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

**"1930-2023 - 93 Years of Spiritual Service"**

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## **CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER**

### **AT REST**

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

20th Sept Mrs Mary Chisholm, Lauriston Way, Rutherglen  
19th Nov Mrs Joan Harrison, Kingsheath Avenue

### ***Prayer Focus..***

Dear Lord, We give thanks for the joy we share with friends and family at this time, celebrating the birth of your Son, Jesus. We now have a nominating committee - please keep them in your prayers, as we look forward to our new minister. This is an exciting time for us as we have been waiting for many years. We know you have a plan for us and we look forward to the changes this may bring.

January is the start of a new year and there will be many traditions for us to follow as this year unfolds but we also look forward to new things, new ways of reaching out to others and sharing Gods love.

Hear our Prayer. Amen [gaerataylor@btinternet.com](mailto:gaerataylor@btinternet.com)



### **NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP**

There will be no prayer group on 25th December 2023 or 1st January 2024. We will be back on the 8th of January 2024, and hope to see you all then. Wishing you all every blessing.

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### **FLOWER FUND**

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



Dear Friends

At this time of year, the light is precious. I've visited one or two places in the world where the sun goes down at the same time of day right through the year, but here we move from one extreme to the other, and the winter months find us enveloped in darkness a great deal of the time. On the plus side, I find it a bit easier to lie in bed in the morning for longer, yet I so miss the evening sunshine (when it deigns to make an appearance). I have a lamp that emanates white light, and in December, January and February I start my day with it on for an hour as I drink my morning coffee and prepare to face the day ahead. Even if its impact is all in the mind, that's a start.

Part of the romance of Christmas is found in sparkling lights, twinkling in streets and from windows, bringing colour and variety to the shortest of days.

And in scripture, at this time of year we rehearse these words of hope: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out."

God's light can shine in any circumstances – as Psalm 139 says of God – "Even the darkness is not dark to you".

Over the years, I've taken much inspiration from the music of the African American tradition, much of it born in a time of enslavement, when singing songs of hope and determination were a form of defiance, sung in the face of overwhelming odds. One such song begins: "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine", and the verse that has the biggest impact on me is: "Deep down in my heart, I'm going to let it shine".

This Advent time, and with Christmas now just round the corner, let's each resolve to be bringers of light, to ourselves and others where we can. I have a friend of whom I've often heard it said: "Her smile lights up a room". What difference might it make if we all give that a go? Please accept my wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas this year, as we journey once more towards the manger listening for the voices of angels.

*Ian Galloway*  
*Interim Moderator and Locum*

**CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE**  
*"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*  
**FINANCE REPORT - 2023**

	<b><u>SEPT</u></b>	<b><u>OCT</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	
Offerings & Donations	9,096	8,088
Gift Aid income	-	3,810
Gift Aid accrual est. Oct from HMRC	-	1,544
Gift Weekend	-	4,786
Hall Hire Income	440	535
Rental income	457	517
Charitable collections	498	532
Other regular Monthly Income	812	595
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b><u>11,303</u></b> =====	<b><u>20,407</u></b> =====
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Monthly Costs	14,903	15,989
Charitable Donations	329	687
Property maintenance & repairs	90	591
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b><u>15,322</u></b> =====	<b><u>17,267</u></b> =====
<b>Monthly Income vs Expenditure</b>	<b>-4,019</b>	<b>3,140</b>

*Happy Birthday!*

Our warmest congratulations go to  
 Mrs Annie Robertson who celebrated her 80th  
 birthday on 30th October 2023.

We wish her every Blessing!



### ***Thank you ...***

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in, or contributed to all, or any, of the events throughout our recent Gift Weekend. Special thanks must go to Lynda, Alan, Norah, Aileen, Millie and Arlene without whom it would just not have been possible. We raised a wonderfully healthy £4,786 which will be put towards very much needed church funds. Thank you to you all.  
*The Finance Committee*

Thank you to all in God Tock for your kind donation of £150 to the Simon Community. We provide much needed support for accommodation, addictions, mental health, poverty, health, wellbeing and sometimes just a chat and cuppa. We cannot thank you enough for firstly, thinking of us and secondly, for the very generous donation - it will go a long way.

*Elaine Barrett, Service Leader, Simon Community*

Dear friends, I would like to thank all of you who prayed for me, sent cards and flowers during my recent illness, not forgetting the four drivers who took me for treatment at the Beatson on a daily basis for five weeks. The surgeon wanted the tumour shrinking a bit but God had other ideas - the tumour disappeared. My daily reading took me to Proverbs 3 v5-8, I clung to that and still do. Thank you for your support and kindness.

*Nan Pitman*

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. To those who helped set up and clear away tables, to stall holders, tea pourers, home bakers and everyone in between. Thank you for donations and prizes, but most of all, thank you to everyone who came to support our Church. The total raised on the day was £2,600. Thank you again to everyone. Have a wonderful Christmas.

*Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors*

Thank you all for recent donations of £90 as well as donations of food and other financial help. We really appreciate all the kindness from our friends in King's Park Church. May God richly add to all you give and more. 2 Corinthians 9 v10-11.

*Croftfoot Pantry*

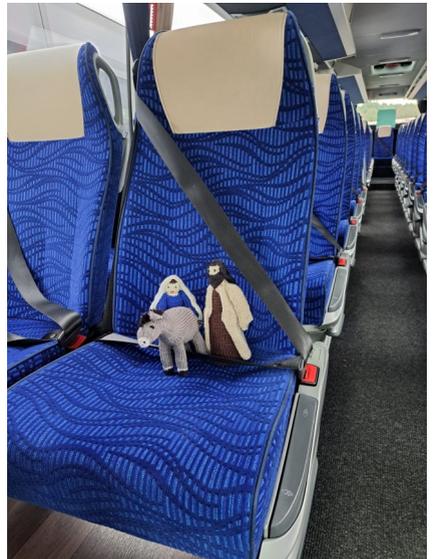
## King's Park Posada

By the time you're reading this, Mary, Joseph and the wee donkey will have embarked, on their Advent journey. As you can see from the photographs below they'd already been 'out and about' preparing for their time in King's Park, but now, it's all about the church family and our neighbours in the community.

The threesome plan to spend some time with all those who use our halls; they'll visit King's Park and Bankhead schools to share their journey with our friends there. You might see them in one or two of the neighbourhood shops, cafes, restaurants, hairdressers, or even in the Mews – keep your eyes peeled!

You can, of course, if you wish, enjoy an overnight visit from Mary, Joseph and the wee donkey in your home during Advent. All we'd ask you to do when they're visiting, is to take a photograph and send it to us, and write down, in the Posada journal, some thoughts about your time with the travellers. There are still plenty of dates free – just follow the directions below.

***email: [office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk) or call/text Alan Pratt on 07776 328914 to leave contact details and any dates during Advent when you can host a visit from the holy couple + donkey. A few dates would be good, so you won't miss out, but don't include Christmas Eve, cos Mary will be busy!***



## SEASON OF REMEMBRANCE 2022

Our season started with Raymond's very meaningful dedication of the Garden of Remembrance on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, aided by members of King's Park Brass. The garden remained open for the rest of that week, allowing anyone, who wished, to plant a little cross, as a symbol of their own personal memory, within the rope border.

In preparation for the church being open on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the sanctuary was beautifully decorated – knitted poppies adorned the stone pillars, a lovely floral display on the communion table, and our banner, originally created for the Centenary of the First World War Armistice, again draped below the church's war memorial, at the south transept.

On Remembrance Day itself, the church opened its doors for a time of silent reflection, focussing on a short service of remembrance including the traditional 2 minutes silence at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour started and finished by the trumpeter's Last Post and Reveille respectively. Thanks again to Raymond for leading worship, and to Gaera for organising.

We say thanks once more to Cath & Faye, for their creation of the much-admired banner and for originally encouraging our church knitters in the production of the much-used and versatile poppies, again both taking their place in this important time, looking back. The number of poppies grows year on year as we need to remember those affected in more recent conflicts.

We say thanks to those who took part in this year's Act of Remembrance during worship on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The representatives of the congregation, Margaret & Robert; Ciara, from our Guide Company, and Alan, representing the Boys Brigade, laying wreaths at the communion table; colour party, Neil and Scott; John, for his words, piper Neil, drummer Aeneas, and trumpeter Alan, for lament, roll and calls respectively. In addition, we say thank you to the AV team for their sensitive choice and management of sound and image live streamed to those watching at home.

Finally, we give grateful thanks to God for the opportunity to remember, year by year, those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **DECEMBER**

Sun 3rd	11am Morning Worship, first Sunday in Advent
Sun 10th	11am Morning Worship, second Sunday in Advent including Sacrament of Holy Communion
Fri 15th	10.30am King's Park Primary School Service
Sun 17th	11am Morning Worship, third Sunday in Advent
Sun 17th	2pm-3pm Community Carol Singing in garden of St Oswald's Church
Tue 19th	7.30pm King's Park Brass Band Christmas Concert
Wed 20th	10.30am Bankhead Primary School Service
Sun 24th	11am Morning Worship, fourth Sunday in Advent including Nativity
Sun 24th	7pm Christmas Eve Family Service (refreshments from 6.30pm)
Mon 25th	11am Christmas Morning Worship
Sun 31st	11am Morning Worship

### **JANUARY**

Sun 7th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 7th	6.30pm Service of Remembrance for loved ones lost
Sun 14th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 21st	11am Morning Worship
Sun 28th	11am Morning Worship

### **FEBRUARY**

Sun 4th	11am Morning Worship, Sunday School Fundraiser after morning service
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### **COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING**

Our friends at St Oswald's have extended an invitation to us to join them in community carol singing on Sunday 17th December from 2pm-3pm. Please do think about coming along and joining in the community spirit at this special time of year.

## **KING'S PARK BRASS – FINAL UPDATE 2023**

Christmastime is here again and, as usual, the band, in all shapes and sizes, will be out and about, bringing that traditional “brass-bandy” good cheer to all.

We're accompanying carols at the walled garden in King's Park at 2pm on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and at Overtoun Park, between 6pm and 7pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – do come along for a singsong! We're also at Asda on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Tesco Burnside on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Waitrose Newton Mearns on the 17<sup>th</sup> and finally, at Crossmyloof Morrisons on the 24<sup>th</sup>, but the highlight will be our annual Christmas concert in the church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.

Thanks for the support given at our “Big Brassy Bake Off” last month. With your help, we raised some much-needed cash to keep the organisation going from strength to strength.

Finally, we take this opportunity to wish all our friends and supporters in King's Park and beyond, a very happy Christmas and a Guid New Year. See you in 2024!

## ***THE 'KINGS PARK STAR' APPEAL***

The annual Star Appeal will start on the first Sunday of Advent, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The box for donations will be at the front doors of the Church and all donations will go this year to Crossreach. Our Guild had, in the past, been long standing supporters of Crossreach and it was agreed at a recent Kirk Session that they would benefit from any donations we could give.

## ***GIFTS FOR JESUS***

Again, we are asking for your “Gifts for Jesus” on either 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> 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 heavy duty black bin bags, washing up liquid, liquid hand soap, books of BARCODED 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, AA and AAA batteries and an array of first aid plasters. 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.

## YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At a recent congregational meeting, after morning worship on Sunday 12th November, eleven members of the congregation (named below) were elected onto the Nominating Committee. This committee will have, with Ian's wise council! the responsibility of discerning where God is leading our congregation as we seek to identify the minister that God is calling to serve us here in King's Park. This is an incredibly important responsibility and one that none of us will be taking lightly. What a privilege to work on your behalf. We ask that you respect the confidentiality of the committee and of course welcome your essential prayer support as we begin the journey ahead  
*Lynda (Clerk to the Nominating Committee)*

*Members:*

*Hazel Dickson*

*Sheena Docherty*

*David Johnstone*

*Neil McDougall*

*Margaret Mills*

*Hilary Petrie*

*May Stark*

*Flo Stewart*

*Ian Watson*

*Gordon Wilson*

*Lynda Young (Clerk)*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

The Sunday School will continue with its annual fundraising event in the form of tea and coffee after the service on Sunday 4th February 2024. There will be a small sale of work with some arts and crafts. Please do come along and support the children in their fundraising efforts for charity.



**THE MAGAZINE TEAM WISHES ALL  
 READERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND  
 PEACEFUL AND JOYFUL 2024**

GLASGOW AND BETHLEHEM PRAYING IN  
SOLIDARITY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

DON'T LET THE  
LIGHT GO OUT  
IN BETHLEHEM

*THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND THE  
DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT' — JOHN 1.5*



## Ecumenical Advent Service

At 2 pm on Saturday December 9th 2023, in Glasgow Cathedral  
CASTLE STREET, GLASGOW, G4 0QZ

**Glasgow Joins with Bethlehem In an Ecumenical Advent Service  
simulcast between the two twinned cities.**

We pray for all those killed and injured, those taken hostage and those in anguish in Bethlehem and within our own communities here in Glasgow as they fear for family and friends. The community in Bethlehem will be gathered in the Chapel of the Divine Child at Bethlehem University.

There will be a reception in the Cathedral supported by the Lord Provost's Office after the service.

The service is free to attend and walk-ins are welcome on the day, however, to assist with our planning for catering please register at:

[friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/glasgow-service2023](http://friendsoftheholyland.org.uk/glasgow-service2023)



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