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

***"May the Lord lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace".***

Blessing

1930-2017—87 Years of Spiritual Service

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

BY ADMISSION OF FAITH

Mr Allan Bruce, Curtis Avenue
Mr Marc Andres, Kingsbridge Drive
Ms Natalie Wallace, Coxtan Place, G33
Mrs Annie Robertson, Windlaw Court

We welcome our four new communicants and wish them every Blessing as they continue on their journey of faith here in King's Park.

No of Communicants on Roll = 562

A BLESSING

"Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me"

7th May Heather Mary Buchanan, Aberdeen

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

7th Jun Rhodrick Bain, Kingsbridge Drive
10th Jun Mrs Elizabeth Baxter, Kilmorie Drive

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.

FROM THE MANSE. . . In the Present

This picture is one of my favourite images painted by Charlie Mackesy. He also painted a prodigal Son, as well as many others. This reminds me of being held in the present. In today's world our past is very important, and rightly so as our past shapes who we are today. What we will do or be in the future is also important.



But what about the present? It's all too easy to rush through life without stopping to notice the world around us. When was the last time we stopped and looked at the beautiful sky, and the lovely green grass and gorgeous flowers all around us? When was the last time we stopped and sat quietly, and gave thanks to God for the wonderful world He has given us?

There are many new exercises and initiatives that help with this very thing, like the Mindfulness Course run by our own Nikki Kidd recently, focusing us to pay more attention to the present moment, to our own thoughts and feelings, and to the world around us.

Jesus himself took time out, to go up the mountain, by himself, to talk and be still in His Father's presence, making time in the busyness and pressures of everyday life, to stop, think and pray for others and himself, about the present and the future. Jesus, even in his final moments with His disciples, took time alone in the stress and pressure of the Garden of Gethsemane to make time to be in the presence of God. Even He needed this time in the presence and stillness of this world to be with God.

If Jesus needed this, then how much more do we need this! As part of Path of Renewal I have been encouraged to make time, to be still and to deepen my personal relationship with God every day. We need to get back to basics and how much more basic can we get than to develop our relationship with our Creator. We all need to grow more as Jesus' disciples and we can't do this unless we spend quality time in His presence. That means praying, reading His Living Word through our Bible and listening to His leading and guiding us.

How will we ever know what Jesus wants us to do today, never mind tomorrow if we don't stop and listen and then follow? The church of the Present and the Future relies on us all listening now.

Why not take time this summer to practice being in the presence of our Lord. God Bless, Love, *Sandra*.

Editor's Extras

Another summer break - another month or two to take pride in last year's achievements. To consider improvements to our buildings; our links to community; our summer activities (such as the community festival on the 24th of July and our prayer walks and litter picks) and planning for next year. We try, albeit in similar ways each year, to help one another and to review our faith in what the Church stands for in our lives. A new series of "Places of the Bible" will hopefully highlight the importance of the towns and cities mentioned with an appropriate message. This issue is concerned with Tyre and Ninevah and their rise and fall. The message is perhaps - the more you have the less you need to believe. Let us believe that what we accomplish in Church, as a priority, is good and that our own brand of wealth will follow. God Bless.

Can I note my personal thanks to Alan Pratt for organising Christian Aid.
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Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we give thanks for our Minister, for all the work she does for us and the support she gives us.. We bring you our Path of Renewal, growing disciples. Help us to spread your word and your love. We pray for good weather when we celebrate the Commonwealth Legacy Community Festival and hope all the events over the summer are well attended. We pray for life boat sea rescue services so that everyone can enjoy water sports. Forgive us when we eat food and never think about where it comes from, especially to the fishermen who go out in all weathers, risking their lives. Lord we thank you. Hear our Prayer Lord. Amen

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- BB Founders Day, 1st Samuel, 17
- A Life to Die for, Acts 6: 1-7, 7: 44-60
- Christian Aid, Psalm 66:8-20, 1st Peter 3: 13-22, John 14: 15-21
- Youth Service, Psalm 146
- Thicker than Blood, Galatians 3: 1-9; 23-29
- Breathe on us, Breath of God, Acts 2: 1-4, Gal 4: 1-7, Gal 5: 16-26
- What Church is all about! Communion, Psalm 100
- How Long? New Communicants, Psalm 13
- The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2017**

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		<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Offerings		8,395	8,132
Last Year Offerings	8,360		9,057
Difference +/-%	-£35		-£925
YTD Difference +/-%	-3%		-10%
Regular Monthly Income		1,645	7,139
Roof Fund - Donations & Card Sales		2,355	382
Legacy received		-	3,000
Hall Hire Income		614	757
Total Month's Income		<u>13,009</u> =====	<u>19,410</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Regularly Monthly Costs		16,244	17,825
One off Costs		485	9,696
Total Month's Costs		<u>16,729</u> =====	<u>27,521</u> =====
Monthly Income vs (Costs)		-3,720	-8,111

Comments

For April, roof fund donations received £2,005 and card sales raised £350. Shortfall in overall income after expenses was £3,720.

For May, roof repairs were £9,696 (roof fund collection of donations and fund raising totalled £4,849). Shortfall in overall income after expenses was £8,111. Christian Aid collections were £3,636.

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.

271st GUIDE COMPANY

Congratulations to the following Guides on gaining their Baden Powell Challenge Award: Mhairi Coll, Amy Dougan, Holly Ferguson, Caitlyn Johnston, Sarah Kelly and Sophie Tees.

MEN'S BOWLING

Welcome back to all old members (no pun intended). Also, to anyone who came along and tried their hand.

Last year's session was very enjoyable and thanks again to those who organise the coffee mornings for cakes and biscuits. Bowling will start again on Tuesday 5th September. Times: Tuesday @ 12noon-1pm for practice session, open to all. 1.15pm for 1.30pm start till 4pm or earlier. Wednesday @ 1.15pm for 1.30pm start, finish 2.30pm-2.45pm, 3pm second game optional until 4pm. Friday: 1.15pm for 1.30pm start, optional game 3pm-4pm

Come along and try - your company and suggestions will be appreciated, even if you can manage only one day per week.



FLOWER FUND

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

Kirk Session News

In addition to the routine business; the allocation of halls and meetings of potential interest to Elders, the following were discussed.

- Analysis of Ministry and Missions contribution showed that 84% was allocated to providing Ministries and Parish Workers and 16% to the Church's Mission. King's Park's share was £86,650.
- Jill Kyle has resigned as Convenor of Mission and Outreach. The Session thanked Jill for her care and commitment since 2004. A successor has still to be appointed.
- The Session approved the purchase of 20 NIV Bibles for use by God Tock and the Congregation.
- The Youth Co-ordinator gave a very satisfactory report on the work of the organisations over the year, thanked the leaders for all their organisation and preparation and looked forward to next year's activities.
- Data Protection - two issues arose out of this deliberation, seeking consent of members to Church holding personal information and asking each member whether they wish to remain on the Church Roll. A small group will prioritise action in short to medium term to be implemented as and when. The principle of these was approved.
- Presbytery agreed a Covenant of Partnership with the Diocese of Hyderabad in Pakistan. A report was received from the Glasgow Care Foundation, a long time charity for those in need in the city, including 34% of the children who still live in poverty. As 2018 is the year of the young person a toolkit with sample services, ideas and resources will be filtered to the congregation this year. A report was received from business and youth representatives who attended the General Assembly.
- It was noted that Reverend Malcolm Cuthbertson was inducted to Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill and Reverend Calum McLeod was inducted to Rutherglen Old Parish Church.

Congregational Board

The Finance Report can be found elsewhere in this issue. On the property front the work on the roof of the transept is complete and satisfactory. Some work on the flat roof has still to be carried out. Summer maintenance is ongoing. Preliminary work on the Bell Tower and sound recording system is to be undertaken. Legacy funding is available for this work. New radio microphones are to be purchased to replace the current unreliable ones.

The benches had arrived for the newly renovated Church Garden - thanks were given to Nikki Kidd for her landscaping work and to the Gardening Team for all their efforts. There is a picture of all of Nikki's hard work on the front cover of this magazine.

THE LUNCH CLUB



The Lunch Club will return on the last Thursday of the month from September. It will run September, October, November and December, then again February, March, April and May. Looking forward to seeing you there. With God's Blessings.

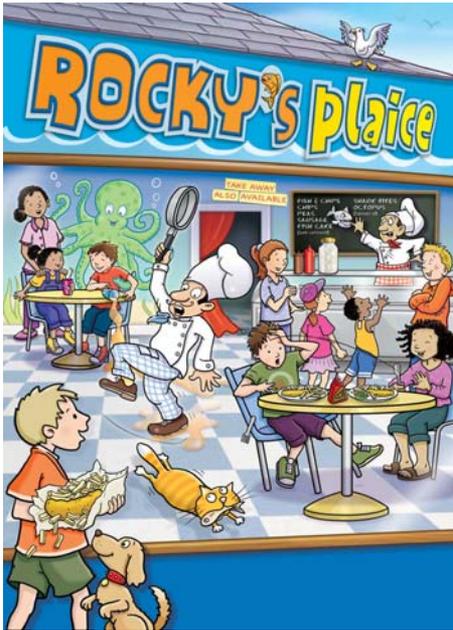
Arlene and the Team



PRAYER WALK AND LITTER PICK

Prayer Walk

Following the success of last year's events we will be continuing them again this year, around the streets of our Parish area. If you would like to join us we will be meeting at the Church at 7pm and will walk for about an hour stopping regularly at street corners to pray for those in these streets. This is an opportunity to get to know folks in our neighbourhood and meet some young people. Dates can be found on page 13 of the magazine under dates for your diary. Everyone in the Parish is welcome to join us.



**Children's Holiday Club
For ALL P1 - P7 Children.**

**Monday 28th August to
Friday 1st September
from 6.30pm—8.00pm**

**Lots of fun, games, songs,
arts and crafts, challenges
and drama.**

**Juice and biscuits.
£1.00 per child per night.**

**Then continued on Saturday
2nd September from
4pm-6pm
as MESSY CHURCH**

Churches Together

Ashley McCloy, 24, a member of Toryglen Church, has been selected to represent the West of Scotland in basketball at this year's Special Olympics. A coffee morning to assist her in this venture raised £370. From everyone at King's Park, we wish you well Ashley.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our spring textile collection, we raised the grand sum of £ 560. A huge thank you too to everyone who came along to the Strawberry Fayre where we raised a total of £864.

We are now taking a well earned rest over the summer, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the whole team for their dedication throughout the year, for their support to me and their infectious enthusiasm for everything that we organise.

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

BB NEWS...

Both Junior and Company Sections are now on their Summer breaks after their successful Parents' Nights.

The Inspecting Officer at the Junior Section's Display was Alan Henderson, former OC and he presented the main awards to the following boys:

Best Recruit:	Oliver Murray
Best Second Year (Iain Robson Trophy):	Christopher Bryson
Best Boy (Bennie Cup):	Callum Greene
Best Drilled Boy:	Matthew Ballantyne

At the Company section Parents' night the Principal awards were gained by the under-named boys:

Best Drilled Boys

Juniors:	Daran Walker, Aiden Fitzpatrick
Seniors:	Stephen McFadden, Stuart McFadden

Bible Knowledge

1st Year	Ben Murray	4th Year	Matthew Hood
2nd Year	James Murray	Senior	Aaron Downie
3rd Year	Jamie Bamford		

Best Squad: Squad 4

Aaron Downie, Iain Gibson, Jamie Bamford, James Murray, Euan Field

Best Boy

Junior:	Jamie Ross
Intermediate:	Jack Parrot
Senior:	Matthew Hood

President's Badge: Iain Gibson and Matthew Hood

As was stated at the start, both Sections are now on a well deserved break for the summer and both hope each member of the Church family come back refreshed for the 2017/2018 sessions at the beginning of September.

Ian Livingstone RO

Thanks . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent me good wishes, cards and flowers and to those who have visited me after I came home from hospital. To Sandra and Raymond who visited me in hospital and since I have come home. Also for the lovely church flowers delivered by Rosemary. I am recovering well and hope to be out and about soon and able to thank everyone personally for their kindness. Thank you again.

Marlyn Phillips

I would like to thank Sandra and Raymond for visits to my late husband Andrew, in hospital. Also to Sandra for all her help and guidance on our sudden loss, we could not have got through it without her. Also for all the cards, phone calls and flowers from our friends in the congregation. They have been very much appreciated by all of us.

Marion, Alan and Eleanor Stewart & Family

A Prayer of Lament for Refugees...

God, our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble, how long must those suffering in conflict wait for rescue?

How long must children separated from their families yearn for comfort?

How long must young people be denied a better future?

How long must those with psychological scars suffer with their trauma?

How long must families risk perilous journeys at the mercy of heartless traffickers?

How long must the internally displaced people of the world be forgotten?

How long will countries with plenty refuse sanctuary to those in need?

How long, O God, must you wait for your children to be welcomed, shown kindness and care?

O Lord of hosts protect them. God of love, be their refuge.

Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY/AUGUSTJuly

Sun 2nd	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Sun 9th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Sun 16th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Mon 17 th	7pm Prayer Walk around Parish
Sun 23rd	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Mon 24th	Community Festival 12-2pm 7pm Prayer Walk around Parish
Sun 30th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Mon 31 st	7pm Prayer Walk around Parish

August

Sun 6th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School including the Sacrament of Baptism
Mon 7 th	7pm Prayer Walk around Parish
Sun 13th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Mon 14 th	7pm Community Litter Pick
Sun 20th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School
Mon 21 st	7pm Community Litter Pick
Sun 27th	11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School

Mon 28th—Fri 1st September, 6.30pm - 8pm

Children's Holiday ClubSeptember

Sat 2nd	4pm-6pm, Final night of Children's Holiday Club incorporating Messy Church
Sun 3rd	11am Morning Worship, start of Sunshine Corner, The Ark, 242, and The Big Breakfast

Places of the Bible

This series, hopefully, will indicate what happened and where, with maybe a slice of why. Those of a musical persuasion, with particular reference to “Kismet”, will remember a song “Not Since Ninevah, not since Tyre”. But why were those cities mentioned in the Bible?

Tyre (a rock) - for those who have a map at the back of their Bible, this ancient Phoenician City can be found in the Palestine and Syria in Acts section. It was a great city of commerce. The merchants there were considered honourable and products of the world were gathered in the warehouses of Tyre. The Merchants were the first to navigate the Mediterranean waters. The industries in Tyre included special dyes, weaving, glass shops and the engraving of precious stones. It has also achieved recognition for the invention of the alphabet. A wealthy city, which was denounced by prophets including Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos and Ezekiel, who foretold its final destruction, because of its wickedness and idolatry. In AD1291 it was taken by the Saracens and has remained a desolate place ever since. A Church was founded soon after the death of Stephen and Paul spent a week there in discussion with disciples (Acts 21:4).

Ninevah - First mentioned in Genesis 10:11 - built by Nimrod in Assyria of which it was the capital - a great and populous city (Jonah 3:3, 4:11). It lay on the bank of the Tigris and stretched for 30 miles, the Book of the Prophet Nahum is almost exclusively taken up with denunciations against the city and predicts its destruction. It is now in ruins. In 633 BC the Assyrian Empire showed signs of weakness and Ninevah was attacked by the Medes and Babylonians who divided the property. Its end was sudden, strange and tragic - it was considered as God's doing as a judgement on Assyrian pride (Isaiah 10:19). Another wealthy city proven by subsequent excavations and among the treasures was confirmation of the Old Testament history of the Kings of Israel. In addition, that the prophecy of destruction by fire was true. When you seem to have all you want or need, then faith takes a back seat. Does that apply today?



CHRISTIAN AID 2017 - UPDATE

King's Park has again been busy raising money for Christian Aid. **£874** was raised by our Erskine Bridge walkers – so, huge thanks go to Margaret & Dougie Mills, Sandra Anderson, Margaret King, Graham McPhail, Gary King and Alan Pratt for raising this fantastic amount. This year's Christian Aid Week house to house collection achieved a total sum of **£2288.80** – thanks to all collectors – well done. Millie's Tuesday Coffee Morning raised **£150** – Thanks again Millie! In addition to the above, the King's Park family contributed a further £586.85 resulting in a total sum for Christian Aid Week 2017 of **£3025.65 A great achievement – thank you**

Answers to May/June Quiz—Ruth

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| 1. The Judges | 8. Orpha & Ruth |
| 2. Bethlehem | 9. They all died |
| 3. Moab | 10. Bethlehem |
| 4. A Famine | 11. Marah |
| 5. Elimelech | |
| 6. Mahlon & Chilion | |
| 7. Moab | |

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

The Great Get Together, jointly organised by King's Park Community Council and King's Park Church of Scotland and held on Sunday 18th June at King's Park Church, was a great success. The weather was perfect which allowed us to have our picnic out of doors in the grounds of the Church. We had lots of fun together with some Community Singing, a Quiz on Glasgow and the local area, and the special attraction of a real Fire Engine. The children had lots of fun finding out some answers to the quiz, sitting in the Fire Engine and operating the hoses (with the help of the Firemen of course) – the Church gardens were well watered! Lots of fun was had by all on this very special tribute to Jo Cox. Thanks to everyone who came along to make it such a joyous time together.

King's Park Community Festival Monday 24th July 2017



King's Park Church 12-2pm
A Legacy to the Queen's Baton
Party
celebrating the
Commonwealth Games



**Bouncy Castle, games,
face painting, crafts,
Beat the Goalie,
Coconut Shy,
Jelly & Ice-cream,
Hot Dogs and
Hamburgers.**
It's going to be MAGIC!
Including Owl – Magic.

Hope to see YOU there!