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**Mission Statement: King's Park Church
sharing God's love by reaching out to others.
"The words "fear not" are used 365 times in the
Bible - one for every day in the year - the time He is
with us".**

See Isaiah 41:10, 2 Timothy 1:7.

1930-2018—88 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 = 549

THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY

"Whom God Hath Joined Together"

23rd June Miss Laura Boyd & Mr Christoph Rommel,

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

19th June Mrs Beryl Hall
 22nd June Mr Allan Thomson
 4th July Mr Robin Ritchie
 21st July Mrs Betty Thomson

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we thank you for all the gifts you give us. We thank you for a good harvest. We have plenty when others have nothing. We pray that the governments around the world redistribute our excess to the poor countries bringing equality for everyone. We thank you for food banks and for all who donate and for the volunteers who run and give to those in need, although food alone is a small part of poverty. They need someone to listen to advise with debt problems. Winter fuel allowances are given to some, but not all. We pray for better housing without damp or mould. We pray for warm clothing and shoes for growing children and homes for the homeless. Hear our prayer Lord, *Amen*.



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. . . Give Thanks!

Hasn't this been a wonderful summer so far – long may it continue! People seem to be so much happier and more content when the sun shines. We had a wonderful day on the 23rd of June at Laura and Christoph's wedding, such a perfect day with beautiful pictures in our wonderful Church gardens. Lawson and I would like to thank everyone who came along to share this special day with us.

We all need to make time to thank God for the wonderful, many and varied things we have been given in our lives. I had the great privilege of conducting Allan Thomson's funeral service in our church and thinking what an honour to have known and been friends with such a loving, caring and committed Christian man. Unfortunately it's only with hindsight that we realise how special some people are in our lives and what they do regularly to serve God in and around our church and to one another. Please take time to read the tribute to Allan later in the magazine.



We have had many visitors not least from Germany who have marvelled at our beautiful Sanctuary and gardens, things we know and love and at times take for granted. We had a great day at our Community Festival with many local people joining us for fellowship. Who knows where that will lead. It is a good example of reaching out with God's love into our community and beyond.

We are good at asking God for things we need for ourselves and our family but we do need to remember to thank God for ALL he has given us, not least our wonderful weather, amazing world and of course our family and friends. Life isn't the same when we have our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in our hearts. We remember all he has done and is doing for us through his Spirit, as well as the path God has lain before us in the coming new session, if we would follow Jesus and his example.

So, this summer, why not take some time to ***Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessings, see what God hath done!***

Wishing you all God's Blessings, Love, *Sandra*.

Editor's Extras

Halfway through our holiday period and looking forward to a new session of Church activities. As we contemplate the future, we give thanks for a successful summer of Church utilisation - Prayer Walks, Litter Picks, Community Festival, and Holiday Club. When we consider the uses of our premises I thought an advert for the Church could be something like this:

FEAR NOT BE STILL STAND FIRM

COME TO CHURCH

We supply the following Mega Deal

- **Worship**
- **Social Activities**
- **Fellowship**
- **Events**
- **Discussion Groups**
- **Organisations for all ages**

All in one satisfying package. Give of your talents to all. Receive faith, peace, hope and love. Open every day, especially Sundays. Check our website.

A new series "Living with the Bible" is underway in this issue to consider passages which reflect our mood or needs, or how we can interpret our Bible. Hope it will be useful.

There are no reports from the Kirk Session or Congregational Board as no meetings have taken place. The next meeting will be on 19th September.

See you in Church.
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CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2018**

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| | <u>May</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | |
| Offerings & Donations | 7,872 |
| Regular Monthly Income | 1,735 |
| Charitable Donations | 822 |
| Hall Hire Income | 720 |
| Total Month's Income | 11,149 ===== |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | |
| Regularly Monthly Costs | 13,781 |
| Charitable Donations | 785 |
| Total Month's Costs | 14,566 ===== |
| Monthly Income vs (Costs) | -3,417 |

Comments

Deficit of receipts after payments made was £3,417.
 (£1,332 in Unrestricted Funds and £2,085 in restricted and designated funds).

THE GUILD

Hello again everyone. I hope that you are still enjoying your summer break. There is nothing much to report this time, as our new session doesn't begin until Wednesday 3rd October at 2pm, when our first guest will be Karine Davieson with a selection of Old Glasgow Street Songs.

During the week of the General Assembly in May, some of us went through to Edinburgh to attend the "Big Sing" which was most enjoyable. It was held in the Assembly Hall and was attended by Guilds from all over Scotland. In addition to the singing, we heard reports on how the Guild in Scotland has helped to support 6 different projects over the past 3 years. The projects that our Guild has chosen for this session are The Boys' Brigade and the Sailors' Society.

We meet every Wednesday at 2pm, with the exception of our special events, i.e. the Charity Night, the Guest Night and the Daffodil Tea, all of which are held in the evening at 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing all our regular members, and hopefully some new ones too. The syllabus for October and November will appear in the next edition of the magazine.

Committee members please note that there will be a Committee Meeting on Monday 10th September at 7pm, venue to be advised. Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 3rd October.

E Gillespie - Secretary

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.

Gilbert Allan Thomson 7.11.29 – 22.6.18

Allan Thomson was a unique, hardworking, committed and loyal gentleman, a man of great faith. He was a real character, some people even describing him as “an institution”. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone with never a bad word to say about anyone either. He was a family man, very proud of his children and grandchildren and talked about them often. Everyone who was anyone knew Allan Thomson.

Allan met the love of his life, where else but here at King’s Park Church. Ellen Craig went to church every Sunday evening and would pick up her friend Margaret McAlister, better known as Margaret McLagan, from the choir to walk home with. Who else was in the choir but Allan. Allan asked Ellen to go to Lang’s Staff Dance at the Plaza Ballroom and the rest is history. They liked to go to the pictures or play tennis at Kingswood and were married on the 18th June 1956 by the Rev John Lee the minister at Crofffoot Parish Church as Rev Paterson was on holiday. They enjoyed 62 very happy years of married life together.

Allan was a very sociable man, having the great gift of being able to speak to anyone and everyone, from the managing director to the janitor, treating them all the same, having a real interest in people. And yes he had a story to tell about any and every situation, but usually turning the conversation around to which church did you go to or something to do with sport or cars. Allan left school at 15 and went straight into Lang Brothers to work in the office as a Distiller’s Clerk and Junior Sales Rep in 1945. He learned to drive from the chauffeur of Lang Brothers as he would take him out driving, passing first time. After doing his National Service in 1948, in Devizes in Wiltshire in the Army Pay Corps, Private Thomson returned to Lang Brothers going on to become a Commercial Traveller, with his sales area being all over Scotland.

Allan was keen on history and liked to keep important documents and lists to refer to, for example he kept ALL the documentation about our organ, our new photocopier, having lists of all the organists we have had since Kings Park Church opened, as well as every car registration number he ever owned, and being a commercial traveller he had quite a few.

King’s Park Church was a very important part of Allan’s life, for the whole of his life. He joined the Youth Fellowship in 1943, the Choir in 1949, professed his Faith in his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in 1950 and was ordained as an Elder on 15th April 1959.

Allan, although being a Scout himself at Croftfoot, encouraged his sons David and Gordon to be involved with the 118 Boys Brigade Company, being their taxi driver to many a football game.

History was so important to Allan and he kept lots of useful pieces of information to refer too, like the magazine from 1959 when the roll here on the 31st December was 3,460 members. He did like to remind us all of the 3,000 members part and the fact that at Communion in those days had to have additional chairs placed up the aisles to accommodate everyone.



Allan was an amazing Elder. He visited the households in his district faithfully and diligently four times a year and even kept his Elder's Role book from March 1959, until Communion Cards were done away with. Allan rarely missed any Sunday morning or evening service until just this year. He was one of the most committed Elders I have had the pleasure to meet. When the call came from the Charity for the Blind, Allan took this on board starting in 1965 with his first Coffee Morning. He continued with a committed and enthusiastic group of members for 50 years finishing in 2015 having raised over £45,000 in total, receiving recognition in 2015 from Visibility Scotland for his 50 years of charity work.

Allan was part of the Printing team for many years, involved in printing the monthly magazine, and all Parish leaflets. Allan was a member in King's Park Church Choir for 69 years. He never missed a Thursday night practice or Church service where the choir was singing if he could possibly help it. Singing was just a very special gift that God had given to Allan and he sung any chance he got. Allan would sigh, reminiscing, saying "I remember when we used to have 120 people in the choir!"

Allan only knew King's Park Church and only wanted to know King's Park Church. If everyone had a weekly pattern like Allan, the church wouldn't be where we are today: 1st Monday of the month, he printed the Magazine, every Tuesday he came to print and to the coffee morning, every Thursday evening he was at Choir Practice, and Saturday coffee mornings he was there too and he was at every Sunday morning and evening service. They certainly broke the mould when they made Allan Thomson.

Amen, and thanks be to God for our good and faithful servant, Allan Thomson.

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- How to Love God, Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-2, Matthew 22:34-40
- 10 Commandments, Exodus 20: 12-26
- Can't get no Satisfaction, Exodus 20: 17
- God's Message of Life, 1 John 1: 1-4
- God is Light, 1 John 1: 5-2:2
- Spirit of Truth, 1 John 4: 1-6
- Using God's Gifts, 1 Samuel 3: 1-20, Mark 2:23-3:6
- Where you go I will go, Ruth 1: 1-22

NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP

The Church is running a survey on the Prayer life of our congregation. Please Pray for its success. You will find the short survey inside your magazine, this will let us know how to promote prayer and develop our prayer life in the future. When you have filled it in please return to the Church, Visitor or Elder. We thank you for your help, support and encouragement. When putting a name on the prayer list please take a prayer card so they know they are remembered. This has been very successful so far.

The Prayer Group

A WAY TO REMEMBER

To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War One, poppies can be knitted or crocheted in red or orange, by members of the congregation and the wider community to be displayed alongside the Garden of Remembrance, and perhaps in the Church gardens, depending on the response. So, have a go—you've got till November and wouldn't it be lovely to look at the display and know you were part of it? A simple pattern is available from the Craft Club (1.30-3.30pm Mondays).

FIRE ALARM!

It was agreed at the Congregational Board that instructions should be available to those using Church premises, including private lets, regarding the action in event of fire including the Assembly Points. These are currently available on the wall of the halls, but it was felt further emphasis was required. The fire regulations also state that regular fire drills should be carried out by the congregation and organisations. This is a legal requirement.

Time for the Future

Our Stewardship season this year is *time* and we would like to think about the past and remember it. If you have some time or could make some time to help make our South Transept into an history of Kings Park Church we would love to hear from you. This we hope will be a short one off assignment finished at the latest by Christmas.

Alternatively, if you have anything in your house that you think the church should be remembering or celebrating, for example a long service certificate, a Sunday School Photograph or any photograph, a newspaper clipping, anything really to do with Kings Park Church we would love to borrow it and have it on display for others to enjoy. If you can help even for a short time or have anything to hand in to the church office, please mark it clearly with your name and address so that it can be returned, if you wish, or can be donated to the church.

This exciting project will benefit everyone, *past, present and future*.
Happy helping and hunting!
The Kirk Session

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place on Sunday 30th September. Due to the success, in recent years, of flowers being delivered to elderly and housebound members of our congregation, we would ask that donations of flowers be handed into the church, either on Saturday 29th from 9 - 12noon, or just bring them with you to church on Harvest Sunday. Also, we will continue to collect packaged and tinned items for the Lodging House Mission - again drop them off on the Saturday or Sunday.

Many thanks for any contributions you are able to make.





Thanks . . .

I would like to thank the Reverend Sandra Boyd for her thoughtful and caring visit and for the Church Flowers during my recent illness.

Thanks again,
Catherine McKenzie

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Annual Strawberry Fayre, we raised the grand sum of £726.72 for Church Funds.

Lynda Young on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Team

BB NEWS

By the time you read this, both Junior and Company sections will be on the cusp of the 2018/19 session. The Junior Section will be enrolling old and new members on Wednesday 5th September while the Company Section will be enrolling on Friday 7th September.

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



As Andrew will be in the chorus again, we will be running a bus to Glasgow Light Opera's performance of Oklahoma at the King's Theatre on Thursday 15th November. Price will be £20. To book a ticket, give your name to Andrew or Mairi Aitken. Tel: 569 7083



FLOWER FUND

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

LIVING WITH THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's message to humanity. He has spoken to all peoples and all generations. He first did this by directly speaking to the Israelites in the Old Testament and the young Church in the New Testament in languages they could understand. At times the Bible can feel like the most hard going, difficult, confusing and even boring book ever written. The problem is that the Bible is very complicated.

What it meant then involved the author, when and why it was written, who for, and its mode of writing.

What it means now involves what God is saying to us, through each passage and what we should do in our individual situations.

At this stage it should be noted that each reader will have his/her interpretation of the Message. Here it is based on mine. At God Tock everyone shares their personal views. Last week when we were driving to a show in which my grandson was performing, we seemed to be stopped an inordinate number of times by red lights. My anger grew little by little, light upon light till I was the one who saw red eventually. My friend must have thought I'd "lost it" although she said not. In Biblical times there were no lights of any colour although they may well have had a "camels crossing" sign. It was reported that King Jehu drove his chariot "as if he were crazy", but he was the King so no complaints were made. So what does the Bible say about anger?

Ephesians 4: 26,27 If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge, don't let the sun go down with you still angry - get over it quickly, for when you are angry you give a mighty foothold to the devil.

James 1: 19,20 Dear brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to listen much, speak little, and not become angry, for anger doesn't make us good, as God demands life should be.

Mathew 5: 21-26 Jesus teaches about anger.

Acts 7: 54-60 Stephen is stoned for berating the Jewish leaders.

You know, as I now know, the above makes a great deal of sense, and I did calm down later.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2018 - The Final Story

As an update to the update in June/July's magazine, we can confirm that the total amount raised was **£1824.29** Just to recap:-

CA Coffee morning - £201; Souper Sunday - £332.01; CA Quiz night - £161; Church envelopes and paper quiz - £1130.28.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way! In connection with the "paper quiz", we can hereby announce that the winner, drawn from six complete and wholly correct entries received, is Mr David Atkins. Chocolates and a bottle of malt whisky have been dispatched to the lucky winner! For those interested, the quiz sought characters from films and literature. The answers are as follows:-

1. Meat allowed - **Hamlet**
2. Letter hurt B badly – **Rhett Butler**
3. Scots lad out for nothing – **Donald Duck**
4. Crank up little bird – **Jack Sparrow**
5. Saint who strides the heavens – **Luke Skywalker**
6. Gail's bobbing about – **Bilbo Baggins**
7. Yearn for a man with money – **Long John Silver**
8. Cat spotted you – **Tom Sawyer**
9. Small house pet – **Wendy Darling**
10. The tweak Jamie gives his recipes – **Oliver Twist**
11. Hoe I phone twin about – **Winnie the Pooh**
12. Harass the man at the wheel – **Harry Potter**
13. Tread softly by prickly bush – **Holly Golightly**
14. Frantic wee boy – **Desperate Dan**
15. Moorland precipice - **Heathcliff**
16. State who you keep up with – **Indiana Jones**
17. Curl Ada twists – **Dracula**
18. Terrible Russian with gardening tool - **Ivanhoe**
19. Vice lured all to destruction – **Cruella de Vil**
20. Press intercom for a long, long time – **Buzz Lightyear**
21. Book whisky warehouse – **James Bond**
22. Apostle followed by pagan god – **Peter Pan**
23. Sounds like Sonny's wife being told to make her houses secure – **SherlockHolmes**
24. Withdrawn bolt – **Shylock**
25. Big burger between two females – **Lady Macbeth**
26. Tiny prepositions – **Minions**
27. Prop may spin off – **Mary Poppins**
28. Lazy medic – **Dr Dolittle**
29. Policeman follows boy to meadow – **David Copperfield**
30. Scottish spiv? – **Flash Gordon**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**AUGUST**

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| Sun 5th | 11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School |
| Mon 6th | 7pm Prayer Walk around the Parish – Everyone Welcome |
| Thur 9 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 12th | 11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School |
| Mon 13th | 7pm Litter Pick around Parish – Everyone Welcome |
| Thur 16 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 19th | 11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School |
| Mon 20th | 7pm Litter Pick around Parish – Everyone Welcome |
| Thur 23 rd | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 26th | 11am Morning Worship with Summer Sunday School |
| Mon 27th—Fri 31st Aug, | 6.30pm until 8pm Holiday Club |

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat 1st | 4pm-6pm Messy Church |
| Sun 2nd | 11am Morning Worship, Sunday Schools resume |
| Mon 3rd | 7pm God Tock |
| Tues 4 th | 7pm KP Chicks |
| Thur 6 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 9th | 11am Morning Worship with Communion 6.30pm Evening Worship with Communion |
| Mon 10th | 7pm God Tock |
| Thur 13 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 16th | 9.45 am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship |
| Mon 17th | 7pm God Tock |
| Wed 19 th | 6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Kirk Session 8.15pm Congregational Board |
| Thur 20 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 23rd | 9.45 am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship |
| Mon 24th | 7pm God Tock |
| Thur 26 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 30th | 9.45 am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship with Harvest Thanksgiving |

OCTOBER

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| Mon 1st | 7pm God Tock |
| Tues 2 nd | 7pm KP Chicks |
| Thur 4 th | 1.30pm KP Community Social Group |
| Sun 7 th | 11am Morning Worship including Boys Brigade Founder Day Service |

TEAM BUILDERS

Children's Holiday Club

TEAM BUILDERS

For ALL P1 - P7 Children.

Monday 27th August

to Friday 31st August

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 1st September from
4pm-6pm as MESSY CHURCH**