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sharing God's love by reaching out to others.**

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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

ADMISSION BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK SESSION

We welcome two new communicants, Mrs Alison Scott and Mrs Christina Scott into King's Park Church. May they find the peace and grace of the Lord within our midst.

Number of Communicants on Roll = 443

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

25 May	Mrs Celia Grubb, Curtis Avenue
27 June	Mrs Carole McKay, Kingsheath Avenue
3 July	Mrs Ria Cockburn, The Mews

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, We thank you for all the blessings you have given us. We continue to pray for our new cluster group and look to the future with hope as we plan for our new developments. The new session is about to begin and all our organisations will return. We give thanks to all the leaders for years of dedication in giving our children a warm welcome and showing the love that Jesus has for every one. Protect our children and young adults Lord, as more and more are suffering with mental illness. We pray that they will get the right support

As Autumn approaches, we celebrate a harvest safely gathered in and give thanks to all those who produce and distribute our food and resources. As prices rise at an alarming rate, we pray for all who are struggling to cope and hope they will get the help they need. Look after one another by sharing God's love in reaching out to others.

Hear our Prayer, Amen
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Dear Friends

It's around this time of year that, traditionally, churches have been busy, either planning or running summer missions for the children, sometimes in their buildings but often outdoors in church gardens, on the beach or in the park. And for many people in the area it's the time when they come face to face with the church – and its mission!

For many of us, mission planning has taken on a new significance as presbyteries look to finalise plans for the future of mission throughout Scotland by the end of December, and we're grateful to our session clerks and to Aileen Campbell and Alan Pratt for all they are doing on our behalf in their work with our cluster partners in Carmunnock, Castlemilk and Croftfoot.

These are certainly not easy times for any of us and there have already been many headlines about building closures and communities concerned, and in some cases complaining – loudly, about the potential loss of presence and place. For many people, our buildings are literally the bricks of our church lives – it is tied up with the memories of so many of the rites of passage in life. It's where families and friends gather to celebrate and to mourn – to worship and to praise. For communities too, the building represents the presence of the church in their area – it's where they too can come together.

As we move forward, however, it's clear that the model of one congregation - one building with its halls and a manse - is about to evolve as the Church adapts to the very real challenges of today. There will always be a need for places to gather for worship and prayer, but the big question looking to the future is where they should be. Never before has our claim that the church is not a building been so challenged.

Nearer home, as mentioned elsewhere, we have recently adopted a unitary constitution for the running of the church which will bring the demise of the Congregational Board and we are indebted to all those who have served in this capacity over the years as we look forward to a new kind of service within the church.

But structures, whether buildings or constitutions, are not the church – the church is its people.

Recently, in the garden, I was struggling, because of its deep roots, to remove a tree that had somehow self-seeded and was now in the wrong place at the wrong time. And I was reminded of a stunning picture of a Californian Redwood Tree (the ones that grow hundreds of feet high) and this particular tree was so wide they'd even cut a road through it.

Just how deep must their roots go?

Unbelievably, even though they grow so tall, the roots only penetrate four or five feet underground.

The secret is the roots intertwine with all the other roots of all the other redwood trees – forming a mutually supportive network of roots. No tree stands alone and independent. They grow together for mutual support.

Doesn't that sound like how the church and its mission should grow? If we isolate ourselves we won't be able to grow as followers of Jesus.

Its only when we're bound together in His love that we will grow stronger as a church and be able to weather the storms that will inevitably come.

Raymond, Pastoral Assistant



FLOWER FUND

**Thanks are due to all who contribute to the
flower fund.**

MARGARET CASEBY—16/9/31 - 21/3/22

Margaret certainly filled all of her 90 years of life with rich and interesting things. She was always determined to live life to the full and that life revolved around her family, her friends, her faith and of course Guiding.

Margaret was born on the 16th of September, 1931 in the Orchard Park Nursing Home, and enjoyed a happy childhood growing up with mum Bessie and dad Bill in Croftfoot for a short time, before moving to what remains the family home in Menock Road, where sister Elizabeth was born.

After attending King's Park Primary and Secondary schools, Margaret began working in the Clydesdale Bank in the Castlemilk Road branch just across the road from the recently opened Church. Later, just as sister Elizabeth, who had followed Margaret into the bank, left her job in the bank's head office in St. Vincent Place, Margaret moved there and was soon heading up the training department, which must have been quite a ground breaking appointment in what was very much a male dominated world, and continued working there until taking semi-retirement in 1971 to help look after dad Bill after the sudden death of her dear mum Bessie.

With King's Park Church opening in 1932, Margaret and the family were involved almost from the beginning with Margaret and Elizabeth attending Sunday school and later the youth fellowship. Both were keen members of the Brownies, where they became patrol leaders, and no-one was surprised when Margaret went on to be captain of the Tuesday night 28th Guide Company.

Guiding was in her blood and she went on to be Commissioner for the South East, working alongside other commissioners in the area, including Margaret Campbell of the South District, when again she became heavily involved in the training of others – carrying the torch for guiding wherever she went. And Margaret brought the same enthusiasm to the Friends of Glasgow Guiding Local Association (FOGGLA), where, as well as serving as treasurer for several years, she served on the Committee for Malawi Guiding, set up to help provide camping gear and other equipment for young girls in Malawi.

In 1988, together with her fellow guider Linda Morton, Margaret was ordained as an elder of King's Park Church, carrying out her duties, with that same commitment, looking after the members of her district, and taking part in the Kirk Session and the Mission Committee.

Growing up, Margaret and Elizabeth enjoyed their holidays with mum and dad to mum's family in Carnoustie, playing tennis and spending days on the beach and later on, of course, Margaret looked forward to guide camps. Margaret always thoroughly enjoyed her visits to sister Elizabeth in Fort William and always looked forward to spending Christmas with her and the family. When not visiting, the two sisters were regularly on the phone, although not when Countdown was on!

Margaret and her friend Wilma enjoyed their bus trips down south and to Wales and had a ball travelling further afield to Spain. Margaret looked forward to her Thursday afternoon visits to the Friendship club in the church, where her quiet humour brought many a smile to her friends there, old and new. Margaret hadn't enjoyed the best of health for some time but although not always able to attend, maintained a keen interest in the work of the Kirk Session and in the ongoing life of the congregation.

Sadly after her latest illness, Margaret passed away peacefully at home, as she always wanted, surrounded by the family who loved her. Margaret lived her life serving others, following Jesus' commands to the letter, loving God with all her heart and soul and mind, and loving her neighbour, as herself.

For Margaret, all pain and suffering are over and she is at peace and because of the quiet faith in Jesus that she maintained throughout all the happy, as well as the testing times, we feel certain that her life finds its completion reunited with those who have gone before her, and with her Lord and Saviour in heaven.

May God's Peace and God's strength be with us all at this time, as we treasure and give thanks for the memories in our hearts, of the life of this very special, loving, courageous and yet humble lady, Margaret Caseby. *Amen*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Sun 7th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 14th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 21st 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 28th 11am Morning Worship

SEPTEMBER

Sun 4th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 11th 11am Morning Worship, including the Sacrament of
 Communion
 Sun 18th 11am Morning Worship
 Sun 25th 11am Morning Worship, including Harvest
 Thanksgiving.

There will be an opportunity to donate to The Lodging House Mission during Harvest - more details will be announced over the next few Sundays.

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

A very special thank you to the small band of volunteers who supported our Jubilee Festival Celebration. The numbers attending were unprecedented. These numbers could never have been predicted, however, despite having to close the doors at some points during the event, to keep people safe, we are celebrating this as a real success of mission. To see so many people coming from our community into our church grounds and buildings, having fun, laughing, enjoying fellowship, was a real joy, and in the uncertain times ahead we hang on to these special moments.

We are hoping to hold a quiz evening in the Autumn to celebrate Christian Aid, and details will follow in the intimations.

Social & Fundraising

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022 – The Final Story

As an update to the update in June/July's magazine, we can confirm that the total amount raised this year was £2269.50. In these times, when so many have not returned to church and the church family, post-COVID, this is a great result.

The money came from 2 sources – Raymond and Alan's 300,000 step challenge, generously supported by friends and the church family (£1,255) and from a small number of CA envelopes, distributed on the Christian Aid Week launch, and additional individual cheque and cash donations (£1,014.50)

We hope, depending on the prevailing circumstances, to organise some form of Christian Aid Quiz in the Autumn, but meantime, thanks to all who have contributed in any way, large or small, in helping to continue our church family's superb tradition of support for Christian Aid.

UNITARY CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Approval was received in June from Glasgow Presbytery for King's Park Church to move to a unitary constitution. This means there will no longer be a Congregational Board, and, at June's Kirk Session meeting it was noted with grateful thanks, the commitment of all those who had served on the Board over the years.

Plans are underway to recognise those whose dedicated service has continued to this day. This will take place during morning worship on 7th August.

The Kirk Session will now be considering how best to use the time and talents of all who remain committed to serving Christ in King's Park Church.

Eunice and John Black
Session Clerks

Thanks ...

Thank you very much for the church flowers which Eunice brought to me after I had a fall. They were much appreciated. I am now fully recovered.

Jack Halliday



Carole McKay - We would like to thank Stewart Smith for conducting our mum's funeral service at the Church and Crematorium, and for all his support at such a hard time. We would also like to thank the St Andrew's Ambulance First Aid for their Guard of Honour and for the lovely yellow roses placed on top of her coffin. Thank you to everyone, for their kind words and support, and for the lovely cards and flowers we received. And a special thank you for the £300 raised at the funeral for the Kilbryde Hospice. My mum will be sorely missed and will leave a large hole in a lot of people's hearts.

Kind regards,

Angela, Gordon and Alison

CROFTFOOT CHURCH PANTRY

Following on from the article in the last issue of the magazine, introducing the Croftfoot Pantry, we have some more information to share with you. The following list identifies the items ideally on offer to those who need to use the foodbank.

Tinned Foods - Soup (vegetable, chicken, tomato, lentil, mushroom, scotch broth, lentil & bacon), sweetcorn, kidney beans, chopped tomatoes, chickpeas, baked beans, baked beans & sausages, tuna, spaghetti hoops in tomato sauce, carrots, peas, potatoes, mixed veg, butter beans, custard, creamed rice pudding

Dried foods - pasta, spaghetti, packeted noodles (varied flavours), 'Pasta n sauce', lentils, semolina, rice

Breakfast Cereals - frosted flakes, honey nut cornflakes, honey nut clusters, honey nut hoops, chocolate hoops, coco snaps/pops, fruit & fibre, bran flakes, weetabix, wheat malties, cornflakes, porridge oats


Extra Treats - crisps, sweets, diluting juice or cartons, fizzy juice (cans), biscuits, bottled water, tea, tomato puree, bread sauce mix

Additional Extras - toilet rolls, kitchen roll, nappies (varied sizes), female hygiene - tampons, pads

Fresh fruit and vegetables are purchased weekly, ready for the Thursday Pantry, so as well as donating foodstuffs, the Pantry depends on financial assistance too. Please refer to the June/July magazine for details of how you can donate physically or financially.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2022

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,345	7,243
Gift Aid Income	4,200	-
Hall Hire Incomes	810	325
Rental Income	517	367
Magazine	63	7
Charitable collections	50	1,488
Other regular Monthly Income	730	720
Total Month's Income	<u>13,715</u> =====	<u>10,150</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	11,199	12,477
New Camera System—2nd instalment	-	5,772
Charitable Donations	-	360
Property maintenance & repairs	686	463
Total Month's Payments	<u>11,885</u> =====	<u>19,072</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	1,830	-8,922



60 Diamond Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mr and Mrs Sandra & Sam McCutcheon
who celebrated their Diamond Wedding
Anniversary on 23rd June 2022
and to

Mr and Mrs Avril & Hugh Simpson
who celebrated their Diamond Wedding
Anniversary on 20th June 2022

We wish them every Blessing,
from all their friends at King's Park.