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

***"Happiness is a product of attitude and thought.
It comes from you, not to you. To be happy,
you must think happy."***

See Psalm 128:2

1930-2020 - 90 Years of Spiritual Service

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Please remember to inform the Church if you are changing your address. It's vital that our records are kept as up to date as possible. Thank you in advance.

Caveat: This magazine is published on our website. If you are submitting an article and wish something not to appear online, please indicate this on submission.

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 489

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

21st Nov Mrs Marie Crawford

18th Dec Mrs Heather Park

1st Jan Mr Alex Mitchell

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Lord, we give thanks for the work that Lynda Young does on our website and facebook pages, We thank her team for all they do in raising funds for our Church and for all the social activities they arrange. Now that the Church life is in full swing, we hope you will come along and join us. We thank the Lord for 90 years of King's Park Church and celebrate this with our birthday lunch and services of praise on Sunday 2nd February. March sees the beginning of Lent - we pray that we follow Jesus to his Crucifixion, renewing and strengthening our faith at this time.

Hear our Prayer, Amen

CHURCH MAGAZINE/LIFE & WORK

The annual subscription for the above magazines is now due and should be given to your District Visitor at your earliest convenience. The amount is as follows:

Church Magazine £2.00, Life & Work £30.60 - no increase this year, still £2.55 per issue.

LARGE PRINT COPY

A reminder that, if you require a large print copy of the Church Magazine, you should contact your magazine visitor to let them know. They will pass the information to myself. Lastly, we are looking for magazine visitors and if this is possible for you, please contact me. Thank you.

Ann McNeice, Magazine Convenor

Pastoral Letter ...

Dear Friends

We live in strange times, days of change when what we once thought was solid ground moves under our feet and when once familiar landmarks have all but disappeared. That is certainly true on the political front with all the uncertainty which Brexit has created. Then we also witness the changes which have taken place in society over the past few decades. Those of us who are older sometimes wonder what our parents would make of the world we now live in if they were to come back. Far reaching changes have taken place in the culture of which we are a part - changes in work patterns, in how we spend our leisure time, in the ways we communicate and relate to each other, and in how we behave. And because the church is part of society (though it now plays a much lesser role that it once did) these changes have also impinged on our life together in the church. We're not immune to the trends and changes in the culture around us. Many of them have affected us adversely.

The Psalmist, who with his fellow Jews had been deported from the land of his fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and now lived as an exile in a pagan land, asked, "How are we to sing the song of the Lord in a strange land?" That too is a question we ask in the church today because like the Psalmist we also find ourselves in a strange land.

The question has special point as on Sunday 2nd February we celebrate 90 years of worship, service and witness as a congregation in King's Park. Thanksgiving will be the dominant note as we look back and thank God for the legacy we have received from those who faithfully ministered and served among us over the years. How much many of us owe them.

But there will also be the acknowledgement that the days when we were one of the largest, if not the largest, congregation in the Church of Scotland when three services had to be held on a Sunday to accommodate all who attended, are long since past. We, with all other congregations, now live in different times.

That said, there are certain constants around which the life of a congregation revolves. Worship, the Word of God, prayer and fellowship are the means by which the body of Christ is sustained. The effectiveness of our service and witness as a congregation depends very much on the priority we give to these basic elements of congregational life. They must remain, without apology, at the heart of our life together.

For the rest, we must be open to the leading of the Spirit if the structures and patterns of congregational life are to build up the church and not just reflect what has happened in the past.

In the first place, we require a vision of God's purpose for us as a congregation in the long term and of his strategy for the present—bi-focal spectacles, if you like, which enable us to take in the distant scene as well as the immediate present. Then along with the vision we need faith to believe that the vision is not just a pipe dream but a hope which can be realised. Faith, as the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, “gives substance to our hopes and makes us certain of realities we do not see.” Next, with vision and faith, we need obedience if the vision is to become a reality. Only vision, coupled with faith and obedience, can deliver the church from the repetitive round of activities year in and year out which ultimately lead to stagnation.

The Book of Proverbs tells us that “where there is no vision the people perish”. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary and look forward to a new chapter in the story of our congregation, may God give us a vision of the future he plans for us, faith to believe that the vision can be realised, and the obedience which will translate the vision into reality - and all to the end that we might sing the song of the Lord in a strange land.

With all good wishes,
David, Locum Minister



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

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2019

	£	
	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings & Donations	7,652	8,130
Hall Hire Income	1,588	485
Gift Aid reclaimed	3,215	-
Christmas Bazaar	3,258	-
Legacy Donation	5,000	-
Other regular Monthly Income	1,454	1,394
Total Month's Income	<u>22,167</u>	<u>10,009</u>
	=====	=====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	13,547	14,049
Fabric Repairs	316	574
Total Month's Costs	<u>13,863</u>	<u>14,623</u>
	=====	=====
Monthly Income vs Costs	8,304	-4,614

Comments

Nov - surplus of receipts after payments was £8,304, unrestricted funds had a surplus of £9,943, restricted funds had a shortfall of £1,639

Dec - deficit of receipts after payments was £4,614, unrestricted funds had a deficit of £2,377, restricted funds had a deficit of £2,237

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.

News from the Prayer Group

The Prayer List is under review. If you wish a name kept on it, please add it to the sheet at the front door and if you have not sent them a card in a while, please do, to remind them that we continue to pray for them every week. There is no limit to the number of requests. Again, we thank you for your support. Please give me an update on their progress. We have several people who have returned to good health - prayer works.

Gaera Taylor

SUNDAY SCHOOL BRING AND BUY SALE

This year's sale will take place on **Sunday 9th February 2020** immediately after morning worship. All monies received will go towards helping children and young people. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received and can be handed in to the Iona Hall on the morning of the sale. We look forward once again to your support.

Lynn Adamson

THURSDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

What is the Thursday Friendship Club? Well, we meet on a Thursday afternoon and it's all about friendship. We have the usual tea/coffee and a blether, then we might play dominoes followed by a game of bingo, then Hazel might give us the dreaded quiz! Finishing up with some chair aerobics to 50/60s music. A fun afternoon, so why not join us between 1.30 -3.30pm, any Thursday afternoon.

All are welcome

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, bakers and everyone in between. Thank you for donations and prizes, but most of all, thank you to everyone who came to support our Church. The final total raised was £3,700. Thanks again to everyone.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors

Bazaar Quiz

Thanks to all who took part in the quiz and to David Atkins who devised it. Seven returns were made. Below, are the answers (although other correct solutions were allowed).

The winner is Flo Stewart.

Answers: 1 S.O.S. 2 Beast Of Burden. 3 She. 4 Ae Fond Kiss. 5 Blue Moon. 6 Don't Blame Me. 7 Let It Be. 8 Tom Dooley. 9 Fool's Paradise. 10 Gentleman Jack. 11 Aint Misbehavin'. 12 Highland Cathedral. 13 Robin Hood. 14 Listen To Me. 15 Cabaret. 16 Charade. 17 Far Away Places. 18 Crazy. 19 Flower of Scotland. 20 Around The World. 21 Lady In Red. 22 Strolling. 23 Breaking Of The Day. 24 Happy Birthday. 25 My Way. 26 Walk On By. 27 Yesterday. 28 Never On A Sunday. 29 If. 30 Bewitched, Bothered And Bewildered.

Thanks ...

Thanks are due to my many friends in King's Park for my 90th birthday cards and the beautiful flowers from the Church delivered by Raymond who is my constant visitor. Fancy having my 90th birthday on the 90th anniversary of the Church - I think I have nearly 60 years of privileged membership! Here's to many more.

Many thanks again,
Mary (Belch)

Many thanks for the lovely flowers I recently received. It was such a nice and unexpected surprise. They were very much appreciated.

With best wishes,
Ann Phillips

I would like to pass on my sincerest thanks to everyone for the kindness they have shown myself and my family following the sudden death of my wife Heather. Thank you to Raymond for the support he has shown our family and for the beautiful funeral service he conducted. Our family have felt extremely supported by the love, kindness and expressions of sympathy show to us during what is an extremely sad time in our lives.

Kindest Regards, Jim Park & family

King's Park Brass – Update

The band enjoyed it's November outing to Rutherglen Town Hall for "A Night at the Movies", and our Christmas carol concert sharing with the youth and junior bands, as well as the audience. At Christmas we were again out playing carols at local supermarkets and were delighted to make over £2700 from this crucial annual fundraising effort.

Our first concert in 2020 will be something special:-

To celebrate it's 90th Birthday, the church has invited the most successful competing band in Scotland, the Cooperation Band, to play a concert in the church on Saturday 21st March at 7.30pm. (Tickets - £10/£8 and £2 for children). King's Park Brass will be the special guests and will lead off on what will be a fantastic night of music making!

We look forward to seeing you!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

An open meeting will be held in the church on Wednesday 19th February at 7pm to discuss the possibility of changing to a unitary constitution, where Kirk Session and Congregational Board become one group dealing with all matters.

A paper outlining the result of previous discussions will be available at all doors on Sundays 2nd and 9th February, showing how this change might work in covering all aspects of our church's life and work.

Please let us know if you would like a copy but are unable to pick one up in person.

*John and Eunice Black.
Session Clerks.*

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS. . .

The Social and Fundraising committee had a very busy Christmas. Huge thanks to everyone who made the children's DVD afternoon, the Christmas Star Appeal and the Gifts for Jesus appeals so successful. A grand total of £887.44 was raised during the Star Appeal and gratefully received by Glasgow City Mission. We are now looking forward to hosting the Cooperation Brass Band Concert here in the Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st March and of course celebrating our 90th birthday throughout the year.

Further details of events will be in the magazine and intimations.

Lynda Young on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS

This meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th March at 8pm. The financial situation of King's Park Church must be of interest to all members of the congregation, ramifications discussed and debated as necessary. All trustees (Elders and Board Members) are invited to attend.

If you would like to share in supper at 7.00pm (price £5) before the start of business at 8pm, please let Carol Moore know before Sunday 1st March at the very latest (583 0708).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will take place as part of the morning service on Sunday 15th March when the financial affairs of the Church will be presented to the Congregation and Board Members can be appointed.

BUTTERCUPS

The Buttercups meet every Thursday evening from 6.15pm until 7.15pm. They are a wonderful, lively group of P1 & 2 girls who like to run around, play games and have fun with crafts. Unfortunately, we are struggling very much with leader help. It would be such a terrible shame to see this group close due to lack of support from our Church. If anyone, who has already been through the PVG scheme, could spare one hour, any Thursday night, between now and the end of the session in May, please contact Morag Montgomery (07955 217314) or Lynda Young (647 4447). If we have more helpers then you wouldn't even need to commit to every week! Please do have a think and let us know if you can help. We urgently need you!

Dates for your Diary

February

- Sat 1st 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 2nd 11am Morning Worship, 90th anniversary thanksgiving
 followed by a soup and sandwich lunch
 6.30pm Evening Service of Praise
 Sun 9th 11am Morning Worship followed by Sunday School
 Bring and Buy Sale
 NO EVENING WORSHIP
 Sun 16th 11am Morning Worship
 Wed 19th 7pm OPEN Meeting of all members of the Congregation to
 discuss Unitary Constitution
 Sun 23rd 11am Morning Worship including Brownie and Guide
 Thinking Day Parade

March

- Sun 1st 11am Morning Worship
 Wed 4th 7pm Trustees' Supper
 8pm Attestation of Accounts
 Sat 7th 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 8th 11am Morning Worship with Sacrament of Communion
 6.30pm Evening Worship with Sacrament of Communion
 Sun 15th 11am Morning Worship including the Annual General
 Meeting
 Sat 21st 7.30pm Cooperation Band Concert with Kings Park Brass
 Sun 22nd 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 29th 11.00am Morning Worship

April

- Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship celebrating Palm Sunday
 Sat 11th 4pm-6pm Easter Messy Church

the cooperation band in concert



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Sat 21st March 7.30pm

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