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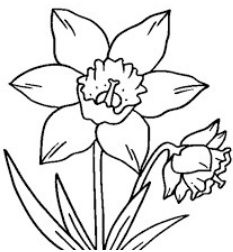
AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

26th Jan	Mrs Betty Charleson, Whitecraigs Care Home
31st Jan	Miss Rachel "Rae" Robertson, Golfhill Nursing Home
13th Feb	Mrs Joan Macdonald, Hilltree Court, Giffnock
17th Feb	Mr William (Bill) Laird, Clarkston House Care Home
18th Feb	Mrs Agnes Lickrish, Kingsacre Road

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, We pray that we are nearing the end of our search for the Minister that you have chosen for us. We thank the leaders of the BB for fifty years of service and hope the boys will join with Croftfoot in the future. The leaders of the Brownies and Guides will be taking a break and we hope they have a restful holiday. We pray for our children and young people Lord, keep them safe in an ever changing society. We ask that you hold the people of Haiti, Gaza and the Ukraine in your ever loving arms. Hear our Prayer. Amen
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FLOWER FUND

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

Dear Friends

As I write, the sun is streaming through the kitchen window. However, I've just returned from walking the dog in persistent, heavy rain.

Variations in the weather are one form of change that we are quite used to enduring, and I'm reminded of the old farmer's response to a day of blue skies and sunshine: "Aye, we'll pay for this!"

We have, of course, only just celebrated the biggest change of all time, in the events of Easter. You might say that people of Christian faith should welcome change, remembering that elsewhere in scripture God pronounces: "Look, I am making all things new".

The reality is, of course, that very often we would prefer it if things stayed the same, stayed predictable, left us in our "comfort zone", confident of what lies ahead.

I wonder, though, how many of us would prefer to be back in the days of outside toilets, and messy coal fires? Or when many families had to save to be able to afford a visit to the doctor? Some changes over a long lifetime need to be welcomed with a sense of gratitude.

A welcome change is also in the air in King's Park Church. It's nearly five years since your previous minister, Sandra, moved on to a new challenge, and for the past three of those years I have been your Interim Moderator, working alongside the Kirk Session, and for nearly a year and a half now I've had the privilege of conducting worship as your locum minister.

Much of that time has been spent persevering with the process that could lead to a new minister being called to King's Park, including a time when there was a pause in any new appointments, while the Church across Scotland planned a way forward with fewer resources and a shortage of ministers.

More recently progress has been made, and I hope the results of that will be made known before long.

Much as I have enjoyed my time in King's Park, its purpose was always to "work myself out of a job" and make way for change to happen.

More change here now – the rain is back!

With every blessing,

Ian Galloway

Interim Moderator and Locum Minister

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2023**

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,723	6,577
Gift Aid income	4,309	-
Hall Hire Income	315	930
Rental income	417	517
Magazine subscription	2	272
Charitable collections	1,168	371
Other regular Monthly Income	415	445
Total Month's Income	<u>14,349</u> =====	<u>9,112</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	14,176	11,163
Charitable Donations	1,159	-
Property maintenance & repairs	5,696	205
Total Month's Payments	<u>21,031</u> =====	<u>11,368</u> =====
Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	-6,682	-2,256

60 Glorious Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
 Mr and Mrs Margaret & David
 Cochrane who celebrated their
 Diamond Wedding Anniversary on
 14th March 2024.

We wish them both every Blessing.

JOAN MACDONALD - 07.12.45 TO 13.02.24

Excerpts from Joan Macdonald's Eulogy By Reverend George McKay...

"1st Corinthians 13, featuring Paul's great love poem is well-known and well used, both at weddings and funerals. The bottom line about 'love' and appropriately, the need to recognise for us these words to help us through, is that 'love is eternal.'

There is a line from the passage that speaks about Joan more than any other and it is verse 11, 'When I was a child... I have no more use for childish ways.'

The lady who joined King's Park Church in August 1971, was ordained as an Elder in May 1996, was the President of the Young Women's Group, was a leader of the Youth Committee, was a Smurf leader, was a Sunday school teacher and helped out at Christmas Fayres to name just a few of her roles!

She was also a thrill seeker of the highest order!! 'I had no more use...' oh really!! Tell that to the woman who would zip-slide across the River Clyde... Tell that to the woman who wing-walked... Tell that to the woman who took part in blind land rover driving and who looked for the fastest, highest, stomach-churning rollercoaster and rides she could find. Yes, that was Joan!! 'Hold my jacket'. 'Take my rings Marie'. And off she went. Determined. Unable to stop, whether in Euro Disney with Erin, time with Cody, Loch Lomond with Rebecca and Lauren, like a book written by David Walliams about grannies, off she would go, allowing the grandchildren away with murder whilst on the tip of the parents' tongues were the words 'we never got away with that.'

Such was Joan's love of life and her mischievousness, that at the age of two, Lauren put her Gran on the naughty step!! 'I had no more use of childish ways!!'

There was, of course, much more to Joan, who was born in Cardonald and married Ian, who she knew all her life, in Hillington Park Church, in 1966. There was the Joan who sang in the 'Daffy Girls' in Care Homes, was quite an accomplished dancer, would have loved Scotland's victory in the Calcutta Cup, organised Cancer research nights and her baking, oh, her baking!



Yes, we know what the apostle meant. Yes, Joan knew too, that our faith needs to mature, however she understood so well that we are all children of God and we need to see the world through those childlike eyes, because through them we will find His Kingdom.

Children are remarkable, Joan understood: from Gordon and Marie and the grandchildren she adored; the playgroup that was a big part of her life; to the youngsters in the Kirk on a Sunday morning. They, like Joan, take everything in their stride. Sitting still, in my study, is a card from Joan, that she sent to me after I visited her in hospital, over ten years ago. On the front, was a quote from Goethe, 'Nothing is worth more than this day.' How Joan.

How true, that the day I saw her in the ward, that day was the most important. How true the day I went to Kingshouse Avenue and climbed all those steps for Joan to say, 'You should have come in the back way!!' The day, the moment, the hour, that she was involved with you or me – that time was the best. Even latterly when health was difficult, simple moments, simple caring moments from grandchildren and children – that moment was important to Joan.

It is the way a child would think despite what is going on in the world around. It is the way Jesus Christ worked, focussing on the individual's needs. It is wise that we read and reflected on Paul's words for a woman who herself could write poetry for special occasions. 'Love is kind, love doesn't keep a record of wrongs (no naughty steps), love is eternal.' Paul is right but being an adult doesn't mean losing the fun, the enjoyment and the exuberance that should be in us all. 'I have no more use of childish ways.' Joan is a prime example why we should always have!!"

Joan will be sorely missed by all those whose lives she touched here, within King's Park Church, and far beyond. She lived her life following Jesus' commands to the letter - loving God with all her heart, soul, mind and strength, and because of her unerring faith, we feel certain that her life now finds its completion, reunited with those who have gone before and with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May the Lord Bless her and Keep her, May the Lord make his face to shine upon her, and be gracious unto her, May the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace.

Thanks be to God for the life of a very special and faithful woman, our dear friend, Joan Macdonald.

Amen, and thanks be to God.

What does being A Fairtrade Place of Worship mean?



At a recent Kirk Session Meeting we were reminded that King's Park Church is a Fairtrade Place of Worship. And by supporting Fairtrade, our place of worship is part of the global Fairtrade movement. In terms of activities around our own Church, what does this actually mean for us?

There are lots of ways to support Fairtrade, but did you know that just two core requirements to be awarded Fairtrade Place of Worship status are:

- ◆ Use Fairtrade products wherever possible (at least tea, coffee and sugar) and share information about Fairtrade products with the wider congregation.
- ◆ Integrate Fairtrade into the life of your place of worship, at Fairtrade Fortnight or other times of the year.

This is a good time to remind ourselves of Fairtrade practice around our Church. We can confirm that all tea, coffee and sugar used during our Tuesday and Sunday coffee events are indeed Fairtrade.

However, you may come across an event or time where Fairtrade products are not being used, and this would be a good opportunity for you to remind people of the importance of Fairtrade and perhaps start a discussion around Fairtrade. There are posters around our Church reminding us of our status.

More details about being a Fairtrade Place of Worship can be found here [Fairtrade Places of Worship - Fairtrade](#)

SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Perhaps not everyone knows that I am the Safeguarding Co-ordinator for King's Park Church. In every hall and on every notice board there is a poster showing my name and contact details, and I am the first point of contact for anyone who has a concern about potential abuse or harm to any child or vulnerable adult using our premises.

Every congregation must have a Co-ordinator, as well as a Safeguarding Panel, but it is the duty of us all to be responsible for all who make use of our buildings.

I have to attend training, and am regularly updated by our Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service in Edinburgh. I am responsible for keeping a Register of everyone in our church (volunteers and paid staff) who is required to have either a full Disclosure or Basic Disclosure to fulfil their role, and I report annually to Presbytery.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information - it can be a complicated subject matter, even for those of us who try to keep up to date.

John Black, Safeguarding Co-ordinator
07954 278379

THE 118TH GLASGOW BOYS' BRIGADE COMPANY

You will know that our BB Junior Section no longer operates and that our Pathfinders are not currently meeting. This is due to low numbers of boys attending and to lack of volunteers. Currently, the Company Section boys are working towards their Queen's Badge, after which the officers are planning to retire, following many years of dedicated service.

The 16th Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company in Croftfoot Church have agreed to welcome all boys to their Anchor Boys, Junior and Company Sections with immediate effect. The Anchor Boys and Junior Section meet on a Tuesday from 6.30pm until 8pm for P1 to P6 school children and the Company Section, on a Friday from 7.30pm until 10pm, P7 to S6.

There will be a fitting service to acknowledge the 118th Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company - for all it has meant to those who have been associated with it since its creation in October 1929, and to give thanks for the work of the current leaders. Keep an eye on the weekly intimations for more details.

Thank you...

We would like to thank the Kirk Session and friends for their good wishes and the lovely flowers we received on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary, which we celebrated on 14th March. All the kind words and warm congratulations received have been greatly appreciated.



Margaret & David Cochrane

On behalf of the Lodging House Mission, we would like to thank everyone who donated to its Easter Egg appeal. All donations were very gratefully received and much appreciated by them.

Jim & Joyce

Thank you so much for the lovely church flowers and special thoughts after my accident. I am now home, slowly recovering and making progress.

Elizabeth Love

A BLAST FROM THE PAST – update

Further to our Church Show Blast from the Past photograph in the last magazine, we were thrilled to hear from Willie Howat's son, George! His parents were both members of the church in the 70s and 80s and George attend the BB and Sunday School at that time. He has sent us lots of Church Show photographs which we'll print out to allow people to have a look and reminisce! George who now lives in Wrexham, North Wales tells us that his mum still lives in Glasgow. We send them both every good wish from their friends at King's Park.

Thanks George!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**APRIL**

Sun 7th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 14th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 21st	11am Morning Worship
Sun 28th	11am Morning Worship, led by Alison Fenton

MAY

Sun 5th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 12th	11am Morning Worship, start of Christian Aid Week
Sun 19th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 26th	11am Morning Worship

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, ETC - 2024

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, this year is **12 – 18 May**. If you're lucky enough to be someone who follows "social media", look out for posts on the church's Facebook page reminding us about Christian Aid and how to offer financial support during its most important annual fundraising event, by donating online, directly to Christian Aid.

This year, we will again be delivering 'delivery – only' CA envelopes to the parish, so will be looking for volunteers to get these out, to give folks in our parish the opportunity to donate to Christian Aid. We will also have some church collection envelopes available to those attending worship in the church on Sunday 12 May, the CAW launch.

If you're not "on-line" and can't get to that service, for whatever reason, you can still donate to Christian Aid by sending a cheque, made payable to "Christian Aid", at the church address (on the front page of this magazine) and mark it for the attention of Alan Pratt. In addition, if you are a UK taxpayer, please confirm this on the back of the cheque with a note of your name and address - this will allow Christian Aid to reclaim tax from the Government, thereby increasing your donation by 25%.

What about the "ETC" – Back in 2021, to replace the Erskine Bridge Walk, which had been cancelled that year due to COVID restrictions, Alan & Raymond spent a lovely afternoon, challenging themselves to visit, on foot, all of Glasgow's 21 bridges from east to west, starting at Rosebank Bridge in Clydeford Road and finishing at the Millennium Bridge in the city centre (NB if the guys do this again in the future, they'll need to travel further west to take in the new bridge, currently being built at the Transport Museum). This year, they are going to revisit the same bridges, but from west to east (so they don't get bored!).

More information, including details of the relevant 'JustGiving' page for the event' will be made available nearer the time on the church Facebook page, and all those members on email will get a 'Bridges update' with a reminder on how and when to donate online. Also, look out for updates in the Sunday intimations at church.

If you would like to support this challenge in the good old-fashioned way, you can add your details and monetary pledge to the hard copy sponsor forms in the church office and at the church doors, or send a cheque, made payable to King's Park Church, to the church address, marked 'BRIDGES', by the end of May. All proceeds will be added to the church's Christian Aid Week donations. This Christian Aid Week, with your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions. Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change. Please give generously.

Birthday Celebrations

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mrs Sandra McCutcheon
who celebrated her 80th Birthday on
19th March 2024.
We wish her every Blessing.

Easter Thanks... Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Holy Week and Easter Services, from setting up to taking part and attending. It was a very special time and of course the journey would not have happened without you all!

