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**"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'" Matthew 28:5**

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**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”**

27 Mar Peighton Joyce Barron

**AT REST**

**“I am the Resurrection and the Life”**

8 Feb Mrs Lily Hendry, Three Bridges Care Home  
 20 Feb Mr Bill Simpson, Stonelaw Court  
 25 Feb Mrs Lynn Ferguson, Kingsacre Road  
 6 Mar Mrs Betty Gibson, Ardmay Crescent  
 15 Mar Mrs Sheila Burns, Muirfield Court  
 15 Mar Mrs Sheila MacKellar, Three Bridges Care Home  
 21 Mar Ms Margaret Caseby, Menock Road

***Prayer Focus..***

Dear Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts, giving thanks for all the wonderful things you have given us. We pray for our Church as we look forward, with hope, during these challenging times, for the Church of Scotland.

Pray that all world leaders will unite, so that there will be lasting peace. We give thanks that, as our Government prepares to give refugee status to the people from the Ukraine which will allow them to work and support their families, we pray they are made welcome and will feel a sense of belonging and safety.

Spring is showing us that everything is beginning to grow. Make us content with what we have and let us share our time, talent and resources to spread the good news of Easter morning.

Hear our Prayer. Amen.

A happy Easter to all of you. [gaerataylor@btinternet.com](mailto:gaerataylor@btinternet.com)

Dear Friends

One of the joys of my role as Pastoral Assistant, is the opportunity to act as chaplain to our local primary schools in King's Park and Bankhead. This year, after all the restrictions of Covid, it has been especially good to work with the Primary 7s, delivering the Easter Code, the message of Easter, live.

This year, I got to act out the crowd scenes - and they certainly let rip with their shouts of "Hosannah!" as Jesus entered Jerusalem, although just like then, their cheers soon turned to jeers and cries of "Crucify Him" as the story of that first Easter unfolded. And it was wonderful to share that moment when they first encountered the empty tomb! "He is not here. He is alive!" And that miracle of the resurrection is reflected in the annual miracle of spring.

I'm not much of a gardener really (I'm just the labourer, while Lyndsie and her mum supervise ) but, as spring is in the air, I never cease to be amazed by the way the garden comes to life - often, I think, despite my best efforts – bringing signs of new life, lifting our spirits and giving hope for the months ahead. In the challenging times for our congregation and our church, hope sometimes seems in short supply. In the shadow of war and the suffering of its victims in the Ukraine - and in so many other areas of a world of pain, grief and sorrow - hope, for many people, is something that seems to have died a death.

But for Christians, hope is one of the most important gifts we can bring to the world today. Nothing brings hope back to life like Easter. For the Easter message brings hope in a bewildering world, and hope to face whatever the future holds.

Through the power of the risen Christ, life comes out of death, victory out of defeat, and hope out of despair.

May we be strengthened as we proclaim together : Alleluia Christ is risen – He is risen indeed.

*Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ where I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

*Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Lord  
Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ.*

*May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen (St Patrick's Prayer)*

*Raymond Jenkins, Pastoral Assistant*

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE**  
*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*  
**FINANCE REPORT - 2022**

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,533	8,201
Gift Aid Income	-	3,827
Legacy Donation	5,000	-
Hall Hire Incomes	610	85
Rental Income	517	517
Magazine	-	451
Charitable collections	409	94
Other regular Monthly Income	487	2,116
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b><u>14,556</u></b> =====	<b><u>15,291</u></b> =====
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Monthly Costs	10,980	12,360
Charitable Donations	467	-
Property maintenance & repairs	2,233	94
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b><u>13,680</u></b> =====	<b><u>12,454</u></b> =====
<b>Monthly Income vs Expenditure</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>2,837</b>



**FLOWER FUND**

**Thanks are due to all who contribute to the  
flower fund.**

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** this year is 15 – 21 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.



Again, this year, we will not be delivering CA envelopes to the parish, although, we plan to have some church collection envelopes available to those attending worship in the church on Sunday 15th May, the CAW launch.

If you're not online 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"** - One of the regular and familiar CA annual events is the Erskine Bridge Walk, always attended enthusiastically by King's Park volunteers. Unfortunately, this popular and financially successful fundraiser has again been abandoned this year, but to alleviate this loss, Christian Aid is recommending volunteers take part in the Virtual Kilt Walk 2022 in October, where any money raised for a charity will have 50% added by the Hunter Foundation. Watch this space for advance news of Raymond and Alan, our intrepid kilted walkers, as they decide where they will 'virtually' walk in October! To warm up for October, the 'boys' are challenging each other to take 300,000 steps during the month of May. If you would like to support this challenge, you can go to their JustGiving page at [www.justgiving.com/Alan-Pratt4](http://www.justgiving.com/Alan-Pratt4) or 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 'STEPS', by the end of May. **All proceeds will be added to the church's Christian Aid Week donations**

Christian Aid supports projects all over the world – predominantly in countries where the effect of the Coronavirus pandemic is still and has been significantly worse than it is here.

Christian Aid was founded in 1945 by British and Irish churches to help refugees after the Second World War. Back then, the organisation worked with partner churches to alleviate suffering by raising the equivalent of £3 million plus (in today's money). Partner churches in mainland Europe were supported, equipped, and enabled, to provide what people needed then. Nearly 80 years later, Christian Aid is doing the same again to help care for those suffering in Ukraine. Please give generously.

### **Social & Fundraising News...**

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Cooperation Band and King's Park Brass Concert, postponed from March 2020, to celebrate our 90th birthday! We were thrilled to see so many of you turn up on such a lovely sunny evening and support both the Church and the Bands.

We are looking forward to taking part in some of the UK Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, including a Jubilee lunch in the Church grounds (or inside if it's raining), come along for a cup of tea, and a burger or hot dog; there will be arts and crafts and a bouncy castle for the children. **Friday 3rd June from 12 noon til 2pm,**  
*Lynda Young*

### **Craft Café News**

The Craft Café will reopen on Monday 4th April, 1.30 – 3.30pm. For those unfamiliar with the Craft Café, it is an opportunity to meet up with a friendly group and share in fellowship over craft work. Bring your current project to work on or, if you are a beginner to the world of crafting, come along to discuss what sort of craft might interest you. Come and learn the basics or take advantage of the tips and tricks learned by others. Grab a cup of tea or coffee and settle in for an hour or two of conversation and ideas.

For our opening day there will be a chance to try out some simple soap making (no chemicals involved, I promise) and to take home a bar of beautiful soap with "bragging rights". Come join us – you have nothing to lose.

*Cath Graham*

**MR WILLIAM (BILL) SIMPSON**  
**11th September 1943 - 20th February 2022**

Bill was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1943 in Methilhill, Fife, to parents Jean and George Simpson. He attended East Wemyss Primary school, where he enjoyed playing football or rugby with his pals, going to Sunday School and having piano lessons. Bill attended Buckhaven High School, and on leaving at 15, started working with Methil Co-op. Cycling there every day, he passed a young lady walking in the opposite direction. After a few weeks, he built up the courage to speak to her and ask her out. Bill and Jess were married on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1963 in Denbeath Parish Church.

Bill moved into Co-operative Retail Services and took up a position in Campbeltown. On the 6th November 1964, Bill and Jess were blessed with Dawn. Bill then moved to manage a larger store in Rothesay, and, in true Co-operative style, the company arranged their removal by cattle truck, with Jess and Dawn up front and Bill in the smelly rear with all their worldly goods. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1967, the family were further blessed when Heather arrived. Bill was so proud of his beautiful daughters.

Bill became a Police Officer in 1970. On his second stage of training at Tulliallan he achieved the top scholar award. He was transferred to CID in 1974, then on to a specialist CID department at Police Headquarters in Glasgow where he remained for 17 years, being promoted to Detective Sergeant then Detective Inspector. In 1997, he transferred out to Pollock Police office, where he received a long service medal with commendation in 1999, before retiring in 2000.

Bill was a great orator, and would have groups rolling in the aisles. He was asked along to many groups, not least the KP Chicks, The Guild and so many others, to give an insight into his time in the police.

Although saying Bill retired isn't quite true. He adored his wonderful grandchildren Katy, Bruce, Gemma and Drew and they loved him. He was always a willing taxi-driver for anyone, anytime and anywhere. He was so proud of them all.



When Bill took up anything he had his heart set on, he was 100% committed: like the Church and being an elder, gardening, walking, the Police Recreation Association, Cambuslang Masonic Lodge and of course, his family. Even in the short time Jess and Bill lived in Stonelaw Court, he was Chairman of Block 3 Residents' Association. Bill was the cheapest taxi-driver in Burnside, travelling anywhere for whoever asked, and it didn't matter what time of the day or night it was. He just loved everyone. Never judging, never complaining.

For Bill and Jess's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary they had an amazing holiday in Barbados and then for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, took the whole family to a villa in Portugal.

Bill was very passionate about his love for his Saviour Jesus Christ. He was a member of Rutherglen West and Wardlawhill where, as an Elder and member of the Fabric Committee, he invested a great deal of time in caring for the building along with Robert Tennant. He then joined King's Park Church in 2015 where he was again heavily involved. He continued to be an exceptional Elder, regularly attended God Tock and visiting every group telling his wonderful police stories. Even during COVID, he would chap the door of those in his district and stand and chat to them. Even in his last few weeks, Bill was anxious, wondering who would look after his district. That's how committed he was.

Bill enjoyed life to the full, following Jesus' commands to the letter – loving God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength and loving his neighbour as himself. He was a dedicated and committed servant of his Lord. Bill will live on in the hearts of all those who were touched by his life, his life finding its completion with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in heaven.

May God's peace and God's strength be with us all at this time. As we treasure the stories and memories in our heart of the life of a unique gentleman.

May the Lord Bless him and Keep him,  
Amen, and thanks be to God.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Restrictions have now been lifted to allow us to accommodate an increased number of worshippers, therefore you do not need to book ahead of attending Church on a Sunday morning. We will keep you updated on our website and all of our social media platforms if plans change in any way. In the meantime, our online services continue on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

### **April**

Sun 3rd      11am Morning Worship, Alison Fenton  
 Sun 10th     11am Morning Worship, Palm Sunday, including the  
                   Sacrament of Baptism, Rev Esther Ninian

### **Mon 11th - Friday 15th HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

- Burnside Blairbeth are joining with the churches in Rutherglen each evening at 7pm – these will be held in West and Wardlawhill Church, 3 Western Avenue.
- Crofffoot Parish Church have services each evening at 7pm. And we are particularly invited to share in Maundy Thursday's Communion Service.

Fri 15th      7pm Service at King's Park Church, Rev Fred Milligan  
 Sat 16th      4pm-6pm Messy Easter  
 Sun 17th      11am Morning Worship, Easter Sunday, Rev Fred Milligan  
 Sun 24th      11am Morning Worship, Jocelyn Leadbetter

### **May**

Sun 1st        11am Morning Worship  
 Sun 8th       11am Morning Worship  
 Sun 15th      11am Morning Worship, Christian Aid week launch  
                   led by Kirk Session  
 Sun 22nd     11am Morning Worship  
 Sun 29th     11am Morning Worship

### **June**

Fri 3rd        12noon til 2pm, Jubilee Lunch

As restrictions have eased, and we are allowed more access to our church halls, a number of groups and organisations have started back. The most up to date details can be found on our website.  
[www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk](http://www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk)

**Thank you...**

To all at King's Park Church, in gratitude for your Harvest Donations and faithful support of our work. "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9.



*The Lodging House Mission*

Thank you to Raymond and all at King's Park Church for your kind donation to our Food Pantry in Croftfoot. The kindness of King's Park is a blessing and will touch so many who have so little. May God richly bless you all. Love in Jesus,  
*Linda McKendrick, Croftfoot Parish Church*

On behalf of the clients and volunteers of Glasgow North West Foodbank, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtful donation; it will be wisely used.

*Elizabeth, NW Foodbank*

To all at King's Park Church, thank you very much for the lovely flowers. They were much appreciated. *Jim & Margaret Neill*

## **KIRK SESSION UPDATE**

**Presbytery Update** - The big topic under discussion is how we come together with other churches in our Zone (another 17 congregations - see list on page 15) to form clusters (2 or more churches) which will agree to work together to develop a mission plan. Draft plans are then submitted to the relevant Presbytery group. We are currently in early discussion with a few churches – the time scale given by Presbytery to submit draft plans is very short. A more detailed definition of the Presbytery Plan process can be found on pages 12-15 of this magazine.

## **Constitution**

At a recent meeting of our Kirk Session it was decided to seek the congregation's approval to change the model by which we look after all the affairs of our church. This would mean changing from having 2 bodies (Kirk Session and Congregational Board) to a single body (comprising elders) to oversee spiritual and temporal matters - this is known as a Unitary Constitution. This is the way that many congregations now operate and the way that all "new" churches must operate.

In order to make this decision there has to be a meeting of the congregation to resolve, if agreed, to adopt the Unitary Constitution. Our aim would be to provide some information about Unitary Constitutions to aid us in our decision making. Any meeting has to be intimated on the 2 Sundays immediately preceding the meeting.

## **Minute taker**

*Is there anyone (or 2 people sharing) who could help by taking the minutes at Kirk Session meetings ? Sandra Anderson -having done a sterling job, especially when meetings have been on Zoom – has now retired, and we thank her for her time and effort in this important role. You do not need to be an elder to do this. If you feel you might be able to help please contact John (07954 278379) or Eunice (07505 982540).*

*John & Eunice, Session Clerks*

## **PRESBYTERY PLANS IN MORE DETAIL**

On Sunday 6th March, churches throughout Glasgow were invited to use their service to focus on the work of the Presbytery Plan Creation Group. Hilary Petrie conducted worship that morning, and helpfully guided us through the complex process leading to the creation of the new plan; we were given the opportunity to reflect on this. It was felt that for those who were not at the service, or haven't yet listened online, it was important to put the main points, outlining the Presbytery Plans, in the magazine, for reflection.

The background is that the Church of Scotland doesn't have the money, or the people, to continue with business as usual. It is expected that one in three ministers will retire in the next few years, and we have known for a long time that nationally, we have too many church buildings.

In May 2019 the General Assembly accepted 3 reports

- Radical Action Plan (Council of Assembly report)
- Well equipped spaces in the right places (General Trustees report)
- Special Commission on Structural Reform report

At the time it was noted that "Decisions taken at the 2019 General Assembly have the potential to reshape the Church of Scotland at every level."

Decisions in these reports included:

Cutting the costs of central administration by 20-30%; merging 4 Councils into 2 – namely the Faith Nurture Forum and the Faith Impact Forum; a reduction of the number of Presbyteries in Scotland from 43 to 12 and a commitment to creating 100 new worshipping communities in Scotland – reflecting changes in population centres and different ideas of worshipping communities.

When Assembly was able to meet online in October 2020, Presbyteries were tasked with starting work to prepare the Church for reducing the number of charges, buildings and ministries across Scotland. A focus was also given to think about fresh expressions of church and the establishment of networks, hubs and multidisciplinary teams both online and in communities.

Then, the General Assembly of 2021 approved the Presbytery Mission Plan Act which instructed that Presbyteries **MUST** have an Approved Mission Plan in place **NO LATER** than 31st December 2022. Agreement was also reached to reduce the number of full-time equivalent ministry posts to 600.

In terms of timescales - like all other presbyteries a Mission Plan must be with the Faith Nurture Forum and General Trustees of the Church of Scotland by 31st December. This means that the draft version of the 5 year rolling Mission Plan is scheduled to be laid before Presbytery for approval in September.

From the national total of 600 ministries, Glasgow Presbytery has been allocated 84 ministry posts – it's important to note that these will not all be traditional minister posts. There are currently 123 charges, and many church buildings. These numbers alone give an indication of the level of change that is coming.

In December 2021, Presbytery agreed that the work on the new Mission Plan would be done on a zonal basis. There are 5 proposed zones, provisionally based on geography and on population figures. King's Park has been placed in Zone 5 which stretches from Gorbals out to Carmunnock, along through Castlemilk, Fernhill and Cathkin, out to Cambuslang. A full list of all churches in Zone 5 is listed on page 15.

These zones have gone before Presbytery and the Kirk Session, here in King's Park, saw this document at their meeting on February 23rd. A meeting has taken place of representatives from churches in zone 5 to start discussions about the way forward and at our recent Kirk Session meeting, discussion has begun regarding reaching out to other churches in 'our' zone.

In addition to allocating ministries, the plan will also determine which buildings will be kept over a 5 year period. There is a national guidance document which encourages discussion around minimum standards for existing churches and halls, and for any new buildings; and a whole series of other questions to be considered in presbytery as a whole, local clusters and individual buildings. Areas covered include things like – is the building wind and watertight? Is the building safe to use? Does the building have toilet facilities, good lighting, and also consideration of the audio visual facilities. Can the space be used flexibly? Are the church / church halls easily accessible by more than one means of travel? Are there opportunities for partnerships?

As we face the unknown, we find ourselves at a threshold, a liminal place. Liminal places bring us feelings of uncertainty, ambiguity, paradox and complexity. These are things we usually want to avoid. We are more likely to prefer things to remain as they are, to be comfortable and safe. Change is felt as a threat, but our lives are diminished as we build our walls and defences to protect what we have come to know so well rather than exploring what is new.

As we face the journey through the weeks, months and years ahead, we can look forward in faith. As the last verse of the hymn says:

Look forward in faith,  
 God gives us life each day.  
 Go onward with Christ,  
 His Spirit guides our way.  
 Now God lets us live  
 within the sphere of grace.  
 Trust ever in Him,  
 He rules o'er earth and space

## **PROPOSED ZONE 5**

- Bridgeton
- Burnside Blairbeth
- Cambuslang
- Cambuslang Flemington Hallside
- Carmunnock
- Castlemilk
- Cathcart Old
- Cathcart Trinity
- Clincarthill
- Croftoot
- Fernhill & Cathkin
- Gorbals
- King's Park
- QP Govanhill
- Rutherglen Old
- Rutherglen Stonelaw
- Rutherglen West & Wardlawhill
- Toryglen

**Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly, and Very Rev Dr Susan Brown, convener of the Faith Impact Forum are asking all of us to join them in praying for those who are frightened and at risk in Ukraine.**

A prayer for Ukraine:

The news can be difficult to listen to and to read.  
When that news relates to faces we know  
And to voices familiar to us,  
It becomes all the harder to hear.  
Lord God,  
We ask you to hold the people of Ukraine deep in your heart.  
Protect them, we pray;  
From violence,  
From political gamesmanship,  
from being used and abused.  
Give, we pray,  
the nations of the world the courage  
and the wisdom  
to stand up for justice  
and the courage too,  
to dare to care - generously.  
Lord in your mercy,  
Take from us all,  
The tendencies in us  
That seek to lord it over others:  
Take from us those traits  
that see us pursuing our own needs and wants  
before those of others.  
Teach us how to live in love  
And dignity  
And respect - following your example.  
In your name and for your sake,  
Amen