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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER
ADMISSION BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK SESSION

We welcome a new communicant, Mr David Johnstone into King's
 Park Church. May he find the peace and grace of the Lord within
 our midst.

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

10th Sept	Mr David McFarlane, Glencroft Road
30th Sept	Mrs Dorothy Hurrell, Kingsacre Road
17th Oct	Mrs Christina Hay, Fishescoates Ave
26th Oct	Mrs Chris Reyce, Orchard Grove Care Home
27th Oct	Mr Ron Levis, Abbotsford Care Home
1st Nov	Mrs Rosaline Brownlie, Orchard Grove Care Home
17th Nov	Miss Grace Graham, Kilmorrie Drive

Prayer Focus..

Heavenly Father, we thank you for answered prayer. It is now December and for a lot of people, it is the end of the year, but for Christians, it is the beginning of Christ's journey. We celebrate His birth and we will follow His life through into the new year. We thank you for your constant love as we have survived two years of lockdown, illness and death; and our struggle is not over, as we are now having to endure a soaring rise in the cost of living. Help us to look after each other. Dear Lord, you in your mercy, you have given us a new year, a year of change. When we mourn the loss of a loved one, you grant us comfort; when we are tired you give us rest; when we are ill you send us healing; when we are worried, you help us to cope; when we are lonely, you surround us with your ever loving arms and when we are happy, you share in our joy. As we start this new year, may we continue to have our Lord and Saviour in our hearts at all times.

Hear your prayer, Amen.

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NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP

There will be no prayer group on 26th December 2022 or 2nd January 2023. We will be back on the 9th of January 2023, hope to see you all then.

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Dear Friends

Well it's that time of year again.

Hooray, the bazaar is back and the team are busy bringing all the decorations and baubles down from the loft and I know there was something I meant to do, but no doubt it will come to me. As Christmas is approaching fast, many of us are probably more than a little apprehensive about what changes the end of this year and the beginning of next year will mean for us all.

In all the uncertainty, it's good to remember that one thing never changes – the fact that “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16-17.

With my birthday falling just before Christmas, folks in the family have already been asking what I'd like as a present and there are certainly no shortages of advice in the television adverts. I may just have happened to point out to them, “I wonder if you've noticed the number extolling the virtues of the ever widening range of electric cars”. Well you're allowed to dream at Christmas aren't you! Anyway with my track record of empty petrol tanks, Lyndsie is sure I'd forget to plug it in – and as for all that technology, well! One little piece of technology I really appreciate on my now ageing car is the satnav, which has saved me from getting hopelessly lost, on more than one occasion – and now even links to the fancy watch the children bought me last year- advising me to “re-route” when I try to go the wrong way.

After baby Jesus arrived safely in to the world, the shepherds possibly did not return the same way to their fields, re-routing as they went rejoicing, telling anyone who would listen, that the Messiah was born.

The Wise Men re-routed on their return to avoid King Herod and even Mary, Joseph and Jesus had to re-route from their intended return to Nazareth, fleeing instead to Egypt to avoid Jesus being killed as Herod searched for him. Jesus' birth changed everything for many people, not just his birth, but his life, his death and his resurrection – and his love for us all. Heading into a New Year heralds, without doubt, a re-routing for all of us, for the whole of Glasgow Presbytery, and indeed the Church of Scotland.

The Presbytery Plan (nearly got through this without mentioning it!) has been voted on, and we await the response of the Faith Forum, hopefully allowing us all to move forward following Jesus' plan for our lives in 2023. Nothing is easy to change when it upsets tradition and the way "it's aye been". Remaining just as we are really isn't an option, but I know, with God's help, King's Park will re-route, not just to survive, but to thrive under His grace.

We, none of us, know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future.

Just remembered what it was I had to do – write a pastoral letter wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year filled with His love.

Raymond

LOCUM INTRODUCTION

Over the past two years, as your Interim Moderator, I've had the pleasure of being able to begin to get to know the Kirk Session of King's Park, and over the next few months I'm glad to be able to widen that experience, and to spend a bit more time helping, I hope, to prepare the church for its next chapter, if the proposals in the draft Presbytery Plan are accepted.

I retired a year ago from my post as Parish Minister in Gorbals, where I served for twenty five years. Prior to that, I started out as assistant minister in West Pilton in Edinburgh, before being appointed National Youth Adviser for the Church of Scotland. I then became Warden of Iona Abbey, where I lived for six years, before returning to Glasgow as minister of Lansdowne Church in the west end. After that I spent a few years working for a homelessness charity before being called to Gorbals.

I consider myself very fortunate in the way my life as a minister unfolded, although like everyone else I have faced considerable ups and downs along the way.

I have five children, two boys - David and Duncan - and three girls - Helen, Rebecca and Kate - who live in Banchory, Tokyo, Broughty Ferry, Glasgow and London in that order, and two grandchildren, Freya in Broughty Ferry and Leo in Tokyo.

On retirement I moved to the village of Lochwinnoch, west of Glasgow, which I'm really enjoying, and have spent the past year largely putting the house and garden in order, and finding all the best places to walk with my dog Barney, a Parson Russell terrier, now in his tenth year.

Music runs in my family - my mother was a professional singer through the 1940s who performed regularly for the BBC and in venues large and small, including the Usher Hall in Edinburgh- and I have always sung and played guitar in a variety of groups and bands over the years. My father was an able guitarist (one day I might be persuaded to tell you the story of how and where he learned).

Meantime, I look forward to being with you over this winter...see you in church!

Ian Galloway

Thanks...

Huge thank you for the lovely flowers I received to remember Maryanne on what would have been her 40th birthday. Special thanks to Raymond for his delivery of the flowers and especially for his kindness and prayers. Thank you all, God Bless.



From Flo & John Stewart and family, not forgetting John Paul

A big thank you to all who supported our recent charity coffee morning. The sum raised for Children in Need was £200.15
Thanks again from the 271st Guides

Can I pass on my heartfelt thanks to the congregation of King's Park Church for the generous financial Harvest donation to assist us in our work with people who have *lived* experience of homelessness, vulnerability and social exclusion and are guests of our centre at the Lodging House Mission here in Glasgow. Be assured that this will help replenish our food store and enable us to continue to provide hot meals throughout the coming winter months. *Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain LHM*

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 to support our Church. The final total raised was £3,500. Thank you again to everyone, have a wonderful Christmas. (p.s. please do support next year's Bazaar by holding onto your Christmas gift bags and handing them in to the Church).
Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

The Sunday School will continue with its annual fundraising event in the form of tea and coffee after the service on Sunday 5th February 2023. There will be a small sale of work with some arts and crafts. Please do come along and support the children in their fundraising efforts for charity.

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

	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	6,461	7,995
Gift Aid Income	2,870	-
Hall Hire Income	195	695
Rental income	517	517
Magazine	-	20
Charitable collections	215	690
Other regular Monthly Income	289	600
Total Month's Income	<u>10,547</u> =====	<u>10,517</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	12,397	10,644
Charitable Donations	215	629
Property maintenance & repairs	55	55
Total Month's Payments	<u>12,667</u> =====	<u>11,328</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	-2,120	-811



FLOWER FUND

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Sun 4th 11am Morning Worship, Gift Sunday (for Church House)
- Sun 11th 11am Morning Worship, Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Sun 18th 11am Christmas Family Service with Nativity
- Tue 20th 10.30am King's Park Primary School Service
7.30pm King's Park Brass Christmas Concert
- Wed 22nd 10am Bankhead Primary School Service
- Sat 24th 7pm Christmas Eve Family Service (refreshments From 6.30pm)
- Sun 25th 11am Christmas Day Family Service

JANUARY

- Sun 1st 11am New Year's Morning Worship
- Sun 8th 11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Service of Remembrance, for loved ones lost
- Sun 15th 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 22nd 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 29th 11am Morning Worship

FEBRUARY

- Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship, Sunday School Fundraiser after morning service

50 Golden Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mr and Mrs Margaret & Gordon McLay
who celebrated their Golden Wedding
Anniversary on 30th September 2022.
We wish them both every Blessing, from all
their friends at Kings Park.

THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL

The annual Star Appeal will start on the first Sunday of Advent, 27th November. The box for donations will be at the top of the Church and all donations will go this year to The Simon Community, Scotland. The Simon Community, here in Glasgow provides a place where people can gain a sense of belonging and teaches people the skills they need to move towards independent living; it's a community of love, acceptance, tolerance and understanding, and we thank you for all that you can give at this time of year.

GIFTS FOR JESUS

Again, we are asking for your "Gifts for Jesus" on either 4th, 11th or 18th December to be placed under the tree in the sanctuary. We are happy for the usual donations that have been gifted in the past, and specifically this year we would appreciate heavy duty black bin bags, washing up liquid, liquid hand soap, A4 paper, books of BARCODED 2nd class stamps, AA and AAA batteries and an array of first aid plasters. As always, thank you for thinking of the Church while you are out Christmas shopping. It's much appreciated and reduces our Church's annual expenses.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The 271st Guide Company would like to congratulate Eileen Robertson, who recently received her 50 years of service award in Girl Guiding. We thank Eileen for her continuing service and support that she gives each week at guides. We are also celebrating Eileen being our Captain, here at King's Park for 40 years, which is simply amazing.

A massive thank you from all the leaders and guides at 271st Guide Company.

CLUSTER UPDATE

Friends, as required by the General Assembly, all churches were to work with each other, with a view to reducing the number of buildings, but also to concentrate on mission. Glasgow Presbytery organised its churches into zones and King's Park is in Zone 5. The next step was for churches to form clusters and make a joint mission plan, to be submitted to Presbytery. After visiting our neighbouring churches, King's Park became part of a cluster with Carmunnock, Castlemilk and Croftfoot.

We began meeting to establish how we could all work together and support one another. We were half way through this process when Carmunnock and Castlemilk informed the rest of the cluster they wished to link and would be submitting their own mission plan to Presbytery.

After meetings with Presbytery, the way forward for Croftfoot and King's Park is to enter a deferred union, which will take place on the demission or translation of the present minister at Croftfoot, Rev Robert Silver.

Presbytery has agreed that we, at King's Park, should be granted permission to call a minister on reviewable tenure, a maximum of five years. Both Croftfoot and King's Park will form a parish grouping, involving closer communication with one another including sharing joint activities throughout out the five year period and beyond.

Both Kirk Sessions have to agree with this proposal, with extract minutes and the finalised joint mission plan being sent to Presbytery as required.

All Glasgow mission plans were to be approved by Presbytery, then sent to Edinburgh to be considered by the Faith Nurture Forum.

We hope and pray that we will be able to move forward in this way and ask that you will continue to pray for a positive outcome. This we hope to know early in the New Year.

Eunice

WORSHIP

We are pleased to say that Rev. Ian Galloway, who is currently our Interim Moderator, has been appointed as our Locum. By the time you read this Ian will have begun conducting morning worship from the first Sunday in Advent. We warmly welcome Ian in his role as Locum and, in this edition, of the magazine Ian has included a wee bit about himself. Ian will continue in his role as our Interim Moderator. We say a big thank you to all those who have led our worship during 2022, and wish them God's blessing.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Can you offer your talent to help us as we move forward?

We are now a Unitary congregation, with the Kirk Session now also responsible for fabric and finance. Our new working groups, within the unitary structure, have spaces for anyone with a bit of time to help with finance, administration, gardening etc.

You do not need to be a specialist and many tasks can be carried out from home. You may never have to attend a meeting, just keep in touch with a Convener.

As we seek to re-engage with our parish and the local community, our joint mission plan is to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. The work of mission must continue, so that all generations hear the Good News. How we do this involves US - all of us - to participate. When we join the church family, we agree to give of our time, talents and money, and this is what has made King's Park Church an established feature in our community. Time to pray for the work of our Church, time to use what talents we have for Him who gave us these talents, and time to give from what we receive. You have all been wonderful in your commitment to the work here in King's Park and we ask that you continue to support it in the way(s) you feel best able to do so.

If you think you can assist in any way then please speak to either John or Eunice, and we can put you in touch with the right person.

Eunice and John Black
Joint Session Clerks

KING'S PARK BRASS – FINAL UPDATE 2022

Christmastime is here again and, as usual, the band, in its various guises, will be out and about, bringing that traditional “brass-bandy” good cheer to all. We’re playing carols at a wedding in Eaglesham on the 3rd; we’re accompanying carols in King’s Park at 1.00pm on the 10th in the walled garden – come along for a singsong! We’re at Asda on the 17th and Morrisons on the 24th, but the highlight will be our annual Christmas concert in the church on Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.

Thanks for the support given at our “Big Brassy Bake Off” last month. With your help, we raised some much-needed cash to keep the organisation going from strength to strength.

Finally, we take this opportunity to wish all our friends and supporters in King’s Park and beyond, a very happy Christmas and a Guid New Year. See you in 2023!

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

This year, as I was decorating the front railings of the Church in preparation for the Remembrance Day services, I was pleasantly surprised by the numbers of people who smiled or stopped to speak with me. The poppy display seems to be of interest to more than just church members and it occurred to me that perhaps it is time to extend the display. To this end, I would like to ask the congregation’s help once again. After the Christmas celebrations, as we settle down to a new year, I intend to make the original poppy patterns available for anyone who would like to help by knitting or crocheting simple poppies. I would very much like to extend the display on the railings and, if enough poppies are received, to perhaps drape nets of poppies from either side of the main doorway. I would be thrilled if members of the community would also like to take part in this so please spread the word. Patterns will be available from January 2023. If you require knitting advice, I would be happy to help. Gentlemen - that means you too!

Cath Graham

SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE 2022

Our season started with Raymond's very meaningful dedication of the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 6th November, aided by members of King's Park Brass. The garden remained open and available until the 19th, allowing anyone, who wished, to plant a little cross, as a symbol of their own personal memory, within the rope border.

In preparation for the church being open on the 11th day of the 11th month, the sanctuary was beautifully decorated – knitted poppies adorned the stone pillars, a lovely floral display on the communion table, and our banner, originally created for the Centenary of the First World War Armistice, again draped below the church's war memorial, at the south transept.

On Remembrance Day itself, the church opened its doors for a time of silent contemplation, focussing on a short service of remembrance including the traditional 2 minutes silence at the 11th hour. Thanks to Raymond for leading worship, and to Gaera for organising.

We say thanks once more to Cath & Faye, for their creation of the much-admired banner and for originally encouraging our church knitters in the production of the much-used and versatile poppies, again both taking their place in this important time, looking back.

We say thanks to those who took part in this year's Remembrance Sunday service, led reverently and knowledgeably by Rev John McPake. The representatives of the congregation, Margaret & Robert; Eva, from our Guide Company, and Alan, representing the Boys Brigade, laying wreaths at the communion table; colour party, Neil and Scott; Raymond, for his words, piper Neil, drummer Aeneas, and trumpeter Alan, for lament, roll and calls respectively. In addition, this year, we say thank you to the AV team for their sensitive choice and management of sound and image live streamed to those watching at home.

Finally, we give grateful thanks to God for the opportunity to remember, year by year, those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

CROFTFOOT CHURCH PANTRY

As part of the process of ‘clustering’, it is important that we find out what each of the churches in our cluster does. As we progress to construct our joint mission plan, we will be aware of things that we don’t do, and another church does, or will find that one church has a real strength in, say, e.g. outreach to the community.

Croftfoot Parish Church has established, during the COVID period, a very popular foodbank called “the Pantry”. It’s open from 11am to noon every Thursday and was catering initially for asylum seeker families, but now, due to the spiralling cost of living, a more significant number of local families are seeking help too.

It would be great if we in KP Church could support Croftfoot’s work, spiritually, in our prayers, but also practically, by providing food and financial aid on a regular basis. The organisers would welcome donations of items such as pasta, honey nut & chocolate cereals, tinned vegetables, crisps and sweets. The Pantry buys fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis, as well as other items like toilet rolls and other essentials, so financial donations are also very welcome.

Boxes marked “The Pantry” are placed in the church vestibule and in the entrance to the halls, for food donations, and every Thursday they will be delivered to Croftfoot. If you would like to provide financial support, put it in an envelope marked “The Pantry” and leave it in the offering on a Sunday morning, or pop it through the letterbox to the halls. Any cheques should be made payable to King’s Park Church, and we will transfer funds to Croftfoot on a regular basis. Let’s join together in faith with our friends at Croftfoot.

REMEMBERING TOGETHER

As I watched a recording of the Queen's 2021 Christmas message, in which she shared something of the loss of Prince Philip, her husband of nearly 74 years, I was reminded of the outpouring of grief on the occasion of her own death, just seventeen months later, when people queued for hours, or even days, to pay their respects.

Sadly, COVID and its aftermath have meant that, for many, the opportunity to come together to pay their respects has not been possible, with numbers attending funerals restricted or in some cases, no funeral service allowed at all.



So the church will be open on Sunday, 8th January at 6.30pm. for ALL people across the community of King's Park and beyond who have lost a loved one, at any time, to join a special "Remembering Together Service" of quiet reflection for those we have lost.

Raymond