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

*"Our greatest comfort in life
is to know that Jesus is Alive".*

See Mark 16:6

1930-2017—87 Years of Spiritual Service

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submitting an article and wish something not to appear online please
indicate this on submission.**

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 561

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

10th Feb Mr John Thomson, Greenlees Care Home

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- Friends and Amazing Experiences, Luke 9: 28-45
- Church in 2016 (AGM), Luke 10: 25-37
- Repentance - there's always time, Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35
- Finding the Lost, Luke 15: 1-32

Please remember to inform the Church if you are changing your address. It's vital that our records are kept as up to date as possible. Thank you in advance.

NOTE: CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER:

As agreed at the Congregational Board, as of the 1st of January there will no longer be a landline in the Manse. The Minister is contactable at all times on her mobile phone. Number: 07919 676242

FROM THE MANSE. . . Good News

All we seem to hear about these days is bad news! I am especially aware of this since my Dad has become ill and subsequently going through treatment. Everywhere I turn people are telling me about illness either at home or in hospital, difficult situations, trouble with family and friends, as well as death and it does wear us all down.

I'm often asked the question what helps me carry so many burdens and my reply is simple. I don't carry all these burdens, no ordinary human can, but God can. I work hard through prayer at placing those people and situations that are concerning me into God's hands. And the next part is the hard bit – **leaving** them with **HIM**. A natural reaction is to want to say what can I **do** to help and take things back from God. That's when things weigh heavy on our shoulders especially when there is nothing that can be done, and we feel helpless. God cares so much for all of us, He only wants what is best for us, and all His children. God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to offer us GOOD NEWS . He realises



like Adam and Eve we ALL make mistakes. We hurt ourselves, others and God and He realised that the only sacrifice good enough to put things right was through taking on flesh and living among us. For 3 years Jesus taught, healed, reached out to sinners and ate with Tax collectors and showed God's love in a new and remarkable way, God's Kingdom's way. Easter reminds us of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice, dying in our place, so that we can be forgiven, but also of resurrection and new life. Through our faith and belief in Jesus Christ we have the Good News of the hope of forgiveness and eternal life. We shouldn't keep this Good News to ourselves we need to share Jesus Christ with family, friends and even strangers. As followers of Jesus as his 21st Century disciples we are called to show God's love, to tell others of Jesus Christ and we do it, not in our own strength but guided and helped by the Holy Spirit. Bad news today could turn into good news tomorrow, if we place our faith and trust in God and allow him to transform us through Jesus.

God Bless You, Love, *Sandra*.

Editor's Extras

Over the last week or two I have been preparing for the celebration of my sister's Gold Wedding. My other sister is coming to Glasgow for the first time in 50 years, from Sweden and is going to stay with me for a few days. This will be an experience for her and for me. I have been given, and taken, much advice on what I have to do to prepare for a guest. In April we will be celebrating Easter; Jesus entry to Jerusalem, His death and finally, and gladly, His resurrection. Are we prepared for this event? How will we prepare for this major event in the Christian calendar? Perhaps, by attending the Holy Week services each night or attending the Walk of Faith, or, once again confirming the meaning of Easter.

Once the Golden Wedding is over I will, no doubt, return to my routine, but perhaps happier to have met with the family and celebrated together. Will Easter "set us up" for a New Year in Christ? Read the various activities and highlights of our Church in the magazine. Consider any advice given and let us go forward happier that we again do something together.

Have a good Easter, WP

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, as we travel through Lent we look forward to Easter week, from shouting Hosanna, through betrayal, crucifixion and resurrection. Help us to experience the Sadness and Joy of this week. Let us look at our faith and show others that with Jesus we will share God's love and rejoice in the knowledge of everlasting life.



We give thanks for our Lord's final sacrifice. He washed away and forgave our sins. Help us strive to be better people and to take strength from God. When we are troubled let us take those troubles to the Lord in Prayer and lay them at the foot of the cross. Hear our prayer. *Amen*

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - January & February 2016
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	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings	8,545	7,591
Last Year Offerings	8,514	8,217
Difference +/--%	0%	-8%
YTD Difference +/--%	0%	-4%
Regular Monthly Income	1,714	5,126
HMRC - Gift Aid	-	8,831
Donations - Funerals	500	550
Donations - Others	-	920
Hall Hire Income	1,305	792
Total Month's Income	<u>12,064</u>	<u>23,810</u>
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regularly Monthly Costs	18,291	26,616
One off Costs	1,036	1,860
Total Month's Costs	<u>19,327</u>	<u>28,476</u>
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Monthly Income vs (Costs)	-7,263	-4,666

Comments

Charitable collections totalled £972 in January and £1,673 in February. Frock Swap raised £1,360 in February with 50% to Church and 50% to charity. Donations, coffee mornings and a Burns Supper have raised £1,826 for the Roof Fund. February's expenditure includes two payments to Ministries and Missions of £7,201 however this sum will not be due in March.

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH GARDENS

It's that time of the year again when we need support from volunteers to undertake the easy duties of tending the grounds. The present gardening team, who are all getting older, meet on a Tuesday morning about 9.30am for tidying up, cutting grass and hedge trimming etc. However, there is a n opportunity for doing tasks at a time to suit any volunteer, as all the tools are accessible and held in the Church. If you feel this is something you could help with please speak to anyone on the team on a Tuesday morning or contact Bob Packer, on 0141-647 5022.

Church Gardening Team

WORLD MISSION

Stamp Appeal—The amount contributed should have read £3,111, not £311 as in March issue. Apologies.

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

Come and join us for an enjoyable Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday afternoon, 1.15pm. All new members will be made welcome (practice session 12noon—1pm Tuesday).

EASTER CARDS

There will be Easter Cards for sale at the Easter Café, this year money will go to the roof fund which is a worthy cause.

FLOWER FUND



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

THE GUILD

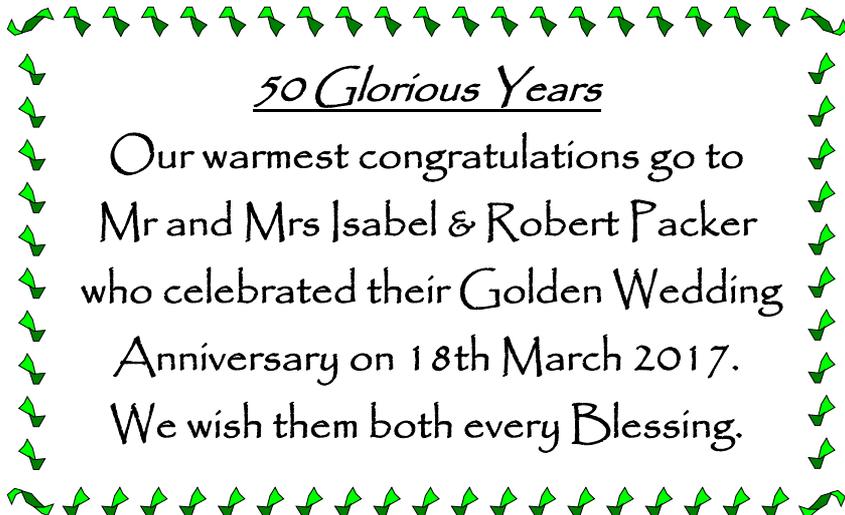
Our March activities were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by our members, especially the speaker from CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland) who explained that their facilities were now open to teenagers.

At the time of writing, our Daffodil Tea on 29th March and our half-day annual outing on 24th May have yet to take place. More information about these events and information about the new session will be in the next edition of the magazine.

"HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOUR"

The joint choirs of King's Park and Mure Memorial will perform Hallelujah, What a Saviour in King's Park on Sunday 9th April at 6.30pm and on Wednesday 12th April in Mure Memorial at 7.30pm. Please support the choir in these events.

Thanks, *Jonathan*



Reverend James Reid

This is to announce the death of Reverend James Reid at the age of 97. James came to King's Park from the RAF with a fair bit of experience. He served as student assistant Minister between May 1949 (under Reverend William Clarke) to January 1951 (under Reverend Robert Paterson). He was highly thought of, was a tolerant, kind, loving and caring man who succeeded in imparting his own knowledge to the Congregation. He was a key member of the Youth Fellowship. On demission he joined the Church Extension in Yoker (a sort of pioneering Ministry) and Ministered at Carmunock and Restalrig in Edinburgh. He left behind a wife, Cora, children Coralie and James and grandchildren Teah, Katie, Alex and Ella. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them at this time.

CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE



30th Anniversary Erskine Bridge Crossing takes place on Saturday 6 May and everyone is invited to take part in what will be a great day out for the whole family. To celebrate 30 fantastic years of the event, Christian Aid are throwing a party! Come along early to enjoy music, games, cake and lots more before setting off across the bridge at 2pm!

If you can't stand still while people live in poverty – WALK FOR US! *Contact Alan Pratt soon on 07776 328914 and get all the details you'll need.*

Christian Aid Week (14 – 20 May 2017) like the first Christian Aid Week, 60 years ago, focuses on the plight of refugees. Today, 65 million people across the globe have fled their homes because of disasters and conflicts. Many have endured years of insecurity. This Christian Aid Week, our support is more vital than ever. King's Park has always been heavily involved in CAW and we're hoping, this year, to raise more cash than ever before.

Watch this space to find out how you can help with CAW17 – but meantime, please pray that we can get as many collectors as we need to cover the whole parish!

CAN ANYONE HELP?.....

King's Park Church has an excellent suite of halls, which are well used by all manner of groups and organisations, sacred and secular, BUT, there are opportunities to make more use of the accommodation when it's not being used.

Loads of requests are received from individuals and groups seeking to 'rent' halls or rooms for meetings, children's parties, dancing displays etc. This is great, because it generates additional income for the church, and, just as importantly, invites people, young and old, into our buildings, giving us the opportunity to welcome them in the name of Jesus.

So, how can you help?

If a hall/room is let at a time when the Church Officer is not on duty, we need a responsible person to be present while the event is taking place. Accordingly, we need to draw up a list of people who would be able to do this. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to serve.

If you would like to help or even find out more about this – please contact Alan Pratt on 07776 328914

THE PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will meet in the Lounge 10.30am to 10.40am before the Sunday service. There will be an opening prayer, a reading and time shared or silent prayer ending with the Lord's Prayer. This will give everyone who cannot attend the Tuesday meeting an opportunity to join us then. This will start on 23rd April. Our group look forward to giving you a warm welcome.

Session and Congregational Board

Kirk Session

Apart from the normal routine business, the responsibilities of the trustees, the allocation of halls and potential meetings of interest to Elders, the following were the points of interest. Allan Thomson is “retiring from Elder duties”, aged 88. The Session agreed that a cap on District Elders’ Duties should be aged 80. During Holy Week there will be services every evening which include worship with Churches Together. Leaflets will be distributed throughout the Parish with details of all our services.

A comprehensive Safeguarding Report was received which included a reminder that the Convenor’s name and contact details would be displayed in every hall, all relevant forms and handbook information could be accessed in the Church Office. An encouraging report from the Youth Co-Ordinator was also presented. A two month presbytery report was given which included a reminder that Manse inspections should be carried out annually. To celebrate the Year of the Young Person (2018) a trip to South Africa is being organised by Urban Saints for 16-25 year olds.

Congregational Board

Mr Lawson Boyd agreed to take on the role of Property Convenor and reported that the plumbing work for the new children’s toilet had been completed. Further work to replace the inefficient boiler in the toilet near the Vestry was being considered. Electrical work on lights and sockets is being undertaken as well as looking at making the printer/ copier more efficient with better links to the office computer. The property team are looking for spare paint, so search your cupboards and garage if you have any lying around we can collect it from you.

An increase in salary for our employers was set in line with inflation and agreed by the Board. The Gift Aid report was presented with a reminder to the Board that the shortfall in offerings could be rectified by an increase of £3 per week per member.

The Treasurer, Clerk to the Board and Gift Aid Convenor all agreed to serve for another year.

CHURCH HOUSE – The Journey Continues

Rev Howard Hudson writes in the Church House 2016 Annual Report:

“Welcome to the Church House Annual Report. 2016 has been a very significant year in the history of Church House with Church House moving into a new building in July 2016. After 74 years in an old church building in Boden Street, we now have a new purpose-built building which has been built onto Bridgeton, St Francis-in-the-East Church, thanks to funding from the Scottish Government and the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

With our new building, have come new opportunities and some new activities, volunteers and staff, as you will see in this report. All this helps us to continue to develop Church House into an integrated family support centre, seeking to make a positive difference to children, young people, individuals and families from all backgrounds living in Bridgeton and Barrowfield. All this and more has only been possible, thanks to the hard work of our staff members – Angela, Graham and Nick, our volunteers and Board members, and all who continue to support our work in prayer and giving. To all of them, a very grateful thanks!”

To have a look at the report in it's entirety – please speak to Alan Pratt

***Church house is now located at
22 Queen Street, Glasgow G40 3BB***

Check out the facebook page – www.facebook.com/churchhousebridgeton

Thanks . . .

Sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers I received today. It was most kind and greatly appreciated. The lowers look beautiful in my vase and bring me a lot of pleasure.

Thanks again,

Lily Hendry



Many thanks to Sandra and the Session for the beautiful Church flowers we received for our Gold Wedding Anniversary. Also thanks to the Congregation and friends for the lovely wishes, flowers and cards we have received on this our special day.

Isabel and Robert Packer

I actually thought I'd managed to keep my great age (90) pretty quiet but I was wrong. A most beautiful bouquet of flowers was delivered to me by the Elder, Colin Wilson. It was truly "the unexpected courtesy, the thoughtful kindly deed", as the card said! My grateful thanks to Sandra and all my friends in the Church.

Mattie Marshall

Sincere thanks to our Elder Joan Dudley and all our friends for their visits, cards and flowers following the loss of our dad Ian Thomson. Special thanks to Sandra and Raymond for their visits to dad and for conducting such a lovely funeral service. Your love and kindness is very much appreciated.

Alaine Hill, Lesley Gillies and families

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on 5th may during the morning service when Mr Alan Pratt, Mrs Jacqueline Coleman and Mr Niall Kinloch presented the requisite Annual Reports for 2016. Thanks were expressed to them, the Minister and all others involved in the business of the Church. Thanks too to Mr Wilson Paterson for his wonderful presentation of our "Church Year" through singing and poetry, it was much enjoyed by everyone. There were three additions to the Congregational Board with no disjunctions. We wish our new members, Margaret King, Morag Montgomerie and Lorraine Mackay every Blessing.

A Question of Faith . . .

Can you find the answers to these questions in the Bible?
(Consider Exodus).

How many in Jacob's family went to Egypt?

To make their lives better, what did Egyptian slave masters force the Israelites to build?

What two Egyptian cities does Exodus 1 say the slaves built?

With what two items did the Egyptians make the Israelites build?

In addition to building sites, where else were the Israelites harshly treated?

What job did the Hebrew women Shiphrah and Puah have in Egypt?

Which gender of Israelite baby did the King of Egypt ask midwives to kill?

Because the midwives feared God and did not carry out Pharaoh's orders what did God give them?

Into what did the King of Egypt want all the Hebrew boys thrown?

From what tribe were Moses parents?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - APRIL

Sun 2nd	11am Morning Worship including Sacrament of Baptism
Mon 3rd	7pm God Tock
Tues 4th	7pm KP Chicks – DVD Night
Sun 9th	11am Morning Worship - Palm Sunday
6.30pm	Hallelujah! What a Saviour! Led By King's Park and Mure Memorial Church Choirs
Mon 10th	7.30pm Holy Week Evening Worship At King's Park
Tue 11th	7.30pm Holy Week Evening Worship At King's Park with King's Park Brass
Wed 12th	7.30pm Holy Week Evening Worship At King's Park
Thur 13th	6.30pm Maundy Thursday Worship at Toryglen
Fri 14th	1pm Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Crofffoot UF
	7.30pm Good Friday Evening Worship At Kings Park
Sat 15th	4-6pm Messy Church for families, fund & food
Sun 16th	8am Early Morning Worship at Menock Road entrance to King's Park—bring your boiled Eggs! Bacon/egg/sausage rolls served at Church after this service
	11am All Age Easter Morning Worship with eggs for the children

During Holy Week the Church will be open for quiet reflection every evening from 6pm-7.30pm. There will be an Easter Café for tea/ coffee and fellowship after each service with Easter Cards on sale.

Tues 18 th	2pm Service in King's Park Mews
Wed 19th	6.30pm Prayer Group
	7pm Kirk Session
	8.15pm Congregational Board
Sun 23rd	9.45am Early Morning Worship
	11am Morning Worship
Mon 24th	7pm God Tock
Fri 29th	10.30am Dementia Cafe
Sun 30th	9.45am Early Morning Worship
	11am Morning Worship
<u>May</u>	
Mon 1 st	7pm God Tock
Tues 2 nd	7pm KP chicks Partylite Evening
Sat 6th	9am-12noon King's Park Art Club Exhibition, donations to Erskine Hospital
	4-6pm Messy Church
Sun 7th	11am Morning Worship

King's Park Art Club

**Would you like to learn to paint and draw?
Now's your chance.**

We are looking for new, adult, members.

You don't need to have any previous experience as we have a number of members who work in a variety of mediums and can assist you, if you wish, and advise on any materials etc. you may require.

We meet in the Iona Hall on a Saturday morning from 9.00am until noon.

We will be having an exhibition in the Iona Hall on 6th May 17 if you'd like to get an idea of the sort of work we do. Admission is free and tea, coffee and home baking will also be available on donation to Erskine Hospital.

You don't need to wait until then though. Please feel free to drop in anytime.

If you decide you would like to join us, we pay £1 each week we attend and there is an annual subscription of £10 in Sept / Oct when the session recommences.

On payment of the annual subscription you will be provided with a Membership Card, which can be used to obtain a 10% discount on materials etc. at some art stores.

So why not come along and have a go.