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**Mission Statement: *King's Park Church*
sharing God's love by reaching out to others.
"There is a rainbow in the soul for every storm that
comes your way. Faith is the assurance that the sun
*will shine again"***

See 2 Chronicles 20:20

1930-2018—88 Years of Spiritual Service

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 521

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

4 Nov Samuel William Marshall

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

25 Sept Mrs Sheena Clark
 26 Sept Mr Billy Miller
 1 Nov Mrs Doreen Greenhorn
 4 Nov Mr Jack Buchanan
 13 Nov Mrs Alice Blakely

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we are filled with great expectations as we await your birth. As we are caught up in the preparation let us remember your humble beginnings. This is a time when you encourage us to be generous to many charities and ask that our Star Appeal and our Bazaar are well supported. We pray for the families who are struggling financially and that they will not be encouraged to take on more debt. There will be happy times with families but to those who work or are abroad, be with them. For the homeless and those who live alone or are lonely we pray that they will feel your comfort and your peace. *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. . . Come and see the baby born to be King!

The expectation of a baby brings real joy and excitement into people's lives, a wonderful gift from God. We spend months and hundreds of pounds preparing for the new arrival, giving us great hope and anticipation for the future.

One baby born over 2,000 years ago was born into very different circumstances - circumstances on the whole approved of in today's society but most definitely not in theirs. Mary could have been divorced quietly by Joseph or stoned to death but God offered Joseph a third option of marrying Mary, given by an angel, revealing Joseph's admirable qualities of righteousness, sensitivity, love of God and self-discipline. This baby whose royal lineage is recorded in detail proves Mary and Joseph to be direct descendants of David, and being conceived of the Holy Spirit, proves him to be both God and human. The infinite, unlimited God took on the limitations of humanity so he could live and die for the salvation of everyone who would believe in him, revealed in Jesus name which mean "the Lord saves".



Jesus came to earth to save us because we can't save ourselves from sin and its consequences. No matter how good we are, we can't eliminate the sinful nature present in all of us. Only Jesus can do that. Jesus didn't come to help people save themselves; he came to be their Saviour. Jesus was to be called *Immanuel*, God with us, as predicted by the prophet Isaiah. Jesus was God in the flesh; God was literally among us, with us. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present today in the life of everyone who believes in him. Today our lives are changed immeasurably because of our faith in a baby born in a far away land, in a manger because there was no room for his family anywhere. A tiny vulnerable baby who grew up to be the King of kings, the Saviour of the world. Jesus has been where we are now and has the ability to help, always.

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

Editor's Extras

Behold the turtle. He progresses through life by sticking his neck out. Perhaps we could take a leaf out of its book and progress, by "shelling out" to keep our Church waterproof.

At this time of year, while celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our faith seems stronger (see "Living with the Bible" in this issue) and our connections with others, closer. We exchange gifts and cards, have family get-togethers and attend various Church Services, from Nativity to the Hogmanay Service. People supporting each other together, as in the Star Appeal and Gifts for Jesus.

At the "gate" of 2019, we look ahead to the groups, clubs, organisations and events with our friends and neighbours in the community. But, to do this we need a Church busy and vibrant, going forward in faith and concern. We have the team, but we need the buildings to be secure, or we could, like the turtle, end up in the soup. Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Urgently Needed

Could **YOU** be our next **Property Convenor**?

Please think very seriously if you have any relevant gifts and abilities or perhaps the gift of organisation in being able to contact the relevant person to carry out the job. There is a team of very qualified people; electrician, plumbers, general DIY etc in the congregation and it would be organising them to complete the work. If you are interested please contact Carol Moore.

Youth Co-ordinator

Are you interested in young people and would like to help us keep in touch with our Youth Organisations, Guides, Brownies, BB Groups, etc. The Youth Co-Ordinator is the link between the Church and the young people keeping both informed of things happened in both areas, as well as a support and encourager. Please speak to the Minister.

Jack Buchanan 3 August 1927 – 4th November 2018

Jack was a real and true Gentleman. He was a very private and real family man. He was kind and always more concerned about everyone else rather than himself. Jack was born on the 3rd August 1927 in Windsor, Ontario and grew up with younger sister Jean. The family returned to Scotland when Jack was 7, and his sister was 2. On returning to Glasgow, the family settled in Nithsdale Road. Jack settled into primary school and then to Albert Road Academy and it won't surprise anyone to know that his forte was Maths, being strong with numbers. He was also a faithful member of the local Scout group. Jack left school at 16 and joined AG McBain Accountants, and trained as an audit clerk. He was made Office Manager in Clydebank for a number of years before returning to the head office. Jack was head hunted on a few occasions but his loyalty to the company never wavered. AG McBain eventually became part of Grant Thornton. Jack remained with them until he retired.

As a young man he joined Roger McEwan's dancing class which was very popular with young adults in Glasgow. He learned all the basic dances like the waltz and the foxtrot and although he was a good dancer, didn't particularly enjoy dancing. It was here that he met a group from Kings Park Church, who invited him to come and join the Youth Fellowship. At the Youth Fellowship he met a young lady, Charlotte Murphy. The group went around together, attending the evening service and afterwards they would walk up to Carmunnock, to a little cosy tea room. Jack was the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of course but he also worked behind the scenes in many a Kings Park Show led by David Davidson.

Jack and Charlotte came together naturally but it did take Jack a while to pluck up the courage to ask Charlotte out. They enjoyed playing badminton on a Monday evening and Saturday afternoon and then they would head out to the pictures on a Saturday evening. Jack and Charlotte were married on 31st August 1961 by the Reverend Robert Paterson here in Kings Park Church, enjoying 57 very happy years of married life together. They lived in Stanmore Road in Mount Florida, and their son John, a very precious baby was born in 1964, of whom they were very proud.

Holidays were special times in the Buchanan house, it was a priority to get away for two weeks every year travelling to North Berwick, Stonehaven, Torquay and the Lake District. Jack and Charlotte moved in 1974 when they bought their house on Kings Park Avenue. Jack became a faithful part of Kings Park congregation and joined the Congregational Board. He was 28 when he was ordained as an Elder serving for 62 years. Jack became involved in various Church organizations auditing their books when necessary but never wanted to be the church Treasurer. Jack was also the Freewill Offering Convenor for 25 years and on retiring became a member of the Gardening Squad.

Jack was a very committed Elder and visited his district regularly and always took an interest in the progress of the families. When it came to Elder's duties, Jack could be a formidable number one, always setting the standard and expecting the same high standards from his team. Ties, of course, were mandatory, as was punctuality. Jack treated his team with respect and each of them were more than grateful to have learned from him and to have served with him. He was a member of the badminton club, and also much later joined Mount Florida bowling club. When he retired he also joined the indoor bowlers in KP church. He enjoyed bowling enormously – especially when he won.

Jack and Charlotte travelled to Canada, visiting his sister Jill and her husband Stan in Toronto, and then Charlotte's sister Jean and her husband Rev Cyril Cook and their family in Ottawa. Jack always enjoyed the annual holidays - once to Austria, but really preferred to holiday in England or Scotland. When John married Julie, Jack welcomed her into the family as one of their own. John emigrated to California, America in 2006 due to his job but Jack became a doting grandfather when Hollie his granddaughter was born. Jack was fortunate in enjoying good health for the majority of his life, though in the last 3 years his health deteriorated. However he and the family very much appreciated the wonderful support of the church. Although private and quiet many of us knew and respected Jack with his life touching each of our lives in a special way.

Well done good and faithful servant, Jack Buchanan. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2018**

	£	
	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings & Donations	8,240	9,217
Roof Fund - Donations	5,175	8,175
Regular Monthly Income	2,746	647
Charitable Donations	425	322
Donation for Defibrillator	-	1,000
Hall Hire Income	244	1,220
Total Month's Income	16,830	20,581
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regularly Monthly Costs	14,400	14,588
Charitable Donations	125	580
Total Month's Costs	14,525	15,168
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Monthly Income vs Costs	2,305	5,413

Comments

September:

Surplus of Receipts after payments made was £2,305. Unrestricted Funds had a shortfall of £1,648. Restricted and Designated Funds had a surplus of £3,953

October:

Surplus of Receipts after payments made was £5,413. Unrestricted Funds had a shortfall of £1,741. Restricted and Designated Funds had a surplus of £7154

THE GUILD

Our new session is continuing to progress well. All the events in October were enjoyed by those who came along, and we were very pleased to welcome some visitors too.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Charity Night such a success, including all who came along to support us, and, of course, our faithful band of “willing helpers” who always step in to help us clear up afterwards. The proceeds, as always, will go towards our 2 chosen projects, which are “ The Boys’ Brigade” and “Sailors’ Society”.

The syllabus for December and January is as follows:-

Dec	5	2pm	Christmas Celebrations – Rev John Martindale, followed by a Buffet.
Jan	9	2pm	Rev Sandra Boyd – Topic TBA
“	16	2pm	Bliss Scotland – Laura Anne MacKay
“	23	2pm	Project – Sailors’ Society – Rev Becky Haldane
“	30	2pm	Crossreach – Rebecca Tennant

As we are always happy to welcome new members, anyone wishing to come along to any of our meetings, or special events will be made most welcome

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.

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- Harvest Thanksgiving - Together we're powerful, Proverbs 8:1-6, 18-21, Luke 8: 1: 1-15
- BB Founders Day - Hope, Faith and Love, 1 Cor 13: 1-14:1(a)
- One Journey, Many Roads, Matthew 7: 7-14
- Pray, God is Near Us, Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- One Body, Many Parts, 1 Cor 12: 1-11, 12-31
- Garden of Remembrance, Numbers 14: 1-12, 16: 1-5, 23-35
- Remembrance, Numbers 1: 1-16, 44-54
- Stress: Live in Christ, Numbers 11: 16-35, Galatians 6:1-5

KIRK SESSION REPORT

The following report covers two meetings of the Kirk Session. Apart from the routine business, including Halls Allocation, forthcoming events and correspondence specifically of interest to Elders, the following topics were discussed:

Data Protection - The Church is undertaking a review of all data protection conditions in line with Church of Scotland Policy.

Worship - At the Tuesday Prayer Group only 8 people pray for the 500 in the Congregation. Please pick up a list and pray in your own time.

Registrar - Following a review of the Roll, 16 members were removed and 34 transferred to a Supplementary Roll. The revised numbers are: Live Roll 487, Supplementary 34. Total 521.

Prayer - Results of the recent survey are elsewhere in the magazine.

Eldership - A "Review of Eldership" meeting discussed a vision for the future concerning the preference of Elders to participate in Leadership/Vision/Pastoral Care/Forms of Worship/Administration/Mission and Outreach and Christian Education. Concentration of the mind in these areas could help improve structure and responsibilities in the Church.

Community Social Group - This has been reported a success in helping folk who spend a lot of time on their own.

South Transept - The Session gave its approval for the illustration of the Church's history over 90 years. If you are interested in participating or supplying material contact Wilson Paterson.

Vacancies—Property Convenor, Youth Co-Ordinator, Safeguarding Convenor Anyone??

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD REPORT

The Financial Report can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Property - The main consideration was the repair to the roof. Various draft tenders were discussed along with insurance guarantees and the possibility of material increases. It was agreed to move the next stage of repair and the grant application process. More immediate roof repairs (water at vestibule to new halls) are being dealt with. All quotes have been submitted to the Presbytery Property Committee and we must apply to the Church of Scotland General Trustees for permission to carry out the works as it exceeds £50k. Alan Pratt was thanked for all his work and dedication in connection with the roof repairs programme. We will continue to appeal for support through our Roof Appeal Fund. Routine repairs continue apace. The transfer of the photocopier from the Session House to the St Ninian Room is still in progress. Raymond Jenkins thanked everyone who contributed towards the cost of the new defibrillator which is attached to the outside wall and available to the community. The importance and urgency of having a property convenor was reiterated.

Gift Aid - This report was received showing a higher than normal figure due to two large donations on which a claim could be made.

Social and Fundraising - The Annual Children's DVD afternoon will take place on Saturday 8th December. The Star Appeal and Gifts for Jesus will also continue this year.

Meetings - Attestation of Accounts - Wednesday 13th March 2019 and the AGM - During the 11am Service, Sunday 17th March 2019.

WORLD MISSION

Some correspondence came my way this month relating to Interfaith Engagement. "Living Together in a World of Religions", "Lessons from the Church in Africa" and "The Twinning Times" (Glasgow Presbytery is twinned with Hyderabad in Pakistan) and "Being an International Family" (World Mission Magazine). The main thrust in all of these is loving your neighbour. It may be possible for a future issue of the magazine to contemplate the main points highlighted - as there are many of them, all interesting. The World Mission Magazine is at the front doors of our Church. A huge thank you to the anonymous donors of stamps - please keep these coming. At this time I would like to thank Elizabeth Gillespie, Margaret Atkins and the Guild for work done on behalf of World Mission (stamps, leprosy, Kenyan Women etc). *WP*



Thanks . . .

A very big thank you to everyone who came along to Oklahoma at the Kings Theatre on Thursday 15th November. Hopefully you all agree that the singing was superb and it was a wonderful show. Glasgow Light Opera Club and Andrew thank you all for your support.

Mairi Aitken

My thanks to Sandra and Raymond for their visits to me during my extended stay in hospital. Thank you also to the members of the prayer group and to everyone who sent cards and flowers. I am home now and getting stronger every day.

Carole McKay

I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, kind thoughts and cards following my recent fall and hospital stay. Thanks also for the lovely flowers and to Margaret for delivering them. Special thanks go to Sandra and Raymond for their visits and prayers. Bob and I would also like to say thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers we received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary, and apologise to Alan Pratt for almost not letting him in when he delivered them - Bob didn't recognise him at first as he wasn't dressed for the Burns Supper!!

Ann Martin

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with our Poppy Appeal. We raised the sum of £991.38 which is £130 more than the previous year. My thanks also to the Leaders of the Boys Brigade and boys and girls of both Boys Brigade and Guides who did an excellent job at the 100th Anniversary Service on Remembrance Sunday. I would also like to thank Margaret Williamson and Ian McGill for their continuing assistance, it is very much appreciated. Thanks also to members of King's Park Brass who played at both the Garden of Remembrance and Remembrance Day Services. I hope we can do even better next year as it is in aid of a very good cause and the proceeds will help many ex servicemen and women.

Thanks, KB

I would like to thank everyone who donated money to allow me to "Sleep in the Park" for homelessness, it was a cold and wintry night and served to remind me why it's important to remember this charity. Thanks again for supporting me.

Arlene

POPPY PROJECT

Earlier this year Sandra showed me a picture of Musselburgh Church gardens covered in poppies and asked if I could find a knitting pattern. I must confess that I thought it might be possible to get enough poppies to fill some garden tubs but after a very few weeks I had my first inkling of where this was heading. As the number of poppies handed in grew, I felt strongly that a permanent reminder of all this hard work was needed and the idea for the banner came to me. I hope you have all enjoyed the sight of the gardens filled with poppies as much as I have and it is my pleasure and privilege to thank each and every one of you who contributed either by knitting poppies or donating garden canes. I would also like to thank Sandra for suggesting the plan, the ladies of the Craft Café and Betty (my friend and neighbour) for their sterling work attaching the poppies to the canes and to the Gardening Team and volunteers for “planting” them. I should also give particular thanks to Raymond for suggesting that it might be nice to highlight the fact that it was the 100th Anniversary (because things weren’t hard enough already....). It was a good idea though!

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to Faye Walker who although she laughed at my pitiful attempts to sketch, took my scribbles and helped me turn them into a banner so exactly as I had envisioned, I had a lump in my throat. King’s Park Church you are awesome - give yourselves a pat on the back. (p.s. now we know the talent is out there...!)



LIVING WITH THE BIBLE

Faith Previously in "Places of the Bible", Faith was considered as being a major influence in the lives of the rulers and military leaders of their Kingdoms in addition to true believers (e.g. Samson) and the followers of Jesus. Here, faith is considered from the viewpoint of what folk feel inside - their beliefs and their doubts. Yes, the Bible is concerned with these aspects even if the Bible, as a whole, could be read as a "Book of Faith".

So, what is Faith? Hebrews 11 defines this "to have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for; to be certain of the things we cannot see". Chapter 11 gives many examples of faith mainly noting major figures from the Old Testament but also gives rise to some of the doubts that are relevant today. The Creation (verse 3), the work of God? The Existence of God (verse 6), pleasing God? Fortunate events that happen and are unexplainable? Telling Noah about the flood (verse 7), warnings? To go into the unknown in life - concerns (Moses - verse 27)? Hebrews 12 (verse 21), there are many witnesses to faith (number of Church members).

1 Timothy 6 - Keep safe that which has been entrusted to your care. Avoid the profane talk and foolish arguments of what people call "knowledge". For some claim to profess it and as a result have lost the way of faith. If you can't see it - don't believe it, if it can't be proved it doesn't exist (as in Science). 2 Corinthians 4, Living by Faith, we speak because we believe (verse 13), what can be seen lasts only for a time, but those unseen lasts forever (verse 13). 1 Corinthians 15 (verses 1-11), Hold firmly to your belief (unless it suits you to disbelieve), believe in the resurrections, by God's Grace I am what I am. Romans 4 (verse 7), Forgiveness of Sins - if you truly believe. Acts 19 (verses 1-7) Belief in the Holy Spirit - faith in the ability to hear (Luke 7). Revelation 22, The Second coming (v.20) - last words in the Bible (v.12-13) I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end, I am coming soon. I will bring my rewards to give to each according to what he has done. Hebrews 13 (verses 7-8), Remember your leaders and who taught God's message to you. Remember how they lived and died and copy their faith. Jesus Christ is the same today, tomorrow and forever.

There are two "wolves" inside each person here - faith and doubt - how we approach each one depends on how much we feed them.

Prayer Survey Results

19 returned out of 400 delivered.

Do you pray? 18 said Yes

Do you believe Prayer can heal illnesses? 15 said Yes

Would you join a healing Service? 11 said Yes

Would you join a Prayer Group? 9 said Yes

Would a printed Prayer sheet of Prayers help? 12 said Yes

Would you attend a Day of Prayer on how to Pray? 10 said Yes

Would you go on a retreat to Arran for a few days of Prayer and Meditation? 7 said yes

Thank you, Gaera Taylor, Elder Responsible for Church Prayer Life

SUNDAY SCHOOL BRING AND BUY SALE

This year's sale will take place on **Sunday 3rd February 2019** immediately after morning worship. All monies received will go towards helping children and young people. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received and they can be handed in to the Iona Hall on the morning of the sale. We look forward once again to your support.

Lynn Adamson

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. To those who helped set up and clear away tables, to stall holders, tea pourers, pancake makers and everyone in between. Thank you for donations and prizes, but most of all, thank you to everyone who came to support our Church. The final total raised was £3,400, thank you again to everyone, have a wonderful Christmas and many thanks again.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS. . .
THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL

Further to the note in the intimations, our Annual Star Appeal will be launched on the first Sunday of Advent, Sunday 2nd December and will run until the end of the morning service Sunday 16th December. Please place your donation in lieu of Christmas Cards and stamps into the box at the front door of the Church and place your name on the list. One card will then be produced and given to the whole congregation on Nativity Sunday. This year we are extremely mindful of our own roof troubles and are very aware of how blessed we are to be able to successfully fundraise and keep a roof over our own heads. It is apt, therefore, that we consider others at this time of year. The money raised this year will go to Shelter UK which will help "keep a roof over someone else's head". Many thanks in advance for your contribution.

GIFTS FOR JESUS

Again, as per the intimations we are asking for your "Gifts for Jesus" on either 9th, 16th or 23rd December to be placed under the tree in the sanctuary. Some of the gifts will be opened by those who come along to the morning Service on Christmas Day. This year the Church is looking specifically for dish TOWELS (not cloths!), bleach, liquid soap, disposable gloves, antibacterial spray, black bin bags and toilet rolls. We do not need fairy liquid, cloths or rubber gloves. We would also be grateful for AA batteries, A4 paper, envelopes and stamps. As always thank you for thinking of the Church while you are out Christmas shopping, it's much appreciated and decreases the annual expense of our Church.

CHILDREN'S DVD AFTERNOON

Our annual children's DVD afternoon for all P1-P5 children takes place on Saturday 8th December from 2pm-4pm. £1 per child which will include juice and sweets. All children will be made welcome.

BURNS SUPPER

Our Burns Supper will take place on Saturday 26th January 2019, 6.30pm (haggis piped in), dinner served at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale soon, priced £10 from any member of the Social & Fundraising Committee. The price will include soup, haggis, neeps and tatties, cranachan and tea/coffee with shortbread.. There will be the usual toasts and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there.

TEXTILE COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who donated and helped with the recent textile collection, we raised a total of £336.73. I think this event has now reached its lifetime, however please be mindful if you are clearing your wardrobe to think of the Church when you donate any future textiles to Cash for Clothes. On behalf of the whole committee we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2019. Many thanks for your continued support.
Lynda Young (Social & Fundraising Committee)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH ORGAN

February 2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the installation of our Church Organ as well as the 89th Anniversary of the opening of our Church Building. We will be celebrating this on Sunday 3rd February 2019 during morning worship which will be a Songs of Praise Service. We are hoping to invite previous organists to take part in this special service.

It would be lovely if our members could be involved by choosing three of their favourite hymns which could be incorporated into the service.

Please send your requests to Sandra

(sandraboyd.bofa@btopenworld.com) or hand them into the Church Office from now until the end of morning worship on Sunday 20th January 2019. The organ plays such an important part during our weekly services, and it will be a fitting way of thanking God for His continuing love for His Church and people here in King's Park

Praise Committee

THE ROOF FUND (2018) - UPDATE

On Wednesday 24 October 2018, the Congregational Board approved the acceptance of a quote of £71,504 incl VAT from Graham Roofing (Scotland) for the replacement and upgrading of our original hall roofs. The figure above was also included in an application, by the church, to Viridor (Scottish Landfill Communities Fund) for partial funding of the project, and, having been advised on 31 October of our success in Stage 1 of the application process, we are now preparing the stage 2 paperwork, to be submitted by 31 January 2019. Unfortunately, Viridor will not grant funds retrospectively, so works cannot commence until after the steering group meets and subsequently grants its awards in March 2019.

Graham Roofing have assured us that in the intervening period, there will be no cost increase passed on to the church, so we are in a position, for the next three to four months, whereby we will have to put up with the buckets and pails in the large hall etc with patience and grace! As far as the actual roof fund is concerned, having been launched at the September communion, we have now raised in the region of £26,000.

Thank you to all who have contributed up until now, whether it's been £5, £50, £500 or £5,000, or somewhere in between. Your generosity is humbling and clearly underlines your love of God and your commitment to His church here in King's Park.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE – Sunday 11 November 2018

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to what was a most effective and moving service. From the three musicians – trumpeter, piper and drummer, to the colour bearers and representatives of our Boys Brigade company, Guide troop and congregation, all of whom took part in a respectful and dignified manner. Thanks too, to Sandra for her carefully chosen and meaningful words, and to Ken Blair for overseeing the whole thing and linking so well with Poppy Scotland.

However, in keeping with the significance of the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice, our act of remembrance took on an extra dimension this year with a spectacular display of lovingly made poppies surrounding the little garden of remembrance outside the church's front door. Inside our sanctuary too, a beautiful new banner, draped just below the permanent memorial to those who were lost, added something very special to the whole season of remembrance in King's Park.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to all who had an input, big or small, in the making of these much-admired tokens of our respect and admiration for those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Special thanks, though, must go to Cath Graham & Faye Walker for their imagination, skill and patience in presenting these beautiful gifts to our Church and to God.

KING'S PARK BRASS – FINAL UPDATE 2018

Christmastime is here again and, as usual, the band, in its various guises, will be out and about, bringing that traditional "brass-bandy" good cheer to all. We'll be playing carols at a supermarket near you in the run up to the big day, but the highlight will be our annual Christmas concert in the church on Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm. Please come along and join with us. Thanks for the support given at our "Afternoon Tea" last month. With your help, we raised some much-needed cash to keep the organisation going from strength to strength.

Finally, we take this opportunity to wish all our friends and supporters in King's Park and beyond, a very happy Christmas and a Guid New Year. See you in 2019!

Legs Eleven or Should that be Eleven Legs?

Too old for the eleven plus
 Too young for the eleventh hour
 We're glad that you are here with us
 And using all your power
 To Captain your side, within our Church
 Like a team which numbers eleven
 And guiding the "fans" who attend this place
 To their own respective heaven
 In Church there are methods to sign what we owe
 When we want to show gratitude
 With you we could have some elevenses
 With the requisite tea and some food
 We can then thank you most profusely
 For those who fill all and each pew
 From the bottom of all of our hearts
 For all of the work you get through

Seriously, Sandra, as we travel together we don't tell you often enough how much we appreciate your hard work, enthusiasm and dedication; but we should and we do. Eleven million thanks.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Many of you will have noticed that our new defibrillator has now been installed on the wall of the new halls. This will be maintained by St John's Ambulance and will be used by the community as a whole. We are extremely grateful for the generous donation that was given to ensure that this is now up and running.

COMPUTER COURSE

A class has been arranged starting on Tuesday 16th January 2019 from 2pm until 4pm. This is a course for "Getting Started" on iPads and Tablets. If you are interested in attending please see Wilson Paterson.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There is a full itinerary of dates on the website and intimations.

Sun 2	11am Morning Worship including Gift Sunday 6.30pm Remembrance Service
Sun 9	11am Morning Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion
Tue 11	10.30am King's Park Primary School Service
Sun 16	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship
Tue 18	7.30pm KP Brass Band Carol Concert in Church
Wed 19	10.30am Bankhead Primary School Service
Thur 20	12 noon Community Christmas Lunch
Sun 23	11am Nativity Sunday
Mon 24	7pm Family Service, refreshments from 6.30pm 11.15pm Watchnight Service, refreshments from 10.45pm
Tue 25	10am Christmas Day Family Service
Sun 30	11am Morning Worship - Lessons and Carols
Mon 31	7.00pm Hogmanay Service
January	
Sun 6	11am Morning Worship
Sun 13	11am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship including Communion
Wed 16	7pm Kirk Session 8.15pm Congregational Board Meeting
Sun 20	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship
Sat 26	6.30pm Burns Supper
Sun 27	9.45am Early Morning Worship 11am Morning Worship

