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sharing God's love by reaching out to others.
"The greatest hope you can ever have as a follower
of Jesus Christ is the Blessed Hope of His glorious
return".
(Titus 3: 6-7, John 14: 1-3)

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

ADMISSION BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

We warmly welcomed 5 new communicants into King's Park Church on Sunday 4th March. They are on the front cover of this magazine and are:

Laura Boyd, Louise Devlin, Gillian Fyfe, Julia Greer
Christoph Rommel

No of Communicants on Roll = 554

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

29th Jan	Mrs May Kennedy, Kingslynn Drive
Feb	Mr John Armour, Kings Park Avenue
3rd Feb	Mrs Trudi Levis, Rodger Park Care Home
3rd Feb	Mr Bill Kirk, Menock Road
12 Feb	Mr Tommy Mark, Cartside Street
14 Feb	Mrs Jessie Rhind, formerly Ashcroft Court
18 Feb	Mr John Fenwick, Millport Avenue
27 Feb	Baby Lucas Stewart, Montford Avenue

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.

FROM THE MANSE. . . Thoughts of the Future

The designers and builders of Kings Park Church 88 years ago had the foresight to maximise our worship experience through the flexibility they included in our beautiful sanctuary. By installing chairs instead of pews and incorporating shutters to close off the transepts, they allowed for the changing needs of the worshipping congregation.

How many remember classes in the shuttered transept or the year we had the children's toys and books in the transept for the Bazaar when the annexe floor was being replaced?

We appreciate the disruption the decision of the Kirk Session may have caused when gathering all members into the body of the Kirk and ask for your continued support as we go forward.

As we enter our period of Stewardship in May we are looking this year at **TIME**.

One idea suggested was to get people together, spending time working on a special project. I am aware that after Easter and our cross is removed the south transept would be rather bare.



Looking at other churches with a similar cruciform shape to ours they have incorporated a history of their church: celebrating people and special occasions in the life of the church. We have a large amount of information and photographs of the church, as we discovered 3 years ago, but it would be nice to have these things on display all year round.

We could have fixed displays and displays that change, focusing on different aspects of the church's life. This is of course one suggestion and I would like to take this opportunity for each of us to think of this idea or to suggest another. Perhaps you could have a chat with your elder or maybe you would like to be involved as a member of the team of people who would collate and display our history. Last month a lady at Whitburn Guild asked if the Guides were still going at Kings Park Church as she had been a Girl Guide here many years ago. History and our place in it is very important and not least the life of our church. Wishing you all God Blessings, Love, *Sandra*.

Editor's Extras

This is the 900th edition of our magazine so I thought to look at the first issue of the "Monthly Record" which was 4 pages long and published in April 1931. The organisations consisted of Boys' Brigade, Life Boys (Junior Brigade), Sunday Schools (200 strong), Guides, a Women's Temperance Group and Choir, and a Concert. Compare that to the number of organisations today - there is a long list. Our premises are much grander today and certainly "much water has flowed under the bridge since then". But here we are, still congregating, still worshipping the same God, still going forward together, putting what we can into our Church (the collection in 1931 was £51.4s 5d) Easter is also an anniversary which we celebrate and I hope you managed to some of the services during Holy Week? Jerusalem is included under places of the bible in this issue. We come soon to the end of another Church year and thanks given to our ministry team, leaders of organisations and trustees for all their work. We look forward to a summer of activity and rest. (you know what I mean) Go in faith, *WP*.

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, we ask you to bless John Black as he takes on his new role of working in our Church as caretaker/cleaner, wish him well. We give thanks to all who helped and supported their neighbours and the Church during the bad weather. It is great to have the community working together.



We have travelled from Palm Sunday to our Lord's Resurrection. Help us to follow the path you have chosen for us. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to others needs. May you bless our new Communicants. May we encourage them and lead them on their new path in their lives so they will grow in faith and love for Jesus. Peace will be achieved in our world if we work together. Help us to use our resources wisely and we give thanks for all the funds raised. Hear our prayer. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"***FINANCE REPORT - 2018**

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	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings	8,185	8,222
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	4,222	5,794
Rental Income - CO House	1,034	-
Regular Monthly Income	480	1,023
Charitable Donations	492	220
Hall Hire Income	436	750
Total Month's Income	14,849	16,009
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regularly Monthly Costs	14,007	11,613
Charitable Donations	472	220
Total Month's Costs	14,479	11,833
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Monthly Income vs (Costs)	370	4,176

Comments

Surplus of income after expenses in January was £370.

Surplus of receipts after payments in February was £4,176

Pondering our Mission Statement***Sharing God's Love . . .***

- Re-dedication - living water, John 4: 1-42
- Blind but now I see, John 9: 1-32
- Raising of Lazarus, John 11: 1-44
- Girlguiding Day - Our Servant King, John 13: 1-17
- Jesus Denied, John 18: 12-27
- Communion - Jesus and Pilate, John 18: 28-40
- AGM, Innocent Condemned, John 19: 1-16

THE GUILD

We are now approaching the end of our current session which, as always has gone in very quickly.

Our events during January and February were enjoyed by all who came along, especially our Guest Night on 14th February, when we were entertained by the group "Harmony", who sang songs of the 50's and 60's.

Unfortunately, from January onwards we had a few cancellations of speakers for a variety of reasons, most of which were due to either illness, or adverse weather conditions.

Our annual Guild Coffee Morning, which should have been held on Saturday 3rd March, had to be cancelled because of snow, but was rescheduled to take place on Saturday 17th March instead and £402.14 was raised.

Our Daffodil Tea is due to be held on Wednesday 21st March and the entertainment will be the Eros Concert Party.

Our new session will begin on Wednesday 3rd October at 2pm. We had quite a few visitors who came along to hear various speakers during this current session, and we will be very pleased to welcome anyone who wishes to come and join us at any time.

Enjoy your summer break and we will see you all again on 3rd October.

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.

Kirk Session Report

Apart from the routine business, including Halls Allocation, coupled with forthcoming events and items specifically of interest to Elders, the following items were dealt with.

John Black has been appointed as Caretaker/Cleaner for 16 hours per week. This is not a Church Officer post and volunteers to be added to our rota are being sought.

Presbytery

The Reverend Roy Henderson will be the next Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery. Reverend Ada MacLeod, Toryglen's Minister, is sole nominee for Hurlford.

On the safeguarding front - current handbooks are being updated; a request to Churches from Presbytery to host training. Sessions training for volunteers is available at Croftfoot on 25th April 7-9.30pm.

It was put to the Session that as a Church we should be more involved in the Year of the Young Person 2018.

A King's Park Social Group has been set up, aimed at people who do not currently have a place to go. Fliers are available, and meeting will be Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm with transport available. Stewardship this year will concentrate on Time.

Congregational Board Report

Finance

The latest report can be found elsewhere in this issue. There will be a review of salaries at next month's meeting, gift aid has been received for the first two quarters of the tax year and a claim for the third quarter is pending. The kitchen is to be "let out" for a cookery demonstration starting in March.

Property

Relevant maintenance work continues apace. The Bell Tower sound system has been repaired. The railings are to be painted by "Yes" has still to be started. The area above the rear of the sanctuary has been cleared and will be used as storage.

The basement area is to be cleared. Old tables at the rear of the large hall will be discarded and new ones purchased. Work in the St Ninian's Room will start soon to convert to a printing area.

A discussion took place regarding the heating of our premises and steps were agreed to improve this.

Re-Elections

These would be sought prior to the AGM on 18th March 2018

WORLD MISSION

Please remember to drop your used stamps into the Post Box which is outside the new halls. All projects undertaken by Saidiana Women Projects (Kenya) are improving from the additional units to collect water, through producing and selling their work, to HIV/Aids care and visiting and welcoming strangers. Much more has been accomplished since the last report.

You can contribute either by cheque to Mary Smith (address available) or directly into the bank account, HBOS, Sort Code 11-47-05, account number 00005903.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Burns Supper in January. We are now looking forward to future events throughout the year. Due to adverse weather and unforeseen circumstances the scheduled textile collection for February did not take place, however there will be one from Sunday 15th April until Friday 20th April inclusive. If you have any textiles you need collected please contact me on 647 4447 and we will arrange for them to be collected. Please come along to Souper Sunday after the morning service on Sunday 13th May, this will be soup and rolls with fellowship to mark the start of Christian Aid week. To end the week there will be our annual Christian Aid Quiz at 7pm on Sunday 20th May. Please do come out and support these important events. Our Annual Strawberry Fayre will take place on the morning of Saturday 2nd June, further details will follow in the next magazine. In the meantime thank you all for your continued support.

Lynda Young of behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee

PLACES OF THE BIBLE - Jerusalem

What is the history of this important city? It was, at one time or another called Salem (Gen: 14-18) or Jebus (Josh 10:1). It was built on two mountains - Zion and Moriah - perhaps in two parts, the name means "possession of peace" which is slightly ironic (Psalm 76:1-2) (Psalm 125:1) as the city has a chequered history of destruction and rebuilding. It has been taken and retaken by the Egyptians, Assyrians, Kings of Israel and the Babylonians. It must have some merit. David built an altar to the Lord there (2 Sam, 24: 2—25) and then brought the Ark of the Covenant to the Tabernacle. Solomon built a temple on Mount Moriah. He also strengthened and adorned the city and it became the centre of civil and religious affairs of the nation (Deut: 12:5, 14:23, 16:11-16 (Harvest Festival) and Psalm 122 (in Praise of Jerusalem)). Then more destruction (2 Kings 25) by the Babylonians. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah contain the rebuilding of the temple and walls. Christian interest in Jerusalem starts with the death and resurrection of Jesus. His final days were spent there from His triumphant entry into the City, to Golgotha and beyond.

We celebrate this time at Easter (Matt 21-28) (Mark 11-16) (Luke 19:23-24). The sources of our Faith in our Lord starts here. Jesus wept for Jerusalem and its need for peace (Luke 19: 41-44). But peace seems to elude this city. It came under the dominion of Persia and Greece, then under Herod and his family till destruction in 70 AD. In 131 AD the Roman, Hadrian, rebuilt and fortified the city. Emperor Constantine built a Church in 335 AD over the supposed site of the Holy Sepulchre. He relaxed the laws against the Jews and permitted them to visit once a year and wail of the desolation of "the Holy and beautiful house". In 1099 Saladin took the city from the Christians, who had converted the Mosque of Omar to a Christian Cathedral. It was at this time that the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built and it remains to this day. In 1850 a dispute over the guardianship of "Holy Places" by Turks and Russians led to the Crimean War. Even today Palestinians and Israelis fight over Jerusalem's fate. Even Donald Trump legislates over its "capital" status. Even within Christianity there is a disagreement as to its ownership of the Church and it is a Muslim who locks it at night. So, do we really want to build Jerusalem in

The Fate of the Apostles

At Easter we consider the death and resurrection of Jesus, but how did the disciples he left behind die?

- John died peacefully of old age at Patmos
- Simon/Peter (First Pope) was martyred in the reign of Nero of Rome. He asked to be crucified upside down to prove he was not equal to Jesus
- Andrew was tied to a cross, in the shape “X”, rather than nailed and lived for two days continuing to preach. This was in Patras, Greece in 69 AD
- James (Son of Zebedee) was killed by a sword by order of King Herod Agrippa (Act 12: 1-19)
- Philip worked as a Missionary in Asia and Egypt where he was crucified in 54 AD
- Bartholomew - there are two accounts of his death, in one he was crucified and the other beheaded.
- Thomas angered local Indian religious authorities and was killed with a spear
- Matthew criticised the King of the Ethiopian’s morals and was stabbed to death in the back
- James (Son of Alphaeus), as an old man, he was beaten and stoned and hit on the head by persecutors
- Thaddeus is believed to have been crucified in Edessa in 72 AD
- Simon preached in Mauritania then England where he was crucified in 74 AD
- Judas Iscariot, according to Matthew 27:3-6, he hung himself. In Acts 1: 15-20 he bought land and leapt from a high spot

These men continued to spread the Gospel, preaching and almost all died for their beliefs, their faith.

Gary King



Thanks . . .

I would like to thank Sandra and Raymond for their visits and care after the loss of Hugh. Our thanks for the flowers and cards from friends in the Church.

Mrs Enid Scott and family

Many thanks to those who supported us on the two Tuesday Coffee Mornings. We raised the sum of £175 from both events in total which is donated to the Church Gardening Fund. The Gardening team re-starts at the end of March and would welcome anyone who feels that they can give a bit of time to this. We start about 9.30am on a Tuesday morning and finish about 11.30 with a break for coffee about 10.30am. Again, many thanks.

Bob Packer, for the Church Gardening Team

A special thank you to the BB, 118 Junior Section for the goods left over from their successful coffee evening on 14th March. Not only did the lady bowlers enjoy tea with cake the following day, but our Sunday Tea/Coffee Fund is boosted with an extra supply of biscuits. Thank you once again for your kind generosity and congratulations on a very successful evening.

Carol Moore

My thanks to the Reverend Sandra Boyd and Mr Raymond Jenkins for their support and visits during my several stays in hospital since the beginning of December. Also, to my many friends in the Church family who sent cards, flowers and most kindly came to visit me at home and in hospital. There are too many to name individually but their support was a great help to me, I am now improving and getting back to normal.

Margaret Campbell

FLOWER FUND



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

BB NEWS

While the onset of early morning sunlight comes ever closer, it also heralds the onset of the sun setting on the 2017/18 sessions of the Junior and Company Sections of the 118. However, at time of writing, both sections are still busily involved in their various activities. The Junior Section footballers finished in second place in the Cathkin District 7-a-side League and now look forward to the District KO Cup and indoor competition (below).

Congratulations are also due to the combined 118/229 side who came third. The Junior Section staff wish to thank all who attended and also provided baking for their coffee evening which was very successful. The Company Section meanwhile will see two boys Aaron Downie and Stuart McFadden being awarded their Queen's Badge and Certificate at the traditional Queen's Badge Ceremony at the City Chambers at the end of May and our congratulations go to both boys.

Finally please note the following dates:

29th April - End of Session Church Parade for Both Sections at 11am

4th May - Company Section Parents Evening

30th May - Junior Section Display and Awards

Ian Livingstone RO





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 13-19 MAY 2018

After many years doing the house-to-house collection in the parish, we've decided to do something different this year for Christian Aid Week. We're having a "Souper Sunday" to launch the week on Sunday 13 May. Come along and have a plate of soup and some fellowship with us after the morning service and celebrate what has always been a very important part of our church's world mission commitment.

In addition to the above, we're going to close the week with the world famous King's Park Christian Aid Quiz! We're inviting teams from church clubs and organisations to come along to the large hall at 7pm on Sunday 20 May and compete for some "terrific" prizes. Or you're welcome to grab some friends or family members together to make up a team and see if you can beat the resident masterminds!

Keep an eye on the Sunday intimations for any updates to the above.

CHRISTIAN AID – ERSKINE BRIDGE CROSS SPONSORED WALK

Saturday 5 May 2018 2pm – 5pm

For the 31st year we take to the Erskine Bridge to walk in unity to fight poverty. This year, if you so wish, the walk can take in the "Boden Boo" forestry walk on the south side of the river. You can also "Beat the Goalie" at the south side refreshment area! Last year's walk was really worthwhile with the KP participants (all seven of them) raising just short of £900! Can we do better in 2018? Come and join the KP team for a fun time – it's a great afternoon out for all ages and the weather always seems to be kind. Transport to Old Kilpatrick (the starting point) is available, so don't let that put you off. Please let Alan Pratt know, as soon as possible, if you would like to take part
– call 07776 328914

Welcome to our new Clerk to the Board and our new Caretaker/Cleaner

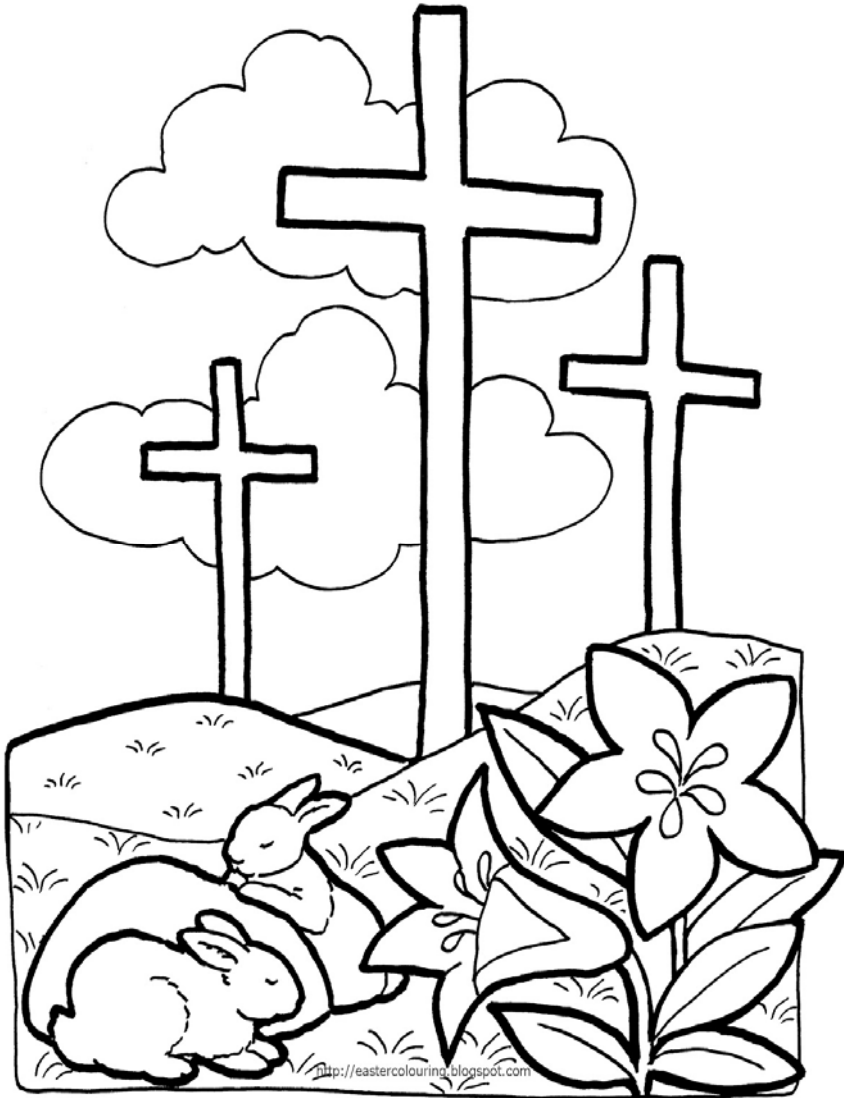
Our new Clerk to the Congregational Board was appointed recently, Carol Moore replaced Jacqueline Coleman who we wish well. Carol is an Elder of King's Park Church and we are very grateful that she has taken on this responsible role. She delivered her first Congregational Board Report at the AGM recently and will be a great asset to the Board in its deliberations.

Our new Caretaker/Cleaner, John Black has joined our staff recently. He will work 16 hours per week along with Lorraine Pratt to ensure our buildings are kept well maintained. This post does not replace the previous Church Officer role and we are still seeking volunteers to bolster the existing rota. Like Carol, John is a wonderful asset to our team.

We wish them both every Blessing in their new roles.



A Children's Colouring page ..

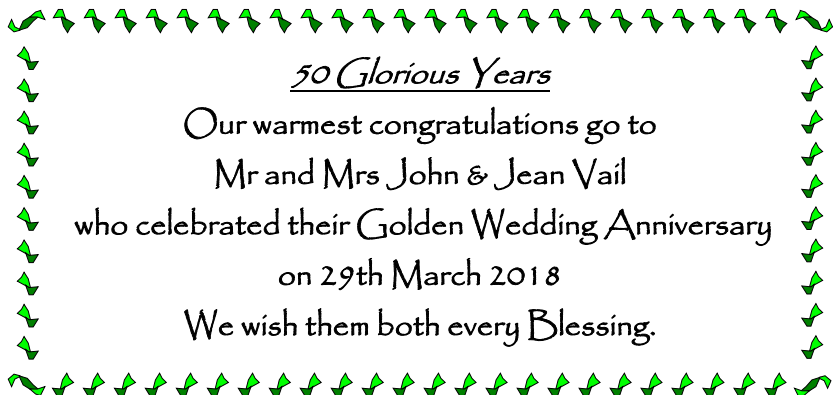


Easter Thanks...

On behalf of the church I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who took part in making Easter 2018 very special. It was great to have ALL our Easter Cards delivered, reaching out to everyone in our Parish with God's love. Special thanks go to those who decorated our church with flowers making it look wonderful and bright. During Holy Week we started with a wonderful Palm Sunday Praise led by the Church Choir. We enjoyed watching the film *The Case for Christ* on Monday on the big screen. We journeyed with Jesus on Tuesday *Finding Life* with Alan and Hilary and King's Park Brass, *Jesus Betrayed* with Wilson and Lynn on Wednesday.

We then journeyed to Communion at Toryglen Parish Church and our Walk of Witness with the Local Churches Together. We went through Darkness on Good Friday and overviewed Holy Week with Messy Church. We enjoyed an early service in the park and we enjoyed our wonderful Breakfast and a lovely Easter Sunday service, including Darcy's Baptism.

Thank you to everyone who lead and prepared and took part in worship and fellowship, and to all the unsung angels behind the scenes. Well done, good and faithful servants, Love, Sandra x



WHOLE CHURCH CONFERENCE - OUTCOMES

I think we can all agree that we had a very productive time at the conference on the 26th October. The feedback that I got from those who attended the conference was positive and I promised that I would get some information back to those who gave of their time and energy to come along and take part.

We looked at what we did well and what could be better in 6 areas and the comments which repeatedly came up are as follows:

Worship:

Works well - Welcoming, variety of services, friendship/fellowship, worship pattern works

Could be better – Not enough congregational participation, lack of togetherness, spread out in church

Committees:

Works Well – Certain committees are known and work well.

Could be better - Some committees don't meet, little feedback from committees to congregation.

Pastoral Care:

Works well – Pastoral care from Minister and Pastoral Assistant, regular visits & care of the elderly and prayer.

Could be better: Communication and lack of involvement in pastoral care.

Community / Mission:

Works well – Wide variety of community events, Hall lets and relationships with neighbours and shops.

Youth:

Works well – Contact with schools, Messy Church, Staff Leaders, Youth Organisations (Local Community Centre)

Could do better – Parent's not bringing children, do other things on a Sunday, same Sunday school regime, Transition times, lack of interest.

Eldership:

Works Well – contact and communication with all members, those attending and non-attenders, Kirk Session meetings and visitations to groups.

Could do better – lack of interest, communication, and rapport with district, visibility and more discussion at Kirk Session meetings.

This is the feedback from parts 1&2 and part 3 will require further in depth discussion in order to take things forward and so these will go to

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**April**

- Sun 1st 8am Worship in King's Park, bring your eggs to roll
11am Morning Worship - Easter Sunday including Sacrament of Baptism
- Tues 3rd 7pm KP Chicks Open Evening with Partylite Candles
- Sun 8th 11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship led Worship Team including Sacrament of Communion
- Mon 9th 7pm God Tock
- Sun 15th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Baptism
START OF TEXTILE COLLECTION
- Mon 16th 7pm God Tock
- Wed 18th 6.30pm Prayer Group
7pm Congregational Board
7.30pm Kirk Conference Session – Future of the church and the Role of the Elder
- Thurs 19th 1.30-3.30pm Community Social Group Starts St. Mungo Hall**
- Sun 22nd 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
- Sun 29th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Boys Brigade Parade Service

May

- Tues 1st 7pm KP Chicks Craft Evening
- Sat 5th 4-6pm Messy Church
- Sun 6th 11am Morning Worship Stewardship of TIME - including the Sacrament of Baptism
- Sun 13th 11am Morning Worship focusing on Christian Aid
12 noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch for Christian Aid
6.30pm Evening Worship led by Worship Team including the Sacrament of Communion
- Wed 16th 6.30pm Prayer Group
7pm Kirk Session
8.15pm Congregational Board
- Sun 20th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship
7pm Christian Aid Quiz
- Sun 27th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
11am Morning Worship Celebration of Youth

Note: All age Summer Sunday School starts on Sunday 3rd June.

**King's Park Community
Social Group**
Thursday 1.30pm - 3.30pm
19th April



**Tea, Coffee & Chat, come along and
enjoy, transport available phone
0775 380 8968**

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.100 Years Young

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mrs Janet (Jenny) Cain
who celebrated her 100th Birthday

On the 17th March.

We wish her many happy returns.
Here she is receiving the Church
flowers.