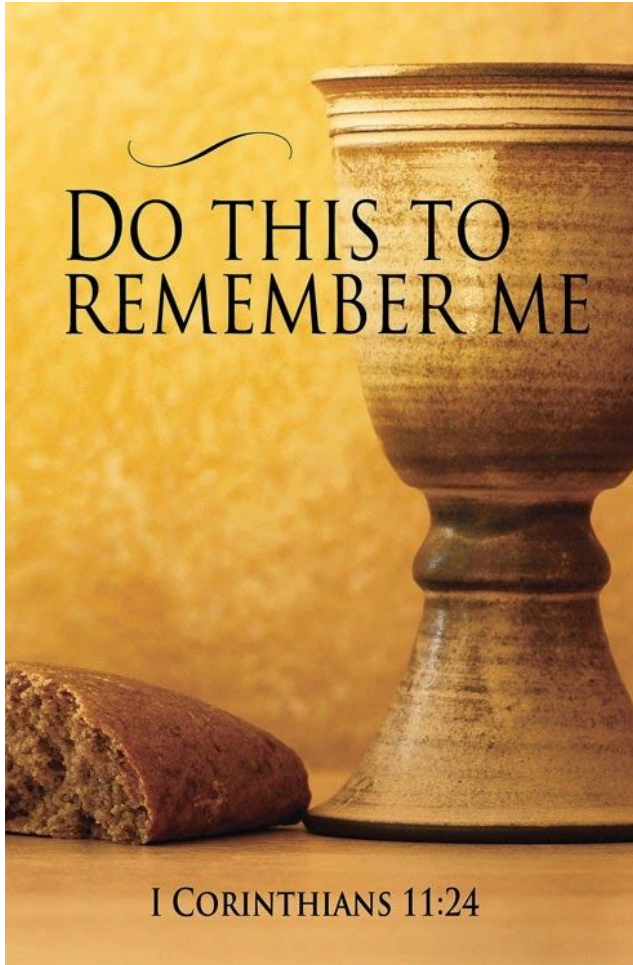


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*sharing God's love by reaching out to others.***

***"1930-2024 - 94 Years of Spiritual Service"***

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**CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER**  
**Admission by Certificate of Transference or**  
**Resolution of the Kirk Session**

We welcome three new communicants, Mrs Ann Hepburn and Mr & Mrs Hugh and Jane Mackinnon. May they find the Peace and Grace of the Lord within our midst.

**AT REST**

**"I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

17 March	Mr Gordon Brock, King's Park Avenue
5 April	Mr Iain McPhail, Glasgow
20 April	Mrs Merrill Peacock, Kingsheath Avenue
2 May	Mrs Sandra Buchanan, Bogton Avenue
11 May	Mr Sam McCutcheon, Underwood Road

***Prayer Focus..***

Dear Lord, We praise and thank you for leading us to the Rev Stuart Crawford who will be our new Minister very soon. We welcome him and his family to King's Park and hope they will be happy here as we look forward to working with him. We pray that we will embrace change and serve the Lord as we go forward. Inspire us and relight a fire in us as we share your love by reaching out to others. A Prayer of thanks to the nominating committee for all their hard work and we hope they can now enjoy a well earned rest. Hear our Prayers. Amen *gaerataylor@btinternet.com*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**JUNE**

Sun 2nd	11am Morning Worship
Sun 9th	11am Morning Worship, celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 16th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 23rd	11am Morning Worship, with the Baptism of Olivia Orr
Tue 25th	7.30pm King's Park Brass Summer Concert
Sun 30th	11am Morning Worship

**JULY**

<b>Thur 4th</b>	<b>7pm, Service of Induction for Reverend Stuart Crawford</b>
Sun 7th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 14th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 21st	11am Morning Worship
Sun 28th	11am Morning Worship

Dear Friends

As we now know, I am contributing for one final occasion to this magazine. By the time of the next issue, you will be able to hear from your new minister, Stuart, who will be spending the Summer settling in to your manse and to working with the congregation. I, meanwhile, will be enjoying some holiday, and helping my wife Karen set up the manse in her new united charge which brings together part of Drumchapel with Yoker, in the west of the city. The life of the church is typified by change at the moment, with fewer resources meaning that we can't simply expect things to go on as they used to. In times like this, we are asked to trust that God wills the very best for us all, and continue to live by faith each day.

My son David – now 45 - recently posted a Facebook link to a recording of a Songs of Praise programme we recorded on Iona when he was in Primary School. I was struck by how young everyone – especially me – looked...but it was great to re-live some good memories of that time. One of the local farmers chose the hymn “Summer suns are glowing, over land and sea”. I smiled, remembering that those days were relatively few occasions, and that it is the powerful wind and sometimes horizontal rain that comes most easily to mind as I look back.

Of course, the important thing about the weather in our part of the world is to wear the right clothing for the conditions. I walk every day with my dog Barney, and while both of us might occasionally be reluctant to set out when it looks challenging through the window, once we are under way we enjoy the experience, and appreciate the different aspects of nature. The River Calder can slow to a gentle meander, and it can be a gushing torrent on other days, threatening to overflow its banks. It's a reminder that there are things in life we can't control, and that we have to live in the reality of God's world as it is, and pick our way through that, rather than wait for things to be the way we want them to be.

For me, part of that reality will be that I'm going to greatly miss being part of King's Park Church, and have hugely enjoyed my time with you. I wish you every blessing in the years ahead, as you continue to witness to the great love of God, revealed in the Son.

*Ian Galloway*  
*Interim Moderator and Locum Minister*

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE***"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2024**

	<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	<b><u>APRIL</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	
Offerings & Donations	6,867	9,088
Hall Hire Income	545	1,441
Rental income	517	517
Magazine subscription	287	-
Charitable collections	207	255
Other regular Monthly Income	1,111	58
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b><u>9,534</u></b> =====	<b><u>11,359</u></b> =====
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Running Costs	13,321	14,881
New Printer/Photocopier	2,790	-
Charitable Donations	257	485
Property maintenance & repairs	109	367
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b><u>16,477</u></b> =====	<b><u>15,733</u></b> =====
<b>Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus</b>	<b>-6,943</b>	<b>-4,374</b>

**OFFICE AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

A new computer has been very kindly, and anonymously, donated to the church office and we wish to express our thanks for that. The computer has the latest software and operating system and will support the effective administration of the church in the coming years. To coincide with this, the layout of the office has seen some minor changes.

The new photocopier has been installed and is working well, connected remotely to the new computer in the office allowing very efficient printing. These machines are highly complex pieces of equipment, and it's important that only people who have been fully trained are using them - even the Ricoh engineers struggled! Anyone who requires training should speak to Aileen, Hilary or Lynda in the first instance, so that this can be arranged. There were teething issues with Ricoh during the installation, and we received a goodwill gesture of a £1,123.28 refund. £523.28 was deducted from the cost of the photocopier, with the balance of £600.00 applied to our account to be used against future printing costs/toners etc.

**Thank you...**

Despite it being a horrible wet morning, we raised £350 for Epilepsy Scotland at a recent Tuesday coffee morning, thank you to everyone who came along and donated to such a worthy cause.

*Mia and Neve Tracy*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sunday School fundraiser and recent Praise evening. A total of £1,100 was raised and sent to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

Thanks again, *Norah and Jonathan*

**KING'S PARK BRASS**

The band is looking forward to its annual summer concert in King's Park Church, which will take place on Tuesday 25th June at 7:30pm and will feature the Senior Band, Junior Band and Beginners. Some highlights from the programme include film music from Chariots of Fire, The Pink Panther and Moonraker, the march Star Lake by legendary brass band composer Eric Ball, and the Floral Dance, made famous by Sir Terry Wogan! A couple of weeks before the summer concert, the Senior band has been invited to perform at the BuzzFest Big Lunch event in Overtoun Park around 1.00pm on Sunday 9 June – why not come along and hear us!

Looking to the second half of the year, we'll be returning to Rutherglen Town Hall on Friday 22nd November with a concert entitled "A St Andrew's Hooley"!

*Birthday Celebrations*

Our warmest congratulations go to

Mrs Norma Cullen who celebrated her 80th

Birthday on 29th April 2024

and to Mrs Marion Stewart who celebrated her

80th Birthday on 4th May 2024

We wish them both every Blessing.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2024 - UPDATE**

The King's Park church family and friends have been busy again this year, raising money for Christian Aid.

A very satisfactory amount of money is expected for Christian Aid Week 2024 in response to our 'delivery' of Christian Aid envelopes to every one of the homes in our parish, as well as providing envelopes to all who attended the service on Sunday 12 May when Rev Stuart Crawford preached in the church as sole nominee. As we all know, things have moved on from there, and we now look forward to welcoming the Crawford family into our midst shortly.

We were fortunate to have two Christian Aid focussed events taking place during Christian Aid Week. Millie & Aileen's Tuesday Coffee morning raised a very generous £90 and a new joint venture between KP and St Oswald's resulted in the grand sum of £552.80 being generated from Saturday's CA Coffee Morning and Bake Sale in the Large Hall – an event which we're sure will be repeated next year!

Still to come, and postponed due to a sports injury affecting the normally fit and agile partnership of Raymond & Alan, is this year's Glasgow Bridge Walk, travelling east from the Millennium Bridge, next to BBC Scotland and finishing at the Rosebank Bridge in Clydeford Road, near Cambuslang. The walk will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 14 July and if you would like to support this challenge, you can (1) visit the event's 'JustGiving' page at [www.justgiving.com/page/aprj-glasgowbridgwalk](http://www.justgiving.com/page/aprj-glasgowbridgwalk) and make a donation, remembering, if appropriate, to add your details for Gift Aid, or (2) 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 July. Thanks to those who have already contributed in this way. All proceeds will be added to the church's Christian Aid Week donations.

Full details of the total amount gathered for this year's Christian Aid Week, will be confirmed in the August/September edition of the magazine.

We also plan to bring back the popular Christian Aid Quiz in the Autumn, but meantime, thanks to all who have contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to continue our church family's superb tradition of support for Christian Aid Week.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We have a new Safeguarding Panel, thanks to two new volunteers, namely Niki Kidd and Gordon Wilson. It is a mandatory requirement in the church to have such a panel, and they will assist me in matters relating to potential harm or abuse within KP Church, as well as more general safeguarding issues. They bring a wealth of experience from their day to day involvement with such matters, and I look forward to liaising with them.

*John Black, Safeguarding Co-ordinator.*

## **KIRK SESSION UPDATE**

A huge vote of thanks was given to our Nominating Committee for their hard work and prayerful consideration in bringing forward a sole nominee, Rev Stuart Crawford. Stuart received a unanimous vote in favour of him becoming our next minister, and we look forward to welcoming him to King's Park

## HELLO AND FAREWELL ...

As we now know, Reverend Stuart Crawford has been elected as our new minister. We are looking forward, very much, to his Service of Induction on the evening of **Thursday 4th July, 7pm** more details will follow in the weekly intimations. We are of course also looking forward to getting to know him and welcoming his family over the next few weeks and months. However with a new minister, comes the sad task of bidding farewell to our much loved Interim Moderator and Locum Minister, Reverend Ian Galloway, who has served us so diligently over the last three and a half years.

Ian has brought much needed stability to King's Park, understanding the importance of a 'well kent face up front', seeing us expertly through the complicated, and at times trying, presbytery cluster process, as well as wisely guiding us through the equally complex nominating procedure. He has brought musical depth in our worship, introducing us to many new hymns on a Sunday morning, and of course loving our children in his weekly addresses. His sermons have been insightful and encouraging, inspiring us each week. He has gently shared snippets of his personal and family life through his preaching, allowing us to know him a little better and touching many of us in ways we will remember for years to come. He has the ability of teaching us something new in the familiar stories - a real gift indeed. He has shown patience and diligence in chairing our monthly Kirk Session meetings and has been a dedicated member of our weekly God Tock Bible Study, teasing our thoughts out into the open and encouraging discussion, leading to strengthened faith and assurance.

Ian has quietly encouraged us as a congregation, allowing us to continue to develop and flourish during vacancy, building our confidence, while never losing his sense of humour! It has been a real honour and privilege to get to know him as our minister, and for King's Park to now have played a small part in his journey of faith. Every service provided, every word of encouragement, every conversation, no matter how small, large, insignificant or important Ian may have felt it was, we can be assured that God has seen it all and we know it was all done in Jesus' name.

Over the coming weeks, many of us will have our own personal messages of thanks for Ian, however in the meantime, we collectively wish him every blessing on that continued journey, from all of his new and very dear friends in King's Park.

On behalf of us all Ian, quite simply - thank you.

*John & Eunice, Session Clerks.*