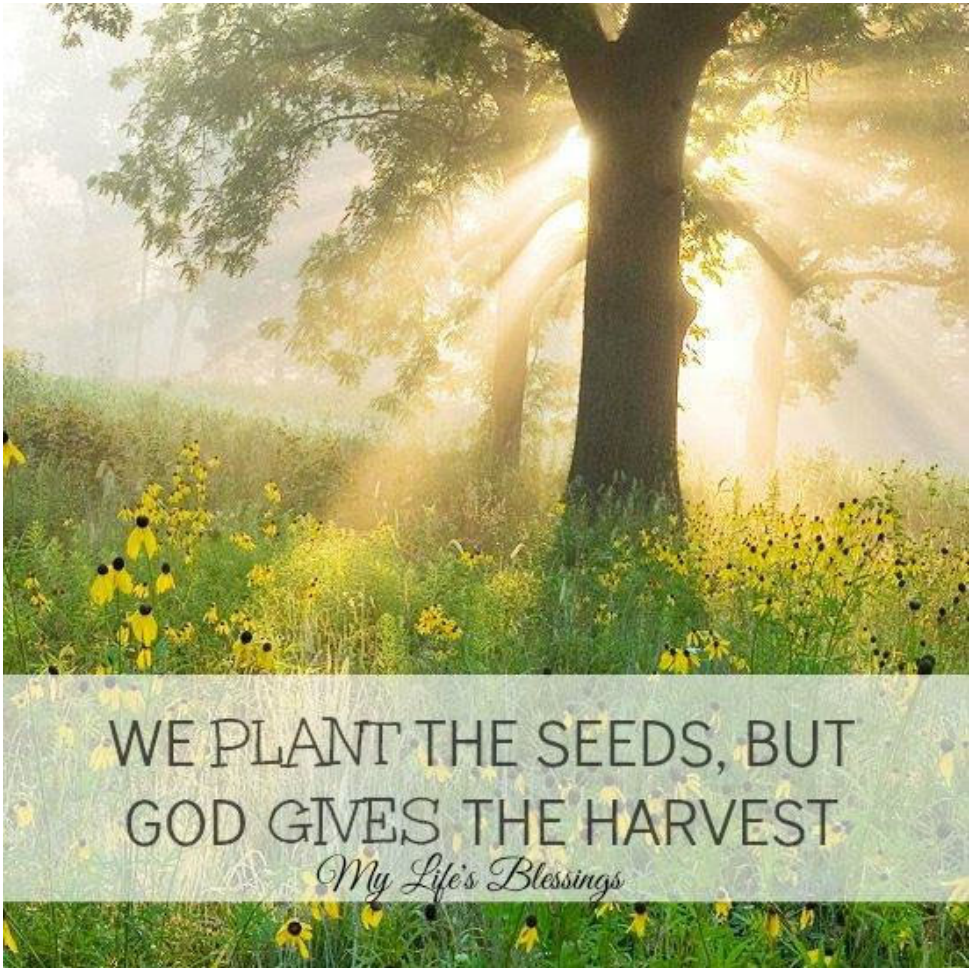


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GOD GIVES THE HARVEST
My Life's Blessings

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

13th July	Chloe May Jarvie
20th July	Kadie Wallace Sweeney

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

27th May	Mr William (Bill) McNally
6th June	Lilian McNarlin
30th June	Jan McKay
3rd July	Mary Gallacher

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, we praise and honour you as we are humbled by all the gifts that you give us. August is a time of change as exam results are received and the academic year begins. We hope the teachers are well rested and excited as they prepare to meet new children and we pray that they are all supported by one another as well as parents and guardians.

September is a time of harvest and after months of varying weather it has been a worrying time for farmers. Fishermen have to be aware of the dangers of the sea and we pray for the families who have lost loved ones recently. Hear our Prayer Amen gaerataylor@btinternet.com
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Pastoral Assistant - Work phone number

Please note, Raymond Jenkins, our pastoral assistant, has a new work phone number. This will ensure we comply with GDPR regulations and will allow Raymond to have a well deserved personal phone, away from work! We recognize it will take a little bit of learning and getting used to, but please note Raymond's work contact details from now will be **07949 797323**.

Please do update your contact list now.

Thank you for your co-operation.



FLOWER FUND

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

Message 'fae' the Manse

Hello friends

I cannot believe that it is now just over a year since we began our faith journey together, the time has flown in. For me, it has been a very positive and encouraging year and I am thoroughly enjoying being part of the family of faith here in King's Park. As we begin our second year together, I have been looking back on our first year as well as looking forward, thinking about what lies ahead.

We know that there will be challenges, not only in our own lives perhaps, but in our shared life as a church, as we seek to adapt and relate more effectively with our community, that they too may come to experience the love and grace of Jesus in their own lives.

In thinking about the year ahead, my thoughts have turned to the prayer of St Brendan the navigator, which we prayed together at one of our Summer Church services. Brendan and many monks like him sailed across the seas in flimsy boats, not sure of what they would encounter when they arrived, if indeed they would survive the journey. Another of these monks was Columba, who settled in Iona which, over time, became a monastery that tended to people's mental, emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing, and I know that many of you have visited Iona and some of you have shared with me how it was such a positive experience.

The monastery was noisy because it was populated by not only priests and monks but by teachers, scholars, craftsmen, artists, farmers, people who cared for sick people and animals, and children. Worship and contemplation were an integral part of that busy, community focused way of life and yet, far from being a place of escape from the world around them, theirs was a place where people were equipped to be sent out across the country, to be salt and light to the communities they encountered, which was the theme to our final Summer Church service.

As Christians, we follow in the footsteps and example of Jesus, but we also follow in the footsteps of monks like St Brendan and Columba. Their love for Jesus and for all people was such that they were willing to step away from what was comfortable and known and into the dangerous unknown.

In taking those risks, they established communities across the country where many people encountered Jesus for the first time and turned to Him because of how the Christians lived. It is because of their willingness to bring the Good News about Jesus to our country and because that Good News was passed on from generation to generation that our congregation of King's Park exists today.

So, what will we do with the baton we have been given? Will we drop it, preserve it, or run with it to pass on the good news – even at personal cost to ourselves? Will we try, like the missionaries from Iona, to do whatever it takes to keep our bearings in Christ, but engage with our community, trying all sorts of ways so that some might discover a new life through Jesus?

Can we resist the temptation to cling to the familiar and safe – to preserve what we know in the hope it will see us out, but risk there being no-one to whom we can pass on our rich legacy?

Let's take comfort in the courage of our ancestors who knew what it was to face fear of the unknown and yet press on. Let's remember also, who walked with them, giving them their courage to keep going in the dark and stormy times, and who promised, when He told the apostles to go into all the world to make disciples, he also promised that he would be with us always, to the very end of the age.

So, I wish every blessing upon you, and close with the words of the prayer from St Brendan the navigator for you to recite, meditate and reflect on in the days, weeks and months to come.

Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.
Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.

Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.
I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.
Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.

Your friend in Christ
Stuart

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2025

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	8,377	12,105
Gift Aid Income	4,451	-
Hall Hire Income	820	1,997
Rental income	611	611
Plant Sale	-	762
Magazine subscriptions	66	-
Charitable collections	506	2,394
Other regular Monthly Income	257	789
Total Month's Income	15,088 =====	18,658 =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	13,610	15,845
Charitable Donations	466	2,625
Property maintenance & repairs	703	865
Total Month's Payments	14,779 =====	19,335 =====
Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	309	-677

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Sun 3rd 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 10th 11am Morning Worship, celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism
 Wed 13th 7pm Kirk Session
 Sun 17th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 24th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 31st 11am Morning Worship

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6th 2pm-5pm Afternoon Tea Dance
 Sun 7th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 14th 11am Morning Worship, with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Wed 17th 7pm Kirk Session
 Sun 21st 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 28th 11am Morning Worship, with the Celebration of Harvest

CARETAKER NEEDED

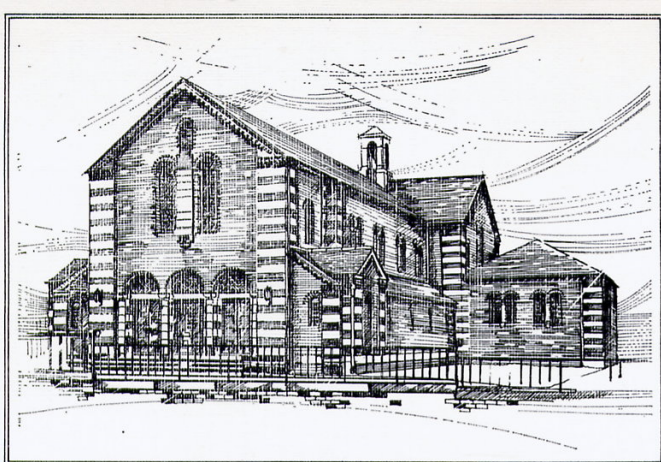
17.5 hours per week, 6 months fixed term appointment/temporary contract, commencing as soon as possible.

Main duty to keep the buildings secure, well-maintained and clean. Responsibilities will include:

- open up buildings in the morning and locking them at the end of the day, as required
- setting up halls for lets, as required
- being on duty for hall lets, as and when required
- carrying out basic, day to day maintenance, as and when required
- cleaning/preparing the sanctuary and adjoining rooms for worship
- setting up the sanctuary for adhoc events and services, as and when required
- making sure heating, lighting and alarm systems are working properly
- checking doors and windows are locked when the building is not in use
- adhering to the Church of Scotland's safety policies to create a safe environment for everyone

Hours of employment are 17.5 hours per week, flexible hours available, can be discussed, however there will be core days and hours during September to May. Salary £12.60 per hour.

Anyone interested in applying should contact office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk



Thank you...

We would like to thank Raymond Jenkins for conducting the service for my mum Joan Macdonald following her sudden death. Thank you to everyone who sent cards, lovely messages and flowers from the Church family, they were very much appreciated.



Thanks again, Janice Sharp, Colin Macdonald and families.

Thank you for the lovely church flowers I received to mark my 80th birthday. It was very kind as it brought back special memories of all the years Nancy prepared the flowers and organised them for distribution. Happy days!

Ian Tomney

Just a little note to say thank you for the church flowers which I received on the occasion of my 90th birthday. It was a lovely surprise and most unexpected. I have had a wonderful week of surprises, especially as my son came home from New Zealand for the occasion.

Thank you again, Margaret Laing

A Thank You From the Minister

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the summer church services run as smoothly as they did.

To everyone who helped stack and move the chairs, put out tables, take down tables, put them out again. To those who made tea and coffee for the start of the services, to those who, at very short notice, baked the bread rolls at home. Thank you to the AV team, having to work with slides I provided that didn't always work first time. For everyone who welcomed our two baptismal parties and make them feel comfortable. And to those who helped folks find seats, or put out more seats when we had more bodies than seats, which was a fantastic problem to have.

It really was a wonderful team effort, and I hope you will agree that all the effort was worthwhile as we worshipped God together in a new way through July, thank you.

Stuart

KIRK SESSION UPDATE

We have been on a well earned break through the summer, it was good to just take stock of the year, sit, be still, reflect and prepare for the new session ahead.

Some church business carried on of course, and thanks to all those who have been tirelessly working in our gardens, and to those involved in sanding and varnishing the front doors of the church, bringing the physicality of the building back to life. To those who just quietly ensure that coffee mornings happen, the church is opened and closed, services are set up, the list is endless, but without all of you, far too many to mention, church business would not carry on through the summer, I am truly grateful.

The summer did bring some issues with our telephone and Wi-Fi connections which have now all be restored. This did not come without challenges, and I would like to record here my huge thanks to Gordon Wilson who ensured the correct equipment was brought in and the appropriate engineers worked tirelessly until we were full reconnected, no mean feat! It involved lots of wiring through parts of the church we need never know about! but know that as we head into a new session we now have fully functioning printers again, an updated office telephone with digital voice mail straight to our office email and a super fast Wi-Fi connection. As someone who works with IT on a daily basis, it all runs beautifully until it doesn't, and I am grateful for Gordon's knowledge and commitment, working tirelessly with the supply company and tech team and present when the installation took place.

We continue to seek a much needed Caretaker for our church building, so please do keep that in your prayers, have a think about it and share the advert (appearing elsewhere in the magazine) with others.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has and will continue to support me in the role of Session Clerk. It has been a challenging journey but one I am so privileged to be on, especially here at King's Park.

So, as our Kirk Session prepares to meet for new session ahead, I ask for your continued prayers as we focus on the spiritual leadership, governance and mission of King's Park.

With every blessing to you all,
Lynda

SUNFLOWER WINNER?

Is this our winner? Huge thanks to the Social and Fundraising committee who organised the Strawberry Tea and Plant Sale in early June. It was a hugely successful morning where over £800 was raised for much needed church funds.

The committee worked very hard to ensure a fun packed morning and we are all incredibly grateful to them. Thanks to Dougie Mills for ensuring there was plenty of plants for sale and special thanks to Margaret Mills for leading the whole social and fundraising committee.

We are looking forward to their next venture, see the back of this magazine. (p.s. if anyone thinks that their sunflower is bigger than this one, let us know!)



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 – The Final Story

As an update to the update in June/July's magazine, we can now confirm that the total amount raised for this year's Christian Aid Week was **£2,083.50**

You'll remember that this year, the Kirk Session decided that we would not deliver CA envelopes to the homes in our parish, but instead, concentrate on our own church family and friends.

Envelopes were available on the Sunday of the CAW launch for people to take away and return to church, and this along with other personal donations, raised the sum of £1,464.50.

Other memorable and successful events that took place during the week to add to the coffers and to our church family fellowship, comprise Millie & Aileen's CA Tuesday Coffee morning, raising £168, our Soup & Roll Sunday where £260.20 was donated, and finally, for our church quizzers, the 'paper' quiz and the full blown, highly competitive CA Quiz evening, from which a further £190.80 was added to the total.

Thanks to all who have contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to continue our church family's superb tradition of supporting Christian Aid.





We are looking forward to our next fundraising event on Saturday 6th September (details above), please do come along and take part in some line dancing, or watch others take part in some line dancing! We hope it will be a successful afternoon, with all proceeds going to Church Funds, we will see you there!

Margaret Mills on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee