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AT REST**"I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

21st February David Thomson
 7th March Kenneth Kirkham
 8th March Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Paul

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, as we travel through Lent in prayer and humility, we give thanks to you Lord, for giving up your life, that we might be forgiven. Help us to let people know of your love by the way we live; let them see your love shining from our hearts. Hear our Prayer. If you have not been to church for a while why not join us at Easter time or any Sunday where you will receive a warm welcome. We are beginning to grow with new people and ideas for the future. Amen
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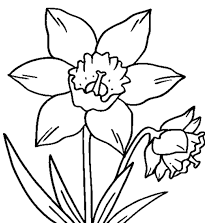
Pastoral Assistant - New phone number

Please note, Raymond Jenkins, our pastoral assistant has a new work phone number. This will ensure we comply with GDPR regulations and will allow Raymond to have a well deserved personal phone, away from work! We recognize it will take a little bit of learning and getting used to, but please note Raymond's work contact details from now will be **07949 797323**.

Please do update your contact list now. Thank you for your co-operation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of King's Park Church of Scotland, Glasgow, will take place after the morning service on **Sunday 27th April 2025**, when the financial affairs of the church will be presented to the congregation. If you are not a trustee and wish to see the 2024 Annual Accounts in preparation for the meeting please email the church at office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk or speak to Lynda Young and we will arrange to send you a copy prior to the meeting.

**FLOWER FUND**

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

Message 'fae' the Manse

Hello friends

As you read this letter, Spring will have officially sprung! Did you hear it? Officially spring begins on the 20th of March, with the Spring Equinox. I like this season as it is all about new beginnings and transformations. It's a season that symbolizes starting fresh and starting over. After months of cold temperatures that often result in many of us feeling the winter blues, Spring reawakens us and our surrounding environment, although it has been a bit frosty these past few mornings and the gritters have been busy again, however, if you have been in King's Park these past few weeks you may have seen the first seasonal snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils, or going further afield the new lambs gamboling around the local farmers' fields, because Spring is a season of new life. It isn't just in nature that we can celebrate new beginnings and transformations; we can also experience this in our spiritual lives. We are now well into Lent and whilst Easter is as late in the year as it can be, with Good Friday falling on the 18th of April and Easter Sunday on the 20th, it isn't too far away.

So, I thought this would be a good time for you to reflect on your Lenten journey so far. How has your Lenten journey been this year? Have you managed to stay away from whatever it was you committed to stay away from, chocolate, biscuits, social media? But Lent isn't just about just giving something up, it is also about beginning something new that coupled with the giving something up will allow you to develop and deepen your relationship with God, so I wonder if you have been able to do that? Of course new beginnings and transformations aren't just limited to Spring, they can happen all throughout the year, and we should always be looking for new and different ways to grow our relationship with God.

As I mentioned Easter Sunday falls on the 20th of April this year, so Holy Week begins on the 14th, and we will be marking Holy Week with various joint services with the other churches in our area, including celebrating Holy Communion on both Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday here in King's Park, details of which can be found further on in this magazine. The church sanctuary will also be open during the day and evening through of Holy Week, allowing you the chance to come in and sit in God's presence for a time of silent reflection and prayer. Again, the opening times can also be found further on in the magazine.

And with this being the final magazine before Easter, let me take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Easter, and remember that Christ is risen, he is risen indeed!

Your brother in Christ
Stuart

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2025

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	10,419	6,810
Gift Aid Income	5,470	-
Hall Hire Income	968	1,050
Rental income	517	517
Charitable collections	309	60
Other regular Monthly Income	504	388
Total Month's Income	<u>18,187</u> =====	<u>8,825</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	16,127	16,302
Charitable Donations	194	60
Property maintenance & repairs	64	64
Total Month's Payments	<u>16,385</u> =====	<u>16,426</u> =====
Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	1,802	-7,601

HIGHLIGHTS OVER LAST TWO MONTHS

Income Generous individual donation of £3,000 received, Christmas Star Appeal for Crisis Scotland raised £319.

Expenditure Delayed increased tariff energy bills now being paid. Increased level of contributions to Giving to Grow (Church of Scotland) are being made.

****** URGENT APPEAL ******

First of all, we would like to thank all of you who responded to our last appeal to increase your weekly/monthly offerings to the church and those who contributed in the Gift Weekend, last October. It is very much appreciated.

A big thank you is due to our Fund Raising Committee and to those of you who support their events. All of this is beginning to make a difference.

However, with increasing costs, especially salaries and fuel costs, our givings are not covering our running costs. We have been trying to control costs as much as possible, but we have been running a deficit for many months now and have had to dig into our reserves to cover this. We are fast approaching the day when we will be unable to cover our expenses as our reserves will run out.

The only long-term solution is to increase our offerings substantially. Many of us have not increased our givings for a long time or even increased them in line with inflation. Although financial, times can be difficult for us, please consider increasing your offering by whatever you can afford.

With much anticipated and appreciated thanks, The Finance Committee

KIRK SESSION UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended our recent Local Church Review meeting and to those who couldn't attend but took the time to submit their answers. This exercise is such an important event in our Church and we are now busily collating all the feedback, ensuring our story is told, including how the five Marks of Mission relate to the life of our congregation. More details about the next stage of the review will be intimated soon.

As you will have read elsewhere in the magazine, we are becoming more and more concerned about our continuing deficit and the Kirk Session is discussing different ways of addressing this. We welcomed Mr Hugh Mackinnon to our March Kirk Session Meeting and are incredibly grateful that he has taken on the important role of Property Convenor. At this time we are also extremely grateful for the wonderful diligence and dedication of our outgoing Property Convenor, Mr Alan Pratt. Most of us will not really know what he brought to the role, however as your new Session Clerk, I am slowly understanding the importance of the role and of all that he did, more on this at the AGM!

Our recent Presbytery Inspection of Records went well, thanks to Alan Pratt, John Black, Hilary Petrie and Jill Kyle for supporting me through my first one. Do put the AGM, after morning worship on the 27th of April, in your diaries. During Holy Week, there are numerous services within our parish as well as here in our own church, they are set out in 'Dates for your Diary', please come along to what you can, it will be lovely to journey through Holy Week together.
Lynda, Session Clerk

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS

You will have read about our urgent appeal in this magazine to increase giving. As part of this we will have a big bottle at the front of the church every week for loose change. Every penny counts to boost funds for the church, lets try to fill it! Our next event will be in June for a Summer tea and plant sale hoping for the sunflowers to make an appearance. Watch for details in the coming months. Many thanks for all your continued support in attending these fun events. Many thanks. *Margaret on behalf of the Social & Fundraising Committee*

KING'S PARK BRASS - SPRING UPDATE

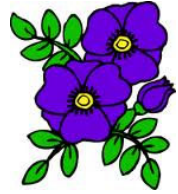
The band had an enjoyable concert in the church at the end of March featuring our guests, City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra, who are based in the north of the city. Thanks to everyone who came along.

Our Youth Band enjoyed performing on stage at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall as part of the Glasgow Music Festival, receiving compliments from adjudicator Belinda Mikhaïl. To illustrate the progress of the Youth Band, 20 players took part that night!

Looking forward, our Summer Concert featuring both the Senior and Youth Bands will take place on Tuesday 10th June.

Thank you...

We would like to thank Rev Stuart Crawford for his visit and conducting the service for David. Thank you to everyone who sent messages, cards and floral tributes together with flowers from the church. The family would also like to express their appreciation for all the help and support we received after David's sudden death. *Valerie, Scott and Andrew Thomson*



We would like to thank members of the congregation for their good wishes, cards and gifts after our recent house move. We are now settled in and happy in our new home. *Jonathan and Norah Buchan*

I would like to thank Raymond for his visit and thank you also to Eunice and Joyce for the phone calls and church flowers. Much appreciated.
Norma Aird

I would like to thank everybody for their kind wishes and cards on my 80th Birthday. Thank you too, to the Kirk Session for the lovely flowers. *Millie*

A huge thank you to everyone from our Church family, family, friends and neighbours for the loving support received on the sudden death of John. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, visits and prayers, all of which were much appreciated. A huge thank you to Raymod for giving John a great send off. *Thanks again, Flo and Boys*

Following the World Day of Prayer I would like to say a few thank yous. First, to all who attended the service and to those who handed in lovely home baking for the refreshments afterward. Secondly to those behind the scenes setting up tables, to the greeters on the door and to Lynda and the sound team for the presentation and streaming of the service. Many admiring comments were received. Lastly, to Christine for her gorgeous floral arrangements and for stepping in at the last minute. To May for her certainty that everything would be fine and to Anne for tightening my loose screws whenever I started to fall apart. *God Bless you all, Cath Graham*

Many thanks for the lovely church flowers and birthday card I received. God bless you all for all the prayers for Bob and myself.
Nan Pitman

SPECIAL VISITORS...

You may, or may not(!) know that our striking window above the communion table, the one we all look to every week, is our Mactaggart Memorial window. The window was unveiled and dedicated on November 20th, 1932. The inscription at the foot of the window reads "To the Glory of God, And in loving memory of Margaret Lockhart Mactaggart, Died 14th May, 1927, Joint owner of King's Park Estate" The window was a gift from J.A. Mactaggart, in memory of his late wife.

On the 4th of October 1959, two further windows, the ones above the main front doors of the church, were gifted to the church by the Mactaggart family and dedicated on Sunday 4th October in memory of J.A. Mactaggart and Margaret Lockhart Mactaggart's son, Sir John Auld Mactaggart and his wife, Lady Lena Mactaggart.



The Mactaggart family hold a very special place in the hearts of all at King's Park and so we were thrilled when the family visited us from their home in New York last summer!

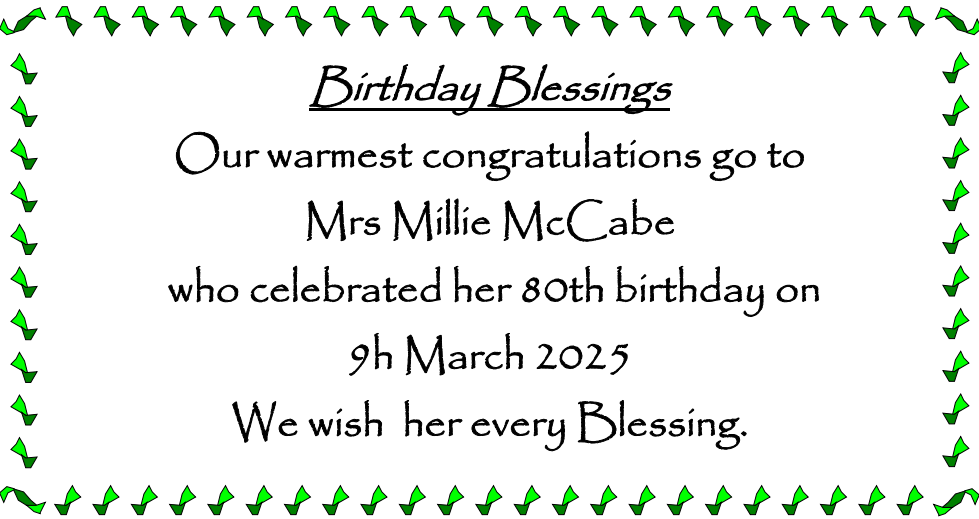
The photograph above shows Philip Mactaggart (*left*) **great grandson** of J.A. Mactaggart and Margaret Lockhart Mactaggart, and Ian Mactaggart (*middle*) **great great grandson** of J.A. Mactaggart and Margaret Lockhart with his partner Danielle. It was such a joy to welcome them on their whistle stop tour of the sanctuary and reassure them that our beautiful windows are looking as resplendent as they did 93 years and 66 years ago respectively.

We wish them every blessing from all their friends here at King's Park and look forward to seeing them again soon. Perhaps they'll make a special trip for our centenary in five years time!



60 Glorious Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mr & Mrs Alex (Sandy) & Anne Rankin
who celebrated their Diamond Wedding
Anniversary on 20th March 2025
We wish them both every Blessing.



Birthday Blessings

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mrs Millie McCabe
who celebrated her 80th birthday on
9h March 2025
We wish her every Blessing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**APRIL**

Sun 6th	11am	Morning Worship
Sun 13th	11am	Morning Worship, Palm Sunday
Mon 14th	12noon-1pm* 6pm-7pm*	Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection
Tue 15th	12noon-1pm* 6pm-7pm*	Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection
Wed 16th	12noon-1pm* 6pm-7pm*	Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection
Thur 17th	7pm 12noon-1pm* 12noon 7pm	Service at CROFTFOOT PARISH Sanctuary Open for silent prayer/reflection Service at CROFTFOOT UNITED FREE Joint Maundy Thursday Service at KING'S PARK CHURCH including the Sacrament of Communion
Fri 18th	12noon 12-3pm** 7pm	Service at CROFTFOOT UNITED FREE Sanctuary Open for Good Friday Vigil Service at CROFTFOOT PARISH
Sat 19th	4pm-6pm	Messy Easter
Sun 20th	8am 11am	Service in the park, followed by breakfast rolls at the church Easter Morning Worship, including Sacrament of Communion
Wed 23rd	7pm	Kirk Session in Lesser Hall
Sun 27th	11am	Morning Worship, with AGM after the service

MAY

Sun 4th	11am	Morning Worship
Sun 11th	11am	Morning Worship, with Christian Aid soup and sandwich lunch after the service
Fri 16th	7pm	Christian Aid Quiz
Sun 18th	11am	Morning Worship
Sun 25th	11am	Morning Worship
Wed 28th	7pm	Kirk Session in Lesser Hall

*whilst the sanctuary is open there will be a number of stations spaced around the sanctuary allowing people to pause and reflect on different aspects of the final days of Jesus' life. There will also be a temporary labyrinth drawn out on the floor in one of the transepts

**on Good Friday, between 12 noon and 3pm, the sanctuary will be open for a Good Friday vigil, and as part of the time of reflection and worship there will be a short service lasting about ten minutes on every hour and half hour.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, ETC - 2025

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, this year is 11 – 17 May. If you're lucky enough to be someone who follows "social media", look out for posts on the church's Facebook page reminding us about Christian Aid and how to offer financial support during its most important annual fundraising event, by donating online, directly to Christian Aid.

If your magazine is hand delivered or posted to you, you'll get a Christian Aid envelope delivered with it to enable you to donate when the time comes. Just return it to the church at your convenience. We will also have some church collection envelopes available to those attending worship in the church on Sunday 11 May, the Christian Aid Week launch.

If you're not "on-line" and can't get to that service, for whatever reason, or are unable to return your collection envelope, you can also donate to Christian Aid by sending a cheque, made payable to "Christian Aid", at the church address (on the front page of this magazine) and mark it 'CAW' on the front of the envelope. In addition, if you are a UK taxpayer, please confirm this on the back of your cheque with a note of your name and address - this will allow Christian Aid to reclaim tax from the Government, thereby increasing your donation by 25%.

There are plans for various other associated events – CA lunch on the 11th May and a CA quiz on 16th May, and maybe some surprises! – keep an eye on the church intimations, Facebook etc for further details

This Christian Aid Week, with your help, we can work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions. Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change.

Please give generously.

LHM EASTER EGG APPEAL

Lodging House Mission (LHM) has launched its annual Easter Egg appeal. If anyone would like to donate an Easter Egg, LHM would be grateful if your egg had a label with "A gift of Hope" written on it. Don't worry if you don't have a label to attach, we will attach labels to those that don't have one before they are taken to LHM. Please hand into the church office and Joyce and I will make sure they are delivered to LHM.

With grateful thanks,

Jim Whitelaw

Let Glasgow Flourish Award

Some of you may remember recently that, on behalf of the Incorporation of Gardeners of Glasgow, King's Park Church was judged as a bronze award winner in their annual "Let Glasgow Flourish" awards.

The Incorporation of Gardeners of Glasgow is one of the fourteen ancient craft guilds of Glasgow. First established around 1605, as an organisation to protect the craft of gardeners of the time, it has operated solely as a charity since 1846. Established in 1983, the awards recognise the contribution made to the City of Glasgow by businesses, charities and other organisations who maintain floral or horticultural displays outside their venues. They believe that by maintaining floral or similar displays, organisations, such as King's Park Church, make Glasgow a better place in which to live and work. While at this time, we acknowledge the dedicated work of all our gardeners, past and present, sadly we were given only two tickets to attend the ceremony at the Trades Hall. Those tickets aptly went to our incredibly long serving gardeners, Robert and Isabel Packer, who collected the award from the Lord Provost, on behalf of us all, as seen below.

