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

***"And the Angel of the Lord said "I am here with
good news for you which will bring great joy to
all the world."***

Luke 2:10

1930-2019—89 Years of Spiritual Service

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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.

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

No of Communicants on Roll = 490

THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY

"Whom God Hath Joined Together"

12th Oct Miss Julie Reid and Alasdair Gauld

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

28 Sept Mrs Elma Gallacher

31 Oct Mrs Agnes King

14 Nov Mrs Jessie Thomson



DECEMBER COMMUNION SERVICES

Please note our December Communion Services this year will take place at 11am and 6.30pm on Sunday
15th December. All welcome.

PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Lord, as we journey through Advent, we pray for parents who are struggling to provide for their families. Help us to look out for the elderly, especially in the ice cold weather. We hope they will feel God's presence and His peace. As we go into the new year with hope and joy, we look forward to experiencing and learning new things. We pray that we will soon be able to send out a call for a new Minister. Open our hearts and minds to encourage new members and give thanks to all the people who are part of our congregation. Messy Church is still well attended, but we pray that more children come to our Sunday Schools. Hear our Prayer. *Amen.*

Pastoral Letter ...

Dear Friends

A cartoon in a newspaper showed two women looking at a manger scene in a shop window. "Terrible, isn't it!" says one to the other. "The way they drag religion into everything!"

The truth of course, is the other way round. It isn't religion which has been dragged into Christmas but that secular practices have become part of the Christian festival. The date was chosen to coincide with an ancient Roman feast held on 25th December. The giving of gifts had its origin in another Roman festival. The logs and the holly come from Scandinavia where people used them to decorate their homes for the midwinter festival. Santa Claus originated in Holland where he delivered gifts to children, not on 25th December but on the 6th of the month and from a base in Spain and not in Lapland. He only included Great Britain in his itinerary about 130 years ago.

In these and many other ways, the festival of Christ's birth has become mixed up with all kinds of secular practices, so much so that it sometimes appears as though the secular is gradually edging out the religious. Have you noticed, for instance, how few Christmas cards have anything to do with the Christmas story, and that those which do are often sold in boxes labelled 'Religious Cards' as though what was on offer was a new promotion for the religious minority by the ever expanding card industry? Even robins and stagecoaches battling through blizzards have given way to jokey cards which sometimes are in bad taste. The trend is from the snow scene towards the obscene.

Many today no longer know what Christmas is about. People debate without knowing why they celebrate. They don't know the reason for the season.

The angel's message to the shepherds on the Bethlehem hills that first Christmas Eve says it all: "Fear not, for behold I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord," Christmas tells us that Jesus came as the Lord, the Christ and Saviour.

Like the presents we shall open on Christmas Day, the message needs unpacking, especially in a day when for many, Christ plays little or no part in their celebrations. May our celebrations in King's Park over the Christmas season help us to unwrap the gift God has sent us and share it with others. It comes from heaven with love.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas in the true sense of the word.
David, Locum Minister

Vacancy Update...

I have no doubt that many people are wondering how the process of filling the Ministerial Vacancy is progressing. Unfortunately we are still in the very early stages. We are awaiting Presbytery permission to allow the congregation to call. This is taking some time because the Presbytery plan for King's Park is ultimately for linkage with Croftfoot. This is very unlikely to take place during this vacancy and if it is to happen in the future it would only do so when there is a vacancy at Croftfoot.

The Kirk Session met with representatives of the Presbytery to explore the options available. The Presbytery representatives were then going to report back to the Presbytery Strategy committee and then come back to myself, or to the Kirk Session with the outcome of that process. One possibility is that King's Park might be given permission to call a minister on reviewable tenure with the review to take place when there is a vacancy at Croftfoot.

Until the Presbytery grants permission to call we cannot proceed to appoint a Nominating Committee. In the meantime I am grateful for your patience, and for the hard work being carried out by David Easton, Raymond Jenkins and all with positions of responsibility in the congregation.

William Wilson, Interim Moderator



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

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2019

	£	
	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Offerings & Donations	7,877	7,128
Hall Hire Income	556	611
Roof Fund - Donations & VAT reclaim	441	12,978
Other regular Monthly Income	805	888
Total Month's Income	<u>9,679</u>	<u>21,605</u>
	=====	=====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	14,271	16,167
Fabric Repairs	263	586
Total Month's Costs	<u>14,534</u>	<u>16,753</u>
	=====	=====
Monthly Income vs Costs	-4,855	4,852

Comments

Sept - Shortfall of Receipts after payments made was £4,855. Unrestricted Funds had a shortfall of £3,861. Restricted Funds had a shortfall of £994

Oct - Shortfall of Receipts after payments made was £4,852. Unrestricted Funds had a shortfall of £3,794. Restricted Funds had a surplus of £8,646

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.

News from the Prayer Group

Thank you to all who helped at our Church open day. We pray for those who attended. We have some new members and we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch, as a time to get to know each other. We now have two sheets of names. There is a time Prayer link with other churches. We set aside one hour between 12noon and 1pm on Friday lunch time, it can be followed at home or work. Thought for the Week and Window on the World Church are part of our service on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. Please note that during the music exams the prayer meeting will be in the Iona Hall. Would elders and visitors please let me know of anyone who is ill at home or in hospital so we can send a card.

Gaera Taylor

A plea for payshens

Eyem shoor meny of yoo have noticed the odd spelling cheque error on the screens now and then, and I'd just like to apolojize and promice to trie to do better in the footcher.

In the meentyme I thot this little ditty sumed up things kwite nisely:
Ode to the Spell Checker!

Eye halve a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marcs four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My checker tolled me sew
Thank yoo for yoor payshens.,

Raemonnd, (Pasteril Asistent)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BRING AND BUY SALE

This year's sale will take place on **Sunday 9th February 2020** immediately after morning worship. All monies received will go towards helping children and young people. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received and they can be handed in to the Iona Hall on the morning of the sale. We look forward once again to your support.

Lynn Adamson

My Trip to Malawi...

I work for NHS Education for Scotland (NES) as a Dental Administrator and last month I travelled to Malawi with a charity called Smileawi. Smileawi visit Malawi every September with a group of volunteers who collectively provide emergency dental treatment to the areas that need it the most. I was one of 21 volunteers made up of Dentists, Dental Nurses and others like myself who are not dentally trained but slotted in to a dental nurse role when it came to sterilising the instruments (with the use of pressure cookers and gas burners) and other duties to suit my abilities. I spent 16 days in the company of a wonderful team led by two dentists from Dunoon, who also work for NES and are the founders of Smileawi, and do amazing work co-ordinating these trips. Clinics were set up in churches and school buildings with the odd ones working out of hospitals.

During my 2 week visit 1870 patients were seen, 2808 teeth were extracted (we only have facilities to do extractions as power to do any preventative or restorative work is in very limited supply and of course follow up treatment is not possible) and in the region of 5000 instruments were sterilised. It was an experience I will not forget in a hurry and one I hope to repeat within the next few years. I would like to express my gratitude again to members of the church as the proceeds from one of your coffee mornings earlier in the year went towards my funding. If you would like more information on Smileawi please visit www.smileawi.com
Julie Cunningham (Daughter of Marlyn Phillips)

LODGING HOUSE MISSION

On behalf of the Lodging House Mission I would like to pass on their grateful thanks for all the generous donations of money and food received at harvest time. My car was absolutely full with all the groceries which was wonderful. They really do need so much extra food as they approach the time of year when they house the City Mission's night shelter (December 'til the end of March) and as well as providing a lovely comfortable and warm place for 40 people they also provide breakfast and the opportunity to stay at LHM all day and receive their lunch and as much tea and coffee as they wish. The Lodging House Mission is now open 365 days a year and offers free breakfast and lunch to all who come. Thanks again, *Jim Whitelaw*

Thanks ...



Flower Fund

Each week the Flower Fund buys Church flowers, which after the Sunday Service, are taken to at least three members of the congregation who may be housebound, ill or remembering a special occasion. From the thanks received we know that this is most appreciated. To those who arrange or deliver the flowers a very big THANK YOU. If you wish to donate to the Flower Fund there is a box at the front door or alternatively place your gift in the offering bag marked Flower Fund. All gifts large or small are gratefully received. Thank you, *Hazel Dickson*

Just a short note to thank you for the lovely flowers I received at Harvest Thanksgiving and the delivery by the charming ladies.
Jessie Simpson

Thank you for the lovely Church flowers we received on the occasion of our Golden Wedding. Also for Raymond's congratulations and good wishes. *Joyce & Jim*

Thanks to everyone who visited me during my recent stay in hospital. Thanks too for all the cards I received, Raymond for his many visits and the flowers from the Church when I got home. *Annie Robertson*

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Poppy Appeal. We raised the sum of £730.86 Margaret Paul donated the proceeds of her coffee morning which was very much appreciated. This sum is down by approximately £200-£250 from previous averages. Unfortunately a sign of the times as there are many outlets selling poppies these days. Hopefully the money is all going to the same cause! I would also like to thank everyone who took part in the Garden of Remembrance Service and the Remembrance Day Service for all their help, and to Gaera Taylor who organised the service and readings on Armistice Day. I appreciate all the assistance. *Ken Blair (Poppy Appeal)*

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent me cards, good wishes and visited me after my fall. Special thanks to Raymond Jenkins and Faye Walker for their support and to my Elder, Margaret Mills for her kindness. I am making a good recovery, thanks again to you all. *Rosemary*

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS. . .

THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL

Our Annual Star Appeal will be launched on the first Sunday of Advent, 1st December and will run until the end of the morning service, Sunday 15th December. Please place your donation in lieu of Christmas Cards and stamps into the box at the front door of the Church and place your name on the list. Note, there is no need to hang a star on the cross, as long as you have your name on the list your name will be in the card! One card will then be produced and given to the whole congregation on Nativity Sunday. As the cold weather creeps in, we are mindful of all the good work Glasgow City Mission provides, so all money raised will be donated to them this year to help continue the amazing work they do so close to home. Many thanks in advance for your contribution.

GIFTS FOR JESUS

Again, we are asking for your "Gifts for Jesus" on either 8th, 15th or 22nd December to be placed under the tree in the sanctuary. We are happy for the usual donations that have been gifted in the past, and specifically this year we would appreciate medium tie handle black bin bags, furniture polish, bleach, good quality sellotape, A4 paper, 2nd class stamps, ice packs for our first aid boxes and blu tac. As always, thank you for thinking of the Church while you are out Christmas shopping. It's much appreciated and reduces our Church's annual expenses.

CHILDREN'S DVD AFTERNOON

Our annual children's DVD afternoon, for all P1-P5 children, takes place on Saturday 7th December from 2pm-4pm. £1 per child which will include juice and sweets.

90TH BIRTHDAY LUNCH

We are celebrating the Church's 90th birthday with a 90th birthday lunch (soup and sandwiches, and of course .. birthday cake!) after the morning service on Sunday 2nd February. It would be lovely to see some old and new, and of course all our familiar, faces on the day. So do come along, enjoy some birthday fellowship and reminisce on 90 years of King's Park Church. We look forward to seeing you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

There will be an open invitation to all members of the Congregation to attend a meeting to discuss Unitary Constitution (where the Kirk Session and Congregational Board will become one body). The meeting is planned for either 12th or 19th February 2020, look out for further details in the intimations and next edition of the magazine. *John & Eunice Black, Session Clerks*

BB NEWS

The Session is well underway for the Junior and Company Sections of the 118. The Junior Section footballers are now well into the Cathkin District 7-a-side league with 2 teams again competing. At the time of writing, the 118 Blue Side are unbeaten with six points after 2 games and the Black Team have won one and lost one of the 2 games. While it is still early in the Season the Blue Side are optimistic of retaining their title won last season.

Meanwhile the Company Section is busy with the various District and Battalion events and all the work these two activities demand. Finally a word of thanks is due to our three dedicated Officers, Neil McDougall, David Todd and Scott Law who dutifully turn up on Friday evenings and have gathered a combined total of almost 70 years of BB duty between them. We are truly grateful to them.

As this will be the last article before the Christmas/New Year break the Boys and Staff of both Sections wish all members of the Congregation a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Livingstone RO

LUNCH CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the lunch club over the years. It would not have been possible to run the lunch club without the volunteers and I'd like to say a massive thank you to all of them. Unfortunately I am unable to continue with the lunch club at this present time.

With God's Blessings, *Arlene*



Dates for your Diary

December

- Sun 1st 11am Morning Worship, including Gift Sunday
 Sat 7th 2pm - 4pm Kid's (P1-5) DVD afternoon
 Sat 7th 4pm - 6pm Messy Church
 Sun 8th 11am Morning Worship, second week in Advent
 6.30pm Remembrance Service
Sun 15th 11am Morning Worship Sacrament of Communion
6.30pm Service of Lessons & Carols with
Sacrament of Communion
 Tue 17th 7.30pm King's Park Brass Carol Concert in Church
 Wed 18th 10.30am King's Park Primary School Service
 Thur 19th 10.30am Bankhead Primary School Service
 Sun 22nd 11am Nativity Sunday
 Tue 24th 7pm Family Service, refreshments from 6.30pm
 11.15pm Watchnight Service, refreshments from 10.45pm
 Wed 25th **11am Christmas Day Family Service**
 Sun 29th 11am Morning Worship

January

- Sun 5th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 12th 11am Morning Worship
 6.30pm Evening Worship
 Sun 19th 11am Morning Worship
 Wed 22nd 6.30pm Prayer Group
 7pm Kirk Session Meeting
 8pm Congregational Board Meeting
 Sun 26th 11am Morning Worship

February

- Sat 1st 4pm - 6pm Messy Church
 Sun 2nd 11am Morning Worship celebrating 90 years of Kings Park Church, with a birthday lunch (soup and sandwich) after the Service

*Please note that Communion in December has moved from 8th to the **15th of December.**

