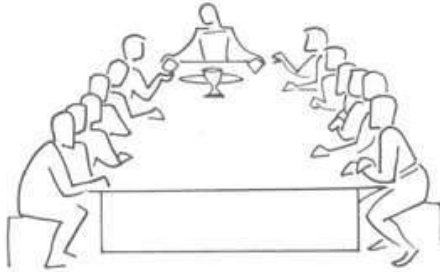


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Stewardship
a way of life

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God's love by reaching out to others.**

***"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give"***
Winston Churchill

1930-2015—85 Years of Spiritual Service

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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

Admissions

By Resolution of Kirk Session

Mrs Dorothy Hurrel, Kingsacre Road
 Miss May Smart, Buchanan Drive
 Mr Kenneth McCormack, Drumilaw Road
 Mr Stewart Mulligan, Elm Road

By Profession of Faith by Certificate of Transfer

Mrs Heather McCormack, Drumilaw Road
 Mrs Dawn Mulligan, Elm Road
 Mr William Simpson, Crawford Gardens
 Mrs Jessie Simpson, Crawford Gardens
 Mrs Karen Wilkinson, Kingsacre Road

No of Communicants on Roll = 584

BLESSING

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

5 April Stuart Alexander Williams, Burnside

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

18 Jan Mr George Ramage, Kings Park Avenue

Prayer Focus

Lord, we pray that you will give strength and courage to those who are struggling. In the midst of their darkness may they know your love and peace. We pray that you will bless the Ministers and Elders at the General Assembly as they gather together to work through the items on the agenda.

We pray that, over the summer, we start each day in your name. We give thanks for the diverse gifts among us; we are all clever, talented and gifted in the way God has endowed us. God Bless. In Jesus Name, Amen

FROM THE MANSE. . .

Dear Friends,

All the Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the generosity of their offerings. I have to admit that I hate talking about money but unfortunately it is an important area in all our lives, but why do we need to talk about it in the Church? In worship we give thanks for the gifts of God; we confess our failure to use these gifts as God expects them to be used; we explore the pages of the Bible and engage in theological reflection on God's giving and our response; we offer to God our time, our talent, our money, to glorify him and advance his kingdom.

“When we worship, as Christians, we bend our minds and imaginations and motives to fit God’s mind and God’s intentions. The wavelength and wave-pattern of our human spirit are adjusted to coincide with the Holy Spirit. Our value-system is corrected by God’s values. This is what true worship is about. “

These words of John Davies in ‘World on Loan’ not only describe Christian Worship: they also point to the interface of Christian Worship and Christian Stewardship.

When we think about gifts from God, we should begin at the beginning. The fundamental gift we receive from God is **life in God’s world**.

This gift includes the gifts of **space** and **time**, which provide us with many opportunities – to enjoy the beauty and wonder of creation, to work, to rest, to give, to receive.

God’s gift of life is the gift of unique life: each one of us is different, with his/her own strengths and weaknesses. To some extent we develop these strengths and skills. To some extent they are part of our unique personalities. God’s gift of life includes the gift of **talent**.

No Christian understanding of gifts from God would be complete without reference to God’s gift of **new life in Christ**. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus signify God’s intervention in the life of the world – an intervention occasioned by God’s love for his world and its people, and God’s commitment to his world and its people. The supreme gift from God is the gift of **love**.

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

This supreme gift continues to come to us through the presence and power of God's Spirit, working through people and events. Christian Stewardship acknowledges the many gifts we receive from God and reminds us that these gifts should be used to praise God the giver. In May we will be exploring Stewardship further and receiving a leaflet from Church of Scotland explaining exactly where our money goes. We give our Offerings to God, not to pay the Minister's Stipend nor just to pay bills but giving should be a joyful response to God's generosity, not an obligation. Like all areas of life we do need to review our Giving's and so the National Stewardship Programme in its 3 year cycle brings us back to money!

Niall our Treasurer has just been telling the Congregational Board that our Weekly/ Monthly Offerings are £5,000 down on last year and as individuals and God's family the church we are all asked to review how much we can give back to God to glorify him and advance his kingdom. In a Stewardship leaflet recently I read '*Is our giving a clear sign of our love for God and our commitment to Christ and the Church?*' It certainly made me think!

May God Bless you and your family,
Sandra

Editor's Extras...

Summer time is here. A time for holidays and/or rest and the magazine team hopes that you enjoy the break. There will be activities in the Church and the Community during the summer and we hope that you will support these. Hopefully, we will continue to celebrate the 85th anniversary of our Church by looking back to the events over this time. The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will take place in May and the future of many churches and worship will no doubt hinge on the decisions taken. Pray for an equitable outcome. Our series "Women of the Bible" is now complete and a local "take" on our Church today will start next issue - headed "Both Sides Now". Maybe we should keep this maxim to the fore - "Live well, Love much, Laugh often" - sounds good to me. Have a great summer!

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - MARCH 2015

	£ <u>March</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Offerings	12,741
Last Year Offerings	12,852
Difference +/-%	-0.95%
YTD Difference +/-%	-9.89%
Regular Monthly Income	2178
 <u>One off Income</u>	
Frock Swap	1,285
Legacy - I Cameron	400
Total Month's Income	16,604
 <u>Costs</u>	
Regularly Monthly Costs	11,283
One off Costs	7,484
 Total Month's Costs	 18,767
 Monthly Income vs (Costs)	 -2,163

Comments

One of the costs in January and February included the repairs to the pipes and heating system of £1,786 and £4,996, plus purchase of a new computer for the church £701.

The Finance Committee

KIRK SESSION REPORT

At the conclusion of the specific business the following points were highlighted.

- This year was the 50th Anniversary of our Pathfinders and the 70th Anniversary of Christian Aid.
- The Presbytery Elder reported that World Mission discussed more awareness of problems by producing a 15 minutes power point on the subject. Twinning was also discussed - with areas, other Churches etc, as was the modern form of Human Trafficking.
- Safeguarding Posters will appear at various points throughout the halls and anyone suspecting abuse of any kind should report this to the Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
- Events for the Summer were indicated, such as a Community Festival in July but more information can be found in the Social and Fundraising article.
- The streamlining of Committees will be discussed at a special meeting at the end of April.
- The Holy Week (Churches together) Services were considered a success and were, in the main, well attended.

Congregational Board Report

In addition to the above and a brief financial report (see Congregational Finance) the property convenor reported that floodlights have been installed on the roof and that barbed wire will be used to prevent theft. The best method of completing this is underway. The “dunny” has been cleared and shelving installed. Thanks go to Ian Henderson. A notice to restrict parking in the Church grounds is to be erected. The Health & Safety Convenor indicated more alarm testing and fire drills must be carried out to ensure that procedures are known by everyone - and that testing of electrical equipment has been arranged.

The re-election of office bearers took place and the Clerk, Property Convenor and Gift Aid Convenor all indicated acceptance for another year, but due to work commitments the Treasurer, reluctantly, had to decline re-election.

THE GUILD

Our current session came to a close on Wednesday 25th March with our Daffodil Tea. Before that, however, we held our AGM on 18th March.

At the AGM, Margaret opened the meeting, and after a hymn, prayer and a few intimations, she invited our Minister, Rev Sandra Boyd to conduct the business part. Margaret Atkins, our Leprosy Mission Representative then gave an up-to-date report on the amount of money donated by Guild members, and friends of the Guild to TLMS. This year the total was an incredible £755. She then thanked everyone on behalf of TLMS for their support and once again asked the ladies if they would continue to fill their "little blue boxes" during the summer months. After the AGM, Margaret (the President) introduced our guests, Jonathan & Friends, who then entertained us with lovely singing and a few funny stories. This was enjoyed by all.

This year, the entertainers at our Daffodil Tea were the Gaelic Waulking Song Group. The lady in charge, Mrs Frances Dunlop, told of how the people of the Scottish Islands used to make Harris Tweed (straight from the sheep) and did it all by hand. Once the tweed was produced, it was then "Waulked" to soften the material. This was done by a process of pushing and pulling at the material on a long table. As the songs were all sung in Gaelic, we couldn't join in, but there was plenty of hand clapping and feet tapping during the singing. This was very much enjoyed by all who came along.

At the beginning of our session, we were fortunate to have 6 new members, so if there are others in the Church who would like to come and join the Guild we would be very pleased to welcome you. Finally, Margaret, our President, would like to thank the Guild Committee, all the willing helpers and our pianist, Barbara for all their help and support, not forgetting the Guild members themselves. It is all very much appreciated.

Our new session will begin on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 2pm, so please enjoy your summer break, and we will see you all again on that date.

E Gillespie - Secretary

85th Anniversary Celebration

It is hoped to have a show/exhibition/history of King's Park Church to show, not only the building blocks of our Church, but also pictorially, changes to society. Therefore, if you have any photographs (including wedding photographs), films, DVD's, videos etc.; or just some anecdotes I would be pleased to hear from you. This is "pencilled in" for the beginning of June, so as soon as possible please.

Wilson Paterson

THE MAGAZINE

This is a reminder that the magazine can be found online on our website (www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk). It would be of assistance to the Magazine Team if this was suitable for your use rather than a paper copy being delivered to you. Of course we will continue producing the hard copy but it would helpful to receive your comments.

WP.

WORLD MISSION

There was a meeting of the World Mission Committee at which the following actions were determined:

- To insist that all within King's Park Church know it is a Fairtrade Church and these products should be used as a priority by all organisations.
- To reignite the awareness of World Mission through the website, information evening and general advertising. This links to recent discussions at Presbytery.
- To reinstate, or at least investigate, the possibility of obtaining Mission Partners once again.
- Christian Aid week is almost upon us. Information can be found elsewhere in this issue.
- The Post Box for used stamps is now situated at the North Side Door (pulpit side).

WP

CARPET BOWLS

More ties played, a pairs tie between Jack Buchanan and John McCabe vs Bill Todd and John Dickson on 6th March was won by Jack and John. The 11th saw Ian Barr and Ricky McDermott v Jim Riddell and Colin McKinnon playing a tie which was won by Ian and Ricky.

Watching the games, we notice the skills involved, playing to the jack or to another bowl in the head with some magic results, but another factor supposedly shows up; luck, skills and luck. Some people have a natural ability towards their sport, others work hard over weeks, months or more to find the required skills. Sometimes spectators say "that was a lucky shot" but in most sports including bowls, luck can usually be put down to a lack of practice. The old adage "better a lucky player than a good player" just does not hold true. Everyone who succeeds has to work hard - life is like that. Have a productive day.

Jim Riddell

PRAISE EVENING

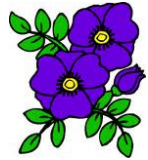
I attended the service led by the Choir on the evening of Palm Sunday which was very good and the music was beautiful. A lovely service in every way. What did disappoint me however, was the lack of support from our own Congregation. Considering that people from other Choirs had come along to help out with the singing, I wonder what they must have thought.

Norma Cullen

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, this service is for you.

Call Rosemary on 639 7477 or simply drop in.

Thanks . . .

My thanks to Sandra for hospital visits and going that extra mile for me and to the Prayer Group. Thanks also, to my Elder, Mr Bob Pitman, a faithful visitor.

Margaret MacKinnon

On behalf of Nancy, I would like to say thank you for the lovely vase and flowers she was given to mark the time she spent arranging flowers in the Church. I am sure she would also like to thank all those people who helped her over the years either as cover for holiday time or for assistance at major festivals and special occasions.

Ian Tomney

KITCHENS - A Gentle Reminder

At a recent Congregational Board meeting it was noted that the kitchens had passed a recent health and safety inspection, all organisations and clubs and indeed, individuals would be reminded to ensure that the kitchens were left in the state they were found. It was vital that the kitchens were kept clean and tidy.

SUMMER CHOIR

In an attempt to attract new choir members, we are going to try out the following idea this summer. For Sunday 31st May we will be starting a "Summer Choir". Anyone who would like to come along and give it a try would be made very welcome. The plan is to hold a rehearsal each Sunday Morning at 10.15am in the Lesser Hall where we will rehearse a piece for the choir to sing at the morning service. Commitment to each Sunday from May to August is not compulsory. It is hoped that if folks enjoy the Summer Choir they may consider enjoying the normal choir when it resumes in September.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015 10 - 16 MAY

During Christian Aid Week 2014 in King's Park, the house to house collection, which is the mainstay of our CAW, saw a return of just over £2300! That was a lot less than the previous year. It would be great to reverse that trend, wouldn't it? Since 2005 our collection area has included over 2800 houses. To visit every house we need over 60 collectors; last year we only had 20 collectors, which, for a church this size, with such a committed membership, was pretty disappointing – no surprise the total was down!

To offer the people of our parish the opportunity to give, we need to provide as many of them as possible with Christian Aid envelopes..... and to do that we need collectors!

If you've never been a Christian Aid Collector before, why not give it a try this year and be part of Christian Aid Week – seven amazing days of fund-raising, prayer and action against global poverty!

If you have been a collector in the past – a big thank you..... and a plea for you to please help again.

Please put your name on the list at the church doors or call Alan Pratt on 07776 328914 to find out what's involved in being a collector.

Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

- On the road to Jerusalem, Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Matthew 21: 1-11
- Through the resurrection and beyond, John 20: 1-18, John 21: 1-6
- On the long and winding road, Luke 24, 13-35
- See my hands and my feet, Luke 24: 36-49

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

We complete this series by looking at women who lived good lives “in God’s spirit”.

Elizabeth - She was the mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5) and a relation of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was a descendant of Aaron. She and her husband Zacharias “were born righteous before God” (Luke 1: 5,13). Mary’s visit to Elizabeth is described in Luke 1: 39-63.

Lydia - A woman of Thyatira, a “seller of purple” who dwelt on Philippi (Acts 16: 14, 15). She was not a Jewess but a Proselyte (someone who has changed religion). The Lord opened her heart as she heard the Gospel from the lips of Paul (Acts 16:13). She became the first in Europe who embraced Christianity. She was a person of considerable wealth and could afford to give a home to Paul and his companions.

Tabitha - In Greek called Dorcas (A Gazelle). She was a disciple at Joppa. She was distinguished for her alms-deeds and good works. Peter, who was sent for from Lydda on the occasion of her death, prayed over her dead body and said “Tabitha arise”. She opened her eyes and sat up; and Peter “gave her his hands and raised her up”; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive (Acts 9:36-43).

Hagar-Sarah - Paul says in his letter to the Galatians - “Do you not hear what the law says? It says that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman, Hagar, the other by a free woman, Sarah. His son by the slave woman was born in the usual way, but his son by the free woman was born as a result of God’s promise”. Hagar, allegorically represents the Jewish Church (Gal: 4:24), in bondage to the ceremonial laws; while Sarah represents the Christian Church, which is free (Galatians 4: .21-26)

So, we finish our discourse on women who appeared in the Bible - the good, the bad and the ugly - or, for whom the Bible meant something. These women believed in our Lord.

In the Church today women are indispensable. Most of the work, is, or has been, carried out by women and many of the activities and businesses are successful due to the hard work by women. So, from a religion where women were considered second-class citizens, we cannot now operate without them. Or maybe I am just biased.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent textile collection, we will let you know how much was raised in the next issue of the magazine.

Our Summer Fete will be held on **Saturday 6th June** from 10am until 1pm. There will be a variety of stalls including, crazy hair (not only for the children!), face painting, coconut shy, sponge throwing, lucky dip, bottle stall, there will also be a home baking stall, plant stall, candle stall and a strawberry tea room. We hope to involve the whole community in our Summer Fete, so do please come along and support this event. Weather dependent we will have stalls in and around the grounds of the Church so there will be no missing us on the day! If anybody would like to volunteer to help can you please let one of the committee know. If you have any donations for the bottle stall can you please place them in the box at the pulpit side door from now onwards. All donations for the home baking stall can be handed in to the Church on the evening of Friday 5th June or on the morning of the fete. Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to another fun filled and successful Summer Fete.

See you all there,

Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY AND JUNE

May

Sun 3rd	11am Morning Worship
Mon 4th	7pm God Tock
Tue 5th	7pm-9pm KP Chicks
Sun 10th	11am Morning Worship, start of Christian Aid Week 6.30pm Evening Worship
Mon 11th	7pm God Tock
Sun 17th	9.45 am Morning Worship 11am Early Morning Worship - Celebration of Youth
Mon 18th	7pm God Tock
Wed 20th	6.30pm Prayer Group 7pm Kirk Session Meeting 8pm Congregational Board Meeting

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY AND JUNE (Contd..)

- Sun 24th** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship - Start of Summer Sunday School
- Mon 25th** 7pm God Tock
- Thurs 28th** 12-2pm Community Lunch Club
- Frid 29th** 10.30-12noon Dementia Cafe
- Sun 31st** 9.45am Early Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Baptism
11am Morning Worship

June

- Mon 1st** 7pm God Tock
- Sat 6th** **10am-1pm - Summer Fete**
4pm-6pm - Messy Church
- Sun 7th** 11am Morning Worship
- Mon 8th** 7pm God Tock
- Tue 9th** 7pm-9pm KP Chicks
- Frid 12th** Wedding
- Sun 14th** 11am Morning Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion
3pm Wedding of Andrew Wilson to Thuan Hoon Quay
6.30pm Evening Worship including Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Mon 15th** 7pm God Tock
- Wed 17th** King's Park Primary School Summer Service
7.30pm Session Social
- Sun 21st** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Mon 22nd** 7pm God Tock
- Tues 23rd** Bankhead Primary School Summer Service
- Thurs 25th** 12-2pm Community Lunch Club
- Frid 26th** 10.30-12noon Dementia Cafe
- Sun 28th** 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship

Note: There will be no early morning or evening worship in July or August.

King's Park Birthday Girls!



Mairi MacDonald (Left) and Peggy Haldane (Right) have been celebrating important birthdays in April. Peggy turned 106 on the 15th of April and Mairi was 90 on the 16th April. It is good to celebrate with those reaching important times in their lives, so if you know of anyone in our church family who is going to celebrate an important birthday or anniversary please let us know so that we can all share it together.

Birthday Blessings to Mairi and Peggy!