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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.***

***"You are as close to God as you want to be. The
more you draw near to God the more He will
draw near to you"***

See James 4:8

1930-2015—85 Years of Spiritual Service

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**FLOWER FUND**

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

Open Kirk Session Conference 4th November 7.30pm

Do you have a passion for Jesus Christ and are eager to share that with other people? Then please come along to church on Wednesday evening 4th November as we are encouraging anyone from the Congregation to come who has a vision, ideas, passion, enthusiasm or endurance for Mission! We will be considering the **SHAPE** of our church through reflecting on our strengths and weaknesses. We will be looking as how eager we are to

“reach out with God’s love...”

as our Mission Statement states and we will be considering our Pathway for Renewal as we consider the way forward in serving Jesus Christ here in King’s Park Church and Parish.

Everyone has ideas, old and new, please consider helping your church move forward by coming along and sharing with others. May-be you don’t come with ideas but enthusiasm is just as important, as we need people with both the ideas and the ability to put them in place, as well as those prepared to stick at it and see it happen.

Everyone is welcome as everyone’s opinions are important. We need young and mature Christians to witness and serve Jesus Christ effectively in King’s Park in the 21st Century.

Hope to see you there.

Church Officer Leaving Gift

After 15 years of dedicated service to King’s Park Church Ian Henderson our Church Officer is leaving. He has been a well-known face and served his Lord Jesus Christ with passion in that time and if you would like to make a donation to a gift for him, then please give this monetary gift to the Treasurer or marked in an envelope through the offering bag at a service of worship.

We take this opportunity to thank Ian for all his effort and commitment not just in serving the church and community but his Lord and wish him and Liz all God’s Blessings for the future.

FROM THE MANSE. . . Remember

I always think of November as a month for remembering those people who willingly laid down their lives in World Wars and wars since so that we can all enjoy the freedom we have today. I have been doing a lot of remembering myself recently, as the due date of our first grandchild approaches (as you read this he may even have arrived). I remember it like it was yesterday, being in labour for such a long time and Alistair being born at 2.45am, I was too excited to sleep. Laying in the maternity ward of Stirling Royal Infirmary and watching Alistair in his crib on that very first night 27 years ago, I was so amazed by the wonder and perfection of this tiny, bundle of joy. I couldn't believe that Lawson and I had produced such a wonderful baby, then I realised that actually God had given us this amazing gift of life in a child. A miracle, as each and every child is. I remember these things as I look out the finely knitted suit Alistair wore after his Baptism, along with the very special gifts given to him by family and friends, which I still have. Then there are the photographs taken by Lawson and even the videos of special and every day events that we experienced, I remember. The holidays where we travelled to Bournemouth with my Mum and Dad, with Alistair laying in the carry-cot between my Mum and I in the back of the car – no such thing as car seats in those days! I remember. Then as Alistair began to walk and talk, our 2nd miracle Laura arrived, we started to realise what a tremendous responsibility it was to bring up children in today's world.

As I start preparing for the joys of becoming a granny I grow more excited and can't wait for the 29th October to come and the baby to arrive. Life is amazing!

Our town, country, world and universe are amazing! And how did this all come about? Because God wants to have a close and personal relationship with each and every one of us. He loves us unconditionally – as only a parent (or Grandparent can), and He loves us so much that He took on flesh and lived among us to re-establish our relationship with Him, as only He could, through Jesus' death. Our Lord and Saviour who suffered and died for us, so that our sins could be forgiven and in Jesus' own words "*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). Through God's Spirit we can cope with anything – even a Grandchild – hopefully!



Every blessing to you and your family, Love, Sandra

Editor's Extras...

It is that time of the year when we meditate, individually and together, on those who gave their lives in various conflicts. The Church is available to facilitate our remembering. It is our Minister's eighth anniversary with us this month and we honour this milestone with gratitude, blessing and hope for the future.

For the first time in my recollection there are no hatches, matches and despatches this month. There have been no meetings of the Kirk Session and Congregational Board since the last issue, therefore no reports. At this time of "upheaval" in the Church, both nationally and locally, let us consider that we are fortunate to be able to worship without fear, unlike the Protestants in China - see "Both Sides Now". We must continue to work and pray for the smooth ongoing operation of our own Church. If possible, read "Tomorrow's Calling" in the October edition of "Life and Work".

Here's a thought - while the heating was out of commission the services were held in the large hall. This created a feeling of intimacy. Now that we have returned to the Sanctuary, could we reduce the number of seats to recreate this "closeness" in worship?

Yours in faith,
WP

Pondering Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love:

- At Harvest, with thanks, Duet 16: 13-17
- BB Founders Day
- In Boldness, Strength & Peace, John 14: 15-31
- Through Service and Suffering, Mark 10:35-45

Prayer Focus

We pray that God loves and cares for our Church, at this time, and that He will continue to help us love and care for others. We give thanks for today; help us to use it wisely as well as we can. Help us be loyal to those who need us, we pray that our Minister will continue to lead us as she has for the last eight years Amen



CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - September 2015

	£ <u>Sept</u>
<u>Income</u>	
Offerings	10,071
Last Year Offerings	9,766
Difference +/-%	3.34%
YTD Difference +/-%	-8.91%
Regular Monthly Income	1284
Legacy A Brown restricted Bell Tower Renovations	2,607
Gift Weekend	3,340
Total Month's Income	17,302
<u>Costs</u>	
Regularly Monthly Costs	17,182
One off Costs	2,539
Total Month's Costs	19,721
Monthly Income vs (Costs)	-2,419

Comments

One off costs in September included barbed wire for church roof £1,450, Church Music Rights Licence £804, Banner for church £125 and boiler repairs £125.

The Finance Committee

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 584

THE GUILD

Our new session began with a visit from Rev Bill Ferguson, who is now a regular visitor to our Guild. His topic was "The Kindness of Strangers" because of an incident which happened when he and his family were on holiday abroad. He told us of how his baby granddaughter was taken ill, and how complete strangers all stepped in to help the family out, despite the language difficulties. The baby was treated in hospital, and has now made a full recovery, but Mr Ferguson and his family will always remember "The Kindness of Strangers". We were also visited by Mrs Wendy Sandiford, who spoke about the life and times of Coco Chanel. Coco (whose real name was Gabrielle) was born in 1883 and died in Paris in 1971. She was a very ambitious lady, who literally rose "From Rags to Riches". She did, however leave a legacy of fashion and perfume, including Chanel no. 5. Our Annual Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan cancer care raised the sum of £535.70. The Guild would like to thank those who helped in any way to make this such a success, including all the willing helpers and those who came along to support this worthy cause.

Our Annual Charity Night will take place on 11th November at 7.30pm in the large hall. Tickets priced £3.50. The proceeds will go to our two chosen projects, which this year are "Street Pastors" and "Breaking the Cycle of FGM". Please come along and enjoy the entertainment. The Guild will hold a special Tuesday Coffee Morning to mark "Guild Week". This will take place on Tuesday 17th November from 10am until 12 noon in the St Mungo Hall. The Guild will have two stalls at the Christmas Bazaar, "The Kitchen Cupboard" which is a household and groceries stall (no toiletries please). The second one is the handicrafts stall. Donations of items for both stalls will be very much appreciated.

The syllabus for December is:

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| 2nd | 2pm | Christmas Entertainment - Mr Ian Walker "Music to lift the spirits". This will be followed by a meal at the Glasgow Indoor Bowling. |
| 9th | 12 Noon | Half-day outing to Dobbie's Garden Centre, followed by a tour of the Christmas Lights. |

As always a warm welcome will be extended to anyone who wishes to come along to any of our meetings or special events.

E Gillespie - Secretary

CARPET BOWLS

No news last month, and that was the start of the season, nothing happened! Well, that is not true. Irene Todd sent her usual selection of biscuits to start the season; thank you Irene. Summer arrived late so our outdoor players made the most of the grass rinks after a dodgy summer start.

At the time of writing the rain is lashing down so we will be expecting the company of missing bowlers.

One of our STICKS is missing. This is a piece of equipment that is placed in the centre of the carpet, sometimes called the helicopter; quite a heavy piece so it is a bit like losing an elephant.

If anyone knows where it is please let us know.

J. Riddell

NEWS FROM THE MEWS

From the beginning of 2015, the ladies of the Mews, and friends, have been collecting for the Macmillan Nurses ending with a coffee morning.

The final total for their good work was £2,065.33

DAY OF PRAYER

The Church will be open on Wednesday **11/11/15** between 10am and 7pm. There will be a reading and a prayer every hour on the hour and a service at 11am. Tea and coffee will be available and an opportunity for someone to pray with you if you wish.

DIET AND FITNESS CLASS - (ROSEMARY SEDGWICK)

There is a diet and fitness class in the Large Hall on a Tuesday morning 10am - 11.30am - cost £5.00 per class. No strict diet, just practical nutritional advice, optional weigh-in, fun workout and lots of motivation. Come along, this service is for you.

Call Rosemary on 639 7477 or simply drop in.

CAN ANYONE HELP?.....

King's Park has an excellent suite of halls, which are well used by all manner of groups and organisations, sacred and secular, BUT, there are opportunities to make more use of the accommodation when they're not being used.

Loads of requests are received from individuals and groups seeking to 'rent' halls or rooms for meetings, children's parties , dancing displays etc. This is great, because it generates additional income for the church and, just as importantly, invites people, young and old, into our buildings, giving us the opportunity to welcome them in the name of Jesus.

So, how can you help?

If a hall/room is let at a time when the Church Officer is not on duty, we need a responsible person to be present while the event is taking place. Accordingly, we need to draw up a list of people who would be able to do this. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to serve.

If you would like to help or even find out more about this - please contact Alan Pratt on 07776 328914

HELP REQUIRED

We require able bodied assistance at 9am on Friday 27th November to set the halls up and also require assistance to reset the halls after the Bazaar has finished. If you can help please do come along.

CLEANER

There is a vacancy at the Church for a cleaner. This would be for five hours per week cleaning the "new" suite of halls. Training would be provided. If anyone is interested please contact the Clerk to the Board, Jacqueline Coleman.

KING'S PARK BRASS - UPDATE



November is a busy month for the band, with a coffee morning in King's Park Church, a concert in Rutherglen Town Hall, and the Scottish Youth Championships in Perth, all in the space of eight days!

Coffee Morning - Saturday 14th November

The band's annual coffee morning will include a mini-concert featuring the Youth Band and Junior Band. The bands will be giving a sneak preview of their programmes for the Scottish Youth Championships in Perth the following Saturday. All are welcome to come along for a coffee and cake between 10am and 12noon, with the music starting at 11am. Entry is by donation.

Rutherglen Town Hall - Friday 20th November

The band returns to Rutherglen Town Hall for a concert entitled "Music from many Lands", a musical world tour. From Vienna to Vladivostok, from New York to New Zealand and everywhere in between, this varied programme takes the long way round, featuring music from across the globe in a whistle-stop musical tour-de-force.

Tickets are available from the Town Hall box office priced £7/£6. We hope to see you there!

On a lighter note . . . Signs outside Churches

"Free trip to Heaven, details inside"

"The best vitamin for a Christian is B1"

"People are like tea bags—you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

"Come in and pray today—beat the Christmas rush."

"Sign broken—message inside this Sunday"

Thanks . . .

We would like to thank everybody for their good wishes for our Golden Wedding. Thanks to the Kirk Session for the lovely flowers.

Millie and John



I would like to thank everybody who either sent cards or telephoned following my most recent stay in hospital. Thanks to Reverend Sandra Boyd and Raymond Jenkins for their visits. Your kind thoughts and support are much appreciated.

Ian MacLeod

We wish to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards and support during these last few months. They are all very much appreciated. We would also like to thank Raymond for his kind words and comforting service.

The family of the late Mary Logan

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 23rd November until 8pm Friday 27th November. No items should be brought for selling prior to this or on the morning of the bazaar. Donations for the Home Baking Stall and Tea Room can be handed into the Halls on the Friday Night or Saturday. Entry to the Tea Room is £2 for adults and 70pm for children. Bottle and Heavenly Scent Stalls will be supported by the Buttercups, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Junior and Company Sections of the BB and Sunday School Departments. Hot pancakes will be on sale from the kitchen as usual. Members of Glasgow Life Staff will be there to do Face Painting for the children. The Bazaar Quiz will be available from the start of November at all the doors of the Church. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 28th November. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan

Bazaar Convenors

Both Sides Now

Over the last few months the state of the Church in Scotland has been discussed ad nauseum with Ministers retiring; churches together combined with unions and links; Pioneer Ministries; Elders trained to undertake the work of Ministers; Presbytery Plans and Path of Renewal. All this at a time of reduced attendances in a more secular society. Do we let the Church slide into semi-oblivion? What do we lose if we lose our Church? Are we as a society too self-satisfied to believe in God? Is our Faith worth fighting for?

Compare this to the situation in China, where worshipping can be a dangerous business where millions of Chinese Protestants are defying the Communist Government and meeting in illegal underground churches, in the face of a stepped-up campaign to shut them down. The Government fear that faith in God will subvert faith in the party.

Although there has never been an official acceptance of religion (a tight rein has been employed), the stakes are now higher, as any campaign against underground Christians could create domestic resistance and bring condemnation from Christians worldwide.

“We have a religious belief, just like hungry people need something to eat” says Protestant Leader Mr Jin. There is a network of urban house meetings which police and security agents attempt to close. There could be between 30-60 million church-goers in this category.

It seems to be we always want what we cannot have - fame, fortune, lost loves. Perhaps we should want to keep the Church before it is lost?

(Extract, in part, from an article from Raymond's nephew who lives and works in China and worships in a 17th storey office)

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

GIFT FOR JESUS

At a recent Congregational Board meeting the Social and Fundraising committee proposed this year that we give people the opportunity to buy a "Gift For Jesus". At Christmas time we rush around buying lots of gifts for our friends and family and this year we thought it would be nice to buy a Gift for our dearest friend, Jesus. This was met with great enthusiasm. Our Church throughout the year needs lots of small items bought to keep it functioning so how about this year we save on Church funds and buy a little gift for Jesus at Christmas. We propose that you buy one of the following items, wrap it up and deposit it under the Christmas Tree on Sunday 13th December (Communion Sunday) and 20th December (Nativity Sunday).

We hope that this small but very important gift will serve our Church throughout the year.

- A4 white photocopy paper
- Books of postage stamps
- Stationery, e.g. pens, post-it notes, envelopes
- Arts and Craft supplies
- Rechargeable AA batteries
- Tea/Coffee – fair trade, Sugar, Juice
- Liquid hand soap
- Toilet Rolls
- First aid equipment – e.g. plasters
- Paint Brushes
- Jay Cloths, White cotton dish cloths (not towels)
- Unperfumed anti-bacterial spray
- Pot scourers

These items of course are not limited, in fact, if you are perhaps on a committee that has to buy something that's not on the list then do let us know and we can add it.

We look forward to receiving your "Gifts for Jesus" this Christmas time.

P.T.O

BOOK SALE

We will be holding a book sale on Saturday 14th November from 10am until 12noon in the Large Hall. This is being held in conjunction with the Brass Band coffee morning, come along, enjoy the music, tea and coffee and help yourself to a book as well!

THE 'KING'S PARK STAR' APPEAL

The annual 'Kings Park Star Appeal' will be launched on the first Sunday of Advent (29th November) with all proceeds going to "Embrace the Middle East". This is a Christian development charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. Instead of sending cards to your friends in the congregation we suggest you give your name to us along with a donation and this will allow one card to be printed with your name on it. This will be circulated at the Family Service on 20th December to the whole congregation. You will receive a "star" to hang on the cross at the door of the Church. Stars will be available after the 11am services on 29th Nov, 6th and 13th of December. This of course does not mean that you don't have to send cards to your friends! But we would be delighted if you would consider the Crisis in the Middle East at this time of year.

DVD AFTERNOON

Calling all Primary 1-5 children, on Saturday 5th December from 2pm until 4pm in the Large Hall we will be entertaining p1-5 children with juice, sweets and a DVD. All children will be made most welcome. Come along and join in the fun! Price £1.

BURNS SUPPER

A number of people have approached asking if we would arrange a Burns Supper so this year we are planning well in advance! We have proposed Sunday 31st January 2016 for this event and would be delighted to receive feedback to find out how many people would be interested in attending. Further details will be available in the next magazine.

*Thank you again for your continued support,
Lynda Young, on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—NOVEMBER

- Sun 1st** 11am Morning Worship - Dedication of Garden of Remembrance after the Service
 Mon 2nd 7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
 Tue 3rd 7pm-9pm KP Chicks
 Wed 4th 2pm Guild
 Wed 4th 7.30pm Kirk Session Consultation – open to anyone with an enthusiasm for Mission or a vision for King's Park Church.

Our textile collection will take place from 4th -11th Nov inclusive

- Sat 7th 4-6pm Messy Church
Sun 8th 10.50am Remembrance Sunday
 6.30pm Evening Worship
 Mon 9th 7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
 Wed 11th 10am-7pm Prayer Vigil, with remembrance at 11am
 Wed 11th 7.30pm Guild Charity Evening
Sun 15th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 16th 7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
 Wed 18th 2pm Guild
 Wed 18th 6.30pm Prayer Group
 Wed 18th 7pm Kirk Session
 Wed 18th 8pm Congregational Board Meeting
Sun 22nd 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 23rd 7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall
 Wed 25th 2pm Guild
 Fri 27th 10am D-Cafe
 Sat 28th 10am - 1pm Christmas Bazaar
Sun 29th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11am Morning Worship. 1st Sunday in Advent—Star Appeal Launched
 Mon 30th 7pm-9pm Bible Study in St Mungo Hall

December

- Wed 2nd 2pm Guild
 Sat 5th 2pm-4pm DVD Afternoon for P1-P5
 Sat 5th 4-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 6th 11am Morning Worship - 2nd Sunday in Advent, including Gift Sunday for Church House
 6.30pm Service of Remembrance



King's Park Church, 242 Castlemilk Road

Saturday 28th November 2015

10am until 1pm

Bottle Stall Crafts Face Painting Quiz
Household & Grocery Tea-Room
Bric-a-brac Candles CDs Books Toys

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Santa Jewellery Soft Goods
Pound Stall Stationery
Home Baking Hot Pancakes



AND MUCH MORE! COME ALONG AND JOIN US!!

Admission by Donation—£2 for the tea-room