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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.
"To be appreciated is amongst the deepest cravings
of human nature. When you have received it, dish it
out to someone else"
See Hebrews 13:1 and John 15:12
1930-2018—88 Years of Spiritual Service**

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submitting an article and wish something not to appear online please
indicate this on submission.**

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 538

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

7th Aug Mrs Betty Smith
 25th Aug Mrs Jean Haining
 26th Aug Mr Billy Baillie
 30th Aug Mrs Jenny Cain
 4th Sept Mrs Margaret Ross

Prayer Focus

Dear Lord, with feet firmly on the ground and hands out stretched to embrace each other with minds and spirits looking skyward, we can open our eyes and our hearts to your vision. May the words of our mouths, the meditation of our hearts and movement of our very being be at one with you O God, who calls us to join the integrity of your beloved creation. We pray for all countries that have been destroyed by extreme weather and help us to support them in prayer. We pray for our roof fund, as the repair is now urgent, so that we can continue to serve our community. We wish this work to start before the winter weather as we do not want further damage to occur. Hear our Prayer. *Amen.*



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. . . Watch this church!

For some months now all that can be heard from houses throughout Kings Park and beyond is the clickety click of knitting needles. Red wool and garden canes have been flying from shelves and garden centres, supporting the army of devoted servants who have knitted to date well over fifteen hundred poppies and they are still going strong. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. The garden of Remembrance this year will be a sea of red poppies covering the whole of our garden marking the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War - "The War to end all Wars". This year we wanted to do something special to mark this very special anniversary, lest we forget!



Each year we promise to remember those who laid down their lives so that we can be free and we do this by proudly wearing our poppies. Many churches this November will be emulating the display of ceramic poppies that festooned the Tower of London with their own representation of *In Flanders field the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row...* We are doing this to remind ourselves and to help the whole community celebrate the sacrifice of human life all those years ago. Each of us has a part to play in keeping the peace in our world, in as far as it is possible be at peace with one another. If we come to church but are at odds with our brother or sister we should leave and make up with them. As followers of Jesus, as his disciples we have a duty too to remember his sacrifice, the one man who laid down his life so that we can all be forgiven.

It's no coincidence that in war cemeteries all over the world many chose to have crosses as headstones symbolising the hope and love of Jesus and the bridge he is to the eternal world he offers each and every one of us.

Wishing you all God's Blessings, Love, *Sandra*.

Editor's Extras

Feeling refreshed after the holiday season? Ready for a new year of activity in our Church? We have had Harvest Thanksgiving, the Harvest celebrated and the giving about to start, including necessary donations to our Roof Fund. Amongst others, there's Remembrance Sunday and our annual Bazaar on Saturday 24th November.

Are all Churches the same? Recently I received an Order of Service from Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia where they have nine different meetings on a Sunday, covering all ages, and something like God Tock in the week. Their Mission (Vision) Statement reads "Encounter the Hope"; "Engage one Another"; "Embrace the World" - not unlike ours. In Sweden we visited two Churches, one from the 13th Century built by Franciscan Brothers. A painting, which took my fancy, showed the Gates to Paradise on the left and the Gates to Hell on the right. Paradise referred to the Church. Paradise and Hell are surrounded by 8 of the 12 Apostles. In the other Church, a Cathedral, a funeral was taking place, so details of services were unavailable. In a Swedish funeral each attendee places a flower on the coffin. So, different tributes but same emotions and still used by the communities that they serve, as in our Church in King's Park. At one with Christ.

WP

(There are no reports from the Kirk Session or Congregational Board as the meeting for September has been delayed)



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday 30th of September. A huge thank you to everyone who donated flowers/plants, to those who delivered them, and to those who made the sanctuary so beautiful on the day.

Thanks too, for the generous donations of foodstuffs which will be passed to our friends at the Lodging House Mission.

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

	£		
	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Offerings & Donations	8,246	8,397	7,836
Gift Aid	4,986	-	5,195
Roof Fund - Donations	-	-	3,100
Regular Monthly Income	1,719	767	936
Charitable Donations	2,448	357	261
Hall Hire Income	1,544	1,413	4,610
Total Month's Income	<u>18,943</u> =====	<u>10,934</u> =====	<u>21,938</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Regularly Monthly Costs	16,710	13,608	14,115
Charitable Donations	1,964	593	218
Total Month's Costs	<u>18,674</u> =====	<u>14,201</u> =====	<u>14,333</u> =====
Monthly Income vs (Costs)	269	-3,267	7,605

Comments

June—Surplus of receipts after payments made was £269 (£1,496 in Unrestricted Funds and shortfalls of £1,227 in restricted and designated funds).

July - Shortfall of receipts after payments made was £3,267 (£1,176 in unrestricted funds and £2,091 in restricted and designated funds).

August - Surplus of receipts after payments made was £7,605 (£6,185 in unrestricted funds and £1,423 in restricted and designated funds).

THE GUILD

At this time of writing, our new session has not yet begun, but I would just like to mention some of our forthcoming events. Our Annual Guild Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 14 October at 11am, and it would be good if all the Guild members could sit together near the front of the Church for this special service.

We will once again hold a special Tuesday Coffee Morning, this time in aid of Children with Cancer. This will take place on Tuesday 16 October from 10am until 12 noon in the Iona Hall, entry by donation. All are welcome to come along and support this worthy cause.

Our Annual Charity Night will be held on Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm in the large hall, when we will be entertained by "Amurnaidh" (Kevin & Jim). Tickets will be available nearer the time, priced at £4 each. The proceeds this time will go to The Boys' Brigade and the Sailors' Society, our 2 chosen projects for this session.

The syllabus for October and November is as follows:-

Oct	3	2pm	Old Glasgow Street Songs – Karine Davieson
"	10	2pm	Hollywood – A Presbyterian Perspective
"	17	2pm	Project – The Boys' Brigade – Mr Jim McVean
"	24	2pm	David Atkins – Budapest to Bucharest (Part 1)
"	31	2pm	"King Cotton" – Bob Moorcroft
Nov	7	2pm	"Franklin's Legs" – Liz MacIntyre Allan
"	14	7.30pm	CHARITY NIGHT – "Amurnaidh" (Kevin & Jim)
"	21	2pm	The Leprosy Mission
"	28	2pm	The Work of Search and Rescue Dogs

All newcomers and visitors are welcome, and we would especially welcome anyone who is, or has been connected to the Boys' Brigade to our meeting on Wednesday 17 October at 2pm.

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.

KING'S PARK BRASS - Autumn Update

King's Park Brass will be back at Rutherglen Town Hall on November 30th with a concert entitled "Scots Wha Hae". The evening will be packed with Scottish music to celebrate St Andrew's Day"

The programme will feature mountains (Land of the Mountain and the Flood, Wild Mountain Thyme), islands (Skye Boat Song, Eriskay Love Lilt), films (Local Hero, Brave) and a healthy dose of Scottish dances to send you home with your feet tapping! We hope you can join us for the concert. Tickets are priced £7-£10 and are available at the Town Hall box office or on their website.

THE ROOF FUND (2018)

In 2013, the Church of Scotland quinquennial property report relating to our church and halls highlighted that, within 5 years our hall roofs would probably reach the end of their lifespan (65 years from original construction date). In 2016 we instructed a building surveyor to look at the roof in detail and his report confirmed that the roofs were in need of replacement, sooner rather than later.

Anyone who has ventured into the large hall and associated corridors, or has entered the vestibule to the halls, will have seen the large number of buckets - deployed to catch incoming rainwater through the roof. This has been occurring for some time now and is starting to affect the use made of our hall accommodation. In the last few weeks, we have received quotes for the replacement work, submitted by suitably qualified contractors, ranging from £60,000 to £100,000!

This is the first major challenge we have encountered with our buildings since the development of the new hall complex in the early 90s – so we have been very fortunate in that regard. We haven't done anything wrong – it's not a lack of maintenance or mismanagement – it's just that the building components no longer do what they're supposed to do!

God has given us this church and with it, the responsibility to be stewards of this vital resource. You and I have a responsibility to each other, to the parish and to the wider community to make sure that the facilities, created by our predecessors, continue to be at the centre of the community and at the centre of our spiritual life, here in King's Park.

It's a lot of money! - We need to dig deep to raise this level of cash. Every member needs to prayerfully consider the situation we find ourselves in and commit to supporting our church by responding as generously as possible to this urgent appeal.

There is a gift envelope with this issue of the magazine – please use it and return it when you can, taking the opportunity to claim gift aid, if that's applicable to you. Over the next few months, we encourage every member and friend of King's Park to support any future fund raising venture or event which comes along to raise cash for the "roof fund".

As this appeal proceeds, we are investigating the availability of grants or funding from the Church of Scotland and from other financial trusts that exist in this very competitive market. But, I would reiterate that, in the first instance, it is you and I, as members of King's Park Church, who have the power to allow us to continue God's Mission in the future, as his followers, in "sharing God's love by reaching out to others", in the parish, in our community and further afield.

CO-OPERATIVE FUNERALCARE BAND

We are extremely excited to announce that the Co-operative Funeralcare Band is coming to Kings Park Church! The most successful Brass Band in Scottish History will be here in concert, for one night only on Thursday 25th October at 7.30pm.

They have been Scottish Champions a record 33 times and even won the National Championships of Great Britain on two occasions. Their achievements are too many to fully outline, so let's just say they should not be missed! Tickets now available, price £10. **All proceeds will go to the Roof Fund.**

Pondering our Mission Statement

Sharing God's Love . . .

- Neighbour, Ruth 2:1-23
- The Blessings of God, Ruth 4: 1-22
- Memories to Treasure, Luke 2: 41-52
- Children of God, Luke 18: 15-17, Numbers 6: 22-27
- Love, Faith & Joy, Mark 9: 33-37
- Cain and Abel, Genesis 4: 1-26
- Promises, Genesis 9: 1-17

FIRE ALARM!

It was agreed at the Congregational Board that instructions should be available to those using Church premises, including private lets, regarding the action in event of fire including the Assembly Points. These are currently available on the wall of the halls, but it was felt further emphasis was required. The fire regulations also state that regular fire drills should be carried out by the congregation and organisations. This is a legal requirement.

WORLD MISSION

The Saidiana Women's Project continues to do well in spite of a large amount of rainfall which altered planned to unplanned activities. Three out of five Water Harvesting Units have been completed (to irrigate fields); income raising ventures - mainly horticultural, continues apace as are sewing and knitting groups, health care, including HIV/Aids support and visiting and welcoming strangers are all making a difference. Should you wish to donate, this can be done by cheque made out to Mary Smith and sent to her address (available on request) or directed to HBOS, Sort Code: 11-47-05, Account Number 00005903. Please continue to post your used stamps in the Post Box. The WM Magazine is available at the front doors of the Church and Hall.

Thanks, *WP*

Prayer Group News...

Please return your prayer survey sheet to the office no later than Sunday 14th October, 400 were sent out and so far only 15 have been received. There will be no day of prayer on the 11th of November this year as it falls on a Sunday and the Remembrance Service will be held instead. The dedication of the Garden of Remembrance will take place on the 4th of November after the Service.

The Prayer Cards are going well and greatly appreciated, so keep up the good work! It is a good way of sharing God's love and you never know they may be encouraged to come to Church. One lady who received a card is now holding a Prayer Group and we wish them well in their venture. The Sunday Prayer service will continue although few people attend.

Gaera Taylor, Elder Responsible for the Church Prayer Life





Thanks . . .

My thanks to the Reverend Sandra Boyd and Raymond for their visits to me while I was in hospital and all who sent cards and came to visit. Also the members of the Prayer Group who prayed for me. I am now feeling a lot better, I believe that prayer is a wonderful thing I am sure I recovered quicker because of prayer. Thanks again.

Margaret McCulloch

Many thanks for your very kind donation which helped me raise over £800. I managed to swim the distance in 57 minutes and avoided a jelly fish sting!

Joanne Paul

I would like to thank the Reverend Sandra Boyd for her visit and prayers as I recover from a fractured foot. Also thanks for the beautiful Church flowers, the many visitors and messages I have received over the past few weeks. I feel very lucky to be part of this wonderful Church family.

Faye Walker

LIVING WITH THE BIBLE

“Love each other as much as I have loved you”. John 13:34 and 15:12. Love is in all of us. It has been since Adam and Eve. God made woman to be a helper to man from Adam’s rib (Genesis 2:18-24). Verse 24 explains marriage simply “A man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife and become one body” This was re-iterated by Jesus in Matthew 19:5-6. We all love in different ways, to different degrees; love of God; with a husband/wife/partner; a friend or our family members. This can happen at any age, sometimes in strange circumstances and perhaps more than once. I know, do you? So, what does the Bible say about love in all its different facets? Love’s characteristics, often quoted at weddings, from 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 are detailed, mainly in Verses 4-8. “Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud. Love is not ill mannered or selfish or irritable, nor keeps a record of wrongs. Love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love is eternal, never gives up; and its faith,

through time - verse 13 states “meanwhile these three remain - faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love”.

So, although we can identify and agree with the premise of the above, the Bible relates these to people’s situations. In Song of Songs the love is between a man and a woman and is a passionate account of their hopes and dreams through song. These songs have often been interpreted by Jews as a picture of the relationship between God and His people and by Christians between Christ and the Church. Love of God also appears in Romans 8: 31-39, verses 31 and 39 summing up our approach to this love “So, what can we say about this? If God is with us no-one can defeat us!” and “Nothing above us, nothing below us, nor anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord”.

As Christians we surely must believe this. Another love is between family, friends and neighbours. We should love one another because God is love and He gave it to us. In Luke’s Gospel this manifests itself through “The Prodigal Son” (15: 11-31) and “The Good Samaritan” (10: 29-37). In John 4: 7-21 at verse 21 “And God gave us this command—those who love God must also love their brothers and sisters”. Just as the Bible guides us to the path of true love, it also considers the “distortions” - adultery, divorce, jealousy and desire - 2 Samuel 11: 1-26. “David sins with Bathsheba” and his effort to have her caused him to propound murder.

Love is individual. It is all things mentioned above. It is exciting and beautiful to feel at one with another human being and enjoying their company completely. Perhaps, at times, you feel very close to God or family and friends. I am sure that somewhere in the Bible there is a spark that will help us find solace or understand the various loves that each of us feels.

FLOWER FUND



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



50 Glorious Years

Our warmest
congratulations go to
Mr and Mrs Marlyn &
David Phillips
who celebrated their
Golden Wedding
Anniversary
on 7th September 2018
We wish them both
every Blessing.

Social & Fundraising News ...

The Social & Fundraising Committee have enjoyed a good summer break but are now back in full swing, especially after the news of the Roof Fund. We are looking forward to the Co-Op FuneralCare Brass Band Concert on **Thursday 25th October**. We would encourage you to come along to what promises to be an extremely entertaining night, further details are on page 9 of the magazine.

We are having another textile collection, this year entitled "**Cash for Clothes**". This will take place from Sunday 4th until Friday 9th November. The company we are using are Cash for Clothes at College Milton Industrial Estate, 2 Glenburn Road, East Kilbride, G74 5BA. They are accepting clean ladies, gents and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories, bedlinen and towels. NO duvets, pillows or heavy curtains. This is a slight change to what we have collected in the past. Please bring your donations to the Church during **4th-9th November**, we are also seeking volunteers to take the materials to Cash for Clothes. If you would like to arrange a pick up from your house please do not hesitate to contact me. There will be further information about future events in the next edition of the magazine.

Lynda Young (647 4447) on behalf of the Soc & Fund Committee

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**OCTOBER**

- Sat 6th 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 7th 11am Morning Worship with BB Founders Day Parade
 Mon 8th 7pm God Tock
 Tue 9th 7pm KP Chicks – Mr Bill Simpson
 Thurs 11th 10.30am Kings Park Primary Harvest Thanksgiving Service
 Sun 14th 11am Morning Worship with Guild Dedication
 6.30pm Evening Worship
 Mon 15th School October Holiday Week
 7pm God Tock
 Sun 21st 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 22nd 7pm God Tock
 Wed 24th 6.30pm Prayer Group
 7pm Kirk Session
 8.15pm Congregational Board Meeting
 Thur 25th 12noon Community Lunch Club
 7.30pm Co-Op Funeralcare Brass Band Concert
 Sun 28th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11am Morning Worship
 Mon 29th 7pm God Tock

NOVEMBER

- Sat 3rd 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 4th 11am Morning Worship, including Sacrament of Baptism and
 Dedication of Garden of Remembrance
 Mon 5th 7pm God Tock
 Tue 6th 7pm KP Chicks
 Sun 11th **9.45am Early Morning Worship** (swapped 18th)
 10.50am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 Mon 12th 7pm God Tock
 Sun 18th 11am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Worship with Communion (swapped 11th)
 Mon 19th 7pm God Tock
 Wed 21st 6.30pm Prayer Group
 7pm Kirk Session
 8.15pm Congregational Board Meeting
 Sat 24th 10am until 1pm Christmas Bazaar
 Sun 25th 9.45am Early Morning Worship
 11am Morning Worship
 6.30pm Remembrance Service
 Mon 26th 7pm God Tock
 Thur 29th 12noon Lunch Club

DECEMBER

- Sat 1st 4pm-6pm Messy Church
 Sun 2nd 11am Morning Worship First Week of Advent



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year's Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 24th November between 10am and 1pm - entry is by donation and £2 entry to the Tea Room.

Santa will be making his annual visit to his grotto in the St Mungo Hall. He promises to bring a gift to every boy and girl who visit him on the day.

For your enjoyment and delight the following stalls will be available - bottles, books, cash in the attic, the kitchen cupboard, crafts, soft goods, jewellery, heavenly scent, pound stall, stationery, tapes CDs and DVDs, toys and much, much more!

Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 19th November until 8pm on Friday 23rd 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 Saturday. Bottle and Heavenly Scent Stalls will be supported by the Sunday Schools and Youth Organisations.

The Bazaar Quiz will be available shortly. Hot pancakes will be on sale from the kitchen as usual.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 24th November. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan Bazaar Convenors.