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*sharing God's love by reaching out to others.***

"1930-2024 - 94 Years of Spiritual Service"

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

2nd Dec	Mrs Sarah 'Sadie' Marchant, Rutherglen
11th Dec	Mrs Agnes 'Nancy' Griffith, Rutherglen

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, we thank you for this new year and all the changes it will bring. We continue to pray for our nominating committee. Thank you for the snowdrops as they show us that there will be new growth in Spring. Easter is early and we travel to the cross as we recommit our lives to you, Lord. We pray for everyone who has been affected by the recent bad weather and flooding and as the year progresses, we hope things will be easier for them. Amen
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of King's Park Church will take place after the morning service on Sunday 17th March, when the financial affairs of the church will be presented to the congregation. If you are not a trustee and wish to attend this meeting, please email the church at office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk or call Alan Pratt on 07776 328914, and we will arrange to send you a copy of the 2023 Annual Accounts prior to the meeting.



FLOWER FUND

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

Dear Friends

This edition of the magazine covers the period up to Easter, and so includes the season of Lent which begins on February 14th (doubling this year as Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day). The word Lent comes from Middle English, and means "springtime". In the Christian calendar, though, it is a season of preparation for Easter. So, Lent begins in what is still Winter, and ends, hopefully, in much more clement weather for us all.

Personally, I always enjoy the lengthening of the days, and the sense of emerging from the cold and the dark. As I write, we are recovering from a series of storms which brought high winds, and as I walked my dog Barney this morning on the edge of the village where I live, I found that two large trees had come down across the usually tranquil road, and someone had been very busy sawing them into pieces and moving them off to the side for later collection.

Lent lasts for forty days (not counting Sundays) and corresponds to the forty days that Jesus – as the gospels tell us – spent in the desert being tempted to turn away from his mission of obedience to God. We too are invited, during this season, to reflect on our own lives, and our faith, and while that can be a sobering experience, we always observe Lent knowing that it is followed by the celebration of Easter, the high point of the Christian Year, with its affirmation of new life in Christ risen from the grave.

I very much hope that both Lent and Easter 2024 will deepen your sense of belonging in King's Park Church, and indeed deepen your confidence in your faith. The publishing of this magazine, with its news and information about the life of the church, is a sign that you matter as a part of the congregation, and that your prayers are highly valued.

If you are reading this early in February, and the cold and dark still seem to be in command, carry the hope of warmth and light with you through these days as well as the very good wishes of everyone in your church.

I add my own good wishes with these words.

Ian Galloway
Interim Moderator and Locum

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

	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,448	7,968
Gift Aid accrual est. Oct from HMRC	1,394	-
Bazaar	2,123	416
Hall Hire Income	135	587
Rental income	517	517
Charitable collections	207	-
Water rebate re charitable status	2,534	274
Other regular Monthly Income	-	844
Total Month's Income	<u>14,358</u> =====	<u>10,606</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	11,274	13,884
Charitable Donations	262	274
Property maintenance & repairs	1,065	240
Total Month's Payments	<u>12,601</u> =====	<u>14,398</u> =====
Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	1,757	-3,792

Thank you...

We would like to thank Raymond for his visits and prayers to our family over the past few weeks. It has been very much appreciated.

Flo & John-Paul





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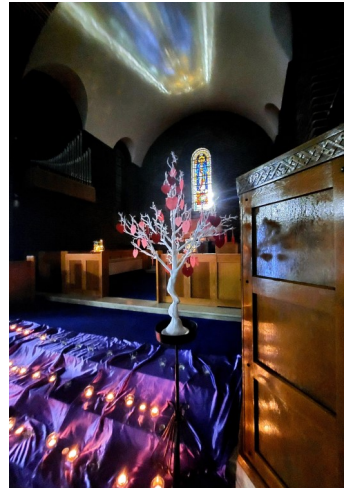
COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Community Carol Singing at St Oswald's in December. You may remember the weather that day was awful! So it was held indoors, with mince pies and mulled wine while Jonathan played the music.



ANNUAL REMEMBERING

Our annual Remembering Together Memorial Service took place in January. As well as scripture readings and prayers, this special evening service, remembering those lost in the past year and beyond, afforded time for quiet reflection as well as the opportunity to light a candle for loved ones lost. Please take the opportunity, if you have time, to pause in tribute to those named on the evening, or recalled on the tree of remembrance, now in place in the church vestibule.



GIFTS FOR JESUS AND STAR APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our 'Gifts for Jesus' appeal and our Star Appeal this year. Our gifts around the Christmas Tree really do help to keep our facilities costs down throughout the year and we raised a wonderful £440 through the Star Appeal for Crossreach. Thanks again for your generosity.

Lynda

KIRK SESION UPDATE

Following the retiring offering for Church House in December which raised £163.56, the Kirk Session agreed to make this amount up to £500.

As we try to continue all the good work that is carried out by our church, we can always do with help in a variety of areas. Perhaps you have a skill, or knowledge, that could be of help in finance, law or joinery and other trades, administration etc that could add to our existing teams.

Please let us know and we'll work something out. All of us - as members of King's Park Church - can contribute to its life and work to the benefit of each other and the community in which we are placed.

Eunice and John, Joint Session Clerks

OUR CHURCH - ONE YEAR OLDER

As we enter into February, we remember our church birthday at this time of year. We give thanks for the life and witness of King's Park Church, to all those who have served with great faithfulness, who have been members of our congregation and those who hold special memories of any part of our Church life for the last 94 years. We pray, as we enter a new year, that God continues to shower love on King's Park, not just the building, but of course, on all those people associated with it and beyond. To mark the occasion we will have special mention of this annual date during our service on Sunday 11th February.

CHURCH MAGAZINE and LIFE AND WORK

The annual subscription for the magazine is now due. Please note if you receive the magazine via email, there is no cost. However, during these difficult times, if you receive the magazine by post, to meet printing and postage costs, we would be grateful if you could either send a cheque for £7 payable to King's Park Church, to Ms Ann McNeice, 21 Ardmay Crescent, Glasgow G44 4PU or transfer £7 to King's Park Bank Account, sort code: 82-63-31, account number: 50335056 quoting reference: KP Magazine. Please note if you receive Life and Work, this costs £3.50 per month, £42 per year.

If further information is required, please contact Ann on 632 2951.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Sun 4th	11am Morning Worship, Sunday School Fundraiser after morning service
Sun 11th	11am Morning Worship, celebrating our Church 'birthday'
Sun 18th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 25th	11am Morning Worship

MARCH

Sun 3rd	11am Morning Worship
Sun 10th	11am Morning Worship, celebrating Holy Communion
Wed 13th	7pm Kirk Session with Attestation of Accounts
Sun 17th	11am Morning Worship, AGM after the Service
Sat 23rd	4-6pm Messy Easter
Sun 24th	11am Morning Worship, celebrating Palm Sunday
Wed 27th	2pm The Passion
Thur 28th	7pm Maundy Thursday Service celebrating Holy Communion
Fri 29th	7pm Good Friday Service
Sun 31st	11am Morning Worship, celebrating Easter Day

APRIL

Sun 7th	11am Morning Worship
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KING'S PARK BRASS - NEW YEAR UPDATE

The band enjoyed a well-deserved Christmas break after a busy November and December! Our well-attended coffee morning in early November welcomed the Junior Band warming up for their visit to the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships in Perth later in the month, where, like last year, they achieved a bronze award. The Senior Band kicked off its November with our annual concert in Rutherglen Town Hall entitled "Kings and Queens of Brass".

In December, the Senior and Junior Bands combined for our Christmas concert in the church, which was really special because so many people came along to support us. Later in the month, groups from the Senior Band were out and about playing carols at local supermarkets and accompanying large numbers of carol singers in Overtoun and King's Parks!

The bands are now rehearsing for our next concert, on the evening of Saturday 23rd March in Clincarthill Church, where we will be featuring music associated with 'Space'. From Star Trek to Zarathustra, we look forward to performing in a venue new to us, but not too far way, so please come along and join us – all are welcome!

ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE PAST – The Church Show

Over many years, one of the major annual events at King's Park



Church was the church show. Involving all the groups within the church family, it was always a sell out over several nights and enjoyed immensely, by a very appreciative audience, who particularly enjoyed the participation of the ministerial team of the time.

Created, produced and directed through the years by the likes of David & Annie Davidson, Willie Howat, Wilson Paterson, the latter directing the show when it made a comeback to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the church, where all the church groups took part – remember the Pathfinders in a Dad's Army skit, or Stewart Smith's unforgettable and hilarious take on the Rev I M Jolly!

The photo above is of a show cast. Can anyone put a date on it and/or confirm what the show was called? Were you, or your son or daughter or granny in it?

We would welcome your show stories and any memories you'd like to share.

KCRC SAIDIANA WOMEN (KENYA)

Dear friends, I am sending the latest report from Saidiana. You will see that they have plans to expand their work in a new area. Thanks to all of you who support that work with your donations and prayers. You can contribute by cheque, made out to Mary Smith, and sent to her address (available on request) or directly into the bank account: HBOS, Sort Code 11-47-05, Account No: 00005903. Please let me know if any large sums are deposited so that I can acknowledge them properly. Also, if there is any change in your circumstances and you feel no longer able to support Saidiana, please let me know. With best wishes, Mary Smith.

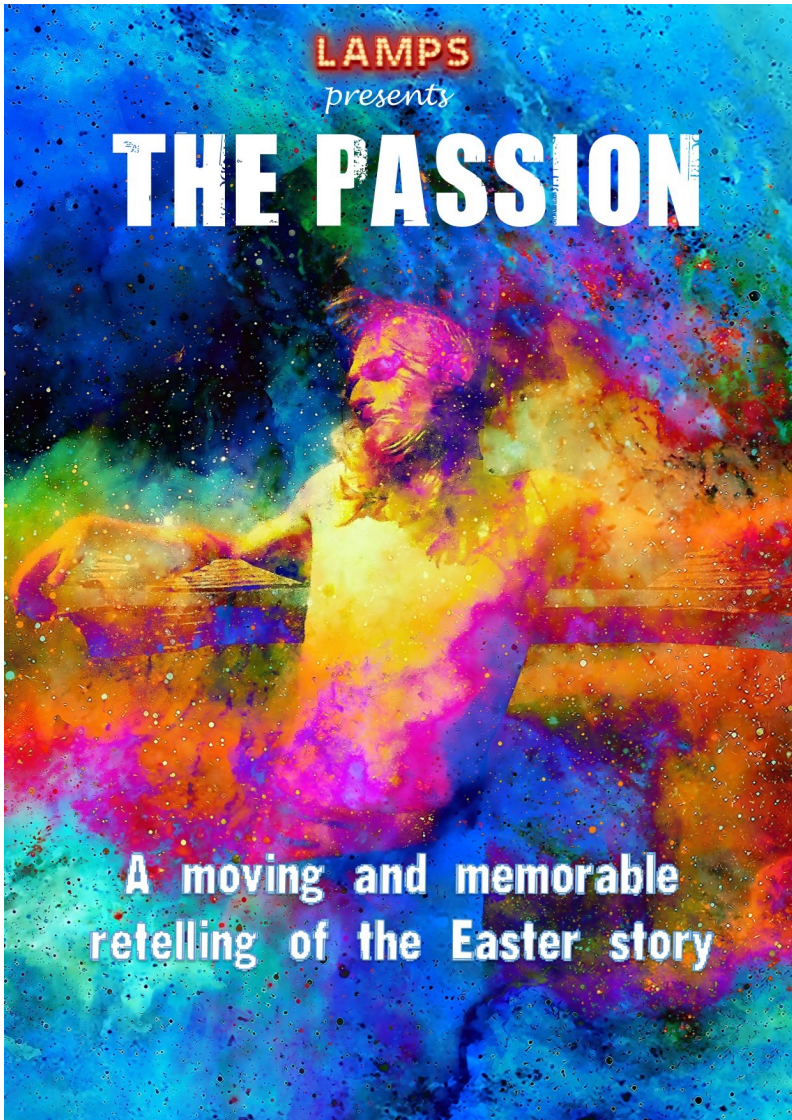
'Happy New Year to all friends of KCRC Saidiana Women (Kenya). We are happy to report on the activities undertaken in the last six months ending 31st December 2023. As we begin, allow us to bring to your attention some changes in our name which is now – 'KCRC Saidiana Women (Kenya)'. We want to give glory to God for how far He has brought us despite growing challenges in terms of reduced funding; growing demand for our services, and inflation affecting the cost of doing business generally. The year 2024 is now with us and we hope it will usher in a new 'face' for us as we embark on some key activities including the anticipated Saidiana Safe Homes project.

Our traditional activities, The School of sewing and hairdressing, sewing and knitting, Micro-credit empowerment, Relief supplies, HIV/AIDS Care and Gavin's Mills have all been successful over the second half of 2023, supporting the individuals and families involved in each programme.

Regarding our Safe Homes Project, we have prepared a 'Concept Note' which sets out the background to the project, identifies the problem targeted and the solution to that problem, namely the creation of the 'Sacred Home', a centre open to cater to women and children who have suffered domestic violence for a period of one to three months, to allow them to get back on their feet.

The goal of the Sacred Home will include (1) the provision of emergency protection to victims of domestic abuse in communities where formalised shelters and services do not as yet exist, and (2) creating an opportunity for women to travel to the nearest women's shelter on a short-term basis. As a result of the Safe Homes project, we expect to see more survivors of domestic violence living holistic lives back in the community; more public awareness and involvement in stopping domestic violence in the community; healthy communities with young people well adapted for the future, despite their rough start in abusive homes'.

Should you wish to read the Concept Note in its entirety, please contact Alan Pratt.



WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH AT 2PM IN KING'S PARK CHURCH

In conjunction with our neighbours at St Oswald's Episcopal Church we are excited to host a presentation of The Passion, a moving and memorable retelling of the Easter Story. Told from the perspective of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion, the Passion leads through the events of Holy Week to the cross and beyond, and its talented cast have toured throughout the UK. For further details please see Raymond.