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

***"To keep a lamp burning
you have to keep putting oil in it".***

(Mother Theresa)

1930-2018—88 Years of Spiritual Service

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 555

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

14 Dec Mr William (Bill) Donaldson,
Diana Avenue, Knightswood

Please remember to inform the Church if you are changing your address. It's vital that our records are kept as up to date as possible. Thank you in advance.

CHURCH MAGAZINE/LIFE & WORK

The annual subscription for the above magazines is now due and should be given to your District Visitor at your earliest convenience.

The amount is as follows:

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LARGE PRINT COPY

A reminder that if you require a large print copy of the Church Magazine you should contact your magazine visitor to let them know. They will pass the information to myself. Thank you.

Ann McNeice, Magazine Convenor

FROM THE MANSE. . .

Due to Sandra's recent bereavement there will be no "From the Manse" or any Kirk Session/Congregational Board reports this issue. How was New Year declared by our Ministers in past years?

1945 There can be no thoughtful person who looks not now rather wistfully ahead. Will 1945 be an improvement on 1944? Will the war end before the year end?

"Let their heads not be troubled neither let they be afraid"

1956 What right have we Christians to be happy? What reasons have we to go forward into the New Year in Faith? We believe that God is undefeatable in his own universe. God can be undefeatable here and now, in us.

"Show me a light that I may know the way"

1977 Another year is with us, another stage in our journey in life. What is in store for us? It is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

"Be at peace with God and be at peace with your soul."

2000 This is the last/first magazine of the 20th/21st century - over the year it has recorded the Congregation's story - developments, events, changes - momentous and ordinary. But something has remained unchanged - the love of God in Jesus Christ for us.

"Let us face the challenge of the future with confidence".

2012 A very happy New Year to you all. As we go forward into the year we are considering introducing tea and coffee after the 11am services and technology in the Church. A priority group has been set up to facilitate these in 2012.

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord."

So, stop, listen and act on God's plans. There is little to lose and much to gain in being part of God's family. The message over the years has been the same for Christians. Be at peace with our God; go forward in hope.

Editor's Extras

Last week I watched a documentary relating to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953. It told the story of the day from the Queen's perspective. This included the Regalia, the Crowning, Anointing, Peace with God, acceptance by her peers. So, we had a new Queen to lead us into a new era, crowned by means of medieval tradition. Whether you agree with Monarchy or not, the Coronation represented a particular ribbon of history - a looking forward by looking backward. Other threads in our layered ribbons of existence is our Church, its history, the events of 2017 and the future for members and the community. The onus is on us (or on us is the onus), to ensure that the Church is high on our list when we consider its future. In "places of the Bible" we highlight our *raison D'etre*, in the poem "Windows of the Church" and "Dates for your Diary" we look forward and "From the Manse" we look back. This is our Church. Happy New Year. *WP*.



Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we bring before you all children and young people in this year of young people. We hope that all activities are well supported and we remember the leaders of our groups held within our buildings. God, you welcome all of us with your open arms. Inspire and guide us, that we may never hinder your children from coming to you, and remember that we are all part of your family. Bring us together as a loving community for all that we may learn from each other as we walk side by side in faith.

Lord, as we enter this period of Lent, let us remember Jesus and all that he suffered for us. He willingly died in agony and despair. In doing so He fulfilled the scripture and prophecy and died that we will be saved and have everlasting life. Jesus, we can never thank you enough. Let us all strive to be more like you. Let us, if we are able, complete a random act of kindness every day in the hope that we will make things better for the future.

Hear our Prayer Lord, *Amen*

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2017**

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		<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Offerings		7,736	14,717
Last Year Offerings	8,196		8,984
Difference +/--%	-460		5,733
Regular Monthly Income		5,524	3,024
HMRC - Tax Refund/Gift Aid		3,375	-
Charitable Donations		50	347
Roof Fund - Donations & Fundraising		220	-
Christmas Bazaar		-	5,212
Hall Hire Income		945	165
Total Month's Income		<u>17,850</u>	<u>23,465</u>
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Regularly Monthly Costs		17,072	12,985
Annual Presbytery Dues		4,666	-
Property repairs/ works		1,951	845
Total Month's Costs		<u>23,689</u>	<u>13,830</u>
		=====	=====
Monthly Income vs (Costs)		-5,839	9,635

Comments

November - Shortfall in overall income after expenses was £5,839. Of this, there was a shortfall in Unrestricted Funds of £5,472 for the month (although £1,520 of this is temporary use of cash for Bazaar set up cost and floats and is repaid in December)

December - Surplus of income after expenses was £9,635. Generous donations of approx £6,500 were received during the month. * Christmas Bazaar Cash banked in December was £5,212 however £1,520 cash at end of November was used for set up costs and floats. Net surplus from Christmas Bazaar was £3,692.

THE GUILD

We are now into the second half of our current session, and the time just seems to have flown in. We will have our Annual Guild Guest Night on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm in the large hall. The entertainment will be "Harmony" (Songs of the 50's & 60's). Tickets will be £4 each and everyone is welcome to come along.

Our Annual Guild Coffee Morning, in aid of Guild Funds, will be held on Saturday 3rd March from 10am – 12 noon in the large hall. There will be various stalls, and entry will be by donation, so do please come along and support us.

The syllabus for Feb/Mar is as follows:-

Feb	7	2pm	Dr Robert Hamilton – Barrack Obama
	14	7.30pm	GUILD GUEST NIGHT – "Harmony" (Songs of the 50's & 60's)
	21	2pm	Craig Mains – "The Forgotten Village"
	28	2pm	"King Cotton" – Ron Moorcroft (Mills of Lancashire and Lanarkshire)
Mar	7	2pm	Rev Jack Drummond – Topic TBA
	14	2pm	AGM – Followed by a speaker from "Crossreach"
	21	7.30pm	DAFFODIL TEA – Eros Concert Party

Anyone wishing to come along to any of our meetings will be made most welcome.

E Gillespie - Secretary

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.

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- Through Love, Luke 15: 11-31
- Advent - Hope, Mark 13:32-37
- Communion - Peace, Mark 1:1-8
- Advent - Joy, Isaiah 16:1-11
- Nativity
- Carols & Lessons, Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7, Luke 2:8-20, Matt 2:1-12, John 1:1-14
- Another Road, Matt 2:1-12
- Miracles, John 2:1-11
- Clearing the Temple: John 2: 13-25

NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP

We thanked Mrs Campbell for her Elder's visit and her words of encouragement. We sent over 140 Prayer cards last year. There are 87 members and 168 friends on the list which will be reviewed in April. If you wish someone kept on or wish to add a name of a friend or loved one please print the name on the list at the front door of the church.

ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS

This important meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th March at 7.45pm. The financial situation of King's Park Church must be of interest to all members of the congregation this year and any ramifications discussed and debated as necessary. All trustees (Elders and Board Members) are invited to attend.

If you would like to share in supper at 7.00pm (price £5) before the start of business at 7.45pm please let Carol Moore know before Wednesday 7th March at the very latest (583 0708).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will take place as part of the morning service on Sunday 18th March when the financial affairs of the Church will be presented to the Congregation and Board Members can be appointed.

MINDFULNESS COURSE

Information related to this course can be gleaned from the Intimations each Sunday. Please pass these details to anyone interested.

WORLD MISSION

If you have shown interest in the Church of Scotland's HIV awareness scheme (red ribbons etc) then pick up the December/January World Mission Magazine (at various Church doors) where the work being done under the slogan "Lets End It" can be found. The next issue will concentrate on Fairtrade Fortnight. Could I remind all interested parties that collection boxes for the Leprosy Mission are available at the doors of the Church. *WP.*

COMPUTER CLASS

There may be an opportunity to restart the Computing Class at King's Park Church dependent on numbers and/or interest. If you are interested in attending this class please contact Wilson Paterson.

LADIES BADMINTON CLUB

Although we are half way through our session, there are still vacancies for more ladies to join our Ladies Badminton Club. It meets on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. It is a very friendly club with plenty of chat and a nice cup of tea. All ladies will be made welcome.

Jean Vail

SPECIAL THANKS

Over the last couple of months we have sought volunteers to help with general operations of our Church. These things go unnoticed when they are not attended to and problems have been exacerbated due to the snow and ice in recent weeks. It is timely therefore that we take a moment to thank the team of volunteers who have stepped up in lots of different ways to ensure that our Church is open, clean and welcoming. Special thanks at this time must go to our own Raymond and Alan who have gone above and beyond any expectation of Pastoral Assistant and Session Clerk. We are truly blessed to have them both. Thank you to one and all.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

The Social and Fundraising committee have had a very busy Christmas and start to the new year. Huge thanks to everyone who made the children's DVD, the Christmas Star Appeal and the Gifts for Jesus appeals so successful. A grand total of £685.94 was raised during the Star Appeal for GAMh. A very special thanks to everyone who contributed and attended our hugely popular Burns Supper this year. We will keep you up to date with this year's events in the intimations and magazine.

Lynda Young on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

King's Park Brass - Update

The band will be in concert in St Andrew's in the Square on Sunday 18th March at 4pm. Special guests for the afternoon will be the Edinburgh Brass Band. The programme will have a leaning towards classical music and original brass band music, with King's Park's major offerings being Dean Goffin's Rhapsody in Brass and Rossini's overture to the opera The Thieving Magpie.

The bands will also pay tribute to each other's cities! The pen of Scottish composer Alan Fernie will provide the music in the form of Glasgow Overture and City Lights: A Love Song for Edinburgh. And the two bands will join together for a massed band finale! Ticket details will be publicised in the church intimations nearer the time.

BB NEWS

Both Junior and Company Sections have now resumed after their Christmas/New Year holiday and are busily engaged in the various District and Battalion events. At time of writing, the Junior Section resume their Cathkin District 7-a-side football competition after their Christmas Break (unlike the SPFL premiership there were no trips to warmer climes!!). The league position was the 118 in second place, 4 points behind the 229 from Cambuslang, while the joint 229/118 currently occupy 3rd place.

In the Company Section two boys Aaron Downie and Stuart McFadden will be attending the Battalion Queen's Badge Completion Course on the weekend 23-25 March.

Ian Livingstone, RO

Bazaar Quiz

Winner was Colin Morton

Answers 1. Ferry 2. Ambulance 3. Jet 4. Scooter 5. Kayak
6. Taxi 7. Junk 8. Moped 9. Sampan 10. Pullman 11.
Limousine or Scow 12. Dhow 13. Hearse 14. Car 15. Dinghy
16. Glider 17. Gondola 18. Van 19. Canoe 20. Tandem 21.
Cable car 22. Lorry 23. Yacht 24. Barge

CHURCH OFFICER.....or not?

It was reported in December17/January18 magazine that Michael Madden had resigned as our church officer, and that a working group had been appointed to consider the future of the post. That group reported to a meeting of trustees after the December Communion. It made the following recommendations:-

Rather than employ a church officer to cover the previous “split-shift” contract hours, it was proposed that a new cleaner/caretaker position should be introduced to work 9am – 1pm on Monday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

The evening “shifts”, comprising 6pm – 10pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, would be covered by volunteers from the congregation (Monday nights are already covered by a volunteer rota). This would save money and help considerably in reducing our significant financial deficit. The working group’s proposals were duly ratified by the trustees and you will be aware that the new position has recently been advertised.

Michael left his position at the beginning of November, and I’m pleased to say that in keeping with the subsequent volunteering proposals, a few people came forward, generally to cover a particular preferred evening on a monthly basis through November, December and into January. I am indebted to these volunteers but must point out that for the set up to be successful in the long term, **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS.**

You will be aware that an important part of the church officer’s duties was to attend to all church services – the formal entry and exit of the bible, and various other preparatory tasks on a Sunday. If anyone would be able to help carry out these duties on an occasional Sunday, this would also be most appreciated.

So to recap – we need volunteers urgently:-

- **to look after the use of the halls, etc on a Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday evening, and/or to carry out “beadle” duties on an occasional Sunday morning/ evening**

Please speak to Alan Pratt in the first instance, in person or on 07776 328914

Remember, the more volunteers – the less onerous the task!

Thanks . . .

We would like to thank the Reverend Sandra Boyd for her kindness and prayers when we lost our mum, Helen Watson, age 92. Also our sincere thanks for the poignant funeral service and eulogy.

Morag, Robert and Campbell Watson

I would like to say thank you for the flowers I received. They are a pleasure to see. Also thank you to Raymond Jenkins and my elder, Bob Pitman for their visits.

Lena Russell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra for the flowers from the Church. To my friends in the congregation and neighbours for flowers, cards and letters following the death of my mum. They were all very much appreciated.

Margaret McGill

Dear Friends

Lawson and I would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and have kept us in their prayers over these past few difficult weeks, we really appreciated it. Thanks to the Church for the beautiful flowers we received when we returned last week and a special thank you to everyone who ventured out in the terrible snow to be with us last Wednesday at my Dad's funeral.

Many thanks love, Sandra, Lawson & family.

LUNCH CLUB - Our monthly Community Lunch Club has started back in the New Year and will take place on Thursday 22nd February, 29th March, 26th April and 31st May 2018 from 12noon until 2pm. Everyone welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED ...

Leonard Cheshire Disability is a charity that supports disabled people in the UK and around the world to fulfil their potential and live the lives they choose. We have several supported living houses across Glasgow, including in Castlemilk. The people who live in these houses, lead independent lives with the support of our staff. Additionally we involve volunteer befrienders to offer support in different ways. In our Castlemilk service we have a couple of gentlemen who love country music and would like a volunteer or two to visit them in their home to share music with them; after a while this might extend to trips out and about, perhaps even to see live music. If you live locally, like country music and would like to gain experience of working with people with a disability, then you might be who we are looking for. We'd also love to hear from anyone with other interests who would be interested in a befriending volunteer role either in Castlemilk or in other areas of Glasgow. It's a great opportunity to get more involved in your community, meet new people and learn more about disability and the care sector.

Volunteers need to provide 2 references, have a PVG check and commit to some online training courses before they are able to get started. If you want to do something different in 2018, why not volunteer with LCD? You can find out more about Leonard Cheshire Disability and about volunteering with us on our website www.leonardcheshire.org and we advertise our volunteering opportunities on the Volunteer Glasgow website www.volunteerglasgow.org, or you can contact the volunteer coordinator for Glasgow on sarah.burgess@leonardcheshire.org or on 0141 429 5644.



FLOWER FUND

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

Places of the Bible Towns and cities where faith in action took place through the works of Jesus.

Capernaum—Nahum's Town

A Galilean City frequently mentioned in the history of our Lord. It is not mentioned in the Old Testament. After our Lord's expulsion from Nazareth, Capernaum became his "own city". It was the scene of many acts and incidents in his life - healing of the servant boy (Matt 8:5) - healing Peter's mother-in-law (Matt 8:14,15) - healing of paralysed boy (Matt 9:2-6) - healing the sick (Mark 1:32-34) etc. The unbelief of the inhabitants after evidence of His mission brought down a heavy denunciation of Judgement on them (Matt 11:23). Capernaum stood on the Western shore of the Sea of Galilee and lay on the Great Highway from Damascus to Acco and Tyre. There are extensive ruins, also the remains of what must have been a beautiful synagogue where our Lord gave the well-known discourse on Bread of Life (John 6).

Bethany - House of Dates

This was a village on the South-Eastern slope of the Mount of Olives (Mark 11:1) about 2 miles east of Jerusalem on the Road to Jericho, It derived its name from the number of palm-trees which grew there. It was residence of Lazarus and his sisters. It is frequently mentioned in connection with memorable incidents in the life of our Lord. He was at the home of Simon the Leper where the woman anointed Him with expensive perfume (Matt 26:6 and Mark 14:3). Also on the road from Emmaus to Bethany (Luke 24:50) and the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1). The village has been described as "remarkably beautiful", the perfection of seclusion and peace.

Bethphage - House of the Unripe Fig

Mainly known for the place that the colt was tied before Jesus's triumphal entry to Jerusalem (Matt 21:1, Mark 11:1, Luke 19:29). It was very close to Bethany.

Bethsaida - House of Fish

There may have been two places called Bethsaida, or , perhaps as some suppose, only one built on both sides of the Sea of Tiberius near where the Jordan enters it. It was the native place of Peter, Andrew and Philip (John 1:44) and was frequently visited by Jesus. It was also where Jesus walked on water (Mark 6:45). A city near where Jesus fed the 5000 and a blind man had his sight restored (Luke 9:10) and (Mark 8:22)

Windows of the Church

*Who 'owns' that Church at the foot of the Hill
Where all windows are blazing so bright?
That's our Church, built here, long ago, in King's Park
A place open each day and each night*

*Look in the windows and what do you see?
Each one will show hope, peace and joy
With Worship and fellowship, partnership too
Keep these "ships" afloat - not destroy*

*There's something for everyone - whatever you want
Can be seen through these windows of love
Where folk work together - imagine - through faith
In the name of the Good Lord Above*

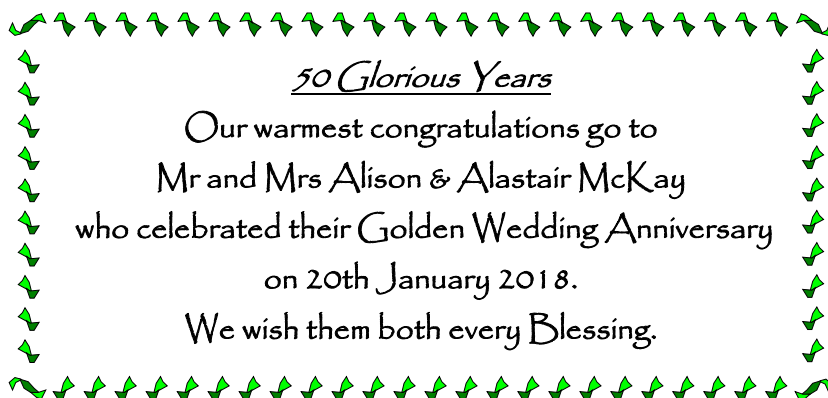
*But one of those windows shows business
And no matter our dreams to go on
With numbers declining, more people reclining,
There's a chance this place could be gone*

*This would be a shame as all buildings are used
Though windows of Ministry close
And a flower of our district will wither and die
As the petals fall down from our rose*

*Can we halt or delay this march of time?
Must we think of what work should be done?
Though the "lights" in our hearts will always remain
In the windows, they'll go, one by one*

*So, let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our Heavenly Lord
But let us not give up the fight
To keep our windows blazing bright*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- Sun 4 11am Morning Worship including re-dedication, followed by
the 242 Bring & Buy Sale
- Sun 11 11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship including Sacrament of Communion
- Sun 18 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Wed 21 6.30pm Prayer Group
7pm Kirk Session
8.15pm Congregational Board
- Sun 25 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship including Brownie and Guide Thinking
Day Parade

March

- Sat 3 4pm-6pm Messy Church
- Sun 4 11am Morning Worship
- Sun 11 11am Morning Worship including Sacrament of Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship including Sacrament of Communion
- Wed 14 7pm Trustees' Supper
7.45pm Attestation of Accounts
- Sun 18 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship including the Annual General Meeting
- Sun 25 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship—Palm Sunday

Note: Monday 26th March until Friday 30th March is Holy Week.
Sunday 1st April - Easter Sunday