. All are welcome, so please come along and support this very worthy cause.

Our Annual Charity Night will take place on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm in the large hall. This time, the entertainment will be the East Kilbride Ladies' Choir. Tickets will be available nearer the time, and will be priced at £3.50 each. The proceeds will go to our two chosen projects, which, this session, are Street Pastors and Breaking the Cycle of FGM. Please do come along and enjoy the entertainment.

The syllabus for November is as follows:

4th	2pm	Project - Street Pastors - Speaker TBA
11th	7.30pm	Charity Night - East Kilbride Ladies Choir
18th	2pm	Mr John Black - I am an Alien!
25th	2pm	PC Richard Samson - Community Safety Officer Rutherglen Police

As always, a warm welcome will be extended to anyone who wishes to come along to any of our meetings.

*E Gillespie - Secretary*

## **TREASURER**

As our Treasurer, Niall Kinloch kindly works three months notice we prayerfully seek a replacement for this very important role. If this is something you think you could do, even in a shared role, or would just like to enquire about it, please speak to Sandra or Jacqueline Coleman.



### **THE ART CLUB**

The Art Club starts its new season on October 3rd at 9am, new members most welcome. We are having an exhibition on 31st October and there will be a tea room with lots of home baking. The proceeds from the tea room will go to our favourite charity, Erskine.

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### **GIFT WEEKEND**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Gift Weekend as part of our Stewardship Campaign. We raised the wonderful amount of £2,800. This is a welcome and much appreciated donation to our Church and we thank everyone who gave up their weekend "treat". Thanks again.

### **LADIES' BADMINTON CLUB**

The Club opens for play on Tuesday 6th October in the Large Hall at 2pm. Any ladies interested in joining would be made very welcome. We have a great fun afternoon with plenty of chat and a cup of tea, so please come along.

*Jean Vail (Secretary)*

### **KING'S MEN UPDATE**

First of all a huge thank you to Ian Tomney for sharing with us his experiences of coaching, managing and travelling with the Scottish International Rugby teams he has been involved with. After what seemed like an age we have finally got what hopes to be a men's club together. This first night had a decent turnout and we were very fortunate to be given a wonderful insight to the ins and outs of what goes on within the Scottish Rugby setup by Ian .

We then had the pleasure of watching the film *Invictus* - about the South African Rugby World Cup and how a divided nation was brought together by it. The film was a great choice for many of us as quite a few hadn't seen it before but commented afterwards that this was a film they were glad to have seen and would probably enjoy watching again. All in all a great evening to get us started. We haven't yet decided on a set night to have our meetings on as some nights don't suit some guys. Once the details are finalised the word will be spread. I for one am very grateful for the work and effort put in by those responsible for making this happen.

One of the King's Men,

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

This year's Bazaar takes place on Saturday 28th November between 10am and 2pm. Further information will be given in next month's magazines and weekly intimations.

Please note we will gladly receive goods for the stalls BUT only in the week prior to the Bazaar.

*Norah and Jonathan Buchan*

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Our slightly different Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday 27th September in the large hall. A huge thank-you to everyone who donated flowers, those who delivered the flowers and those who made the hall so beautiful on the day.

### **BB NEWS**

The first tentative steps of the 2015/16 session have been taken by both Junior and Company Sections of the 118.

The Junior Section under their new O/C Stuart McKay will again be competing in Cathkin District's Junior Section 7-a-side football league and their progress will be chronicled in the coming months.

Meanwhile the Company Section will be preparing their boys for the various tasks required for the various badges at District and Battalion level.

*Ian Livingstone, RO*

### **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Glasgow the Caring City has been overwhelmed with donations and desperately need people to help to sort them out, Monday to Friday 9.30am to 2pm, and also work in their vans alongside the drivers. Unfortunately, without volunteer help, they will have to stop taking all donations and this is something they do not want to do.

If you can help please contact them on: 0141 634 8560 or [info@glasgowthecaringcity.com](mailto:info@glasgowthecaringcity.com)

Thank you in advance from Church of Scotland Glasgow Presbytery

### **TEXTILE COLLECTION**

Our twice yearly textile collection will take place from the morning of **Wednesday 4th November** until the evening of **Wednesday 11th November** inclusive. **Note, this time the collection will be lifted on THURSDAY 12th rather than the usual Friday.** All donations of clothing, bedding, curtains etc. will be gratefully received at the Church any time during this period. There will be collection bags available at the Church, however, if you have textiles already in bin bags then we will be happy to take them as they are. The Church will be open weekdays as usual from 9am until 12 noon and from 6.30pm until 9pm. If you have a donation and would find it difficult to get it to the Church please contact me on 647 4447 and we will be happy to collect it from you. A donation by weight of collection will be made to the Church so every item, no matter how worn you think it is will be extremely valuable to us!

*Lynda Young, Social & Fundraising Committee*

### **85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF KING'S PARK CHURCH**

A huge thank-you to Wilson Paterson and everyone who donated pictures for our recent 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The DVD night was amazing, fantastic to see the history of King's Park Church and what the congregation was doing through our journey of 85 years.

Many folks couldn't make the evening so perhaps we will have another evening to show more of the shows and history on film. It was great to see so many people in the photographs, magazines and newspapers on Communion Sunday, wonderful to look back and enjoy the past.

Many thanks to Alan Pratt and Raymond Jenkins for the extra preparation time they took out of their busy lives to help set up and clear away on both events. We could not have done it without you. Here's to the next 85+ years at King's Park Church.

## **BOTH SIDES NOW**

### **Worship**

In the July/August issue of the magazine the question was asked "Why go to Church?" One of the five answers to this question was to Worship, to wait upon and to listen to the Word of God (not only through the Sermon, but through prayers, music, offering, scripture reading and perhaps a sacrament). During the weekly service where we attend to meditate upon God and his goodness there should be silence. Belief and Faith are individual statements of emotion. But worship involves a Congregational Fellowship - a togetherness. Do we find God in our Services? Do we need more variety to attract more interest? Should there/can there be less formality? Can technology help to clarify our Faith? Does it?

Is worship only for Sundays? As individuals with questioning minds we must make our own decisions about our beliefs. DO we pray at other times? Do we read the Bible during the week? - our manual for living. In King's Park we have God Tock - our Bible Study Group - currently discussing the life of Jesus in Christianity Explored. We have a Prayer Group that meets regularly. We use Christmas and Easter as mission opportunities in the Community. Churches together - King's Park, Crofffoot and Toryglen Worship at various times. But to live prayer we have to be there!

The Minister in any Church is the hub, the person who presents the Message - who conducts worship. Currently Ministers are thin on the ground and getting thinner as many are retiring and numbers joining the ranks are few. So how do we see worship in the future? The Presbytery through their plan looks 10 years ahead - Elders presiding in various capacities, pioneer Ministry, more practical than doctrinal, also immigrant Ministers are all on the agenda to cope.

Consider Luke 10:2

If we treasure our Worship and God's part in our lives in the future then we must accept changes are probable and Mission essential.

## CHURCH HOUSE – AUTUMN UPDATE

### Summer Fun

All our young people had a brilliant time taking part in our summer programme.. One young person told us “it wasn’t just good, it was fantastic!”, while another said “you make me walk far too much!” I guess you can’t please everyone!

We went on trips to the Glasgow Science Centre; we went bowling; we visited Glasgow parks and some of the children got the chance to try mountain biking 1 day a week for 5 weeks, thankfully during some good weather. Their skill level certainly improved – at the end of the 5 weeks, able to shoot up hills that had challenged them at the beginning  
Our Parent & Toddler group enjoyed a trip to Almond Valley Park in Livingston - feeding animals and having great fun climbing over, under and on, various objects, sliding on chutes and generally running about. A few of our toddlers now move on to nursery school - we hope they have fun, while learning lots!

### New staff member needed

We are currently advertising for a part- time Early Years Worker for Church House. Margaret Beaton has decided to retire at the end of the year. She first got involved with Church House when she was 15, so she’s certainly due a well deserved retirement!

If anyone is interested in this post, please look at Church Website for information: [http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about\\_us/vacancies\\_and\\_volunteering/ministries\\_council\\_vacancies](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/vacancies_and_volunteering/ministries_council_vacancies)

### Friday Night Sessions – Kayak & Cook

Friday nights see us paddling around at Pinkston Watersports Centre taking part in kayaking then returning home to Boden Street to prepare and eat a meal together. Skills on the water and in the kitchen!

### Thank You

Thanks to all the people who help and support our work with the young people and families. It is much appreciated and much valued - please keep up the good work! We also couldn’t provide so many positive opportunities for our members without the financial support from our church friends.

**Please remember in your prayers:  
Our families and young people  
Our future plans, Our activities  
Our volunteers & staff**

*50 Glorious Years*

Our warmest congratulations go to  
 Mr and Mrs John & Millie McCabe  
 who will celebrate their Golden  
 Wedding Anniversary on 6th October.  
 We wish them both every Blessing.

CHRISTIANITY  
 EXPLORED



**Christianity Explored** is a course where New and Mature Christians can come together and speak about Jesus. We will be exploring questions that cut to the heart of Christianity. It started on Monday; 7<sup>th</sup> **SEPTEMBER, 7-9pm St. Mungo Hall**, but please feel free to join us any Monday evening whether you have been before or not. During the evening there will be the opportunity to ask questions, no matter how simple or difficult you think they are, and using Mark's Gospel, we will explore the claim that Jesus Christ is 'The Son of God'. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**WORSHIPPING IN THE LARGE HALL**

As most of you know, our Sunday Services of Worship have been taking place in the Large Hall over the last few weeks while the heating is fixed in our Sanctuary. We would like to thank all of you for bearing with us during these works, we hope that the experience of worship out with the Sanctuary has been as spiritually fulfilling a journey as it would normally have been. We would also like to give a special thanks to Ian Henderson, our Church Officer, who ensured the large hall was set out so well each week. We hope to be back in the "warmth" of the Sanctuary soon.

### **PATH OF RENEWAL**

Have you ever thought, as a churchgoer, that these days you're very much in the minority? I suppose it depends what generation you are a part of. Sometimes when you step out of the Church it can feel like you're in a different culture! Church, as we know it, is struggling to keep up with the sweeping changes in our 21<sup>st</sup> century culture. Church used to be the centre of our community, both physically and spiritually – now it's most definitely on the edge. We live in a secular country, where the Church, along with other formerly respected institutions, is more or less ignored.

We attend church on a regular basis, for our own personal reasons - some of us attending more than others; some getting more involved than others. Around us, attendance diminishes, ministers retire - then can't be replaced, Churches close. It's a fairly depressing scenario. BUT – we're talking about God here; we're talking about Jesus Christ – there's nothing depressing about them! We need to realise that our church model doesn't work anymore - we've lost our attraction. Rather than sitting here waiting for people to join us, we need to take the message of Jesus Christ out there and stay out there with it.

#### **Path of Renewal envisages just that.**

As Sandra has already said in her letter from the Manse, King's Park has been nominated by Glasgow Presbytery to be a Path of Renewal pilot church. As part of this exercise, Sandra and the Kirk Session will soon be visited by members of the steering group, partly to gauge their support for the project and partly to answer questions. If successful in the selection process, we will start work in January 2016 – no messing about!

Initially, Sandra will be the focus of things, but it'll spread out to include us all in many ways from direct involvement to much needed prayer support. It's also clear that the Church of Scotland is very serious about this programme and will provide regular support and input from an experienced back up team right through from start to finish. The programme seeks to identify people in the congregation who can work as modern day missionaries in the "foreign culture" mentioned above. There will be training and support for this too.

In a nutshell – what we're trying to do is to rediscover our calling as the Church in 21<sup>st</sup> century Scotland. People need to be rooted in faith – creating disciples, not members! The task is about helping churches move from an insular approach to one where we engage in meaningful ways with those around us – an approach which leaves no one unchanged. It goes far beyond holding mission events to attract people along to what we currently do, but cuts right through the heart of who we are called to be and what we are called to do as God's people.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****OCTOBER**

Saturday 3rd	4-6pm Messy Church
Sunday 4th	11am Morning Worship—BB Founders' Day, note the Brass Band will NOT be playing
Monday 5th	7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
Tuesday 6th	7pm-9pm KP Chicks
Sunday 11th	11am Morning Worship - Guild Dedication 6.30pm Evening Worship
Monday 12th	7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
Tuesday 13th	10am-12noon Guild Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer
Sunday 18th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship
Monday 19th	7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
Wednesday 21st	6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Kirk Session 8pm Congregational Board Meeting
Sunday 25th	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship
Monday 26th	7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
Friday 30th	10am Dementia Cafe

**NOVEMBER**

Sunday 1st	11am Morning Worship - Dedication of Garden of Remembrance after the Service
Monday 2nd	7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
Wednesday 4th	7pm Kirk Session Consultation (TBC)

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Saturday 7th	4-6pm Messy Church
Sunday 8th	10.50am Remembrance Sunday 6.30pm Evening Worship