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

***"Relationships are like bank accounts: They're
either in deficit, or in balance, or in surplus. But
no deposit of love ... no return."***

See 1 John 4:7, 11, Jude 25

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FLOWER FUND

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

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No of Communicants on Roll = 635

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

"Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me"

2 March Mrs Susan Henderson, Kingsbridge Drive

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

27 Feb Miss Madge Paterson, King's Park Mews
2 Mar Mrs Cathie Hart, King's View, Bankhead Road

FROM THE MANSE... *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*

Dear Friends,

When we've been hurt by someone, the last thing we might think about is praying for that person. Most of us are more interested in focusing on some kind of justice so that the offending person will have to pay for the hurt or damage he or she has inflicted. But not Jesus.

Jesus, who had done nothing wrong, was brutally beaten within an inch of his life. His head was pierced with a crown of long, thick thorns. His skin slashed, nails driven through his hands and feet. His cross was dropped into a hole in the ground. He hung there naked and humiliated, for all the world to laugh at and scorn. The way they crucified him is horrifying beyond what we can imagine. Yet as Jesus is hanging on the cross and dying in agony, he prayed for the men who were killing him. *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* Luke 23: 32-34

Such amazing forgiveness and love is hard to fathom.

As we look at the injustices in our lives, how do they compare with what Jesus endured? If he could forgive his torturers, surely we can choose to forgive too. Some of us have very deep wounds that may require time before total forgiveness is worked in us. But in many cases that we've experienced, we can decide to let go of them quickly and completely and choose to forgive those who have hurt us.

The good news is that we can ask God to help us forgive. We can ask him to show us his perspective in the matter. We can pray to him to help us remember what Jesus endured and be able to say, *"Father, I forgive them whether they knew what they were doing or not. I forgive them, not because they deserve it, but because I want to be like You."*

This Holy Week and Easter as we journey with People of the Passion to the Cross and empty tomb, perhaps we can reflect on Christ's forgiveness of us and demonstrate something like that forgiveness in our lives.

Wishing you all God's Blessings this Easter, *Sandra*



Editor's Extras...

Easter is almost upon us - the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus and most important in giving hope in the coming years. The Church, in general, is becoming less popular year on year and to ameliorate this we have the Churches Together in our area - four different parishes will celebrate Holy Week in the various churches with the King's Park Worship Team leading most of these services. Hope for the future - what happens to King's Park in the next ten years. The Kirk Session discussed this from feedback for the congregation survey. Another poem considering the questions to be asked is published for your thoughts. The photograph on the front of this month's edition is of our new members.

Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, we pray that our Mission Statement may be a source of inspiration to all who work for others through our Pastoral Team and to give thanks for the fellowship and friendships we have developed through our association with the Church. Lord we thank you for all the service that Aileen, our Session Clerk has given over the past five years and we pray that you support Alan as he takes on his new role. Help us to remember to always thank you in the good times and also in the hard times. Amen.

Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

- Communion
- God's Calling, Genesis 12: 1-9
- And another thing! Exodus 17: 1-7

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on the 16th of March after the morning service where Mr Niall Kinloch, our Treasurer, presented a rather disappointing set of accounts for 2013. There were two additions to the Congregational Board with no disjunctions. We wish our two new members, Mr Douglas Mills and Ms Sandra Anderson, every Blessing in this venture.

Thanks were expressed to all involved in the running of the Church - to the Clerk, Mrs Jacqueline Coleman and all other members of the Board for brining their business acumen to the ongoing work of the Church.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

The annual budget has been set to provide a reasonable challenge based on Income and Expenditure from 2013.

Expenditure decreased last year and the budget has been amended to reflect a 'flat cost' budget (ie no increase on last year's figures).

Budget for income reflects last year's figures with the exception of Offerings, Gift Aid and Use of Premises which remain constant albeit the actual figures for 2013 were well below budget. This is the challenge for all trustees this year, to try to improve income to meet these budget targets and maintain other income and expenditure at last year's level.

If we achieve these targets we will make a small surplus of circa £1.5k.

That said offerings for the first two months are already circa £25k down against budget, which reflects on the Gift Aid figure and Use of Premises is circa £500 down against budget.

So a lot of work is required to bring these areas back to budget and maintain the levels required.

After the large deficits of the previous few years we have a chance to stem the outflow of funds and it is up to all of us to play our part in trying to meet this budget.

The Finance Committee

THE GUILD

Our session is now drawing to a close and it has once again passed very quickly. On February 19th, we had a visit from PC Richard Samson, who is the Community Safety Officer with the Rutherglen Police. Richard gave us many good tips about personal safety and safety in the home. We hope to have him back again as he had so much more to tell us.

Mrs Wendy Sandyford came along on February 26th and gave a most interesting talk about the lives of Edward and Mrs Simpson. She had obviously done a great deal of research on the subject, and I am sure that we all learned something new.

On 5th March we had our half day outing to Dobbies Garden Centre at Bearsden. This was enjoyed by all who came along and our thanks go to Norma, our Outings Convener for arranging this.

Mr Bob Marshall came along with his wife, Isobel, on 12th March to talk about the days of the many dance halls of Glasgow. This was both interesting and amusing, as he also gave us a "singalong" and quiz.

At this time of writing, our AGM and Daffodil Tea have not yet taken place, so I will tell you about them in the May edition of our magazine.

Finally, our Annual Guild Coffee Morning, which was held on 8th March, raised the sum of £452.05. This was once again held in conjunction with the King's Park Art Club's annual Work-in, Exhibition and Sale. We would like to express our thanks to everyone who helped in any way, with special thanks to all who came along and supported us, despite the weather.

E. Gillespie, Secretary

Madge Paterson - 13.04.20 - 27.02.14

Madge certainly lived all 93 years of her life to the full and that life always revolved around her family, friends and the church, with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ at the heart of everything she did.

Madge was born in Rutherglen on the 13th April 1920, the only child of John and Meg Paterson, they were a very close family sharing a very special relationship. Madge went to school at Stonelaw Primary in Rutherglen, even after the family moved to Kingsacre Road when Madge was 9 and then onto Rutherglen Academy. Holidays were special family occasions and they enjoyed going to many sea-side towns like Prestwick, Arbroath and Carnoustie together.

Leaving school at 14, Madge studied shorthand typing at Allpress College in Queen's Drive and her first job was with accountants Thomas Smith and Sons in Buchanan Street, before moving to Spillers Flour where she was secretary to Mr Moriarty, the general Manager of Spillers for Scotland for 30 years. When Mr Moriarty was made a director in London he created the job of Welfare Officer for Scotland for Madge. She had to learn to drive in her 50's, and travelled all over Scotland, speaking and visiting people, which was right up Madge's street. She thought it was great; she got to do what she loved doing and even got paid for it! She retired from Spillers when she was 60.

Madge also put those secretarial gifts to good use in the church as church secretary to both Rev Jim Hosie and Rev Stewart Smith, with Jim Hosie describing Madge as his rock, helping him in so many ways especially when he didn't have an assistant.

Madge lived in 303 Kingsacre Road for 76 and half years before moving into King's Park Mews in 2006 which she said was the best move she ever made.

Madge always played a very active role in the church throughout her life attending Sunday school and Bible Class as well as Sea-side Missions. Madge read in the Citizen that Rev Robert Paterson was being introduced to King's Park Church by the Rev Tom Allan. She really would have liked Tom Allan to have been minister but if Robert Paterson was good enough for Tom Allan he was good enough for Madge and so she joined King's Park Church in 1950 from Rutherglen Church in Dennistoun.

Madge became Senior Sunday school Teacher, secretary of the Literary and Debating Society, and joined the Ladies Badminton Club and was then encouraged by Barbara Drummond's mother to join the Guild, when Mrs Grant was president. She went on to become the Guild's visitor before Mairi MacDonald took over, but remained a keen member. On the 24th April 1977, Madge was ordained as one of King's Park's first lady elders by Rev Jim Hosie. Rev Stewart Smith also encouraged Madge to order and collect Daily Reading Notes for members of the congregation, a job she was still doing at 90. Madge was also a very faithful and committed member of the Prayer group.

Madge travelled far and wide with the King's Park Holiday Club and for many years looked forward to her annual trip to the Keswick Convention with her dear friend Cathie Shearer, meeting up with Bob and Nan Pitman, enjoying worship with 2,500 others in the large marquees.

Madge's favourite hobby was bowling, being a member of the West of Scotland Indoor Bowling Club as well as King's Park Bowling Club, then Kingswood Bowling Club, along with good friends Anne Proudfoot, Jessie Rhind and Isobel Miller and she still enjoyed going to watch the bowls with Jenny Kane.

Modestly she would agree that she was alright at bowls, winning the Club Championship once, however she said that was because others were away on holiday. To most of us Madge has always been there. She was a loving, warm and caring lady. She was a people person.

Madge was a very active and independent lady, reaching out to anyone in need, visiting others. If Madge was your friend, you had a friend for life. Friends were the family that she chose for herself.

Madge lived her life, following Jesus' commands to the letter – Loving God with all her heart and soul and mind and loving her neighbour as herself. She was a very committed, loyal and faithful servant of Jesus Christ and it is because of that rock solid faith, her absolute belief in her Lord and Saviour, I feel certain that she is reunited with her Mum and Dad, and many friends in heaven.

Amen and thanks be to God, as we treasure the stories and memories in our heart of a unique and special lady, Madge Paterson.

CARPET BOWLS

In the February article it was mentioned that a player was running ahead with the aggregate. This continued, except for two games, and at an early date, Bill Todd won the competition. On the 11th of March a strange game was played. Carpets were out, bowls and equipment were ready, only FOUR turned up. It was decided, since John McCabe was available for marking, that the other three would play for individual scores, one player playing eight bowls V two players playing four bowls each. The positions were changed every four ends. I lost track of it half way through the game. Either Ian Barr or Jack Halliday won, ask John McCabe, he will know Later Bill Todd turned up so the second game was a pairs.

The 12th of March saw a singles tie, John Dickson V Jim Riddell, Jim won 13 points to 7, marker was Ian Barr. A few days later on the 18th of March, another singles tie was played, Ian Barr V Jack Halliday. Ian won 11 shots to 7. While the ties are being played, bounce games continue on the other carpet.

Jim Riddell

KITCHENS

At a recent Congregational Board meeting it was agreed that all organisations and clubs and indeed, individuals would be requested to ensure that the kitchens were left in the state they were found. It was vital that the newly refurbished kitchens were kept clean and tidy.

EASTER CARDS

Easter and greetings cards will be on sale at the Easter Café. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Gaera Taylor

The Church - Use it or Lose it

Paradise Lost

In ten more years, when all our fears,
May be decided, our faith derided. What future then?

The building stands, in other hands,
As old Church mouses, give way to houses, What Future then?

No financial reserves, this Church deserves, no children's laughter,
No Godlike bents, no sacraments; what are folk after?

All hope grows dim, all thought of Him
Is just discarded; nothing is guarded, What future then?

Our worth diminished, our teachings finished
All love bereft, no Church is left, No future then!

Paradise Regained

So what to do? The ten years through
Yes, no more blether, just stick together, Some future then?

A Church united, a welcome plighted
What is our goal? To save our soul, Some future then?

Keep our Preacher; our community teacher in our strife,
Lease out our halls, protect our walls, for all our life,
Some future then?

Become a centre, that folk can enter,
Trustees attend, a message send, Some future then?

So give us hope, increase our scope
Be bold, be smart, take heart, take part
A future then!!

Lodging House Mission – LHM – Love Hope Meaning The LHM Church Building 1864 - 2014

In 2014 The LHM Church building celebrates 150 years of being in existence having been completed in 1864. There is a memorial plaque in the LHM which shows that the minister at that time was the Reverend Alexander Wallace D.D. (1857 – 1893). Reverend Wallace was remembered as an “Eloquent preacher, author, poet, popular lecturer and temperance reformer, whose name was a household word in the East End of Glasgow.”

The building was designed by Haig & Low and has an impressive façade in the style of an Italian Renaissance palazzo and could originally seat 1400. Design details include: Cinquecento, but some neo Greek details, two stories, 5 bays, the outer shallow advanced with giant Doric pilasters, plain pilaster strips to other bays, triple doors and first floor windows all round arched, windows all corniced, horizontal strings threaded behind giant order, deep entablature with parapet. The building is of local significance to the Glasgow area and has a B listing.

Galleries and seating were removed from the ground floor during 1932 – 1933.

Service users of the LHM know the place as “Trotters”. John Trotter was Chaplain from 1958 until he retired in 1977. Due to the combination of the good work that John Trotter carried out over an almost 20 year period and having a surname which is perhaps easier to remember than the official name Lodging House Mission, the name Trotters is still used by service users up to the present day!

During 2014 LHM hopes to mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the building by holding a special event. Plans are still in the early development stage and we will keep you informed of any arrangements made to mark the occasion.

It is quite a thought to realise that the site of the current church building has been in use as a place of worship for over 200 years!

A Prayer for Those in Need

Loving God, we pray for those whose life at this moment in time appears to be a constant struggle. We know that many are restless, many downcast, suffering from confusion and doubt and living in darkness and despair.

Loving God, chase away the darkness of the night and restore to those in despair the morning of your glorious light. Give to them the assurance of hope found in the risen Lord Jesus Christ so that they may view their personal situation in the light of His love. Banish all their fears and hold them in comfort of your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Check out www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk or
www.facebook.com/LodgingHouseMission



CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE

Erskine Bridge & Boden Boo Walk 2014 takes place on Saturday 10 May and everyone is invited to take part in what will be a great day out for the whole family. The event brings hundreds of people together to enjoy an amazing festival atmosphere – with live music, food and games. Enjoy the new forestry walkway to add a lovely scenic element to the walk. Why don't you give it a shot this year?

Speak to Alan Pratt on 07776 328914 and get all the details you'll need. Fight poverty step by step!

Christian Aid Week (11 – 17 May 2014) gives poor communities the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty. We are committed to making your money work as hard as it can for those who struggle for a better quality of life and for their voices to be heard. King's Park has always been heavily involved in CAW and we're hoping, this year, to raise more cash than ever before.

Watch this space to find out how you can help with CAW14 – but meantime, please pray that we can get as many collectors as we need to cover the whole parish.

general. Visiting them in the homes they have lived in for so many years, or perhaps playing a part in helping them adjust to new surroundings elsewhere, whether for the short or perhaps the longer term. There's often no better way to get to know someone than sharing a journey with them, whether taking them on a visit to somewhere significant in their past, or down the coast, or even, when transporting them to the hospital or some other appointment.

Over these past few years I have certainly become quite adept at finding my way around the wards in the Victoria, and Mansion House Unit, or the clinics in the new building, and have even managed, on occasion, to find a parking space in the sprawling edifice that is the Southern General while visiting folks there. It's always a happy occasion when someone's spell in hospital is over and they can return home to their loved ones. Sadly this is not always the case and there have been a growing number of funeral services, to be conducted by Sandra or myself. I also share in the very great privilege of accompanying someone and their family during the final stages of their life. Although always sad, these occasions may be the only time we come in contact with some members of the wider community, and it is a real privilege, and responsibility, to share these difficult times and to be there to support them not only on the day itself but in the weeks and months that follow.

As the church seeks to become more involved in the life of what is the ever changing area that is King's Park, so my own role has meant becoming more involved in new ways of supporting those around us, like setting up the D Café for those with memory issues, dealing with social services or the council on behalf of a young family, trying to guide a recently released prisoner through the maze of forms and benefit claims to help ease him back into the outside world – just being there for them.

It is sad to think that there is a real need for Pastoral Care in today's society, but with elderly parents who have children abroad or spread throughout the country it falls upon the church to help in these small but significant ways to remind people how special they are to God.

I'm sure that I have made more than a few mistakes along the way but I just wanted to take the chance to say thanks again for all your support as we journey together in King's Park Church.

God bless, Raymond

“SAINTS PRESERVE US”

Saint Cuthbert

As we continue our series of Saints with some connection to Scotland we turn our attention to St Cuthbert who is the patron Saint to sailors, shepherds, watermen and is protector against plague and whose feast day is 20th March each year.

Cuthbert's Life

Cuthbert was born in 636 AD in the vicinity of Melrose. He grew up as an orphaned shepherd, tending sheep on the hills above the Abbey. The young Cuthbert may have been influenced by the monks of nearby Melrose Abbey in his choice of vocation; when he was sixteen he received a vision of St Aiden being carried to heaven by angels. This vision may have convinced him to enter Holy Orders at Melrose which he eventually did and where his devotion earned him high praise. In 664 Cuthbert became Prior of Melrose after the death of Biosil. In that same year the Synod of Whitby settled the ongoing dispute between Roman and Celtic Christianity in favour of the former. Cuthbert agreed with the Synod's decision and adopted Roman rule. He was sent to the Priory of Lindisfarne to ease the transition to Roman tradition in that house. He spent a great deal of time at Lindisfarne evangelising among the people and exercising the tact and patience for which he was renowned. Cuthbert, however, desired the peace of a life in contemplation and in 676 AD the Abbot granted him leave to retire and take up the life of a hermit on the Farne Islands off the coast of Northumbria. After several years of austere life in Farne, Cuthbert was reluctantly persuaded to return to a more active role in the Church and became Bishop of Lindisfarne. During his return to the Church he would walk long distances visiting the sick, especially when the “yellow plague” hit the country, miraculous healing was associated with his name. But his time was short and two years later on 20th March 689, he died.

Cuthbert's Legacy

The shrine of St Cuthbert was one of the most popular places of pilgrimage. His bones had to be secreted several times by the Monks due to plundering, although now are recognised as resident in Durham Cathedral. In his honour the Gospels of Lindisfarne were commissioned. This illuminated manuscript was produced by Eadfrid, Bishop of Lindisfarne, in the 8th Century and is one of the best examples of Celtic calligraphy. The story goes that the Gospel was lost overboard in the Irish Sea and a vision of St Cuthbert appeared and told them where to find the book.

The Gospel (now in the British Museum) was later analysed and marked with stains apparently from salt water. A little known Saint, Cuthbert's short life was full, both historically and religiously.



BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections are as usual., hard at work before the two week interregnum which is on the horizon. On the football side, the Junior Section are ensconced in the middle of their league with one game to go before the onset of the Cup KO competition.

Meanwhile four Company Section Boys: Fraser Hill; Philip Wilson; Alistair Gillies and Crawford Middleton have completed their Queen's Badge weekend and are looking forward to receiving their badge at the end of the current session.

Ian Livingstone RO

Thanks . . .

I wish to convey my thanks to the Reverend Sandra Boyd, and Mr Raymond Jenkins for their visits to me in hospital and at home. Also to the Prayer Group and all my friends in the Church who phoned and visited me. Also my thanks to Jonathan and the Choir for their encouragement and phone calls and visits. I am well on the road to recovery, and almost back to normal.

Margaret Campbell

We would like to thank the Kirk Session and friends for the lovely cards and flowers marking our occasion of our Golden Wedding, all of which were greatly appreciated. David would also like to thank the Reverend Sandra Boyd and Raymond Jenkins for their visits, kind thoughts and prayers during his recent brief stay in hospital, and again to pass on his gratitude to the Kirk Session and friends who sent "get well" wishes.

Margaret & David Cochrane

Many thanks to everyone who supported the recent bring and buy sale which raised £400.94 for the work of the Loaves and Fishes charity. They support individuals and families in and around Glasgow through supplying meals and food parcels.

John Black, Leader 242

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

Despite the cold weather at the time of writing, our calendar dictates that it really is time for another spring clean! Our twice yearly textile collection will take place from the morning of **Sunday 27th April** until the evening of **Thursday 1st May** inclusive. All donations of clothing, bedding, curtains etc. will be gratefully received at the Church any time during this period. There will be collection bags available at the Church, however, if you have textiles already in bin bags then we will be happy to take them as they are.

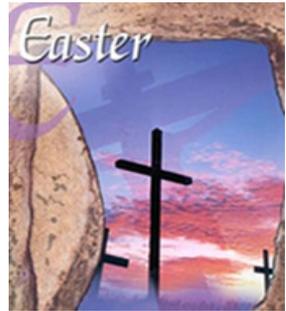
The Church will be open weekdays as usual from 9am until 12 noon and from 6.30pm until 9pm. If you have a donation and would find it difficult to get it to the Church please contact me on 647 4447 and we will be happy to collect it from you. A donation by weight of collection will be made to the Church so every item, no matter how worn you think it is will be extremely valuable to us!

Future dates for your diary include the Christian Aid Quiz where we hope to involve organisations, clubs and even small groups of friends in teams as well as the local churches together, this will take place on Sunday 1st June after evening worship. Our now Annual Summer Fete will take place from 10am-12 noon Saturday 7th June.

There is the possibility of producing a King's Park Recipe book to sell at the Christmas Bazaar, so get your thinking caps on for your favourite recipes that you want to share with others!

As always, your continued support is what makes this committee tick and so we thank you very much for all your support.

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

- Sun 6th 11.00 am Morning Worship
 6.00 pm Evening Worship
- Mon 7th 7pm Lent Bible Study
- Wed 9th 7.45pm Congregational Board Meeting
- Sun 13th PALM SUNDAY** 11am Morning Worship
 KP Chicks Afternoon—Partylite Candle Party after
 morning worship in Large Hall.

**7.30 pm Holy Week Services - Sunday at King's Park, Monday
 14th at Toryglen, Tuesday 15th at King's Park, Wednesday
 16th at Croftfoot UF, Thursday 17th at Croftfoot, including the
 Sacrament of Holy Communion, Friday 18th at King's Park and
 Saturday 19th at King's Park**

- Fri 18th 1.30pm WALK OF FAITH - ALL AGES**
 (Starts Toryglen to Croftfoot UF Church)

HOLY WEEK: A TIME FOR REFLECTION

**The Church Sanctuary will be open every day from
 10.00am – 12.00noon 14th -19th April offering an opportunity
 for prayer and quiet reflection.**

- Sun 20th 8am Early Easter Service in King's Park, rolls and
 sausage served in the Large Hall after this service
 11am All Age Easter Morning Service. Tea and
 Coffee after the Service with Easter Eggs for the
 Children**
- Sun 27th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11.00 am Morning Worship
 Start of the Textile Collection, until the evening of
 Thursday 1st May**