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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Admission by Resolution of the Kirk Session

18th June Margaret Shackleton

Admission by Profession of Faith

31st Aug Alasdair Crawford
Grace Crawford
Anita Mwachukwa
Roland Mwachukwa
Andrew Scott
Albert Sodunke
Mary Sodunke
Emmanuel Sodunke
Angus Taylor
Laura Taylor

We welcome all of our new communicants and pray that they find the Peace and Grace of the Lord within our midst.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10th Aug Meadow Gallagher
31st Aug Angus Taylor

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

4th Aug Sandra Watson
18th Sep Annie Robertson

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

Well, given the turn in the weather these past couple of weeks, it looks like summer is bidding us farewell. As the trees around us begin to change from their many shades of green to vibrant oranges, reds, browns and golds, and the fact it won't be long until we turn the clocks back an hour, reminds us that time does not stand still, and the seasons continue to roll on as we anticipate the beginning of autumn. This time of year also signals the return of students to college and university and the return of the groups that use our halls for their meetings. All these things remind us that we are constantly going through a series of endings and new beginnings, both as individuals and as a church. There is a degree of sadness when it's time to close some chapters in our lives but the excitement of looking forward to new adventures, all of which may feel a bit chaotic at times.

It was very much like that for the early church, which we can read about in Acts. It must have felt a bit chaotic for those early believers too. In such a short space of time, so much was happening. Jesus ascended back to heaven; the Holy Spirit filled the believers and the early church exploded with hundreds of people choosing to follow Jesus. Next, they discovered that when Jesus said to take the good news to the ends of the earth, he meant it, and he was including people from all corners of the known world, whether Jew or Gentile. Every day must have felt like a school day, and they would have had no idea what would happen next. We also know, however, that not everyone liked what was happening. Saul had started a campaign of terror, dragging believers from their homes and killing or imprisoning them. But Jesus turned his life around, appearing to him on the road to Damascus and, before the believers really knew what was happening, even their greatest enemy was now preaching that Jesus was the Son of God.

Keeping up with all the changes must have been no mean feat and they would have to adapt and change as they went, dividing up duties, such as appointing people to serve, others to preach, others to make policy decisions on how they would function as a group. So, in some ways, it was organised chaos, although there was a common thread

holding everything together. The people were turning up, praying together, listening out for what God, through the Holy Spirit, was telling them and responding. Each step of the way, the Holy Spirit was guiding them, teaching them and helping them. From the day the Holy Spirit filled them, nothing was ever the same again. They had spilled out of that upper room and into the world around them, changing lives and learning as they went. I sometimes wonder what would have happened if they had stayed in that upper room with their group of 120. Would we be here as believers today? I'm not so sure.

Jesus' command was to go, and the Holy Spirit led them to where they were to go. Mostly, he led them out and about in the community. They went where people gathered and, whether it was meeting someone on a road, in the marketplace, at the Jewish meeting place called the Synagogue or accepting an invitation to someone's home, they didn't stay in a holy huddle, they were out and about, turning up, listening and responding.

I have absolutely no doubt, that just as he was back then, God is at work in King's Park now, but we won't know what he's doing unless we get out there and find out. As we do, the Holy Spirit will lead us to where he wants us to be. Like the disciples, we just need to turn up, listen and respond and, as we do, we might be surprised to see that God has got there long before us. It might feel a bit like organised chaos, and we might find ourselves learning as we go, but the important part is that we go because God loves the people around us so much and wants them to know him.

We can be a part of that great adventure; sharing the great news that God doesn't just care about our community, He deeply loves everyone in it and won't turn anyone away who comes to Him. So, can we be bold enough to turn up, to listen and respond, learning as we go, and see our community transformed?

Your friend in Christ, Stuart

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

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,016	6,905
Gift Aid Income	3,522	-
Hall Hire Income	390	1,630
Rental income	611	611
Charitable collections	90	481
Other regular Monthly Income	505	64
Total Month's Income	12,134	9,691
	=====	=====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	12,886	12,778
Charitable Donations	90	477
Property maintenance & repairs	248	80
Total Month's Payments	13,224	13,335
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Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	-1,090	-3,644

Expenditure

Delayed increased tariff energy bills are now being paid. Increased level of contributions to Giving to Grow (Church of Scotland) are being made.

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, we come before you with thanks for the ways that you support us. You carry us when we are at our lowest and give us strength to continue at difficult times. We continue to support The Lodging House Mission at harvest and pray that people will be generous in their donations.

November sees us remembering all who died in conflict and we remember too, those families still grieving the loss of a loved one, and we especially pray for children whose grief is so difficult to bear. We remember in these times our Lord's sacrifice and that we are assured of life after death .

Rejoice in the love of our Lord. Grant us your peace. Hear our Prayer. Amen
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Gift Weekend 2025

Our gift weekend will take place on 25th and 26th October 2025. It will be a busy and mindful weekend and we would encourage you to attend our coffee morning on Saturday 25th October from 10am until 12noon and/or our roll lunch after morning worship on Sunday 26th October. All donations of home baking for the coffee morning can be handed into the church from 9am on the morning of 25th and will be gratefully received.

A big thank you for making last year's Gift Weekend so successful, but our current financial situation means that we must be even more generous this year. We are facing a projected deficit of £40,000 this year, with reserves barely able to cover it. We realise that in these days of constantly increasing prices that finding something extra for your church can be difficult, but if we could raise a substantial fraction of this sum, it would help to keep our heads above water.

Please do give your church a little extra thought over that weekend and donate to our Gift Weekend. Donation envelopes will be made available at church and physically delivered with the magazine to those who receive it in an envelope. For those who would prefer to donate online, we will also accept bank transfers using reference 'Gift Weekend 25' to Kings Park Parish Church, Sort Code: 82-63-31, Account No: 50335056.

Please note, at worship on Sunday 26th October, we will dedicate all the donations we receive over this special weekend.

King's Park Brass – Autumn Update

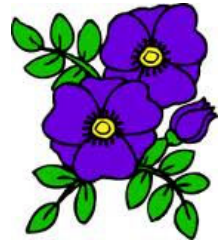
The band had a quiet summer break following an afternoon playing in the sunshine at Grow 73's Buzz Fest in Overtoun Park and our successful and most enjoyable concert in the church, when we performed with the Youth Band along with our latest batch of enthusiastic beginners.

We started our new session back in late August and are now working towards our concert in Rutherglen Town Hall on Friday 21st November. This year's concert is entitled "Top of the Pops", a journey through the history of popular music. From Elvis to The Beatles and ABBA, through the hits of the eighties, nineties and on into the 21st century, we'll rock and pop our way through an evening of chart toppers!

Before that, on Saturday 15th November, the band holds its annual coffee morning in the Large Hall. Tea, coffee and lots of goodies AND a short performance from our Youth Band, as they prepare for their trip to Perth to compete in the Scottish Youth Championships at the end of the month.

Thank you...

Thanks to all the folks who supported me on my recent 37 mile Chris Hoy Tour de 4 bike ride. With my current figure of close to £800 helping towards the £2.5M raised to date.



After so many years it was strange to be back on the bike with my old friend Graham Scott, who some of you may remember from his Mission Aviation Fellowship days, but is now minister at Johnstone Baptist church, and as some of you may have noticed, I'm just getting back to not walking like John Wayne. Also congratulations to Alex Petrie who looked remarkably fresh after completing the more gruelling 57 mile run.

Raymond

Thank you to you all for the flowers, cards and your prayers.

John Paul xxx

Many thanks to everyone for cards, hugs, good wishes and to Aileen and Millie for birthday cake at the Tuesday coffee morning. Also to the church for the beautiful flowers. Much appreciated.

Margaret Paul

Thank you to everyone who helped ensure our church was so beautifully decorated for Harvest Thanksgiving and to all who donated and delivered flowers to those in our parish and beyond. With my personal thanks going to Kristine Hyndman, Rosemary Kidd, Margaret Mills, Sheena Docherty, Margaret Key, Norah Buchan and Faith Sodunke for their hard work and support.

Lynda

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING

The Social & Fundraising team invite everyone to a Bunco night in aid of church funds. We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship. Your support is very much appreciated. Many thanks.

Margaret Mills, On behalf of the Social and Fundraising Team



SUMMER GROUP 2025

Where does the Summer go? Many thanks to all who joined in during July and August. Thank you to those who led different activities, particularly to those leading for the first time, including Toddlers (childhood memories), The Art Club, St.Oswald's Crafts.

Feedback included 'something different each week', 'good company', 'great time', 'met folk I didn't know'.

The challenge of building and then racing your boat was a hilarious highlight!

John Black



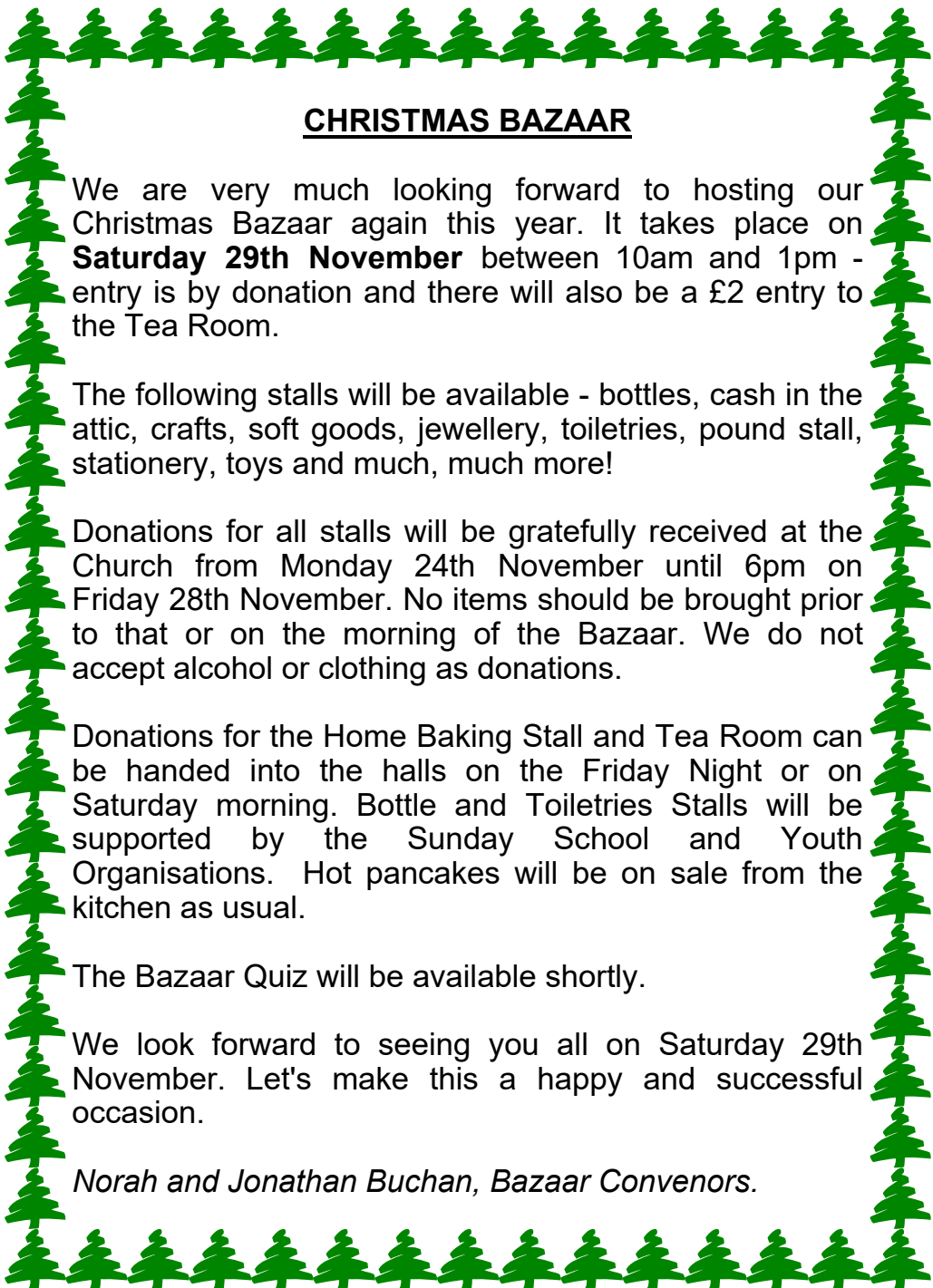


Our dear friend Bob, or as some of us still know him, Mr Pitman! celebrated his 90th Birthday on 19th September and I know that many of us had the opportunity to pop in and wish him a very happy birthday.

Bob is very much at the heart of King's Park Church, as our retired Church Officer, our retired Rollkeeper, until very recently an active member of our choir and still an active Elder, keen to read all the monthly paperwork!

We take time now to wish Bob every blessing on this special occasion and we keep him and Nan in our prayers. May he know the deep love that surrounds him and his family from all of his dear friends here at King's Park.

Lynda



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are very much looking forward to hosting our Christmas Bazaar again this year. It takes place on **Saturday 29th November** between 10am and 1pm - entry is by donation and there will also be a £2 entry to the Tea Room.

The following stalls will be available - bottles, cash in the attic, crafts, soft goods, jewellery, toiletries, pound stall, stationery, toys and much, much more!

Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 24th November until 6pm on Friday 28th November. No items should be brought prior to that or on the morning of the Bazaar. We do not accept alcohol or clothing as donations.

Donations for the Home Baking Stall and Tea Room can be handed into the halls on the Friday Night or on Saturday morning. Bottle and Toiletries Stalls will be supported by the Sunday School and Youth Organisations. Hot pancakes will be on sale from the kitchen as usual.

The Bazaar Quiz will be available shortly.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 29th November. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors.

Kirk Session News

September brought the start of a new session with the 'business' of the Church stepping up again. We are busy learning about the Government's new Charity Law and what that means for us as Trustees here at King's Park. Huge thanks to Hilary, who keeps us (me especially) right on the governance surrounding all of that! In connection with that, it was a timely exercise to relook at Trustee status within the Kirk Session, allowing some of us to become Elders Emeritus, all of whom will be acknowledged at our upcoming long service awards during worship on 19th October. As well as Elders' long service, we are looking forward to celebrating those who have dedicated years of service to King's Park, most, quietly in the background, but all contributing to the life and business of King's Park Church. Our Local Church Review was completed and submitted to Presbytery - thanks to everyone who supported that exercise. As we are all too sadly aware, our finances are quickly dwindling and after much discussion and prayerful consideration it has been decided to sell our property in Kingsbridge Drive. It is hoped that some of the funds from this will help with some of our ever increasing deficit. You will know from elsewhere in this magazine that we are holding our annual Stewardship Gift Weekend in October and I ask us all to prayerfully consider our Church's finances at this time. Among the angst of financial worries, we have had much to celebrate, including our recent uplifting service when 10 new members joined us by Profession of Faith, what a wonderful reminder of God's presence among us. May God's blessing be upon them all.

Ever yours, *Lynda, Session Clerk*





Harvest



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80 years young

Our warmest congratulations go to

Mrs Margaret Paul and

Mr Kenny Blair

who both celebrated special birthdays during the
month of September. This comes with every
blessing from all at Kin's Park

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY CONCERT

I'm putting together a choir for the Keith & Kristyn Getty concert in the SEC, Glasgow on 17th December. New Scottish Arts used to regularly hold Christian events in Glasgow but over the last 10 years we have not been overly active and our database is lapsed so I'm starting afresh on this!

I'll have Glasgow rehearsals from October. Days and venue to be confirmed. Or maybe existing church choirs can rehearse themselves and I can send materials.

Please register interest here: [New Scottish Choir Registration](#)

More information here: [Keith and Kristyn Getty 'Home for Christmas' | SEC](#)

Many thanks for your consideration.
Jason McAuley, New Scottish Arts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Sun 5th	11am Morning Worship, joint with St Oswald's
Sun 12th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 12th	7 - 9pm Bunco Games Night
Wed 15th	7pm Kirk Session
Sun 19th	11am Morning Worship with long service awards
Sat 25th	10am til 12 noon, Gift weekend coffee morning.
Sun 26th	11am Morning Worship followed by roll lunch

NOVEMBER

Sun 2nd	11am Morning Worship followed by the Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance.
Sun 9th	10.50am Remembrance Sunday
Tues 11th	10.30 am til 12noon, Church open for reflection and prayer, with a short service at 11am
Sat 15th	10am - 12noon King's Park Brass Coffee Morning
Sun 16th	11am Morning Worship
Wed 19th	7pm Kirk Session
Sun 23rd	11am Morning Worship
Sat 29th	10am - 1pm Christmas Bazaar



***They shall not grow 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.***