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

27 Dec Mrs Annie Coyle Scott
 28 Dec Mr Callum Forrester

A fitting memorial service to remember and celebrate the lives of all those who were lost in these difficult days will take place when the time is right.

Raymond

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, the Angels brought the good news of our Lord's birth to the shepherds and the wise men, who like us, gave thanks and worshipped the baby in the manger.

Our Christmas celebrations are past and we give thanks for the happy times we shared with friends and family. A new year has begun and with your grace, and your love, we look forward in faith.

We pray that we will be allowed to call a Minister and that a Locum will be found. We thank everyone who has led us in worship as week as those working in the background. We give thanks that our live streaming services are well received.

Lent will be with us soon and we look forward to the miracle of Easter thereafter. Our faith will be renewed and strengthened as we grow to love you more deeply. Hear Our Prayers, Amen.

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CHURCH MAGAZINE

The annual subscription for the magazine is now due. Please note if you receive the magazine via email, there is no cost. However, during these difficult times, if you receive the magazine by post, to meet costs, we would be grateful if you could either send a cheque for £7 payable to King's Park Church, to Ms Ann McNeice, 21 Ardmay Crescent, Glasgow G44 4PU or transfer £7 to King's Park Bank Account, sort code: 82-63-31, account number: 50335056 quoting reference: KP Magazine. Please note if you receive Life and Work, this costs £3 per month, £36 per year.

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Dear Friends

I thoroughly enjoyed my short time as locum at King's Park. It was lovely to be back in Glasgow, too.

The pandemic obviously limited our opportunities to meet. However, I was grateful for the opportunity to lead worship, walk in the fresh air in the (very large) parish, and to meet some members of the church. Thank you for your hospitality.



By the time you read this letter, I will be back in Brazil. It will be summertime in the southern hemisphere, and the university teaching semester will have started. Students will return to the classroom for the first time in two years. It will be a time to renew acquaintances, and make new friends – if the pandemic permits. The pandemic in Brazil and Scotland has brought limitations, and tested the patience of many. However, it has also brought new perspectives about who we are and how we live. The church has changed. And yet, in my short time at King's Park, I understood that for many, the church is still fundamental to who we are and how we live.

This idea is expressed by the theologian, John Zizioulas, as our 'church-being'. We often think of ourselves nowadays as 'human beings' defined by our individual subjectivity. Zizioulas reminds Christians that our 'church-being' is not only about belonging to a parish church, attending Sunday worship, or participating in church groups. In other words, the church is not external to our 'human being'. Rather, our 'church-being' helps us to more fully grasp who we are as 'human beings'.

The children's hymn – I am the Church! You are the Church! We are the Church together! – expresses this theological idea in simple language.

Enjoy it, the next time you sing it!

Graham McGeoch

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2021

	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	8,234	8,169
Gift Aid Income	-	4,431
Hall Hire Incomes	290	527
Rental Income	517	517
Charitable collections	33	409
Other regular Monthly Income	427	1,953
Total Month's Income	<u>9,501</u> =====	<u>16,006</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Monthly Costs	10,434	16,333
Charitable Donations	580	442
Fabric maintenance & repairs	107	208
Total Month's Payments	<u>11,121</u> =====	<u>16,983</u> =====
Monthly Income vs Expenditure	-1,620	-977

Comments

Nov - Deficit of receipts after payments made was £1,620.

Unrestricted funds had a deficit of £1,083, restricted funds had a deficit of £537.

Dec - Deficit of receipts after payment made was £977.

Unrestricted funds had a surplus of £3,473, restricted funds had a deficit of £4,450.



FLOWER FUND

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

ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS

This important meeting will take place in the Church, on Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm. The financial situation at King's Park Church must be of particular interest to all trustees, who, at this meeting, will have the opportunity to comment on the published 2021 Annual Accounts, before attestation takes place. All trustees (elders and board members) are invited to attend, and, for reference, copies of the accounts will be provided beforehand.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of King's Park Church will take place, after the morning service on Sunday 13th March, when the financial affairs of the church will be presented to the congregation, and the opportunity given to appoint new board members. If you are not a trustee and wish to attend this meeting, please email the church at office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk or call Alan Pratt on 07776 328914, and we will arrange to send you a copy of the 2021 Annual Accounts prior to the meeting.

PLEASE HELP

As restrictions begin to ease, groups, both church and community, are beginning to start up again, and seek accommodation within our extensive suite of halls, and sometimes even in the sanctuary.

We are a parish church and as such, strive to serve our community as best we can. Before COVID-19, we enjoyed and benefitted financially from a thriving attendance within our buildings – daytime and night-time, 7 days a week – youth organisations, keep fit, bowls, badminton – you name it, all uses and users were considered.

It would be great to fit everyone in, financially, but also in a missional sense - an opportunity to share our space in a welcoming and grace-filled way, witnessing our Christian beliefs while rubbing shoulders with others, old and young.

To fully grasp this opportunity, we need to provide a safe environment to all users, and the main priority is to have someone on duty while the halls are used. Accordingly, we urgently need volunteers to help, during the day and/or in the evenings. Training/guidance will be given, and support will always be there, if necessary. Please consider this appeal prayerfully. Contact Eunice Black (07505 982540) or Alan Pratt (07776 328914) to find out more, or preferably to confirm days and times when you can help.

The more volunteers - the less we have to volunteer!

KIRK SESSION UPDATE

The ongoing process of Presbytery seeking to make King's Park an exceptional case has now drawn to a close, with the Faith Nurture Forum declining this request. We will now await the new Presbytery Plan for all churches within Glasgow Presbytery.

Meantime it is vital that we continue to be a faithful, worshipping congregation, serving the community in which the church is placed, and we seek your prayers as we move forward.

In the coming few months the Session will be focussing on how we continue to serve Christ in King's Park, and we will keep you updated.

Graham McGeoch – by the time you read this, Graham should be back in Brazil in his job as a University lecturer. We want to take this opportunity on behalf of the whole congregation to record our thanks to Graham for his time with us, especially in the difficult circumstances of the pandemic. We wish him well and will keep him and his family in our prayers. *Eunice & John*



Thank you...

Thank you to everyone who took the time to email the Church, send cards and reach out to Elders and the Session Clerks to thank the Church on receipt of their Christmas box. We hope this reminded everyone that we are all thinking of one another.

Thank you to Raymond Jenkins and the Church for the flowers. I really appreciate it, and valued the door step prayer greatly. Thank you again so much, *Louise McCann*

I would like to thank you for the flowers I received, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who comes along and supports the Tuesday coffee morning every week. *Millie*

Social & Fundraising News...

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our recent Star Appeal, where we raised the grand sum of £467.38 which has now been sent to Christian Aid. We are looking forward to hosting a Jubilee Lunch in the Church grounds around the June Jubilee weekend - more details will follow in the next issues, but in the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to help at this, please do let me know. We are looking forward to hosting the Cooperation Band on 26th March, a concert to belatedly celebrate our 90th Birthday.

Lynda Young

MR IAN McPHAIL 25 October 1930 – 16 November 2021

Ian McPhail, who died on 16th November, lived a long, full and good life; he has been deeply and dearly loved within his family circle, and held in great affection and respect by all who have been connected with him in various ways over the years.

Ian was born in 1930 in the family home in Burnside. He survived the war, and went on to work for John Lean and Sons, Textile Manufacturers in Bridgeton, eventually becoming company secretary. Ian had two older siblings – his brother Calum and his sister Elspeth, known as Aunt Elsie. Very sadly, Calum was killed in an accident at the age of 18, just as he was about to study medicine at Glasgow University, a tragedy that affected Ian very deeply.

Ian's school days were spent at Hutchesons Grammar, where he excelled at rugby, playing for the first XV and the FPs, until a head injury, and the pressure from the family, forced him to stop. Indeed, if that injury had not happened, he might well have been considered for Scotland's national team.

Like his father, Ian went to work with John Lean and Sons, while also doing business studies. Then in 1951 came National Service. He joined the 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars, and in his second year, he served as a Tank Radio Operator. He did a further three years' service until 1955, narrowly missing being posted to Korea with the Regiment, because his time of service had only a few weeks to run. Ian found out later that the 8th Hussars had been the late Sam Allan's Regiment too, and they both remembered the same formidable Regimental Sergeant Major!

In the youth club at Burnside Church, Ian met Janette. They were married in 1955 and Ian was totally devoted to her, with unflinching love throughout all their years together. Janette is still remembered in the Church Family of King's Park with much fondness. Ian has been a wonderful father to his four children – Calum, Iain, Graham and Mairi, and they have loved and cared for him completely, not least in these past final months. Ian and Janette's first home was in Kingsacre Road. Then in 1962, the family moved to Firwood Drive. By next April, it will have been the family home for 60 years. In 1989, Mairi and Chris were married in King's Park Church, and Ian has been a very loving father-in-law to Chris, and a very loving grandfather to Gavin, Ross and Jennifer.

After National Service, Ian worked with Burroughs Computing in the sales department. He then became a lecturer in Business Studies at Anniesland College, and finally he moved to Cardonald College as Head of the Commerce Department, from which he retired in 1990.

Very sadly, on 7th December 1999, Janette died at the age of 69. However, Ian remained strong and independent, and the family have been so close and supportive to him through the years since.

Ian worked hard and well at everything he did. He was a good bowler, at the time of his passing, the oldest member of Mount Florida Bowling Club, and a member of the Indoor Bowling Club.

And he served the Church's life and work so very well. He was ordained to the Eldership in 1965 and looked after his district faithfully. He served as Roll Keeper and then as Congregational Treasurer, a post from which he retired in 1983. In the Kirk Session, he was a fine and much respected colleague.

Ian enjoyed family holidays. Arran was and remains a constant holiday destination. He and Janette also had happy holidays abroad, in the company of dear friends, Ronnie and Norma, from Lisburn in Northern Ireland. After Janette's death, Ian went on holiday with the boys, including eight times to New York, and on various cruises around the Mediterranean. Ian had a great love of music, all kinds of music, and as his eyesight failed, that sense of listening was ever more important.

Towards the end, Ian needed a great deal of care at home, and the family cannot speak too highly of the care and human kindness by which their father was looked after by all the carers and the district nurses. And Ian knew that the love of his family was there beside him, each step of the way.

In terms of Ian's character, the family's observations were that he was strong, resilient, sharp, stoic, articulate, wise; he had the ability to get to the key point; he was determined, reserved, like to wear a shirt and tie and emphasised the importance of punctuality; he had a dry sense of humour and could be very mischievous. We might well add that there was in Ian's character a deep humanity, a genuine kindness, an unflinching love and an unshaken faith in the love of God, a love revealed in and through Jesus Christ. Ian McPhail lived that faith, and we can be sure that God has already welcomed him home.

Amen, and thanks be to God.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Restrictions have now been lifted to allow us to accommodate an increased number of worshippers, therefore you do not need to book ahead of attending Church on a Sunday morning. We will keep you updated on our website and all of our social media platforms if plans change in any way. In the meantime, our online services continue on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

February

Sun 6th 11am Morning Worship, Reverend Esther Ninian
with the Sunday School fundraiser tea and coffee event
after the service

Sun 13th 11am Morning Worship, Reverend Esther Ninian

Sun 20th 11am Morning Worship

Sun 27th 11am Morning Worship

March

Wed 2nd 7pm Attestation of Accounts

Sun 6th 11am Morning Worship

Sun 13th 11am Morning Worship, **Sacrament of Communion.**
AGM will take place after worship

Sun 20th 11am Morning Worship

Sat 26th **7.30pm** Cooperation Band Concert

Sun 27th 11am Morning Worship

As restrictions have eased, and we are allowed more access to our church halls, a number of groups and organisations have started back. The most up to date details can be found on our website.
www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk

BLASTS FROM THE PAST

We were delighted, recently, to receive two emails with photographs attached. Photographs from bygone years, both relating to King's Park Church.

As a result of COVID-19 and our need to try to continue to share God's message with church family, parish and beyond, by 'going online' with, initially, recorded services, on Facebook and YouTube, then, more recently, live streaming Sunday morning services from our own beloved sanctuary, we have shared fellowship with folks from all over the place, and the messages received just confirm this.

As well as hearing from people far away, in a geographical sense, we, as you will see, are also doing a bit of 'time travelling'.

Elaine Sproat, from Rhinebeck, New York State, USA, a town close to the Hudson River, sent the photo on the right, of her Sunday School class taken on September 11th, 1954. Elaine tells us that she is at the front right of the photo and that Marjory Johnson (married name, Kyle) is behind her.



Before emigrating to California when she was 8, Elaine remembers that Dr Paterson was the minister at the time, and that her mother Nancy played piano for the Sunday School. Does anyone know the names of the other girls and/or the teacher?

The second photograph, below, is of the church choir in 1949, sent by Katherine Nolan on behalf of her mother, Marie Macfarlane (nee Thorburn), who now lives in Inverness. Marie was 16 when the photo was taken and is standing in the second row, third from the left. You may be interested to know that under the direction of the then choirmaster, Mr Alexander Milloy, the choir won the Mixed Choirs (Scottish Class) at the Glasgow Music Festival, gaining an honours certificate and the Bardrochat Challenge Trophy!



We say a big thank you to Elaine, Katherine and Marie for taking the time to contact us, and we wish them every blessing in 2022.

The magazine's editorial team are considering the inclusion of similar photographs, taken from the church archive, in future issues of the magazine – watch this space!

the cooperation band in concert



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Sat 26th March 7.30pm

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