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

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## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

### AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

6 Dec	Davina MacFarlane
6 Dec	Irene Connor
19 Dec	Anne Flude
9 Jan	James (Jim) Park
12 Jan	Ian MacLeod
19 Jan	Allan Bruce

### ***Prayer Focus***

Dear Lord, as we prepare for our Lord's sacrifice and resurrection, we pray that we will have a deeper understanding for us and our church. When governments come together to plan for the future, we pray that they will feel a sense of responsibility and agree permanent and peaceful solutions. *Hear our Prayer, Amen.*  
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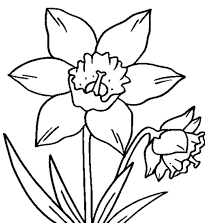
### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year's World Day of Prayer will be held on the **6th of March 2026** in Chirst the King Church, more details, including the time to be confirmed via intimations and our Facebook page.



## **World Day of Prayer**

A global ecumenical movement  
of informed prayer  
and prayerful action



### **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, and if it isn't too late to say so, Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, January will be behind us, and the evenings will be that bit brighter, which I think we can all agree, is always better. January always seems to be a very long month, and the days seem to stretch on for far longer than they really do. But isn't it funny how time can do that. In some cases, it seems to go very slowly, especially if you yourself are in a hurry, everything just seems to drag on and on.

And then there are times when you wonder where the time has gone and that deadline which seemed so far away is almost upon you. I normally find time moves like this when I have too much to do. We know of course that time does not speed up nor slow down, but its pace is largely dependent on how many things we have to do at any one time. However slow or fast time seems to be moving, it is important that we, as Christians, make time for God, and spend time with him...just him and us.

It sounds easy, but as we probably know, when something sounds easy, it can be far from it. So we need to be disciplined in setting time aside for God. And whilst there may be times we think it's the last thing we have time to do, and there are so many more important things we could, or should be doing, with our time, I can guarantee that any time we spend in God's presence will be the best use of our time that day.

Because when we make the effort to be with him, he is with us, and time in God's presence is one of the most precious and valuable situations we can find ourselves in. In his presence we can find peace, healing, strength and comfort. We can find the answers to questions that may have been niggling at us for some time. We can find wisdom and guidance for situations that may seem impossible. We can find his love, his grace, his mercy and his forgiveness.

So, this year I would urge you to commit to spend more time with God, just you and him and stick to it. And commit to what you can achieve. It is far better to commit to 5 minutes and spend 5 minutes with God, than committing to 30 minutes and spending 10 with him, because then you will feel guilty.

But however long you commit to spend in his presence, your time with him will be richly rewarded.

*Your friend in Christ, Stuart*

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

	<b><u>NOV</u></b>	<b><u>DEC</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b>£</b>	
Offerings & Donations	9,748	8,486
Gift Weekend	-	600
Gift Aid Income	37	-
Hall Hire Income	910	1,818
Rental income	611	611
Christmas Bazaar	2,592	-
Fundraising	-	60
Magazine subscriptions	30	-
Charitable collections	280	147
Other regular Monthly Income	556	105
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<b>14,764</b>	<b>11,827</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Running Costs	14,284	15,167
Charitable Donations	280	147
Property maintenance & repairs	250	241
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<b>14,814</b>	<b>15,555</b>
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>
<b>Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-3,728</b>

**Highlights over last two months**

November donations were £3,016. Added to October figure gives a total of £11,566 plus Gift Aid due. Christmas Bazaar raised £2,592 in November.

**Expenditure**

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

**CHURCH BANK DETAILS FOR REGULAR FREEWILL OFFERINGS OR  
ONE-OFF DONATIONS :**

**KINGS PARK CHURCH - SORT CODE: 82-63-31 A/C NO: 50335056**

**John McCabe**  
**26.07.43 - 15.12.25**

John McCabe was born on the 26th July 1943 to parents Francis and Margaret. John was the eldest of five children, all boys, John was born in the East End of Glasgow at home and was raised by his auntie Bella in the shadow of Parkhead. John went to London Road Primary and on passing his 11+ then went onto Riverside Secondary. After leaving school, John started working as a tailor at the co-op, and it was there that he met future wife Millie. The couple first went out to the dancing at the Dennistoun Palais in 1963. Friendship blossomed to romance and John didn't hang about, proposing to Millie in 1964. The couple were married in 1965 at New Bridgegate church in Dixon Road, Govanhill, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary earlier last year.

John and Millie were blessed with three sons, five grandchildren and currently have two great grandchildren with another on the way. John loved being surrounded by his family and to all of the grandchildren, he was very much their papa, taking pride in his whole family. The grandchildren's term of calling John their papa then developed into 'papa-isms' - if someone else said something or displayed an attitude John would have, it became known as a 'papa-ism'. Whilst John devoted much of his time to his family, he was also a very keen walker. John would walk for hours and hours and would talk to everyone he met on the way, he became a very well-known face in the community, and often when he and Millie were out, someone whom Millie had never seen before would greet John like a well kent friend, and he would just say it was someone that he got talking to on a previous walk! John also enjoyed playing bowls, both at the church and at Rutherglen bowling club.

John also enjoyed watching snooker and football, although with John and the boys all supporting different teams Millie just hoped that they had all either won, drawn or lost each week to keep the peace in the house. He enjoyed watching Last of The Summer Wine, but then John was also known to stay up until the wee small hours watching anything on TV next to the fire. John also enjoyed going on holiday with his favourite destinations the north of Scotland on David Urquharts bus tours. And whilst Scotland was his favourite destination, he did also travel to Australia to see Stuart and his family on two occasions. The church became an extremely important part of John's life. After joining, John was ordained as an Elder at King's Park on 1st February 2009 where he diligently served his district for many years. He was always the life and soul of the party, known as 'wee John', after retiring he dedicated a lot of his time to the Church. And like all the other areas of his life, he talked

to absolutely everyone and will be remembered fondly by generations of children who attended the packed out church holiday clubs for years. John would stand at the door welcoming every one of them by name and handing them all sweets as they left, unbeknown to most, John humbly, all year round would give his own spare change to Abdul, the local shopkeeper, to save for all the packets of sweets he'd need. Every night he would wear a different hat, and the children would squeal with laughter and excitement at what hat he would wear next, the nod to his family in Australia, with the corks hanging on one, was the highlight of the week. He diligently kept the book stall updated and ensured the money was handed in every week and he was a member of the Social and Fundraising committee for a number of years where he would throw himself into every event, always keen to help and entertain where he could. One of the fondest memories of his Social and Fundraising days was when he got to bring the haggis into the Burns Supper! And he considered it one of his greatest privileges to bring the bible into the Church on a Sunday morning, doing it with such grace and respect. And when you went to visit John, you were offered more cups of tea in one evening than you could drink as he was a real tea jenny! He will be remembered as the most friendly and hospitable man. Throughout his life John had the wonderful ability to see things from the perspective of those around him, especially children. He never raised his voice and was considered a true gentleman, and was an absolute delight to be around. In recent years John's health began to deteriorate, and he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's over five years ago.

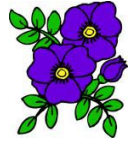
There is no doubt that John had a positive impact and made an impression on many people, not just his family and friends, but the wider community. And whilst John may no longer be here with us physically, and he will be deeply and sorely missed. His spirit will live on through those 'papa-isms' and the memories that we all have of him.

And for those of us who were privileged enough to meet John and get to know him, no matter for how long, we will cherish those memories as they live on in our hearts and minds

*May the Lord Bless Him, May the Lord Keep Him, May the Lord make his face to shine upon him.*

*Amen*

## Thank you...



I would like to thank you all very much for the lovely flowers Eunice kindly delivered to me after church last week. It was so good being back amongst my church friends after a four week absence, thank you all once gain. *Marlyn Phillips*

Thank you so much for the lovely church flowers I received after my recent car accident, I am slowly recovering at home and hope to be back at church soon, I am worshipping with you all online. Thanks again. *Catherine Mackenzie*

Thank you to Stuart for all of his support and lovely funeral service for John. Thank you too for the church flowers, the prayers and the many cards and messages of condolence we received. To the many people who attended his service and for the extremely generous donations that were given to Alzheimer Scotland, thank you. Your continued prayers mean so much to us all. *Millie McCabe and family*

## **Special Thanks**

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for all that they contributed over the busy Christmas and remembering period to ensure that our church looked so beautiful, and that all of our services went so well. Over the period, we welcomed, to name a few, Bankhead Primary School, King's Park Primary School, our friends at King's Park Brass, many new folk on Christmas eve and families of the bereaved to our remembering service. It was so lovely to see the look of joy and wonder on all of our visitors' faces as they entered our stunning sanctuary and beautifully decorated halls. It takes a lot of hard work from a small number of volunteers, most of whom are unseen in the background. To those who set everything up and of course to those who put it all away, to all who contributed to and prepared for the many insightful services throughout advent, Christmas and remembering - thank you. None of it goes unnoticed, all of it greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who donated so kindly to our Gifts for Jesus Appeal and to our Star Appeal where we raised £659.10 for HomeStart North & North Lanarkshire.

*Lynda*

## **KING'S PARK BRASS UPDATE**

The band enjoyed a busy November and December with multiple events, including our 'Top of the Pops' concert at Rutherglen Town Hall and our Christmas Concert in the church. The Youth Band were busy too, performing at our annual coffee morning, before heading to Perth to take part in the Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships, where they gained a bronze award. Both bands were out and about playing Christmas carols in December, at Asda Toryglen, Tesco Burnside, at the Grow 73 event in Overtoun Park, and a new venue for us this year - the Burrell Collection.

Looking forward, our next concert will be in Cathcart Church, 90 Clarkston Rd, Glasgow G44 3DA, on Friday 20th March, where we will be joined 'on stage' by the We Sing Choir from East Kilbride. More details will be published on our social media and in the church intimations nearer the time.

## **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 financial times, unfortunately we do have to charge to meet printing and postage costs, prices for 6 copies of the magazine per year are:

- If you receive a physical copy by post, the charge is £12
- If your physical copy is hand delivered, the charge is £10

We would be grateful if you could either send a cheque payable to King's Park Church, to Ms Ann McNeice, 21 Ardmay Crescent, Glasgow G44 4PU or transfer to the church bank account, name: Kings Park Parish Church, sort code: 82-63-31, account number: 50335056 quoting reference: KP Magazine.

If further information is required, please contact Ann on 632 2951.

## Kirk Session News

### Friends

Here we are at the start of a new year—and like many of you, I'm not entirely sure where the last one went! This past year marked my first full year as your Session Clerk, and it has certainly been a busy and instructive one as I became fully immersed in the policies and regulations of the Kirk Session.

After a short break over the Christmas period, we are now back to business. At our recent meeting we attested our roles for 2026, and I am delighted to share that Jill Kyle has kindly agreed to step into the role of commissioned Presbytery Elder. We are very grateful to Raymond, who has faithfully held this role for many years.

As we attested roles for the year ahead, it occurred to me that not everyone may know who serves in which capacity. Alongside Jill as our newly appointed Presbytery Elder, David Wilson serves as Treasurer, Hilary Petrie is our Rollkeeper and GDPR conveyer, John Black is our safeguarding co-ordinator, Norah Buchan is our Health and Safety convenor, Hugh Mackinnon is our property convenor, Margaret Mills convenes Social & Fundraising and Euncie Black is our Halls convenor. Each month, these convenors provide reports to ensure the effective governance and ongoing work of our church.

Looking ahead, this year will include the sale of the flat on Kingsbridge Drive, as well as working on the new Presbytery Action Plan. You will also be aware by now that our dear friend Raymond, after much prayerful thought and consideration, has decided to retire from his role as Pastoral Assistant with effect from 31st March 2026. We will make sure there is plenty of opportunity over the coming months to celebrate with him and thank him for all he has given in this role. We will also support him as he moves from Pastoral Assistant and Elder to Elder. In the months ahead, the Kirk Session will be giving careful thought to what King's Park will look like without a Pastoral Assistant.

In addition, we are preparing for our Inspection of Records on 23rd March, the preparation of our annual report and accounts is underway and we are moving forward towards our annual general meeting, all of which you will hear about in due course.

So yes, it has been a busy year, with another full one on the horizon. With your continued support, I look forward to serving with diligence and love in what looks to be another exciting year ahead at King's Park.

Ever yours,  
*Lynda, Session Clerk*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **FEBRUARY**

Sun 1st	11am	Morning worship, Sunday School Fundraiser after Morning service
Sun 8th	11am	Morning worship, celebrating our 96th birthday
Sun 15th	11am	Morning worship, celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism
Wed 18th	7pm	Kirk Session
Sun 22nd	11am	Morning worship
Sat 28th	2-4pm	Afternoon Tea

### **MARCH**

Sun 1st	11am	Morning worship
Sun 8th	11am	Morning worship, celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 15th	11am	Morning worship
Wed 18th	11am	Kirk Session
Sun 22nd	11am	Morning worship
Sun 29th	11am	Morning worship - Palm Sunday

### **APRIL**

Sun 5th	11am	Morning worship - Easter Sunday, celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion
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**Note:** Holy Week will take place from 30th March until Friday 3rd April with Easter Sunday on 5th April, more details of services will be intimated in church and on our Facebook page.



## ***AFTERNOON TEA***

The Social & Fundraising committee would like to invite you to our first event of the year.

Come along to our afternoon tea, for a chance to chat and eat delicious food. For catering purposes we will be selling tickets, don't miss out on this fun afternoon:

**Saturday 28th February**  
**2pm - 4 pm**  
**Tickets £15**

Tickets can be bought from the Social & Fundraising committee and from the church on a Sunday.

Looking forward to seeing you there, thank you for your continued support.

