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

***"Happy people rarely tend to think about  
happiness. They're too busy living it".***

***See Proverbs 16:20***

***1930-2015—85 Years of Spiritual Service***

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## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 583

### **THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY** **"Whom God Hath Joined Together"**

31 Oct     Jennifer Aitken and Gregor Taylor, Kings Park  
 7 Nov     Andrea Findlay and David Henderson, Rutherglen

### **AT REST** **"I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

12 Oct     Mr John McKeekin Tennent, St Blane's Drive  
 22 Oct     Mr Allan Stewart Marshall, Curtis Avenue

### **Prayer Focus**

Thank you Lord for filling our past and our present with your Love, Mercy and Grace. Thank you for the promise that we can spend all our tomorrows with you. As we see the old year out and bring in the new, we pray that you will give us the strength to love our family and friends as we celebrate the birth of your beloved son, Jesus, and pray for the gift of a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. This, we pray, for all the members of our Congregation, Office Bearers, and especially Sandra, our Minister at this time. Amen.



### **FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Will members in the postal district who use the FW envelopes please collect them from the corridor outside the lesser hall.

## ***FROM THE MANSE . . . A Child is Born!***

If you have seen me recently smiling from ear to ear, thinking that I had gone temporarily mad, then you would probably be quite right! I have fallen madly in love with the newest member of our family, Grayson Scott Lawson Boyd, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015. I can't quite believe how perfect he is, with 10 perfectly formed fingers and toes and a gorgeous wee button nose. He reminds me so much of our son Alistair, now grown up with a son of his own.



Lawson and I had the great privilege of looking after him last Tuesday afternoon while Alistair and Charlotte did some shopping in town. Mind you it did also feel like a huge responsibility looking after a three and a half week old baby that wasn't ours. They arrived and unpacked their car. I thought Grayson was coming for a week – well hoped – not just an afternoon. There was the car seat, the pram in case we wanted to go out, his changing bag, bottles, change of clothes, covers etc. As I held baby Grayson I thanked God that he was **here** and not in Syria or trying to buy his way to safety on overcrowded boats.

The pictures on TV of children and adults never making it to safety on the other side are all too real . This reminded me that things for Mary and Joseph were none too easy either. Away from home, no relations to help out, no room for let, no place to lay their head. And no sooner had some shepherds and Wise Men visited than Herod was after them and they had to flee Bethlehem. They were refugees, looking for safety in a foreign country, Egypt. As we approach Advent and start getting ready for Christmas, I pray that each of us takes time to stop and reflect on the wonderful gifts God has already given to us in family, friends and a roof over our head.

Why not make a difference in someone else's life this year, give your time, offer your help, buy a present and make Christmas a time of peace, joy and love. Wishing you all God's Blessings,

*Sandra*

**Editor's Extras...**

Another year end - and the recurring theme of the plight of the Church, in general, and the steps we are taking in King's Park to try and "stem the tide" of apathy. There is a drive to participate in the "Path of Renewal", which will choose five congregations from Glasgow Presbytery for forward mission and I would commend attendance at the meetings to be held in connection with this.

The topic in "Both Sides Now" this month is "Fellowship" which we must promote to achieve a happy ending. We must also consider a happy beginning at this time as we celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas - come to the services; become re-acquainted, if necessary, with our reason for having a Church and for its renewal.

Pray for all around you every day - remember "seven days without prayer makes one weak". Yours in faith,

WP

**Pondering Our Mission Statement**

Sharing God's Love:

- By loving your neighbour, Mark 12: 28-34
- By encouraging one another, Psalm 78: 1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
- In the house of the Lord, 2 Corinthians 4:1-9; 16-18
- Christ the King, John 18: 28-40

**SHORT TERM VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED**

As you know our Church Officer post has become vacant and until we go through the process of advertising and recruiting we are urgently looking for volunteers to open and lock up the building. Can you give a couple of hours any time, even with a friend to keep you company? This would be on a short term basis but we would really value your help at this time. The Church continues to thrive in our Community however this takes a lot of behind the scenes help and we are in need of critical cover for the next few weeks until we have secured our new post. Could you think about helping us? Please contact Alan Pratt as soon as possible. Thanks in advance.

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

	£	<u>Oct</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Offerings	8,416	
Last Year Offerings	8,285	
Difference +/-%	1.58%	
YTD Difference +/-%	-8.91%	
Regular Monthly Income	393	
Harvest Donations	20	
Gift Weekend	60	
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b>8,889</b>	
<b><u>Costs</u></b>		
Regularly Monthly Costs	13,424	
One off Costs	1,293	
<b>Total Month's Costs</b>	<b>14,717</b>	
<b>Monthly Income vs (Costs)</b>	<b>-5,828</b>	

**Comments**

One off costs in October included repair of leak in church £724. Harvest Flowers £37, Garden Supplies £32 and Bazaar Float £500  
*The Finance Committee*

**Church Officer Post**

At a recent meeting of Trustees it was agreed that to allow more time for thought and development, the post of Church Officer would be advertised initially for a six month fixed term contract. Please look out for the advert in the Rutherglen Reformer and on the Website soon and perhaps prayerfully consider yourself or others you know for this important post.

## THE GUILD

Our new session is continuing to progress well. In October Mr David Atkins came back to show the second part of his presentation entitled "From Moscow to St Petersburg". As always, David's presentations are most interesting with lovely scenery and most appropriate background music. St Petersburg is a very lovely city, with picturesque buildings, lovely palaces and museums. We hope that David will come back to see us again in the not too distant future.

We had a visit from Mr David Walker to show slides on Part 2 of Glasgow's Hidden Treasures. He had already visited us during our last session to show us Part 1. He showed us places such as the Kelvingrove Art Galleries & Museum, the Glasgow School of Art and many other beautiful buildings and cathedrals which many of us had not seen before. We look forward to his visit next session, when he will show us Part 3 of Glasgow's Hidden Treasures.

In November Mr Alastair Porter came along to speak about his work with Street Pastors, which is one of the Guild's chosen projects for this session. Alastair spoke about the way in which the Street Pastors assist vulnerable young people coming out of nightclubs etc. by providing them with flip-flops, calming aggression and praying with them. They also work hand in hand with the Police and taxi drivers with whom they have a great rapport. It was a most interesting talk and we wish Alastair every blessing in his work as a Street Pastor.

We had a lovely evening at our Charity Night when we were entertained by the East Kilbride Ladies' Choir. Everyone enjoyed the concert, and we would like to thank the people who worked so hard to make the evening such a success, including those who came along to support us, and our faithful band of "Willing Helpers" who always step in to help us clear up afterwards. The proceeds as always, will go to our 2 chosen projects which are Street Pastors and Breaking the cycle of FGM.

We held a special Tuesday Coffee Morning on 17th November to mark "Guild Week". This raised the sum of £75 which will also go towards our projects.

Also in November our own John Black whose topic was "I am an Alien" told us of his early life, when he was born in Malaysia. His father was stationed there with the British Army and when the family returned to Britain, John was classed as an "Alien" because he didn't have a British birth certificate (despite having several Malaysian ones!). Fortunately this was all sorted out and he is an "Alien" no more". We thank John for giving of his time to tell us this most interesting story.

The syllabus for January & February is as follows:

- Jan 6 2pm Rev Sandra Boyd, Cruise Holiday (Part 2)
- Jan 13 2pm Project - Breaking the Cycle of FGM
- Jan 20 2pm Jane Haining, Speaker Morag Reid
- Jan 27 7.30pm Guest Night - The Comrie Singers
- Feb 3 2pm Ronald Reagan - Dr Robert Hamilton
- Feb 10 2pm Mr Raymond Jenkins - Visit to Australia
- Feb 17 2pm Canine Partners
- Feb 24 2pm Mr John Phillips, The Happiest Days of your Life

As we are always happy to welcome new members, anyone wishing to come to any of our meetings, or special events will be made most welcome.

*E Gillespie - Secretary*

#### **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.

### Kirk Session and Congregational Board

Both these meetings were most ably conducted by Aileen Campbell.

#### Kirk Session

Ross Murray, a Youth Worker employed by "Reach Out" in association with Scripture Union, spoke to the Session about his work. He links Bible teaching in Schools (he is responsible for 15 schools in the Rutherglen area) and brings the meaning of Christmas and Easter to Primary 6/7, through crafts (Raymond Jenkins has worked with him recently). He hopes to produce "bespoke training" for the support of youth in Church and is meeting all Churches in the area. The idea is to train volunteers, within the Church, to carry on youth work after an initial period with him in attendance and he asked that we pray for the "Reach Out" team. His talk was well appreciated by the Session.

Other items of business considered by the Session were:

- Toryglen now has a new Minister
- Week 15-22 November is "Prisoners week" and Financial assistance for the Chaplaincy would be appreciated, perhaps a retiring offering?
- A Church Conference was held to discuss the "Path of Renewal", how we can become part of this; an update of committees was given to show where we are now; and questions to illustrate the shape of the Church presently - there is a need to improve mission.
- The Presbytery Elders reported that there were five separate areas now in Glasgow and a meeting was held where stories of success in various congregations were exchanged to allow the Presbytery to connect with Congregations.

#### Congregational Board

The Financial Report was perused by the Congregational Board and there were no contentious issues with this or property. The main topic for discussion was the replacement of the Church Officer (or not) and whether the "tied" house should be sold, let, or retained. A meeting regarding duties and replacement etc. was held on 25th November. The results of these deliberations will be notified in the February 2016 issue of the magazine. Mrs Lorraine Pratt has been appointed as cleaner to replace Jacqueline Cumming.

### Carpet Bowls

It has taken place at last. The finals of our pairs ties 14-15 took place on 21st October, R McDermott and I Barr V J Buchanan and J McCabe. It was a close game with only two points, at the most, between them. This went on until the 13th end when they were 8 points each, that meant an extended score card, 14 ends, and even then it went to a last bowl end and played by I Barr which meant victory for McDermott and I Barr by "one point". Some game.

People who are thinking of joining please do come along on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 1.15pm for 1.30pm

The Club's Christmas dinner is being held in The Croft this year on the 9th December, 12 noon for 12.30pm.

*J Riddell*

### BB NEWS



Both Junior and Company Sections are well into their Programmes before the Christmas/New Year break.

The Junior Section have entered 2 teams in Cathkin District's Junior Section 7-a-side football league and at time of writing the blue team consistently sit in third place with 3 points more. The Black Team lost their first game 1-3 to the 16 Company. Their progress will be monitored in future issues of the magazine. Meanwhile the Company Section are busily engaged in the various Battalion Badge Works and on the weekend 4-6 March the Boys, Fraser Hood and Austin Newall will be attending the Battalion Queen's Badge Course weekend.

As this is the last column until 2016 Officers and Boys of each Section extend all the Congregation best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New year.

*Ian Livingstone RO*

**Thanks . . .**

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent cards and contacted me sending their good wishes after my recent episode. I am back on foot around the Parish so will be taking up all those kind offers of lifts soon.

Thanks again, *Sandra*

I wish to thank Raymond for his many visits to the hospital and for the beautiful flowers, admired by everyone. Thanks also for his visits to me at home amidst a crush of family members.

*Helen Riddell*

Thank you to everyone for the many gifts and cards given to me over the past few weeks. Your kindness and words of support and encouragement have meant so much to me. I will always cherish the time I have served God here in Kings Park and will continue to remember you in my prayers. Thank you once again.

*Ian Henderson*

I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has sent Lawson and I and baby Grayson cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

*Sandra*

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY & POPPY APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone for their assistance at both the Garden of Remembrance and Remembrance Day Services. Your help was very much appreciated at this sad but important time of the year. Our Poppy Appeal this year raised £709.21

*Ken Blair (Poppy Appeal)*

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS**

### **THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL**

Further to the note in last month's magazine the Christmas Star appeal was launched on Sunday 29th November and will run until the end of the morning service Sunday 13th December. You can donate to "Embrace the Middle East" at the front door of the Church after any morning service and hang a star on the cross. A Christmas Card will then be distributed to everyone at the Family Service with your name on it. Thank you for your generous support for this worthy cause at this special time of year.

### **GIFT FOR JESUS**

At Christmas time we rush around buying lots of gifts for our friends and family and this year we thought it would be nice to buy a Gift for our dearest friend, Jesus. Our Church throughout the year needs lots of small items bought to keep it functioning so how about this year we save on Church funds and buy a little gift for Jesus at Christmas. We propose that you buy one of the following items, wrap it up and place it under the Christmas Tree on Sunday 13th December (Communion Sunday) or 20th December (Nativity Sunday). We hope that this small but very important gift will serve our Church throughout the year.

- A4 white photocopy paper, books of postage stamps
- Stationery, e.g. pens, post-it notes, envelopes
- Arts and Craft supplies, rechargeable AA batteries
- Fair Trade Tea/Coffee, Sugar, Juice
- Liquid hand soap, Toilet Rolls, First aid equipment – e.g. plasters
- Paint Brushes, Jay Cloths, White cotton dish cloths (not towels)
- Unperfumed anti-bacterial spray, Pot scourers

The gifts will be opened by the children who come along to the morning Service on Christmas Day.

### **BURNS SUPPER**

We have had a good response to our proposed Burns Supper so will go ahead with this on Sunday 31st January. Tickets will be on sale for £5 which will include soup, haggis, neeps and tatties (and a vegetarian option) with tea/coffee shortbread. There will be the usual toasts and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you all there.

On behalf of the whole committee we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2016. Many thanks for all your continued support.

*Lynda Young*

**BOTH SIDES NOW****Fellowship**

It's Christmas - a time for family get-togethers; for Christmas dinners at home or at restaurants and just perhaps a time to consider the meaning of our celebrations - the Birth of Christ. It's a time of Fellowship. People need to be together, to do things together. It is part of our social life, in large or small groups. One of the main criteria quoted in "Why should we go to Church?" is to share in Christian Fellowship. This is partly accomplished by worshipping together every Sunday but an extension to this is to participate in one or other of the Church organisations. Participation involves both giving and receiving just as we exchange Christmas presents summed up in the following poem:

Give to the world the best that you have  
And the best will come back to you  
Give of the friendship that all men crave  
And your friends will be many and true  
Give love, and love to your life will flow  
A strength in your utmost need  
Have faith and a score of friends will show  
Their faith in your word and deed

Surely our aim in our Christian lives and for any Path of Renewal. we need to energise some renewal in our worship and organisations. The numbers are becoming "thin on the ground" and many of the clubs have disappeared due to work patterns, technology, other interests, a change in our culture; or am I "soaking" in Christmas nostalgia of good time past? But fellowship goes on. Church organisations have been replaced by Community organisations (see list of activities in our halls distributed recently) and events. It is good for the Church that our halls are used - both from a physical and financial viewpoint. The more people that come through our doors the more the Church remains a focal point in our community. So, what questions can we ask? Can we, as a Church reverse the trend? - probably not! But we can continue to promote fellowship within the Church and Community and perhaps the best may come back to us.

Have a good Christmas. WP

## **242 BRING AND BUY SALE**

This year's sale will take place on **Sunday 6th February 2016**, immediately after morning worship. All monies received will go towards helping children and young people. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received and they can be handed in to the Iona Hall on the morning of the sale.

We look forward once again to your support.

*Lynn Adamson, Leader*

### **YOUR CHURCH AND PARISH NEEDS YOU!**

Calling all able volunteers to assist with the delivery of this year's Christmas leaflet detailing all of our special services, to ensure that all homes and streets are covered and that our invitation to Travel to Bethlehem and Beyond this Christmas-time reaches around the whole Parish. Copies will be available to uplift from the vestibule for distribution from early-December. Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance in this important outreach activity.



### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. To those who helped set up and clear away tables, to stall holders, tea pourers, pancake makers and everyone in between. Thank you for donations and prizes, but most of all, thank you to everyone who came along on a wet and windy morning to support our Church.

At the time of writing we have raised a wonderful £4,102 and still counting. An update will be given in the next issue of the magazine. In the meantime have a wonderful Christmas and many thanks again.

*Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **December**

- Sun 6    11am Morning Worship including Gift Sunday  
           6.30pm Remembrance Service
- Mon 7    7pm God Tock Advent Study
- Wed 9    12 noon Guild outing to Dobbies
- Sun 13   11am Morning Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion  
           6.30pm Evening Worship Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Mon 14   7pm God Tock Christmas Social Evening
- Wed 16   10.30am King's Park Primary School Service
- Tue 15    7.30pm KP Brass Band Carol Concert in Church
- Sun 20    11am Nativity Sunday  
           6.30pm Carols around the Christmas Tree
- Mon 21   7pm Singing Carols Around the Parish
- Wed 22   10.30am Bankhead Primary School Service
- Thur 24   7pm Family Service, refreshments from 6.30pm  
           11.15pm Watchnight Service, refreshments from 10.45pm
- Fri 25    10am Christmas Day Family Service
- Sun 27    11am Carols and Lessons
- Thur 31   7pm Journeying into the New Year Hogmanay Service

### **January**

- Sun 3    11am Morning Worship
- Mon 4    7pm God Tock
- Wed 6    2pm Guild
- Sun 10   11am Morning Worship  
           6.30pm Evening Worship including Communion
- Mon 11   7pm God Tock
- Wed 13   2pm Guild
- Thur 14   6.45pm Praise Committee Meeting
- Sun 17    9.45am Early Morning Worship  
           11am Morning Worship
- Mon 18   7pm God Tock
- Wed 20   2pm Guild
- Sun 24    9.45am Early Morning Worship  
           11am Morning Worship
- Mon 25   7pm God Tock
- Wed 27   7.30pm Guest Night - Comrie Singers
- Fri 29    10.30am D-Cafe
- Sun 31    9.45am Early Morning Worship  
           11am Morning Worship  
           Time TBC Burns Supper with Evening Meal

***Away in a manger, no crib for a bed...  
Star Appeal***

This Christmas Carol is a favourite of many and this year we want to help churches in the lands where Jesus was born and lived.

In recent months we have all been moved by the images of refugees fleeing conflict in Syria. As we sing about the Holy family finding no room at the inn, the images of families with no home has a special resonance.

Across the Holy Land there are large numbers of refugee children who have no proper bed. New-born babies, infants and toddlers laid on dirty mattresses on the ground in makeshift accommodation. Our Christian partners Embrace the Middle East are in the front line, working with these communities. Your donation to this year's Star Appeal will help support them as they show the love of Christ to the most vulnerable across the Middle East. We thank you in advance for your support with this very poignant appeal.



**Date for your Diary—Come Along to our Frock Swap**

Further to the success of last year's Frock Swap we plan to hold another one on Saturday 6th February 2016. Look out for further details in the intimations and on the website.

This will be a 'bring your own bottle' evening, tickets £10. Tea & coffee will be served, with an opportunity to contribute to our silent auction.

If you have any good quality clothes, shoes, accessories, this is your chance to hand them in prior to the evening and receive something new on the night!

