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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

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

***"Patience is power; with time and patience the
mulberry leaf becomes silk."***

Chinese Proverb. Titus 3:8

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 = 558

BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

17 Sept Oliver Martyn Fyfe, Kingsacre Road

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

9 Sept Mr Jimmy Gibson, formerly of Kings Park Avenue

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.

Whole Church Conference Outcomes

I think we can all agree that we had a very productive time at the conference on the 26th October. The feedback that I got from those who attended the conference was positive and I promised that I would get some information back to those who gave of their time and energy to come along and take part.

We looked at what we did well and what could be better in 6 areas and the comments which repeatedly came up are as follows:

Worship:

Works well - Welcoming, variety of services, friendship/fellowship, worship pattern works

Could be better – Not enough congregational participation, lack of togetherness, spread out in church

Committees:

Works Well – Certain committees are known and work well.

Could be better - Some committees don't meet, little feedback from committees to congregation.

Pastoral Care:

Works well – Pastoral care from Minister and Pastoral Assistant, regular visits & care of the elderly and prayer.

Could be better: Communication and lack of involvement in pastoral care.

Community / Mission:

Works well – Wide variety of community events, Hall lets and relationships with neighbours and shops.

Youth:

Works well – Contact with schools, Messy Church, Staff Leaders, Youth Organisations (Local Community Centre)

Could do better – Parent's not bringing children, do other things on a Sunday, same Sunday school regime, Transition times, lack of interest.

Eldership:

Works Well – contact and communication with all members, those attending and non-attenders, Kirk Session meetings and visitations to groups.

Could do better – lack of interest, communication, and rapport with district, visibility and more discussion at Kirk Session meetings.

This is the feedback from parts 1&2 and part 3 will require further in depth discussion in order to take things forward and so these will go to working groups to develop. Thank you so much to all those who participated.

Editor's Extras

October—when changes occur; when the nights start “drawing in”; when the organisations have restarted and the Church “clock” signals a new session. There are changes, also, to the magazine which will be produced every two months but more of that separately in this issue. In the Church, anniversaries don't alter (remember Harvest Thanksgiving, and look to BB Founders' Day and Remembrance Sunday amongst others), but what must not change is the Church's focus in its message to the community. One aspect not in doubt is the dedication and commitment of Church members even though there seems to be fewer every year. There will be changes in the future which will have to be coped with, within the Church. Consideration of a new roof, maintenance and operation and a review of possible future actions (see Assembly Summary). So, if the Church is in our hearts let us keep our eyes on the ball, our shoulders to the wheel and, using both hands, keep our Church “clock” ticking for another year - together. Come to the Whole Church Conference on 29th October 2017
Looking Forward in Christ, *WP*

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we thank you for the privilege of serving you. When we come into your house let us fill our sanctuary with music and singing. You blessed Jonathan and the choir with a great talent, pray for new members to join in this valuable work. You Guide us through life and when we read your word, open our eyes, help us to understand the meaning of the scriptures. We glorify you and we put our trust in you when life becomes difficult. The autumn season is here, and we enjoy the changing colours in nature. The Church was transformed with flowers at harvest and many members received gifts. The Lodging House Mission also benefited from your generosity. We pray for all the countries around the world as they cope with the devastation after the hurricanes, earthquakes and landslides. Let the wealthy countries unite and send aid and skilled people to help them rebuild these areas as they try to get back their lives. Hear our prayers Lord. *Amen.*



CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2017
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	<u>Aug</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	
Offerings	8,305
Last Year Offerings	<i>8,108</i>
Difference +/--%	<i>+£197</i>
YTD Difference +/--%	<i>2%</i>
Regular Monthly Income	542
Roof Fund - Donations & Fundraising	145
Hall Hire Income	100
Total Month's Income	<u>9,092</u> =====
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Regularly Monthly Costs	12,490
Church Bells works (from Designated Legacy)	400
Total Month's Costs	<u>12,890</u> =====
 Monthly Income vs (Costs)	 -3,798

Comments

Shortfall in overall income after expenses was £3,798

THE GUILD

At this time of writing, our new session has not yet begun, but I would just like to mention some of our forthcoming events.

Our Annual Guild Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 8 October at 11am, and it would be good if all the Guild members could sit together near the front of the Church for this special service.

We will once again hold a special Tuesday Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. This will take place on Tuesday 17 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 be held on Wednesday 8 November at 7.30 pm in the large hall, when we will be entertained by the Westertones. Tickets will be available nearer the time, priced at £4 each. The proceeds will go to our two chosen projects, which are Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia and All Friends Together.

The syllabus for November and December is as follows:-

Nov	1	2pm	Gangs of Glasgow – Bob Jeffrey
“	8	7.30pm	CHARITY NIGHT – The Westertones
“	15	2pm	Soldiers off the Streets – Walter Hamilton
“	22	2pm	Nostalgia – Kevin Smith
“	29	2pm	Flower Arranging for Christmas by Adele
Dec	6	2pm	Christmas Celebrations – Lynn Kerr, followed by a Buffet .

Please note that the topic for November 15 is Soldiers OFF the Streets, and not Soldiers OF the Streets as shown in last month's magazine, as it is about ex-soldiers who find themselves homeless.

E Gillespie - Secretary

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- The Lord is My Shepherd, Psalm 23
- Preparation is Crucial!, 1 Cor 11: 17-34
- Communion, Mark 14: 12-25
- All things bright and beautiful, Genesis 1- 2:4
- Abundant Life, John 10:1-10

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.

NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP

The Church will be open on the 11/11/17 from 10am until 7pm. There will be a reading and a prayer every hour on the hour and a short service at 11am. Tea and coffee will be available and an opportunity for someone to pray with you if you wish. There will be a National Day of Prayer on 25th November, information on notice board and in the intimations. Sunday Prayer meeting at 10.30am in the lounge is attended by a different group from the congregation and the numbers have increased. When Baptism or Blessing occurs we will meet in the St Mungo Hall. There are 241 names on the list and we continue to send out Prayer Cards. Thank you to everyone for their support.

WORLD MISSION

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for past support in all its ventures and hopes this interest will extend into 2017/18. The following aspects will be priorities - Christian Aid, Used Stamps, Fairtrade, Leprosy and World Mission Magazine. Thanks again, we'll keep in touch. *WP*

FLOWER FUND



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

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

The following is a brief indication of the topics discussed at this year's Assembly and gives an insight into the scope of possible future actions within the Church and its involvement in the Community. Actions within the Church and its involvement in the Community:

- Same sex marriages
- Path of Renewal - cultural changes causing "missional mindset"
- Ministry—training experienced Elders to preach and preside at Sacraments
- Mission - Role and Status of Women in the World Church, their contribution is massive despite discrimination
- Church & Society - asylum seekers, refugees, politics, social justice etc, create targets over the next 10 years.
- Social Care—work of Crossreach - to initiate procedures to keep the Church's chosen charity involved in the community
- Ecumenical— discussions and relationships with other churches

Also reviewed were World Missions, Guild, Safeguarding and Chaplaincy to the Forces - all of which were making good progress.

MAGAZINE - KEEP US IN MIND

The magazine will be produced once every two months from October as agreed by the Kirk Session. There is a sameness about every issue with a "regular" number of pages although the distribution has not altered. If you have a nostalgic story or anecdote or whatever you might feel would enhance our publication (a memory of Church gone by or why you attend) then keep us in mind. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our team for all their hard work over the year - to Lynda, Norma, Aileen, Allan and Ann and her visitors - to produce your magazine.

WP

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

On Sunday 19th of November we are having our Gift Weekend, continuing our Stewardship Campaign focusing on Money. The Stewardship Committee would like every member to consider sacrificing a night out, a take away meal or something similar that weekend and donating a minimum of £10 to King's Park Church instead. If you would like to make a contribution you can bring your donation in the envelope on Sunday to church, to make your gift to God. If this is not suitable you can hand the envelope delivered with your magazine into the church anytime.

This year we are facing a £16,000 deficit at year end. This has now become business critical and your financial support to your Church could make a huge difference. **Note: the name and address is for gift aid purposes only, if you wish to donate anonymously you are more than welcome to do that .**

If the numbers are of interest, what happens to your donation of £10 :

It all goes to 121? **NO**. It all goes to help poorer churches? .. **NO**
It pays for the Minister? **NO**. It provides a powerful ministry; locally, nationally and globally! **YES**

How?

£4.20 is kept by the local church, £5.00 pays for our ministers, 80p - provides important help for congregations and supports the Church's mission

More detail?

About £4.20 is kept by the local church for all sorts of costs including maintaining the building, mission, worship and supporting church groups

About £5 goes to the Parish Ministries Fund – this ensures we have ministries in every part of the country.

And the 80p?

It supports congregations with services such as Safeguarding, Law Department, General Trustees and Stewardship & Finance. It also ensures the mission of the Church is strengthened through the work of Councils:-

7p - Mission and Discipleship, 4p - Church and Society, 6p - Social Care (Crossreach), 11p - World Mission, 40p - Support and Services to your church (legal advice, accounting, safeguarding), 5p - General Assembly and Moderator, 7p-Special Contributions.

Along with the gift envelope there is also a Standing Order in this month's magazine, for those who do not already have a standing order set up this can be completed and handed into your bank. If, of course you already have a Standing Order set up you can renew your giving at any time.

Thanks again for your consideration.

Thanks . . .



John and I would like to thank you for good wishes and lovely flowers on the occasion of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. I can't believe it's 50 years since we married in King's Park Church. Doesn't time fly when you're enjoying yourself!!
God Bless, *John and Hazel Dickson*

News from the Social & Fundraising Team ...

We have had a relaxing summer and will hopefully meet by the time you are reading this magazine! We will be starting our annual fundraising and social events including the Star Appeal, Gifts for Jesus, Children's DVD afternoon and Burns Supper. Look out for further details in the intimations and next magazine. There will be no textile collection before the end of the year however we hope to have one in early spring. Further details will follow.

BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections, like all the Church Organisations, are in the midst of the first faltering steps which accompanies every new Session. By the time this is read, the Junior Section will be involved in the Cathkin District Football 7-aside League. At District, there is definitely one 118 team but no doubt Stuart and his team will have found sufficient boys for another team. Their progress will be reported in future issues.

Meanwhile the Company Section will have three boys: Jamie Bamford, Stephen McFadden and Aaron Wood going to the Battalion Presidents' Badge course at BB Headquarters on Saturday 11th November. Another two boys Iain Gibson and Matthew Hood will be attending the Battalion Queens' Badge Course on Sunday 5th November at the same location.

I am sure we all wish these five boys well in their various activities.

Ian Livingstone RO

COFFEE MORNING

Golden Jubilee Heart Research Institute

There will be a coffee morning in aid of the Golden Jubilee Heart Research Institute on **Saturday 28th October** from 10am until 12 noon. This fund invests in research into heart failure and other cardiac conditions. Its aim is to improve care for patients through further research. There will also be a variety of stalls available. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received, please contact Heather Park on 649 5076

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday 24th of September. A huge thank you to everyone who donated flowers/plants, to those who delivered them, and to those who made the sanctuary so beautiful on the day.

Thanks too, for the generous donations of foodstuffs which will be passed to our friends at the Lodging House Mission.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL - THE MUSICAL

Glasgow Light Opera Club is presenting A Christmas Carol at the Kings Theatre in November. A coach will be leaving from Kings Park Church on Thursday 16/11/17 at 6.30pm. Cost will be £20. If interested, please contact Andrew or Mairi.

Mairi Aitken, 569 7083

PLACES OF THE BIBLE

Gaza Also called Azzah, which is its Hebrew name meaning strong. It was a city on the Mediterranean Sea, remarkable for its early importance as the chief centre of the great commercial traffic with Egypt. Its earliest inhabitants were the Avims who were conquered and displaced by the Caphtorims (Duet 2:23), a Philistine Tribe. In the division of land the Lot of Gaza fell to Judah (Josh 15:47). It was the southern most of the five great Philistine cities which each gave a Golden Emerod as a guilt offering to the Lord (1 Sam 6:17). Aldous Huxley wrote a novel called "Eyeless in Gaza" which must be a reference to the story of Samson (Judges 13 to Judges 16); his destiny (to save Israel from the Philistines); his marriage and divorce (wife given to best man); his retribution (carried away the gates of the city); of Delilah (to find the secret of his strength); being blinded, imprisoned and made to grind corn and pulling down the Temple in Gaza. Jerimiah, Amos and Zephinian denounce the Judgements of God against it. It is mentioned in Acts 8:26 when Philip is told to take the road from Jerusalem to Gaza through the Gaza desert.

Jericho - A place of Fragrance - No doubt those who visited the Holy Land will be able to give a current opinion regarding Jericho but the following is the history. A fenced city in the midst of palm trees in the plain of Jordan, over where the Israelites crossed the river (Josh 3:16). Its site was near Elisha's Fountain (Kings 2: 19-22) about five miles west of Jordan. It was the strongest fortress in Canaan and the key to Western Palestine. The city was taken in remarkable fashion by the Israelites - with trumpets (Joshua 6) as the old song goes "Joshua fought the Battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down". God gave it into their hands. The Victors destroyed the city and plundered it of its silver and gold for the Lord's Treasury (Num 31: 5-54). The city was given to the Tribe of Benjamin and was inhabited at the time of Judges (Jud 3:13). It is not mentioned again till the time of David. It was rebuilt again as a fortified City by Hiel (1 Kings 16:34). In the New Testament, Jericho stood some distance to the South East of the ancient one and was a flourishing place. It was here that Jesus gave sight to two blind men (Matt 20: 29-34), (Mark 10:46-52) and brought salvation to Zaccheus, a publican (Luke 19:2-10), Jericho's chequered history continues. It was destroyed by the Turks in 1840. However, the soil is fertile, there is an abundance of water although the climate

is hot and unhealthy as the plain is 1200 feet below sea level. It is still a major tourist attraction today.

There was an absolute faith in God by Joshua and Samson that they would be supported in their endeavours even though death occurred in both cases. There was an absolute faith in God by Jesus to allow healing and salvation to the blind men and Zaccheus with the resultant good. This surely illustrates the "dual thinking" regarding faith in our world today.



50 Glorious Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mr and Mrs John & Hazel Dickson
who celebrated their Golden Wedding
Anniversary on 2nd September 2017.
We wish them both every Blessing.



60 Golden Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mr and Mrs Bill & Eunice Coubrough
who celebrated their Diamond Wedding
Anniversary on 20th September 2017.
We wish them both every Blessing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Note: There is a full itinerary of dates on the website and intimations, as this now details 2 months only the main dates of services and special events will be included here. Dates of other events are included elsewhere in the magazine.

October

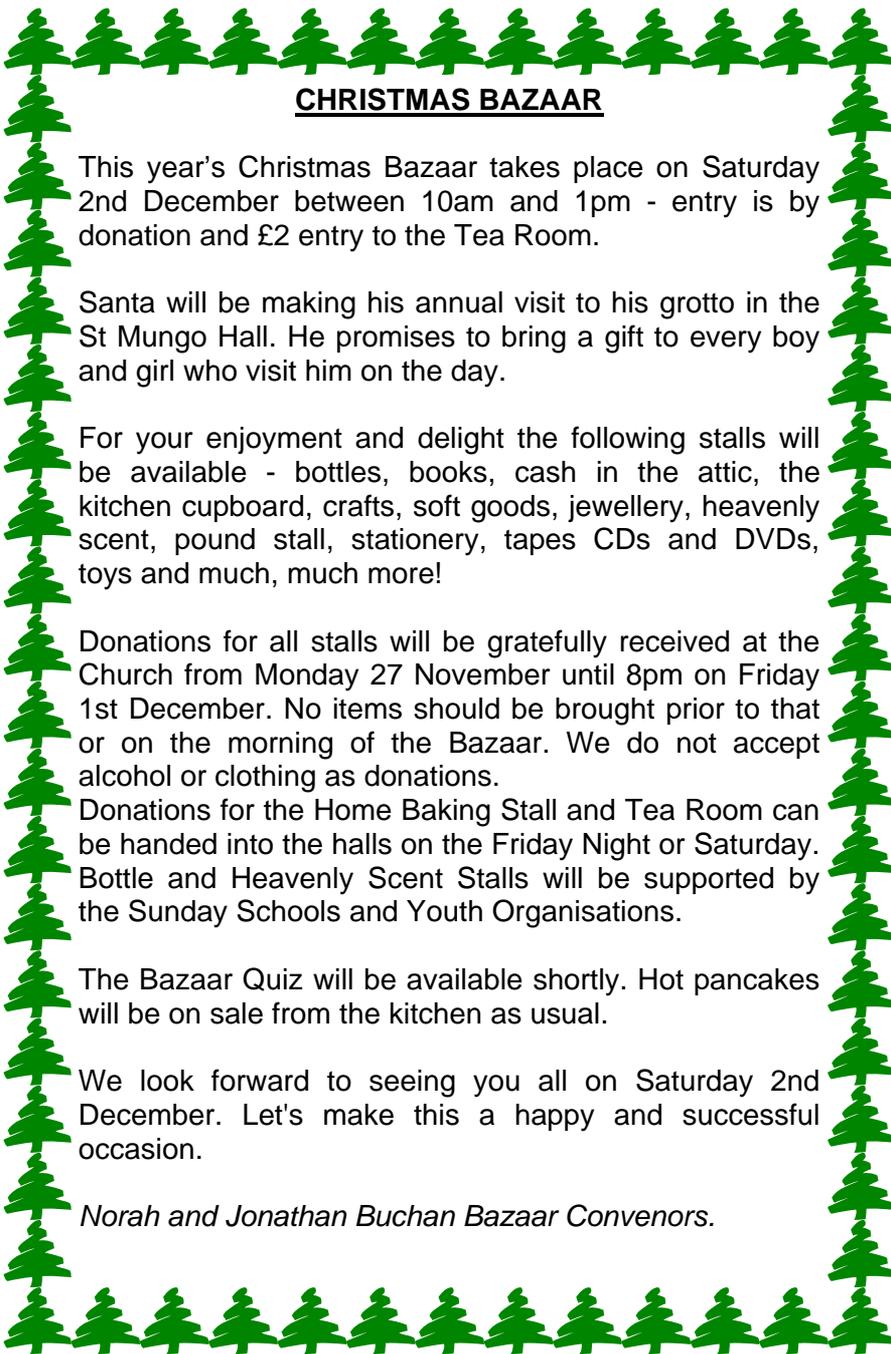
- Sun 8th 11am Morning Worship, Guild Dedication
6.30pm Evening Worship with Communion
- Sun 15th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Wed 18th 6.30pm Prayer Group
7pm Kirk Session
8.15pm, Congregational Board
- Sun 22nd 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Sat 28th 10am-12noon Coffee Morning in aid of Golden Jubilee
- Sun 29th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
1.15pm - Whole Church Conference, after soup and sandwich lunch

November

- Sat 4th 4pm-6pm Messy Church
- Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship, Dedication of Garden of Remembrance after the Service
- Sun 12th **10.50am** - Remembrance Sunday
6.30pm Evening Worship with Communion
- Wed 15th 6.30pm Prayer Group
7pm Kirk Session
8.15pm, Congregational Board
- Sun 19th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship - Dedication of Gift Service
- Sun 26th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship

December

- Sat 2nd 10am-1pm Christmas Bazaar
4pm-6pm Messy Church
- Sun 3rd 11am Morning Worship - First Sunday in Advent
6.30pm Remembrance Service



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 2nd December between 10am and 1pm - entry is by donation and £2 entry to the Tea Room.

Santa will be making his annual visit to his grotto in the St Mungo Hall. He promises to bring a gift to every boy and girl who visit him on the day.

For your enjoyment and delight the following stalls will be available - bottles, books, cash in the attic, the kitchen cupboard, crafts, soft goods, jewellery, heavenly scent, pound stall, stationery, tapes CDs and DVDs, toys and much, much more!

Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 27 November until 8pm on Friday 1st December. No items should be brought prior to that or on the morning of the Bazaar. We do not accept alcohol or clothing as donations.

Donations for the Home Baking Stall and Tea Room can be handed into the halls on the Friday Night or Saturday. Bottle and Heavenly Scent Stalls will be supported by the Sunday Schools and Youth Organisations.

The Bazaar Quiz will be available shortly. Hot pancakes will be on sale from the kitchen as usual.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 2nd December. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan Bazaar Convenors.