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"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"
Helen Keller

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

"1930-2022 - 92 Years of Spiritual Service"

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

10 April Conan Alexander Bowes

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

12 April Mr Charles Allardyce, Kingshurst Avenue
11 May Mrs Irene Todd, Schaw Court, Bearsden, formerly
 Montford Ave

Prayer Focus..

We pray for, and thank the Queen for her long and faithful service to our nation and commonwealth. We give thanks for our Jubilee Festival volunteers and for the opportunity we have to reach out to the community. Let us share God's love by reaching out to others. There are many changes in King's Park Church and the Church of Scotland. Open our minds and hearts as we move forward. We need to reconnect with each other as we remember the vows we took.

We give thanks Lord, for all who volunteer in and around our church. For the dedicated preaching team and IT team as they take on the challenge of new equipment. Lord, we depend on you for our future. Summer is here, help us to enjoy this changing season.

Hear our Prayer Amen
gaerataylor@btinternet.com

Dear Friends

As I'm sure will be mentioned elsewhere in this month's magazine, Alan and I recently took up the Christian Aid 300,000 steps in May Challenge – and managed it!

Apart from becoming quite addictive, it's amazing what you come across as you seek different routes – sometimes things not so very far from your own doorstep, that you've always been too busy to take time to appreciate. Like the nearly 500 year old sycamore tree where Mary, Queen of Scots came all the way from Holyrood Palace to nurse her sick husband, Lord Darnley, before escorting him back to Edinburgh – no easy journey in those days - where he was murdered just three days later. (*Who knew that's why the area is still known as Darnley?*)

And that tree is still flourishing, just across the road from the Sainsbury's supermarket on Nitshill Road, as a tribute to Mary's dedication and faithfulness (and well worth taking a look).

The General Assembly has been meeting in the past few weeks and no doubt, on top of all the changes already involved in Presbytery Plans, with proposed clusters etc, which I'm sure will be outlined later in these pages, new challenges will be presented to us all.

But, while I'm sure we are all well aware of the challenges ahead, now, more than ever, we need to place our trust in God's plan for his Church and his people, for King's Park and beyond, as he seeks to lead us forward.

As we look to celebrate our present Queen's diamond jubilee, and give thanks for her dedication and faithfulness, may we, through the grace of Christ, **seek to serve Him with that same dedication and faithfulness.**

Raymond, Pastoral Assistant

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2022

	<u>Mar</u>	<u>April</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	8,091	7,987
Hall Hire Incomes	140	175
Magazine	351	168
Charitable collections	2,208	163
Other regular Monthly Income	2,501	985
Total Month's Income	13,291 =====	9,478 =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	15,460	12,389
1st Instalment of camera system	-	4,659
Charitable Donations	1,281	977
Property maintenance & repairs	56	56
Total Month's Payments	16,797 =====	18,081 =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	-3,506	-8,603



FLOWER FUND

**Thanks are due to all who contribute to the
flower fund.**

STAMP APPEAL

In Lebanon, and in response to the financial collapse in the country, the pastors in Syria and Lebanon initiated in 2021, a scheme where they gave half of their salary to establish a relief programme as an expression of support to the neediest families around their congregations.



The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) employs more than a thousand people including their pastors. The economic crisis in the country and the consequences of the huge explosion in Beirut has struck hard, and the Synod is struggling to pay salaries for pastors which range between £100 to £150 per month. Some pastors have left their vocation to take other jobs as they are unable to provide for their families. Others are really struggling to make ends meet. Pastors are key people, supporting the spiritual and institutional life and ministry of the Synod and deserve to be supported.

NESSL is a partner church of the Church of Scotland and has churches in both Lebanon and Syria. Despite the hardships experienced, pastors are reaching out to the needy in their congregations in a sacrificial way. This has prompted the Synod to reach out to partners around the world to support the various ongoing projects and to include this in support of pastors.

This year the Stamp Project proceeds aim to raise enough funds to support a pastor for a full year's salary.

Thank you again for taking part in this project by handing in all your used stamps.

Elizabeth Gillespie

ST ANDREW'S FIRST AID

Our dear friend, Carole McKay, received a medal recently for her dedication to the St Andrew's Ambulance Association and 15 years of service. She has also played a key role in supporting the team that meets weekly here in our church on a Thursday evening. She has been a 'well kent' face at our Christmas Bazaars over the years and more recently at our Community Festivals. It has always been a pleasure to see her quietly mingling with the public at big events within the Church, reassuring us all, in her uniform and with trusty first aid bag. We give thanks to all that she has meant to St Andrew's First Aid and to us as a Church and wider community. With Every Blessing from your friends at St Andrew's First Aid and King's Park Church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Restrictions have now been lifted to allow us to accommodate an increased number of worshippers, therefore you do not need to book ahead of attending Church on a Sunday morning. We will keep you updated on our website and all of our social media platforms if plans change in any way. In the meantime, our online services continue on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

JUNE

Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 12th 11am Morning Worship, including the Sacrament of Communion
 Tue 14th 7.30pm King's Park Brass Summer Concert
 Sun 19th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 26th 11am Morning Worship

JULY

Sun 3rd 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 10th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 17th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 24th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 31st 11am Morning Worship

At a recent Kirk Session meeting it was agreed that the Summer Sunday School would take a break this year, mostly due to the very small number of children attending and other Church commitments of leaders. We hope this is not the end of SSS, but rather a little "time out" this year. We pray for more children to discover King's Park Sunday School and give thanks for all the hard work of the Sunday School leaders, wishing them all a restful summer.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at our Jubilee Festival. It was lovely to see the Church full of people again. We hope everyone had a wonderful time. We look forward to our very own King's Park Brass Summer Concert on 14th June and are planning a Christian Aid quiz in the autumn. In the meantime, have a lovely summer.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022 - UPDATE

King's Park church family and friends have again been busy this year, raising money for Christian Aid.

A very satisfactory amount of money is expected for Christian Aid as a result of Raymond and Alan's 300,000 step challenge, which, at time of writing, was still progressing all the way to midnight on 31st May. The current position sees Raymond at a mere 700,000 steps, with Alan, leaping ahead to achieve 850,000 steps (that's a lie - forgive me!) Alan is at 400,000 steps, miles behind his older, but fitter partner!

On the financial side, check out www.justgiving.com/Alan-Pratt4 the event's JustGiving page, which is still open and taking donations. The total raised, at the moment, is just over £800, and the boys will now be chasing those who kindly pledged cash via the hardcopy sponsor forms in the church.

To celebrate Christian Aid Week itself, we made CA envelopes available to those who attended the 'launch' service on Sunday 15h May, and appealed to all members through the magazine, online service, and Facebook for donations to Christian Aid, and, as a result, there is another amount of cash/cheques etc waiting to be counted, then passed over, although, if you still wish to donate, please look at the April/May magazine for payment details. The final sum raised will be updated/confirmed in the August/September edition of the magazine.

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 Week.

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

You'll remember that we published this photograph, taken 11/09/54, in the February/March issue of King's View. It had been sent in by Elaine Sproat from Rhinebeck, New York State, USA, and the question posed was "who are the girls and their Sunday School teacher?" As a starter, Eleanor herself is front right, and she advised us that immediately behind was Marjory Johnson (married name Kyle).



We can now report that the teacher is Miss Duffy and we're told that she used to work in the haberdashery in the row of shops opposite and up the hill from the church, next door to the café. This information was kindly supplied by the girl in the front left of the photo, Alison Ann Clark (now McKay) who went on to become a much-loved Sunday School teacher herself, as well as working in that very same café!

So, there are two girls in the photograph still unaccounted for. Can anyone identify them?

THANK YOU

As the church's Property Convener, I received the following letter from our Gardening Team.

"Dear Alan, the gardening team have enjoyed looking after the church gardens for many years. However, after discussion, we have decided to make this year our last. Age and health problems have made it difficult to give the effort needed to maintain such a large garden and it is always difficult to make these decisions. As a team, we hope to continue meeting up at the Tuesday coffee morning and might still be seen with a pair of secateurs. Kind regards

The Gardening team – Sheila Cumming, Mima Ramage, Marie Stewart, Cathie Graham, Bob & Isabel Packer"

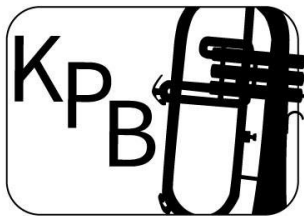
It falls to me, representing the Congregational Board and the church family and friends to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you to each and every one of the team for her or his commitment, skill, and green fingers in keeping this part of God's space in King's Park in such a beautiful condition throughout each of many years.

Enjoy your 'retirement' and see you all at your usual table at the coffee morning! *Alan*

KING'S PARK BRASS IN CONCERT

Tuesday 14th June 7.30pm

King's Park Brass returns to KP Church with our annual summer concert, the first since 2019! The Senior Band will be conducted by Chris Mansfield, who took the helm as we returned from our COVID-enforced absence last summer and, making her debut conducting the Junior Band will be Emily Stokes, who has been working with our young players since Easter.



Our programme will feature film music, with themes from Lord of the Rings, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and The Incredibles. Three solo and duet numbers will take centre stage; Jennifer Taylor will be in Sinatra-esque mood, playing "In the Wee Small Hours of The Morning"; David Peat will play "First Light" by young brass band composer Ben Hollings, and our euphoniums, Donald Orr and Gavin Thomson, will take us on a trip to the opera, performing "Deep Inside The Sacred Temple" from Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers". But perhaps the highlight will bring us back to Scotland - Philip Sparke's Ardross Castle features heavily, that well known and loved tune, "Highland Cathedral".

Entry will be by payment on the door: £5 (children £1). We hope to see you there!

Another date for your diary - the band will be back in concert at Rutherglen Town Hall on Saturday 12th November 2022, with a concert entitled "Storytelling".

PRAISE GATHERING

Praise Gathering 2022 concerts will take place in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Saturday and Sunday 18th & 19th June, and in Edinburgh's Usher Hall on Saturday 25th June (all at 7pm).

There are 400 singers in the choir from 180 Scottish churches and they will be joined by a live band and the PG Youth Choir. The programme contains an exciting mix of contemporary and traditional worship songs, and we are also delighted to have CELTIC WORSHIP as our special guests.

We would appreciate if you were able to help publicise the events please, and include details in church bulletins or notices, or share the video trailer above. A ready-made PowerPoint slide, graphics, an e-flyer, and the video file are available to download from our website: www.praisegathering.org.uk or by using the button below.

Tickets are on sale from the respective Box Offices :

Glasgow : 0131 353 8000, www.glasgowconcerthalls.com

Edinburgh : 0131 228 1155 www.usherhall.co.uk

TRANSPLANT GAMES

My name is John-Paul Rooney, I am 11 years old, and I attend Sunday School here at King's Park Church. I have also started going to the Church badminton club on a Saturday morning. Since my kidney transplant in 2014, I have represented Glasgow in the British Transplant Games, held every year in different parts of Britain. This year the Games are being held in Leeds at the end of July

www.britishtransplantgames.co.uk

I will be competing in the tennis, badminton, sport stacking and some selected field events. I'd like to thank all the members of the Saturday badminton club for their help and support and I'll keep you all up to date with my progress.

John-Paul (11)



UNITARY CONSTITUTION

Following intimation on the two Sundays immediately preceding, a meeting of the congregation was held on 22nd May 2022.

The meeting was chaired by Interim Moderator, Rev. Ian Galloway in the presence of 38 members. The meeting was advised that the Kirk Session had resolved in principle to seek to adopt a Unitary Constitution. Explanation was given regarding the changes this would bring about. After time for comments and questions, a decision was reached to seek approval from Presbytery to adopt a Unitary Constitution. This decision will now be sent to Presbytery for approval. *Eunice and John Black, Joint Session Clerks*

CROFTFOOT CHURCH PANTRY

As part of the process of 'clustering', referred to by our Session Clerks in their 'update on Presbytery Plans' article overleaf, it is important that we find out what each of the churches in our cluster does. As we progress to construct our joint mission plan, we will be aware of things that we don't do, and another church does, or will find that one church has a real strength in, say, e.g outreach to the community. **Croftfoot Parish Church** has established, during the COVID period, a very popular foodbank called "the Pantry". It's open from 11am to noon every Thursday and was catering initially for asylum seeker families, but now, due to the spiralling cost of living, a more significant number of local families are seeking help too.

It would be great if we in KP Church could support Croftfoot's work, spiritually, in our prayers, but also practically, by providing food and financial aid on a regular basis. The organisers would welcome donations of items such as pasta, honey nut & chocolate cereals, tinned vegetables, crisps and sweets. The Pantry buys fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis, as well as other items like toilet rolls and other essentials, so financial donations are also very welcome. Boxes marked "The Pantry" will be placed in the church vestibule and in the entrance to the halls, for food donations, and every Thursday they will be delivered to Croftfoot. If you would like to provide financial support, put it in an envelope marked "The Pantry" and leave it in the offering on a Sunday morning, or pop it through the letterbox to the halls. Any cheques should be made payable to King's Park Church, and we will transfer funds to Croftfoot on a regular basis. Let's join together in faith with our cluster family, at Croftfoot, Castlemilk and Carmunnock churches.

UPDATE ON PRESBYTERY PLANS

At the Kirk Session held on 23rd February a group of three elders and our Interim Moderator agreed to contact some of the churches within Zone 5, with a view to forming a 'cluster', as laid down by the Church of Scotland. A cluster is created when a group of churches feel they can work together, helping one another by sharing resources. All clusters had to be agreed, and Presbytery informed, by the 30th April.

The group contacted nine of the nearest churches to King's Park in Zone 5. From this contact came meetings with these churches held at both Castlemilk and Cathcart Old. The group then discussed their thoughts and feelings and came to the decision that a cluster with Castlemilk, Carmunnock and Croftfoot was the best option for King's Park. This proposal was put to the Kirk Session on 27th April and was agreed. An extract minute from the Kirk Session was then sent to Presbytery on the 29th April. Since then, there have been three meetings of the cluster with each church having to complete a grid, outlining details of worship, mission, buildings, congregational use of halls, finances, size of congregation and parish. This information has now been collated and will be used to assist in the creation of a joint mission plan to be sent to Presbytery by 30th June.

The next meeting of the cluster is due on Friday, 27th May, and will be held in King's Park. Presbytery has provided a facilitator, Alison Fenton, to help us construct our mission plan. We have come to know Alison through pulpit supply.

This is a daunting task for us and we ask for your prayers for God's Holy Spirit to guide us so that His Church may flourish.

John & Eunice

SAIDIANA WOMEN PROJECT

For many years, our good friend Mary Smith has kept us updated on a regular basis as to how things are going with the above organisation, which was supported financially by the Guild, before its demise in King's Park, and a number of individual church members.

For those of us who are unfamiliar with the group, we have drawn together some interesting information to whet your appetite and perhaps persuade you to become one of its financial supporters. Saidiana Women project (Kenya) was founded in 1995 in Matunda, a rural village in the Kakamega County in Western Kenya. A 'self help group', it began initially with just 21 women, but now its activities and membership are no longer confined to the village but spread across four Kenyan counties. It's interesting to learn that the founding members worked as volunteers with the Iona Community (hence the link with Mary Smith) and were inspired by their time at the Abbey, going on to hold the conviction that development work should be community based.

The groups objectives are: -

- To increase social cohesion and socio-economic inclusion of poor and vulnerable people within project area
- To give friendship, hope, and practical help to the community's most vulnerable
- To encourage micro entrepreneurship as a means to economic empowerment
- To advance sustainability in food production
- To enhance families' coping skills – thereby giving children the best start in life
- To relieve sickness and need in society
- To promote levels of education in the community.

Check out the group's website www.saidianawomenproject.org to learn more about some of their focus areas – Water harvesting, literacy promotion, HIV/AIDS care, Dairy Cow Harvesting, Goats & Sheep rearing, kitchen gardening, sewing & knitting....and many more. Should you wish to support the group, please speak, in the first instance, to Alan Pratt.

Platinum Jubilee Maze

Can you find your way to Buckingham Palace through the maze?

