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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

**Mission Statement: King's Park Church
sharing God's love by reaching out to others.**

"1930-2021 - 91 Years of Spiritual Service"

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

Feb 2021 Peggy Gleeson, Orchard Grove
 18 Aug Isabelle Brown, Kingsbridge Drive
 4 Sept Catherine Cochran, Hillington Quadrant
 5 Sept Nanette McNaught, Kings Park Avenue

'Mac'

It is with sadness that we report the death, back in July, of Iain McGregor (Mac), a familiar face around the church, until he moved to Spain some 25 years ago. He was involved in the church in so many supportive ways in the days of Jim Hosie & Stewart Smith; in particular, one friend remembers, as part of the 'bouncer team', patrolling the late-night Watchnight services when there wasn't a seat to be had in the church! Our thoughts and prayers are with Mac's family & friends.

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, we give thanks for family and friends. As the seasons change we see your glory in the Autumnal colours and soon the trees will look as if they have died, but just as we will die, like the trees, we will be renewed through Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. We receive your forgiveness and need your unending love. We thank you and commit our service to you. We pray for Afghanistan Lord, please grant them your peace and keep women and children safe. Help us to bring reconciliation to all who are at war and come into the hearts and minds of the world leaders as preparations get underway for COP26. We are praying for your spirit to speak to us and guide us in all that we do. Bless our Remembrance Services on the 11/11/21 from 10am until 12noon, and on remembrance Sunday. We give thanks that all our activities have resumed; let us build new friendships and invite people along to join us. Protect us with your spirit. Hear our Prayers. Amen. gaerataylor@btinternet.com



Dear Friends

This is my last pastoral letter to you before I stand down as Locum at the end of September.

When I came to King's Park on Sunday, 2nd June 2019 to serve as locum following the Rev. Sandra Boyd's move to Blackburn and Seafield, none of us thought that the vacancy would last as long as it has. However, the proposal that the number of charges in the Presbytery be reduced by over 50, coupled with the restrictions we have had to operate under, as a congregation, for the past year and a half, because of the continuing spread of COVID-19, have meant that the process of filling the vacancy hasn't been as straightforward as we would have wished. As there is little prospect of a minister being called to serve among you any time soon, I have decided after a lot of thought that, given age and other circumstances, the time has come to call it a day.

I was ordained to the ministry in 1965 by the Presbytery of Gordon where for two years I was assistant minister at St. Andrew's, Inverurie. There followed ten years at Bardrainey in Port Glasgow, and 28 years in Glasgow at Burnside Blairbeth, until my retirement in 2005. Edith and I then moved to Quothquan outside Biggar, where, for the next eleven years, I was involved in the work of the Presbytery of Lanark, as Moderator for a year, and in long spells of ministry in Carluke, Douglas, Biggar, and Forth. We returned to Glasgow in 2018. Before coming to King's Park, I served as Interim Moderator at the Cathedral which was then without a minister.

I mention the varied comings and goings of my ministerial itinerary in order to place in context the two and a half years I have been with you as locum at King's Park. It is likely to be the last official position I shall hold which means that, among my many memories of ministry, my final memory will be of the time we have spent together at King's Park.

This last stage of my journey has been a positive experience. I want to thank you for your words of appreciation expressed after the services which often showed discernment and understanding, for the welcome I found in your homes before lockdown, and continuing restrictions curtailed visitation, and for friendships forged

and kindnesses shown. Above all, you have encouraged my faith by what some of you have shared with me about what it has meant for you to follow Christ. As we have been learning from our reflections on the First Letter of John these past Sundays, what binds us together in the church is a shared experience of Jesus.

I leave with good memories and will follow developments at King's Park with my prayers. As you look back at the way your faith has been nurtured at King's Park by a succession of different ministries, may you have the assurance that whatever the future may hold, "God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished on the Day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1.6)

With my thanks and prayers.
David

OFFERING ENVELOPES

It is now time to order next year's supply of Freewill Offering Envelopes. Anyone who normally receives these, but no longer wishes a set for 2022, please contact Aileen Campbell on 647 3970.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday 26th of September. A huge thank you to everyone who donated flowers, to those who delivered them, and to those who made the sanctuary so beautiful on the day.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Church will be open on Thursday 11th of November 2021 from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. There will be a short service of remembrance at 11am.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2021

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,531	9,015
Gift Aid Income	-	4,623
HMRC Furlough salary contribution	367	612
Hall Hire Incomes	-	800
Rental Income	517	517
Charitable collections	6	-
Other regular Monthly Income	144	121
Total Month's Income	<u>8,565</u> =====	<u>15,688</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	12,495	11,831
Charitable Donations	-	-
Fabric maintenance & repairs	56	146
Total Month's Payments	<u>12,551</u> =====	<u>11,977</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	-3,986	3,711

Comments

July - Deficit of receipts after payments made was £3,986.

Unrestricted funds had a deficit of £3,996, restricted funds had a surplus of £10.

August - Surplus of receipts after payment made was £3,771.

Unrestricted funds had a surplus of £4,096, restricted funds had a deficit of £385.

FLOWER FUND



Thanks are due to all who contribute to the flower fund, especially in these difficult times.

LODGING HOUSE MISSION HARVEST APPEAL 2021

We have recently celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving here in King's Park, and as part of that celebration we invite you to donate to the LHM Harvest Appeal during the month of October. Any contributions from the list below will be useful in the LHM kitchen. The contributions provide free breakfast and lunches to LHM service users, and they need around 100 harvests to enable them to provide all these meals over a 12 month period. Any donations placed in the boxes, in the corridor outside the St Mungo Hall, or in the church vestibule, during the month of October, will be gratefully received. Any financial donations can be sent to, or handed into the church, again, by the end of October. Please make cheques out to King's Park Church, marked 'LHM' on the back. These donations will be treated as our contribution to National Giving Day. Many thanks once again, for continuing to support our friends at LHM.

Cereal

Corn flakes, crunchy nuts, weetabix, rice crispies, sugar puffs, frosties, coco pops, cheerios

Jars/Pastes

Pasta bake sauces, curry sauce/paste, tomato paste

Dried Goods

Mixed herbs, garlic powder, ground turmeric, chilli powder, crushed chillies, ground coriander, salt and black pepper

Tinned Fruit

Peaches, pears, pineapples, mandarins, fruit cocktail, rice, custard

Tinned Meat/Fish

Tuna, salmon, corned beef, ham

Other

Full fat UHT milk, coconut milk, drinking chocolate, diluting/fresh juice, coffee, brown sauce, vinegar, tomato sauce, mayonnaise, dried peas, lentils, olive oil, vegetable oil, bisto, stock cubes/bouillon, broth mix, jam, sugar, jelly.

Please note, the following items are **NOT REQUIRED**

Pasta, pearl barley, marmalade, porridge, shredded wheat, muesli, alpen, long grain rice, grapefruit, prunes, tea bags, any tinned soup/veg

VACANCY UPDATE

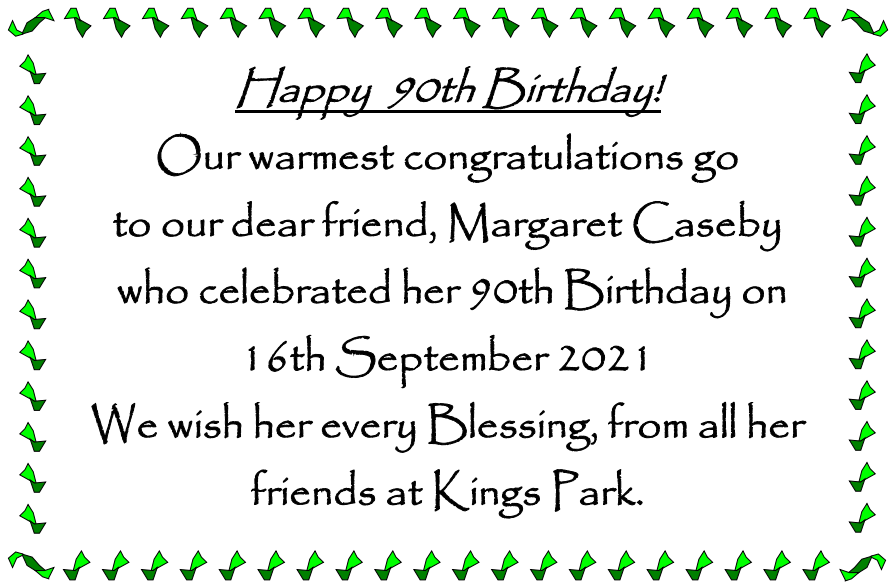
Following the September meeting of Presbytery we have been advised “that the Faith Nurture Forum has not concurred with the request that King’s Park be permitted exceptionally to progress the vacancy”. We have also been invited to consider the matter further and report to the Vacancy Procedure Committee.

A letter, outlining our deep regret at this outcome, and emphasising the frustration and disheartening effect of the whole process on the church, has been forwarded in response, and we are currently in discussions with Presbytery as to how to progress matters further and will keep you informed of the outcome.

In addition, we have highlighted the urgent need for Presbytery’s assistance and practical support to enable us to continue providing ongoing public worship in accordance with Church Law and once again, will keep you informed of any progress.

In the meantime the Worship Team are ready to step up and lead worship both online and in person should this be required.

John & Eunice Black



Thank You...

I would like to thank Raymond for his visits, prayers and church flowers after my recent tumble. I am recovering well from my operation.

Flo Stewart



We would like to thank all friends and family for their generous donations for sunflowers which raised £300 for Church funds. On an additional note, we had so many sunflowers left, we decided to have another charity day amongst our neighbours and raised £400 for the Beatson charity. A huge thank you to everyone who donated.

Margaret and Dougie Mills

Following the recent death of our mother, my sister and I would like to express our thanks, first and foremost, to Raymond, our Pastoral Assistant for the wonderful service he conducted at the crematorium. The warmth and content was appreciated, not only by us, but by the wider family and mum's friends. To Raymond also, for making what could have been an upsetting time easy and natural. Further thanks to all who sent flowers and sympathy cards, your actions and words will be treasured. Last but not least, a huge personal thank you to the congregation for their support. I had always felt at home in King's Park Church, but the love and support offered makes me truly grateful to belong to such a wonderful family.

Cath Graham and Kareen Clarke

We would like to thank all of our friends in the congregation for their cards, prayers and support following the death of Jonathan's dad. Please know that this was much appreciated.

Jonathan and Norah Buchan

DIET AND FITNESS CLASS - (ROSEMARY SEDGWICK)

The diet and fitness class is back up and running in the Large Hall on a Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am. No strict diet, just practical nutritional advice, optional weigh-in, fun workout and lots of motivation. Come along.

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.

October

- Sun 3rd 11am Morning Worship, Rev Tom Nelson
11am Online service streamed
- Sun 10th 11am Morning Worship, Rev Linda Walker
11am Online service streamed
- Sun 17th 11am Morning Worship, Mrs Alison Fenton
11am Online service streamed
- Sun 24th 11am Morning Worship, Rev Linda Walker
11am Online service streamed
- Sun 31st 11am Morning Worship, Rev Tom Nelson
11am Online service streamed

November

- Sun 7th 11am Worship, followed by Dedication of the
Garden of Remembrance
11am Online service streamed
- Thur 11th 10am til 12 noon - Church open for reflection and
prayer, with a short act of remembrance at 11am.
- Sun 14th **10.50am** Service of Remembrance
10.50am Online service streamed
- Sun 21st 11am Morning Worship
11am Online service streamed
- Sun 28th 11am Morning Worship, first Sunday in Advent
11am Online service streamed

As restrictions start to ease, 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to both Dougie and Margaret Mills for their generous donation of £300 to church funds. Dougie planted thousands of sunflower seeds, supplied the pots and compost, and tended the plants with loving care, until ready for sale. Margaret organised when people could come to collect their plants, a task in itself during these covid-times. There was such a variety of beautiful sunflowers which are now in full bloom in many gardens, bringing much joy. Thank you Dougie and Margaret.

Love Rosemary, on behalf of the congregation of Kings Park.



SAIDIANA WOMEN PROJECT (KENYA)

Thanks to all who continue to regularly support the Saidiana Women Project with your prayers and donations. You will be glad to hear that they are doing very well, despite the effects of COVID-19, and with prayers for a vaccine, they continued with successful projects including micro credit empowerment, relief supplies, HIV/AIDS care, sewing and knitting and water harvesting. They have realised in the midst of the pandemic, the effort needed in working with vulnerable communities to alleviate human crisis. If you would like to contribute to this project, please make a cheque to Mary Smith and send to 33 Brent Road, East Kilbride, G74 4RA, or deposit into the bank account: HBOS, Sort Code: 11-47-05, Account No: 00005903. Do let Mary know if any large sums are deposited so that she can acknowledge them properly.

AUTUMN PROPERTY UPDATE

The last time we reported on church fabric etc, was back in the June/July issue of the magazine, when we highlighted the work needing to be carried out in the corridor between the chancel and the garth, because of damage to walls and ceiling by water penetration. We're pleased to say that our joiner is ready to fit a new suspended plasterboard ceiling in the corridor, and by the time you receive this magazine, work, hopefully, will be underway. In preparation for this, Colin Wilson, our electrician, has rewired the corridor to accommodate new fluorescent and emergency lighting. Thanks also to Colin, for responding to an urgent plea to provide more light outside the south side of the church, to enable the fire escape door to be used an exit for youth organisations, thereby, meeting COVID-19 distancing rules. As a 'bi-product' of this, the church flood lighting is now working again - all due to Colin's diligence.

A recent Fire Risk Assessment highlighted the need to replace the existing sliding door, located in the same corridor as above, with a hinged fire door, and we can confirm that this work will also commence shortly.

We can further report that the bell system has been repaired and is now back working properly – you can again hear our bells ring out over the parish, just before worship starts, at 11:00 every Sunday morning!

All of the work described above, required to be undertaken by skilled tradesmen. However, as we've said before, there are other tasks that we can do ourselves, as part of our stewardship commitment to prolong the life and effectiveness of the "bricks and mortar" part of our God given mission to the people of King's Park. The arched windows on the front elevation of the St Mungo Hall have now been painted, and the next task will be to prepare and paint the doors on the same elevation, as well as the fire door and windows situated on the adjacent side wall, facing the gardens in Kingsbridge Drive.

If you fancy wielding a scraper, or a paint brush, please give Alan Pratt a shout on 07776 328914, and you will be warmly welcomed into the KP Property Squad – a select band of volunteers!

KING'S PARK ONLINE -THE NEXT STEPS

As of 3rd October 2021, we hope to live stream our worship services instead of them being pre-recorded for Facebook and YouTube.

If you are present in the church, you may notice a camera in the body of the sanctuary. Any seats that are visible on screen will be clearly marked – those of you who are camera-shy will be able to avoid them.

The live stream of the service will be available on our usual channels and at the usual time for those who wish to join us online. As with any new venture, there may be teething problems initially, but we ask for your patience to allow us to learn 'on the job', improving confidence and technical abilities, week by week, to achieve what we hope you'll find is a great way to continue to develop our worship and fellowship together in the months and years ahead.

We would also welcome your feedback on this new initiative as we get it up and running. Please call or text Alan Pratt on 07776 328914 or email the church on office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk

Thank you ...

As we move from recorded online services to live streaming services, we take this opportunity to thank Gordon Wilson for his expertise and dedication over the last year, ensuring our online services were filmed and edited, in a timely manner, week by week. These included Holy Week services, Christmas Services, and Remembrance. We are truly blessed to have such a talent amongst us and as we continue to work in the transition to online streaming, we recognise that without him, our online services just would not have happened. Thank you Gordon, for all that you have done and continue to do.

We give thanks to God for the opportunity to praise His name in the church, or in our homes.

IS IT OK TO COME BACK?

Do you remember, back in the October/November 2020 issue of the magazine, we included a photograph of the sanctuary showing seating laid out sparsely in our worship space because of the social distancing rules at that time? It was a depressing sight! As you can see from the photo below, taken last Sunday, things have moved on considerably.



The number of seats and, we're pleased to say, the number of worshippers, have increased significantly since we first reopened the church for worship on Sunday 13 September last year. We're up in the 80's now (and we don't mean the average age!!)

As you can see, not all the seats are back in place. We continue to operate a 1m distancing policy between individuals, unless in the same 'households', so there are some cases where there are 3 seats together, many with 2 seats together and plenty where, if you're on your own, you can enjoy the fellowship, but remain a safe distance from your neighbour. We still enter the church, through one door, distanced, sanitise our hands and move to our seats, where we remain until the end of the service, when we are directed to leave by the side aisles and exit via the two front doors. We will continue to take a register at services, for Test and Protect purposes, to aid communication, should we become aware of an individual, who has been in the church building, testing positive for COVID-19. We can stand to sing, with a face covering (unless exempt), share the Lord's Prayer, and smile, laugh or clap, if the need arises! In the weeks to come, we will consider reintroducing the availability of hymnbooks and bibles, but only by request, and put in quarantine after use. It's important to remember that our community is still in the middle of a pandemic and 'touch' should be avoided during an act of worship or when people enter or leave a church. This would also extend to the worship leader greeting people at the end of the service unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All the windows and doors will be open to allow maximum ventilation, as there is strong advice that we should be supplying as much fresh air as possible to indoor spaces to limit the spread of the virus. So, be warned, as we enter the winter months, wrap up warmly, as the church will be cold, despite the heating being on.

Maybe the photo, the promise of a warm welcome, and the assurances that we continue to keep everyone's health and safety as a priority, will give you the confidence to return to Sunday worship and enjoy being part of fellowship again. Maybe not. Rest assured, whatever your decision, you remain part of the King's Park church family, wrapped in the loving and caring arms of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sunday Prayers continue across the Church of Scotland....

Christians across the country, and further afield, will join together in prayer and reflection at 7pm in response to the pandemic.

O Lord, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,
Hear us as we call to you
With open lips and open hearts.
Hear us and accept us we are.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Lord, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,
Hear us as we call to you
In the times in which we live.
Hear us in hard times and answer us in your time.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Lord, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,
Hear us as we call to you
With the words that you have given to us.
Hear us with words hewn from the experience of life.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Lord, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,
Hear us as we call to you
Though our words are often frail and our hearts sometimes faint.
Hear our words and accept the offering of our hearts.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O Lord, You are our Rock and our Redeemer,
Hear us as we call to you
And may the words we offer and the meditation of our hearts
Be acceptable in your sight.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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