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## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### **ADMISSION BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK SESSION**

We welcome nine new communicants into King's Park Church, namely, Mrs Agnes Brown, Mrs Margaret Haining, Mr Graeme Kelly, Mrs Sadie Marchant, Mrs Michelle McLoy, Mr David & Mrs Jeanette McLaughlin, Mrs Maureen Muldow, and Mrs May Stark. May they find the peace and grace of the Lord within our midst.

### AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

15 June	Mr Bill Todd, Schaw Court, Drymen Road, Bearsden
19 June	Mr Derek Hume, Kingsbridge Drive
23 June	Mrs Lillian Findlay, Cardonald Care Home
4 July	Mr Robert Coleman, Westhouse Avenue

### ***Prayer Focus..***

Father God, we thank you for giving us patience and ask every member of our congregation to unite in prayer as we go forward in choosing a new Minister. Guide us to the person that you have chosen for us.

We pray for teachers and pupils as they return to school, especially those starting primary or secondary school.

Hear our prayer. Amen

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### **271<sup>st</sup> Brownies**

The Brownies will start back on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

Girls aged 7 to 10yrs will be made most welcome.

***Lynn Adamson (Brown Owl)***

### **271<sup>st</sup> Guides**

The Guides will start back on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Girls

aged 10 to 14yrs will be made most welcome.

***Lynn Adamson (Captain)***

Dear Friends

As someone with five children, I feel, of course, very privileged, however there's always something going on in the lives of at least one of them that brings anxiety into the mix. Occasionally, when the stress level is high, I'm reminded of that saying: "You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family."

Being part of a church is, I think, more like family in that regard. You wouldn't necessarily choose to spend time with each and every member of your church, and yet, different though we are, we belong to one another, bound by love, and by being on the journey of faith through our disparate lives. That, too, is a privilege, to have an extended church family made up of people who will pray for us in our time of need, and often be there to provide practical help, and who, in turn, will appreciate our prayers and support.

Being able to appreciate people who are very different from us – which church helps us to do – is an important skill in life. If we narrow down our circle only to those who always agree with us, we can end up quite lonely. And if we listen to those who disagree with us, and hold love for them in our hearts, we can nearly always learn from them, even if we can't, in honesty, come round to their position on things.

Indeed, that is – at its best – a mark of Christian community. Not that everyone thinks the same, but that love for one another extends across differences, recognising that no one of us is perfect by any means, and yet God loves us all anyway.

I want to finish by asking you to pray for the process that will soon begin to bring a new minister to King's Park. Only a few people can be on the nominating committee, but the most important part of what happens will be if everyone in the congregation prays for an outcome that will help King's Park church move hopefully into the future.

*Rev Ian Galloway (Interim Moderator and Locum)*

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE***"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2023**

	<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	
Offerings & Donations	6,989	7,350
Gift Aid income	4,629	-
Legacy bequest	10,000	-
Hall Hire Income	735	590
Rental income	517	-
Magazine subscriptions	200	138
Charitable collections	903	1,917
Other regular Monthly Income	2,649	540
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b><u>26,622</u></b> <b>=====</b>	<b><u>10,535</u></b> <b>=====</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Monthly Costs	11,579	16,457
Charitable Donations	903	1,899
Property maintenance & repairs	2,282	984
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b><u>14,764</u></b> <b>=====</b>	<b><u>19,340</u></b> <b>=====</b>
<b>Monthly Income vs Expenditure</b>	<b>11,858</b>	<b>-8,805</b>

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****AUGUST**

Sun 6th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 13th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 20th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 27th	11am Morning Worship

**SEPTEMBER**

Sun 3rd	11am Morning Worship, with the celebration of Baptism
Sun 10th	11am Morning Worship, with the Sacrament of Communion
Sun 17th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 24th	11am Morning Worship, with the worship team celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving, all proceeds will go to the Lodging House Mission
Sun 1st Oct	11am Morning Worship, with the worship team

## **William (Bill) Todd, 15th November 1934-15th June 2023**

Bill was born at the family home on 15th November 1934 he was the youngest of Alexander and Annie Todd's 5 children, growing up in Hamilton with his older siblings; Susan, Alex, John and Lily.

Bill attended St. John's Primary and Grammar schools. During this time, he was also a member of the local Boys Brigade Company. When he left school at 15, Bill joined the staff at Colvilles Limited, which became part of the British Steel Corporation, working as an office boy.

Bill progressed in the company through the postal department, becoming a junior sales clerk. Bill joined the Dalzell Works in Motherwell before returning to the British Steel Corporation where he continued working until retirement.

On a coach trip to Skye with his friend, Jim, in the Summer of 1969, Bill and his pal were the two youngest males and were sat near the two youngest females; one of the young ladies happened to be Irene, and the other, her friend Audrey. Bill and Irene hit it off right away!

They returned from Skye and were engaged at Christmas that year, marrying on Halloween 1970 (Bill never had any excuse for missing key dates!)

Bill and Irene began married life at their first home in Montford Avenue, the family home, and home for 51 years, before they both moved to Schaw Court in Bearsden in 2021.

They became parents when son David was born in 1971, followed by Douglas in 1974 and Alan in 1975.

Bill worked hard to provide for his family. When he returned to BSC, Bill was based in the Head Office at West George Street, Glasgow. He had a role, where he was responsible for the sales of special duality steels, of which Colvilles was the only UK manufacturer.

Family holidays were often spent down the Ayrshire coast or to Blackpool, St. Anne's or Scarborough. Bill took the boys to putting greens, crazy golf; built sandcastles on the beach and bought countless ice creams and had many trips to the amusements; as long as the boys were happy and enjoying themselves, Bill was in his element.

Bill was ordained as an Elder in 1974, being inducted into the Kirk Session of Kings Park Church on 8th September 1976. He served his district well, receiving a certificate for 30 years service in March 2006. Both Bill and Irene ran the very popular Young Worshippers' League for many years, ensuring the children received their stamps and were rewarded with books for their attendance.

As his family grew Bill, welcomed his daughters-in-law Jennifer and Lesley into the family. He was delighted to become a grandfather, or Grandpa T as he was known, to Henry and Rebecca.

Bill loved his time with his grandkids, especially when he was beating them at dominoes. Henry and Rebecca always got plenty of sweets from Grandpa T, although they did like to nick his tic tacs.

In retirement, Bill took up carpet bowls at the church. He retired on a Friday and when getting his paper on the following Monday morning, met a friend from church, who suggested he should come along and give it a try.

Bill was at the carpet bowls three afternoons a week; he was quite good at it and won plenty of trophies, which drove Irene mad, as Bill wanted to display them all. They would compromise; Bill was allowed one trophy and one medal on display at any given time.

During his working life, Bill became an expert on the Glasgow bus timetables, never needing to drive. However, on retiring, he decided to take on the challenge and learn how to drive. Bill drove for a bit and then decided it wasn't for him; he much preferred to sit on a bus and let someone else chauffeur him around.

Bill and Irene had a good life together, they enjoyed living in King's Park, living next to a green space on Montford Avenue, where all the kids from the neighbouring houses would meet to play together when the boys were young. Bill and Irene had many really good neighbours over the years.

His family meant the world to Bill; he lived life to the full and was a devoted husband and family man. Bill will be sorely missed, but never forgotten by all who knew and loved him, especially his dear friends at King's Park Church.

*May the Lord Bless Him and Keep Him, Amen.*

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2023 – The Final Story

As an update to the update in June/July's magazine, we can now confirm that the total amount raised for this year's Christian Aid Week was **£2,539.20**.

You'll remember that this year, the Kirk Session wanted us to give all those who live in our parish the opportunity to support CAW, so a bunch of trusty volunteers delivered a Christian Aid envelope through every letter box in the parish (*all 3,111 of them!*) which directed people, who wished to donate, to return the 'filled' envelope to the church at certain times, or, alternatively, to a bucket in Londis, across the street, who kindly volunteered this service to broaden the options for donation returns. Please note that just over 28% of the total raised this year came as a result of this new 'delivery-only' venture, so, it was clearly worthwhile!

The rest of the money came from our dynamic duo, Raymond and Alan, and their always competitive 300,000 step challenge, again generously supported by friends and the church family (£1,020), and from a small number of CA envelopes, distributed on the Christian Aid Week launch + additional individual cheque and cash donations (£800), including £100 from the regulars at the Tuesday Coffee morning (thanks to Millie & Aileen!)

We hope to organise some form of Christian Aid Quiz in the Autumn, but meantime, **thanks to all who have contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to continue our church family's superb tradition of support for Christian Aid.**

## VACANCY UPDATE

The Kirk Session are currently completing the tasks that are required as we prepare to declare a vacancy for a minister, which include the completion of a Vacancy Schedule, the creation of a new Parish Profile, and the formation of the Electoral Register.

Quite soon, we hope, this will lead to permission to call. When it does we will need to appoint a Nominating Committee from the congregation to look for suitable representatives.

We would ask all members of the congregation at this stage to give prayerful consideration to who you think would be appropriate to be on that Nominating Committee.

In due course we will let you know when names are being formally sought.

**Thank you ...**

Thank you very much to Eunice for delivering the lovely flowers on behalf of the Church following my daughter Karen's kidney transplant and the ongoing situation with my great grandson, Carter. Kenny and I really appreciate the support from the congregation.

*Aileen Blair*



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Raymond for his support given to us on the recent passing of our mum, Lillian M Findlay. Thank you to everyone for their kind words, beautiful cards and flowers.

*Joan & Lesley*

**To all congregation members at King's Park.**

Former members of Toryglen Church and I would like to say thank you to everyone for welcoming us into your church and for making us feel we belonged here from day one. We all miss our church in Toryglen, but things and time move on, and so, unfortunately, we had to, as well. The friendship we have received from you all is second to none; the union we had with King's Park through the years, with joint services, pulpit exchange, Holy Week worship and communion on Maundy Thursday – we met together, year after year, and enjoyed fellowship together very much. So here we are again, joining together, but now as members of King's Park Church.

*Thank you to everyone.*

*May Stark & friends*

**News from St Oswald's...**

The Licensing of The Reverend Alison Kate Mathew as Priest-in-Charge of St Oswald's took place on Thursday, 1st June 2023.

Several of our congregation attended and received a warm welcome.

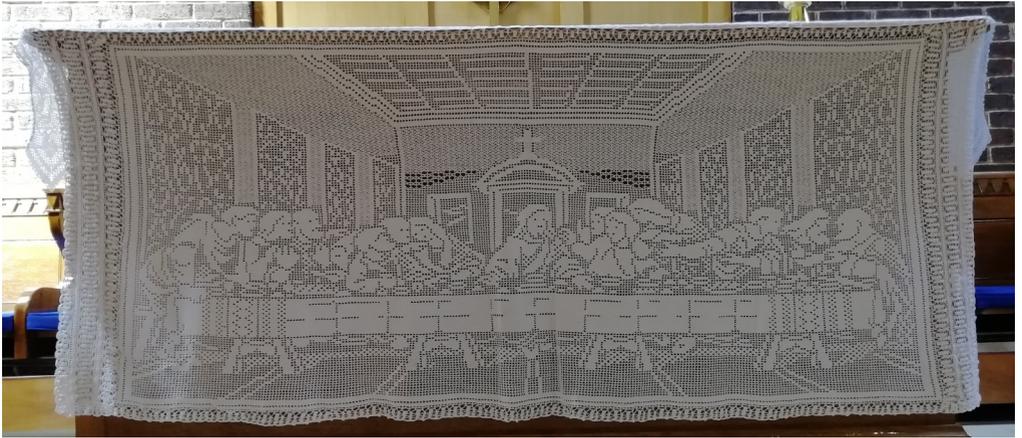
Since then, Alison has attended our Tuesday coffee morning and Raymond gave her a guided tour of our premises. She hopes to be a regular visitor to the coffee morning.

Alison looks forward to working with King's Park, especially regarding mission. Having bought herself a litter picker, to clear rubbish from St Oswald's front garden, she was delighted to hear we often do litter picks around the parish during the summer, so it looks like this could become a joint venture! Alison has been seen walking her dog Flora around the area, so, if you recognise her, please say "hello".



## Did you 'SPOT THE DELIBERATE MISTAKE' in the June/July issue of the magazine??

Nobody contacted the Editor with an answer, apart from one very eminent member of the church, who was immediately disqualified due to 'insider knowledge'! The answer is....that on page 10, the communion table cloth was pictured 'back to front' . Go and dig out the last magazine and have a look. The photograph displayed does not replicate Leonardo da Vinci's representation of the Last Supper correctly – it's the wrong way round! The correct version is below.



## BRITISH TRANSPLANT GAMES

By the time you read this article, our lovely friend, John Paul, who is a regular attender at the Sunday School, will have been to Coventry to take part in the British Transplant Games. The games are open to all who have received a transplant, and we will be cheering him on in all of his categories, and of course, look forward to hearing about his adventures on his return. Here he is at a recent Messy Church service.



## **STEWARDSHIP 2023 - A reminder**

Due to the recent pandemic and our slow recovery from it, our annual Stewardship Programme (our giving of time, talent and money to glorify God) has been left behind. At a recent Kirk Session meeting it was agreed that we need to focus on Stewardship, starting with the generation of much needed funds to support our dwindling finances. After discussion we decided to have a Gift Weekend, in or around September, where we all should consider dedicating one weekend of giving to our much-loved Church and its funds. It is hoped there will be a coffee morning, and an opportunity to perhaps give up a personal social event or treat, e.g. trip out for a meal or the cinema, and, instead, donate the money saved to the Church. It will be a time of reflection and thanksgiving for all that King's Park Church has meant to those in the past, what it means to us now, and most importantly, what it means to those we leave it to in the future. More details will follow in the summer magazine and intimations.

In relation to our Christian stewardship, the Kirk Session also agreed that as well as promoting a Gift Weekend we should encourage everyone to consider re-addressing their weekly giving. While this is a time of increased costs for us all, we know that the continued work in our Church is so important. We are glad to see our halls being let out again to the community and it's hoped that this will revitalise our mission outreach as well as creating some much-needed earnings. Perhaps you are reading this, realising that you have not increased your weekly offering for a long time; this would be a good time to think about that and simply update the standing order with your bank (get a form from us or do it online), or commit to a little more each week in your Free Will Offering envelope. For those who are part of the Gift Aid scheme, increases of e.g., £5 to £20 a month would amount to increases of £75 to £300 respectively, over the year.

We know how difficult it is to address the financial side of our Christian stewardship at this time, but unfortunately, we are seeing the deficit currently facing us, increasing as the year progresses, and while we all appreciate that the Church is indeed its people, it is also a building, with halls and fabric, which it is our responsibility to maintain and care for. Accordingly, please do prayerfully consider this now and we look forward to sharing more details about our Gift Weekend very soon.

*Finance Committee*

## **New Antonine Brass - Prize-winners at the Philip Jones International Brass Ensemble Competition 2023**

Those who attended the above brass quintet's concert in the church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July will be thrilled, and not surprised, to hear that the group was in the top three at this prestigious international competition, which started at the beginning of the week immediately after the concert at KP.

The group rehearsed in the sanctuary way back in January to prepare for their video audition performance, which was also recorded in the church in March. That audition was successful, and they were invited to compete at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, starting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Their first performance saw them through to the semi-final on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, and they excelled again and made it to the grand final on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, where they were drawn No.1 in playing order, and achieved a very creditable third place, winning the Founder's Prize, including £2,500, and a significant boost to their professional stature, enabling them to broaden their future musical ambitions. *(For anyone interested, the winners were London Central Brass and the runners up, KamBrass Quintet from Barcelona)*

King's Park Church warmly congratulates our friends in New Antonine Brass, wishes them well for the future and looks forward to another visit soon, when we can again enjoy the beauty, power, and mischievousness of their performance.

The photo shows the ensemble with Ursula Jones OBE, the widow of the late Philip Jones CBE (1928-2000)

