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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.**

***"You are as close to God as you want to be. The
more you draw near to God the more He will
draw near to you"***

See James 4:8

1930-2019—89 Years of Spiritual Service

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 495

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

11 August	Mrs Mairi Strong
4 September	Mrs Alice Burrows
14 September	Mr James Greenhill
17 September	Mrs Lorna King



PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Lord,

The harvest is safely gathered in and we pray for all farmers and fishermen, keep them safe from injury and uncertainty of their future. Remember all the families who lost love ones in the wars. Pray that our remembrance Services are well attended on Sunday and Monday.

Pray for guidance, patience and understanding when we met with Glasgow Presbytery to discuss the way forward as we continue to look at our options during this time of vacancy. We give thanks for Reverend David Easton preaching each week and we remember Reverend William Wilson as he leads the Kirk Session and Congregational Board meetings. Hear our Prayer Lord, Amen.

Pastoral Letter ...

Dear Friends

Since coming to King's Park as locum, I've noticed the unfinished jigsaw which lies on a table at the entrance to the halls. Anyone who has a moment or two to spare is welcome to contribute to the completion of the picture. The dozens of pieces which still have to be fitted together, prompted the thought that the work in which we engage in the church is not unlike the making a jigsaw.

Both require patience. How often the Scriptures bid us be patient in the service of God. Frustrations, disappointments, sets backs and opposition are all par for the course. Therefore the need for patience. But there are also other similarities.

When making a jigsaw it is often difficult to see where the different pieces go, especially if we don't have a picture to work from. Pieces we thought belonged together turn out not to fit. But it is also the case that when we get one piece right, a lot of other pieces quickly fall into place. As for the last piece, we may have tried unsuccessfully to fit it into a number of places, but as the jigsaw nears completion, we find that the piece slots perfectly into the one remaining place and the picture is complete.

As we go about our work in the church, we seldom have a full picture of what God is doing at any given time in our situation. It is like making a jigsaw without the picture on the cover of the box to help us. We are unable to see the end from the beginning. Only God can. Therefore the need for total dependence on him for guidance because on our own we will inevitably get some things wrong. We will try to fit things together which don't belong; we will make assumptions which turn out to be incorrect. Our picture of how things should look may not be God's picture. But when we make mistakes and are humble enough to admit them, we shall also by God's grace get many things right as we respond to his Word and Spirit and will marvel at the way in which the different components of church life come together and interlock to complete the picture.

Perhaps at no time in the life of a congregation is the analogy of the jigsaw more applicable than during a vacancy. A lot of pieces have to come together in order that at the end of the vacancy the picture is complete - at least for the time being because there is no such thing as the status quo in the life of the church. God is the God who makes all things new. Constant change is here to stay! In the meantime, however, it falls to us all to understand what it means to be part of the jigsaw which is the church, or to change the picture, to discover afresh what is involved in belonging to the body of Christ. That will mean keeping Christ, his promises, his commands, and dependence on his Spirit, at the centre of our life together.

Here is how the apostle Paul put it in this letter to the church in Ephesus: "We must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. Under his control, all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love." (4.15 and 16)

Yours to that end,
David, Locum Minister

HARVEST THANKSGIVING ...

A big thank you to everyone who donated flowers and plants, to those who delivered and to those who made the sanctuary especially beautiful. Thank you for all donations for the Lodging House Mission which will be passed on in due course.



CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2019**

	£	
	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings & Donations	7,644	7,828
Gift Aid	4,775	-
Hall Hire Income	4,498	1,109
Roof Fund - Donations	800	1,724
Other Donations	935	-
Regular other Monthly Income	1,077	738
Charitable Donations	267	-
Total Month's Income	<u>19,996</u> =====	<u>11,399</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regularly Monthly Costs	13,380	12,923
Fabric Repairs	58	58
Roof Repairs - stage payments to date	39,619	15,462
Charitable Donations	-	-
Total Month's Costs	<u>53,057</u> =====	<u>28,443</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Costs	-33,061	-17,044
<u>Comments</u>		

July—Shortfall of receipts after payments made was £33,061. Unrestricted Funds had a surplus of £7,174, restricted funds had a shortfall of £40,235

August—Shortfall of receipts after payments made was £17,044. Unrestricted Funds had a surplus of £1,472, restricted funds had a shortfall of £15,572.

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.

VACANCY UPDATE...

I am writing to update you on the progress with filling the vacancy following the departure of Sandra Boyd.

Before we can begin the search for a new minister, we need the permission of Presbytery. The current Presbytery plan for King's Park is to work towards a linkage with Croftfoot, with 1.5 posts shared between the two congregations. The King's Park kirk session made clear their reluctance at this proposal.

The relevant Presbytery committee do not foresee the above plan for King's Park being implemented during this vacancy. It is also unlikely that the congregation would be allowed to call a minister under unrestricted tenure (which was the position when Sandra was the minister). The Kirk Session is thus awaiting a visit from representatives of the Presbytery Strategy committee to agree the way forward. Based on informal discussions we are optimistic that we will be able to reach such an agreement—the problem has been getting a date when the Strategy committee representatives can make their visit, as they are short of personnel.

Once all this is in place, we will be able to make the next steps towards the appointment of a Nominating Committee etc. Unfortunately, it is likely that is going to take some time for all of this to happen, so we may have a lengthy vacancy. I am very grateful for the work being done by David Easton as locum, Raymond Jenkins and all the elders. Please offer them your prayerful support.

William Wilson
(Interim Moderator)



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

KIRK SESSION UPDATE

The Kirk Session agreed that there will no 9.45am services for the foreseeable future. We plan to continue evening worship (6.30pm) on the 2nd Sunday of every month, led by the Worship team. The Worship Team would value your support as each member puts themselves forward for training assessment by Glasgow Presbytery. On the four Communion Sundays there will be a celebration of Communion at 6.30pm as well. Looking ahead the Church will celebrate it's 90th Birthday in February 2020 and we will be looking to mark that occasion through Worship and s special social event, more details will follow.

POPPY UPDATE

Several people have asked recently if the knitted poppies will be displayed again this year. The answer is - not exactly! We do not plan to repeat last year's garden but, in acknowledgement of all the hard work done by our lovely volunteers, we do mean to use the poppies to beautify the Church in an entirely new way. Watch this space,

Cathy Graham

BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections have resumed for the 2019-2020 Session and are in the midst of preparing for the usual District and Battalion Events. However, both Sections will still welcome any new recruits who wish to come along on Wednesday evenings for the Junior Section and Friday evenings for the Company Section. Finally the 118 hope that our new Company Chaplain, Reverend David Easton will make himself at home and become a close friend of the 119 during his stay with us.

Ian Livingstone RO

DAY OF PRAYER

The Church will be open on the 11th of November 2019 from 10am until 12 noon. There will be a reading and a prayer every hour and a short service of remembrance at 11am. Tea and coffee will be available and an opportunity for someone to pray with you if you wish.

KING'S PARK BRASS - UPDATE

The band returns to Rutherglen Town Hall for the 14th straight year, with a concert at 7.30pm on Friday 22nd November entitled "A Night At The Movies". The programme explores film music through the ages, starting in the 1930s with Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times and continuing through to the 1960s with classics from Disney's Pinocchio, Bridge on the River Kwai, Breakfast at Tiffany's, The Pink Panther, James Bond and A Fistful of Dollars. The 1970s brings us the first of the Rocky series, and we'll move through the 80s and 90s by featuring ET, Braveheart and The Full Monty. The 21st century arrives with Pirates of the Caribbean and Pearl Harbor, and we'll finish with 2018's Queen tribute - Bohemian Rhapsody.

Tickets £7 - £10, available from the Town Hall Box Office

We're looking forward to a fun night, and we hope to see you there!

A WARM WELCOME FROM THE PRAYER GROUP

The Group was formed in the eighties when Margaret Davis and her daughter Ann asked for prayers. We meet on Tuesdays at 11.15am and on Sundays at 10.30am until 10.40am in the lounge. We read a passage from the Bible and then we are lead in prayer with quiet times and spoken prayer if you wish. Then names from the Prayer List are read out ending with the Lord's Prayer. There is time to give thanks or prayer for special needs, then we finish with the Lord's Prayer and The Grace. You might like to write a prayer and it would be read out by the group. We would like to give you an invitation to come along, you do have to Pray out loud, you will be given a warm welcome, we are a friendly bunch.

Gaera Taylor



Thanks ...

My thanks to the Prayer Group and parishioners of King's Park Church for making me so welcome at some of the services I attended with Wilson. Also, the social outings and lunches in the Church Hall which were delicious and the theatre visits. With Wilson, every day spent together was very special.

Maira

Update from California ...

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has prayed for me, encouraged me and supported me financially to get me all the way here to Bethel! The house I'm staying in is beautiful and I'm living with 7 other girls. There is such a peace and grace in this house and the girls are lovely, funny, unique, godly girls.

I have just finished my first week of school and it has been wonderful. Being in such an intense atmosphere of worship and teaching has left me exhausted this week, but in a good way! I am praying for everyone back home, don't limit God or the possibility of a miracle in your own life. Step out in faith and see for yourself the wonders of our Heavenly Father!

Can't wait to fill you in soon with another update!

All my love, Alison x

WORLD MISSION

The Saidiana Women's Project continues to do well in spite of a large amount of rainfall which altered planned to unplanned activities. The main events of the year were sewing and knitting, micro credit and empowerment, relief supplies, HIV/Aids care and water harvesting. They continue to welcome new families to the group. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause ensuring that the wide variety of work to help families continues, this can be done by cheque made out to Mary Smith and sent to her address (available on request) or directed to HBOS, Sort Code: 11-47-05, Account Number 00005903. Please continue to post your used stamps in the Post Box. The World Mission Magazine is available at the front doors of the Church and Hall.

Point to Ponder ...

Dementia Information—Agree, never argue; Divert, never reason; Distract, never shame; Reassure, never lecture; Reminisce, never say remember; Repeat, never say I told you; Do what they can do never what they can't; Ask, never demand; Encourage, never condescend; Reinforce, never force.

Dates for your Diary

October

- Tue 1st 7pm KP Chicks
 Sat 5th 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 6th 11am Morning Worship with BB Founders Day Parade
 Mon 7th 7pm, God Tock
 Sun 13th 11am Morning Worship
 6.30pm Evening Worship
 Mon 14th 7pm, God Tock
 Wed 16th 6.30pm Prayer Group
 7pm Kirk Session Meeting
 8.15pm Congregational Board
 Sun 20th 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 21st 7pm, God Tock
 Thur 24th 12noon Community Lunch Club
 Sun 27th 11am Morning Worship, final Summer Sunday School
 Mon 28th 7pm, God Tock

November

- Sat 2nd 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 3rd 11am Morning Worship including Dedication of Garden of Remembrance
 Mon 4th 7pm God Tock
 Tue 5th 7pm KP Chicks
 Sun 10th **10.45am** Remembrance Sunday
 6.30pm Evening Worship
 Mon 11th 10am-12noon Church will be open for reflection and Prayer with a small act of remembrance at 11am
 Mon 12th 7pm God Tock
 Sun 17th 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 18th 7pm God Tock
 Wed 21st 6.30pm Prayer Group
 7pm Kirk Session Meeting
 8.15pm Congregational Board
 Sun 24th 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 25th 7pm God Tock
 Sat 30th 10am until 1pm Christmas Bazaar

December

- Sun 1st 11am Morning Worship, first week in Advent



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 30th November 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, CDs and DVDs, toys and much, much more!

Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 25th November until 8pm on Friday 24th November. 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 29th November. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan Bazaar Convenors.