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



"You can't control the cards life deals you, but you can control how you decide to play them."

See Proverbs 3:5-6

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FLOWER FUND

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

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 639

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

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| 26 Jan | Harrison John William Rees, Wales
Zac George Forbes, Newton Mearns |
| 9 Feb | Charlie George Ferguson Phillips, Kerrylamont Ave |

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

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| 28 Jan | Miss Betty Angus, King's Park Avenue |
| 29 Jan | Miss Dorothy Naismith, Rosaburn Care Home |
| 9 Feb | Mrs Betty Hawthorne, Roger Park Care home |

CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The stated Annual Meeting of this Church will take place after the morning service on 16th March 2014. The Treasurer, on behalf of the Congregational Board, will present the Financial Statement of Accounts for 2013.

There will also be an opportunity for new members to be elected onto the Board. Please stay and let your voice be heard, it is your Church.

FROM THE MANSE...

Dear Friends,
Lawson, Laura and I have been enjoying the new series on Sunday evenings of The Musketeers. The exploits of the Musketeers have thrilled and delighted readers and

**THE MUSKETEERS**

and audiences for 70 years and now the BBC is bringing the characters back to life in this new drama. The three best of the disbanded Musketeers - Athos, Porthos, and Aramis - join a young hot-headed would-be-Musketeer, D'Artagnan, to stop the Cardinal Richelieu's evil plot. They refuse to throw down their swords, setting out on a mission to protect King and Country.

One of the things I enjoy about this is the relationship each of the Musketeers share and their *All for one and one for all* philosophy.

After all, I imagine that the same motto was true for Jesus' disciples, although not in such a blood thirsty, swash buckling way, but lives were at stake!

On the front cover of the magazine you can see two of our truly committed and faithful disciples, Douglas McLagan and Allan Thomson, the churches musketeers. I've heard that they were a force to be reckoned with!

Over the past 65 years they have worked together and independently to nurture and grow God's Kingdom here in King's Park, and we all have the ability to build up and build upon what has already been accomplished. They have served in Sunday Schools, been Treasurer, Session Clerk, committed Elders, sung in the choir, printed the magazine and run the Visibility Coffee Morning for 49 years. That's no mean feat!

We all have different gifts and abilities and if we work together and independently we can achieve great things for Jesus. We are always looking for new volunteers in all areas so why not reflect upon your gifts or speak to your friends and find out how we can all work independently and together to build up The Kingdom. Maybe our mottos could be ***All for Jesus and Jesus for all!***

Which of Jesus' Musketeers would you like to be?

Wishing you all God's Blessings, *Sandra*

Editor's Extras...

We are entering the season of Lent when we are asked to forego something that we love - usually food. But I would ask you to consider the Church and what it would mean if you gave up on it - and it was diminished over ten years. You may be asked this question by your Elder soon as the point was raised at the last Kirk Session meeting. With the same concept in mind please attend the Annual General Meeting and have your say on Business and Financial matters of our Church. Our Minister has been discussing Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus, and this is the Saint in this issues of the "Saints Preserve Us" series. Just as we become patriotic about our Patron Saint, let us become dedicated to the future of our Church in King's Park. To this end it was felt, at the Kirk Session, that some sort of celebration of the opening of the Commonwealth Games at Hampden should take place - but more of this later.

Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus, you showed us the power of forgiveness in your journey to the cross and in dying for us. Let us forgive anyone who has hurt or offended us. It is not easy to do, but may we be like you in our day to day relationships with others. Heavenly Father, let us consider our faith seriously and put our hopes for our Church, over the next ten years, into perspective with our desires and actions to the fore. Amen



Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

- Defining Moments, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, Matthew 4:12-23
- True Nature of Happiness, Psalm 15, Matthew 5, 1-12
- You are the light of the world, Matthew 5:13-20
- Anger Management, Psalm 119: 1-8, Matthew 5, 21-23

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

	<u>Jan 2014</u>
	£
<u>General Fund</u>	
Offerings	8,731
HMRC Gift Aid	4,734
Printing Receipts - St Oswald's	145
Hall Hire - H Warnock	75
ABRSM	533
Karate	50
 <u>Social & Fundraising</u>	
Sale of pens	150
Coffee Morning - Sunday	86
Coffee Morning - Tuesday	35
 <u>Charities</u>	
Kenyan Women	20

	14,559
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	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
	£	£	£
Cumulative Offerings	8,731	10,468	8,686
Difference	-	-1,737	45
%		-16.59%	0.52%

Finance Committee

THE GUILD

We are now half-way through the second half of our current session, which continues to progress well.

On January 22nd we had our Guild Guest Night, when we were entertained by the Cambus Singers, who provided an excellent concert. This was enjoyed by all who attended. The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the evening such a success, with a special "thank you" to those who helped to clear up after the concert.

Mr Bill Finnie was our speaker on January 29th, when he spoke to us about his call to the ministry. Bill did part of his training at King's Park Church, and is now completing it at St Mary's Church in Kirkintilloch.

On February 5th, Mr David McRoberts did a presentation on the World Mission Project, "Out of Africa into Malta". He told us of how refugees from countries such as Nigeria and Libya had to flee due to persecution, and who have now found a safe haven in Malta. Mrs Valerie Reilly, who is one of our regular visitors, came on February 12th to speak about Tartan - a Scottish Icon, which was most interesting.

As mentioned in the February edition of the Church magazine, our Annual Guild Coffee Morning, in conjunction with the King's Park Art Club, will be held on Saturday March 8th in the Large Hall from 10am until 12 noon. Tickets are priced at £1.50 each for adults and 50p for children, so please come along and support us.

The March syllabus has also been printed in the February magazine, but this is just to remind you that our Daffodil Tea will be held on Wednesday March 26th at 7.30pm, when we will be entertained by the Comrie Singers. Tickets will be priced at £3.50 each, so once again, please come along and join us.

As always, a warm welcome will be extended to anyone wishing to come to any of our meetings, or special evenings

E. Gillespie, Secretary

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

Douglas McLagan and Allan Thomson pictured on the front of this magazine, have together committed over 125 years of faithful service to God at King's Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow.

Douglas was one of the first members of the 118 Boys Brigade to drop letters through the doors of the new Western Heritable homes built in King 's Park to invite those interested in starting and being involved in a new church. Having professed his faith and showing commitment in being a junior and senior Sunday School Leader, as well as Sunday School Superintendent, he was then Ordained as an elder in 1953. Douglas went on to become Treasurer in King's Park Church for the next 29 years, as well as assisting with assessing church accounts for churches all over Glasgow Presbytery for much of that time. He then took over as Session Clerk and committed a further 19 years of service to the church. On Sunday 2nd February as members of King's Park church re - dedicated themselves to serving God for another year, Douglas received a certificate and Quaich in recognition of his 60 years as a committed and faithful elder.

Allan Thomson is another backbone of King's Park Church. In December he received a certificate and Quaich in recognition of his 65 years of service in singing in King's Park Church Choir. Allan has been a committed and faithful member of our church with his memory and knowledge of the local area and people, being legendary. He has served in the printing team for 59 years, been a committed elder for 55years joining King's Park Church in 1950 and the Youth Fellowship in 1945. In February this year Allan and friends from King's Park Church organised the 49th Coffee Morning for Visibility Scotland raising just over £42,000 over the years.

Douglas McLagan and Allan Thomson's dedication and faithful service to their Lord Jesus Christ is a real inspiration to us all.

Sandra

VISIBILITY COFFEE MORNING

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped and attended the Visibility Coffee morning, with special thanks to all who handed in donations. To date the amount raised is £1007

Allan Thomson

HELP!

In addition to the normal request for transport (cars) to assist elderly and infirm members to attend Church. A further plea for anyone with a car to volunteer to carry visitors to members who are currently housed outside the parish, some afternoon(s) to allow them to visit. Anyone interested please contact Joan Dudley, our transport convenor on 647 2640.

CARPET BOWLS

On the 17th of January, the draws were made for the singles and pairs ties. This resulted in a pairs tie being played on the 22nd of January with Bill Todd and Jack Buchanan v Ian Barr and Jim McCarry, the result being a win for Ian and Jim 18 shots to 8.

The next tie played on the 29th of January was also a pairs, Ricky McDermott and Jack Halliday v Colin McKinnon and John Dickson. This was won by Ricky and Jack, 15 shots to 6. A singles tie was played on the 5th of February, Jack Buchanan v Colin McKinnon. Jack won by 12 shot to 4. It was good to see John McCabe back after being in hospital. Although physically restricted, he was able to be marker for this tie.

On the 7th of February, Jim McCarry played Jack Halliday. Jack won 14 shots to 10. Marker was John McCabe. The 12th of February saw a tie, Jack Buchanan v Bill Todd. Bill won by 15 shots to 10. Marker was Ian Barr. While the ties are being played, great bounce games continue on the other carpet.

It is wonderful how, with a suitable venue, a carpet and sixteen bowls, a group of men can display such friendship and comradeship as we have. Come and join us and have some social companionship three afternoons a week.

Jim Riddell

BEATSON PEBBLE APPEAL—CHARITY ZIP SLIDE

In 2008, the University of Glasgow Trust (a registered charity) set up the Beatson Pebble Appeal to fund the construction of the Beatson Translational Cancer Research Centre, the first such centre in Scotland. The building was completed in 2012 and in the spring of 2013, the first researchers started work in this state-of-the-art facility. They will be working to improve current cancer treatments and to develop new, more effective ones for a wide range of common types of the disease, including breast, prostate, pancreas and ovary. These will be specifically tailored to the needs of individual patients and hastening their use in the clinics. The Charity Zip Slide across the River Clyde on Saturday 12th April will help to raise funds to provide the specialist equipment for the centre. I shall be taking part in the Zip Slide and sponsorship from my church friends would be greatly appreciated - and calm my apprehension!! There will be sponsor forms at the front of the Church. For further information, see the Beatson Pebble Appeal website.

Thank you in advance,
Hellen Conn

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

There are a few dates for your diary coming up, we do hope that you can come along and join us at one or all of them! Our social, "Pie, Peas and Picture" evening has been confirmed as Thursday 3rd April at 7pm. £2 for a ticket from anyone on the committee, we hope this is an evening of fun and fellowship, everyone will be made most welcome.

We will be resurrecting our Christian Aid Quiz evening on Sunday 1st June with our Summer Fete on Saturday 7th June. More information on all of these events will be in future magazines, in the meantime, *thank you again for your continued support,*

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

LODGING HOUSE MISSION – LHM – LOVE HOPE MEANING

Latest Update

On Christmas day around 100 service users enjoyed a full three course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Prior to the meal, around twenty five people attended the annual Christmas Day Carol Service at which Rev Graham Blount (the Vice Chairman) spoke a word of challenge and encouragement. Gratitude is extended to the many generous congregations and individuals for their monetary and shoebox donations which contributed greatly to these festive efforts.

2014 got off to a good start. The number of service users is gradually creeping up, which in one way is encouraging, as people feel the LHM offers appropriate support, but it's also sad that more people need its help. However it will continue to work and offer assistance to anyone who needs help and support.

LHM's church services are still going well. Numbers at all the services remain constant. Individuals seeking chaplaincy support have gone up slightly, especially requests for prayer.

Classes have started up again and are doing well. There has been an increase in the number of speakers of other languages attending the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes two days a week. The Beginners class is particularly busy with an average of 12 students attending each class. In addition, the learning centre open sessions have been very popular allowing all service users to gain free internet access and the opportunity to improve their IT skills.

We look forward to a busy time ahead. Please continue to hold the work of the Lodging House Mission in your prayers.

“SAINTS PRESERVE US”

Saint Andrew Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, among others, whose symbols in art include the Saltire Cross and fishing nets. He was an apostle and martyr, was Christ's first disciple and his feast day is the 30th of November each year.

Andrew's Life He was born between AD 5 and AD 10 in Bethsaida, the Principal fishing port of Palestine. His parents were Jona and Joanna; his brother was Simon. Jona along with his business partner and his friend Zebedee and his sons, James and John, was a fisherman. Andrew would have gone to the synagogue school at the age of five to study scripture and then astronomy and arithmetic. Later on the banks of the Jordan, Andrew met John the Baptist. He was the first disciple and brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus before the feeding of the five thousand. He is said to have travelled to Asia Minor and the Black Sea, where, in the city of Synope he suffered great hardship. However, he returned twice more to Asia Minor and Greece, even travelling as far as Hungary, Russia and Poland. In Greece, Andrew forced his way through a forest inhabited by wolves, bears and tigers. In Greece (Patras) he was given the choice of being offered as a sacrifice to the Gods or scourged and crucified. By his own request his cross was diagonal where he hung for three days, fixed by nails and ropes round his hands and feet. Even in his last agony he continued to preach. So ended the life of Saint Andrew.

Andrew's Characteristics Andrew was an ordinary working man, the type Jesus chose as “fishers of men”. Their qualities were those that made them good fishermen. They needed patience, perseverance and courage when the going was rough and an eye for the right moment to cast their nets. What Andrew lacked in social standing, he made up for in human attributes as would turn him into an effective Apostle for Christ. He heard Jesus' prophecies about the Last Judgement and the need to follow the Holy Paths of righteousness. Andrew was one among many who joined ranks with the itinerant prophets of the time

Relics

According to legend, a figure by the name of St Rule obeyed what he believed to be divine instructions in a dream, and carried Andrew's relics from Patras, to village in Fife called Kilymont (later St Andrews which became a pilgrimage site).

The Scots have always considered St Andrew as "their own" from Robert the Bruce, William Wallace and Mary Queen of Scots. The Saltire was carried in battle and there was even a Saint Andrews coin issued by Robert II and a Bawbee Scots halfpenny marked with the cross.

Saint Andrew seems to have been a worthy disciple of Christ, and it is, hopefully, because of this that he is revered in Scotland.

SUNDAY NIGHT BRASS

King's Park Brass's next concert is on Sunday 30th March at St Andrew's in the Square. Our programme will include Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, written in 1749, and Scottish composer, Alan Fernie's Royal Mile Suite, original music for brass band with a distinctive Edinburgh flavour.

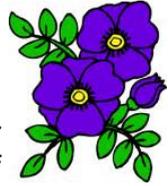


We're thrilled to again have the Glasgow Youth Choir as our guests for the evening. This will be the fourth time the choir has taken the stage alongside the band, and we know they always provide a high quality and enjoyable performance.

Tickets are available from Alan Pratt, or on the door, priced at £7 (concession £6). The concert starts at 7:30pm, and we'd love to see you there.

Thanks . . .

On the sudden loss of our dad and papa Bobby Mills, we would like to thank the Reverend Sandra Boyd, Raymond Jenkins and the Prayer Group for all their flowers and cards. Through the love and support of you all we found it was a great comfort. Special thanks also to Robert Coleman for his wonderful tribute and for all the friends who attended the funeral.



Margaret and Dougie Mills and family

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Reverend Sandra Boyd for the kind gift I received to mark my 65th year singing in the Choir. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated. I hope to be singing in the choir for many years yet!

Thanks again to everyone for their kind wishes.

Allan Thomson

**EXPLORING THE GOD QUESTION
CHURCHES TOGETHER LENT STUDY 2014**

The God Question is series of programs putting the existence of **God** to the test in our 21st century age of science and technology. You are invited to explore the God Question – Science, God and the Search for truth. This new DVD and discussion series asks *Are we the products of cosmic chance or divine intention? Where does the evidence lead?*

This is a 6-episode DVD series which looks at: *Is there space for God? – The Cosmos, Does Darwin dispense with God? – Life and Evolution, Is Belief in God a no-brainer? – Mind and Consciousness*, Each episode lasts 30 minutes followed by questions and discussion.

There is also Study Guides provided free from the Churches Together fund containing thought-provoking questions, background information and resources.

Monday 3rd, 10th & 17th March will be in **Croftfoot Parish Church**
Monday 24th, 31st March & 7th April will be in **King's Park Church**
From 7-9pm including tea & coffee

Even if you have never been before why not come and join us?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE WELL?

The Well, Multi-Cultural Advice Centre is situated in Govanhill – the most diverse community in the whole of Scotland. It exists to: “**serve our multi-cultural neighbours holistically, and enable others to do the same**”. **The Well’s** roots go right back to 1963!

The Board of Home Mission of The Church of Scotland, recognised that Glasgow had many immigrants from the sub-continent. As a church with responsibility for every parish, the Church of Scotland invited the Rev Emmanuel Johnson to come from the Church of Pakistan, to live and work among the Pakistani Community of Glasgow. Part of Emmanuel’s work was to set up a bookshop in Allison Street in Govanhill, a place where people could read and purchase Christian literature.

When it became obvious that the bookshop was no longer fulfilling its purpose, it was sold and the Church of Scotland commissioned the community worker to carry out a needs’ survey. The response was clear, when people were asked what they wanted and how the Christian church could serve them, they replied that they needed somewhere to get information and advice. And so **The Well, Asian Information and Advice Centre** began in March 1994.

The name “**The Well**” was chosen, as in John 4, Jesus had an encounter with a woman at a well. He was a Jew and she a Samaritan. Cultures and other boundaries were crossed and the woman went away with living water. Men came. Women came. Young people came. Older people came. All found the same commitment among the staff and volunteers to offer the best help that they could.

Why? Why would people choose to come to a Christian based project, instead of going for help in their own community? Quite simply because **The Well** is **not** a part of their community! In February 2010, as a part of its own restructuring process, the Church of Scotland’s Mission & Discipleship Council decided that the time had come for **The Well** to become an independent charity. This finally happened in May 2011. **The Well** decided to change its name to reflect the changes in the community that it serves, and so, on the 10th May 2011, **The Well, Multi-Cultural Advice Centre** was officially born.

All the staff and volunteers of **The Well** are followers of Jesus and active members of their local churches. Our vision comes from the fact that “We believe God’s great plan is to bless all peoples of the earth through Jesus the Messiah. He calls His people into partnership with Himself in His purpose. In response, **The Well** seeks to be a blessing to our neighbours from all over the world.”

For further information, check out - www.thewell.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**MARCH****Sunday 2nd**

11am Morning Worship with Profession of Faith of New Communicants– Bring & Buy Sale after Morning worship

6.30pm Evening Worship

Mon 3rd7pm–9pm Joint Lent Bible Study – **Croftfoot Parish Church****Tues 4th**

7pm Glasgow Presbytery Meeting

Wed 5th

7.45pm Kirk Session

Sat 8th

10am -12noon - Guild Coffee Morning

Sun 9th

11am Morning Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion

3.00pm Afternoon Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion

Mon 10th7pm–9pm Joint Lent Bible Study – **Croftfoot Parish Church****Tues 11th**

7pm-9pm KP Chicks – Social Evening & Quiz Night

Sun 16th

9.45am Early Morning Worship

11am Morning Worship **AGM immediately after morning worship****Mon 17th**7pm–9pm Joint Lent Bible Study – **Croftfoot Parish Church****Wed 19th**

7.45pm Congregational Board

Sun 23rd

9.45am Early Morning Worship

11am Morning Worship

Mon 24th7pm–9pm Joint Lent Bible Study – **King's Park Church****Tues 25th**

7.30pm Local Church Together meeting at Croftfoot UF Church

Thur 27th

6.45pm Praise Committee Meeting in session Room

Fri 28th

10.30am-12 – D-Cafe in St. Mungo Hall

Sun 30th

9.45am Early Morning Worship

11am Morning Worship

Mon 31st7pm–9pm Joint Lent Bible Study – **King's Park Church****APRIL****Tues 1st**

7pm Glasgow Presbytery Meeting

Wed 2nd

7.45pm Kirk Session

Thur 3rd

7pm, "Pie, Peas & Picture" Social Evening in the Lesser Hall.