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CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER
Admission by Certificate of Transference

We welcome three new communicants, Reverend Stuart Crawford, Reverend Fiona Crawford and Blair Crawford. May they find the Peace and Grace of the Lord within our midst.

AT REST

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

18 April	Isabel MacNiven
28 April	Pat Hopkins
03 May	Joan MacDonald

Prayer Focus..

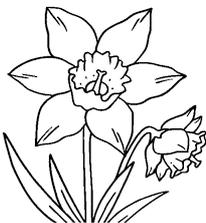
Dear Lord, we pray for peace in your world, especially in the Middle East. We give thanks to all who work in the Police, Fire and Ambulance service. We remember all the families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty keeping us safe. There are lots of people working in the background to maintain our beautiful buildings and we give thanks for their ongoing dedication. Show us our talents and how we can use them to your glory
Amen gaerataylor@btinternet.com

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.



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

It's not often we see, or hear, the headline, 'Glasgow hotter than Ibiza.' But it has been just that on a couple of days in the past month, and I put the emphasis on 'a couple of days'. I find these types of headlines amusing. It doesn't happen very often, so why shouldn't we blow our own meteorological trumpet? But blowing our own trumpet isn't something that comes naturally to many of us in Scotland. Perhaps it's because we don't want to come across as being arrogant or haughty, but I don't think there is anything wrong with us sharing good news and good experiences with one another.

It's like when we move from spring to summer and the warmer weather and brighter days and evenings come in, generally people's spirits are lifted and we are, on the whole, in a better mood. It's the same when we hear good news from other folks - it gives us a lift. I said last month that I really like Spring. In fact, I would say that it is my favourite season, as it is associated with new beginnings, new growth and new life. We recently remembered and celebrated the new life available to us through the resurrection of Jesus at Easter and in only a few weeks we will be celebrating Pentecost, an occasion that many mark as the beginning of the church as we know it today.

Spring is also a very important time in the life of the church, as this year's General Assembly begins on Saturday the 18th of May, where, once again, a lot of important business will be discussed and decisions that will have a direct impact on us will be made. It is a challenging time for the church nationally and whilst difficult decisions will be made, sometimes we focus so much on the negative, we forget all the positive things that are going on.

This is something we should try to avoid. It's important for us to hear good news stories, and in particular we maybe need to remind ourselves of the best good news story of them all. That Jesus is your risen Lord, that God loves you, and he has a plan for your life.

Your friend in Christ
Stuart

Summer Church

This July we are doing something a bit different in church on a Sunday morning. We are moving to a more informal, discussion based type service. All the usual elements of the service will be there, praise and worship, prayers, scripture reading and a reflection, they are just going to be done in a different way. So, I look forward to worshipping with you over the summer, as we continue on our faith journey with God here at King's Park.

Stuart

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

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	7,869	7,078
Hall Hire Income	1,611	1,800
Rental income	611	611
Ceilidh Fundraiser	400	-
Penguin Drive Fundraiser	-	230
Magazine subscriptions	703	157
Charitable collections	293	120
Other regular Monthly Income	1,087	116
Total Month's Income	<u>12,574</u>	<u>10,112</u>
	=====	=====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	17,566	14,727
Charitable Donations	110	225
Property maintenance & repairs	2,211	358
Total Month's Payments	<u>19,887</u>	<u>15,310</u>
	=====	=====
Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	-7,313	-5,198

Highlights over last two months:

Income - Ceilidh and Penguin Drive £630

Expenditure—delayed increased tariff energy bills now being paid. Increased level of contributions to Giving to Grow (Church of Scotland) are being made. Fire safety inspection and update equipment £1,900

Thank you...

I would like to thank all my friends for the cards, visits and phone calls during my recent illness and stay in hospital. Special thanks too to Raymond Jenkins for his visits, prayers and delivery of beautiful church flowers. It's good to be back at church as I continue my recovery.

Annie Robertson

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****JUNE**

Sun 1st	11am	Morning Worship
Sat 7th	10am - 1pm	Strawberry Tea and Plant Sale
Sun 8th	11am	Morning Worship, including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Tues 10th	7.30pm	King's Park Brass Summer Concert
Sun 15th	11am	Morning Worship
Sun 22nd	11am	Morning Worship
Sun 29th	11am	Morning Worship

JULY

Thur 3rd	1.30pm	Summer group
Sun 6th	11am	Summer Church
Thur 10th	1.30pm	Summer group
Sun 13th	11am	Summer Church
Thur 17th	1.30pm	Summer group
Sun 20th	11am	Summer Church
Thur 24th	1.30pm	Summer group
Sun 27th	11am	Summer Church

SUMMER GROUP

We are planning to run a group over the Summer, each Thursday in July and August, from 1.30 - 3.30 pm in St Mungo Hall.

Everyone is welcome, whether part of a group that meets in our halls or not.

There will be the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit, and the

chance to participate in a number of different activities, perhaps for the first time.

For example, the chance to make something, draw something, play carpet bowls, perhaps a quiz or a beetle drive - no previous experience needed as all are led by someone who knows what they are doing (so I'm told!).

There may even be the chance to revisit your childhood!

So, please spread the word around. The feedback from those who came to last year's - our first Summer group - was very positive.

More details will be available once the programme is finalised - come when you are available, drop in or stay for the 2 hours, the choice is yours.

We will be able to assist with transport if you let us know.

Come along, have fun, make new friends.

John Black

KING'S PARK BRASS

The band is looking forward to its annual summer concert in King's Park Church, which will take place on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm. We'll feature music, mainly from the worlds of film, TV and popular music, playing Mary Poppins, Tom and Jerry, California Dreamin' and much more! The concert will also feature our Youth Band, and our Beginners Group will make its first public appearance.

A couple of days before the summer concert, the Senior Band has been invited to perform at Grow 73's Buzz Fest event in Overtoun Park on Sunday 8th June – why not come along and hear us – the event's on from 12-4.30pm

Looking to the second half of the year, we'll be returning to Rutherglen Town Hall on Friday 21st November for what is always a most entertaining and enjoyable winter concert.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2025 - UPDATE

The King's Park church family and friends have been busy again this year, raising money for Christian Aid.

You will recall that this year, the Kirk Session agreed that we would not deliver CA envelopes to the homes in our parish, but to concentrate on our own church family and friends.

We were fortunate to have a number of Christian Aid focussed events taking place during Christian Aid Week. Millie & Aileen's Tuesday Coffee morning raised a very generous £168 and our Soup & Sandwich Sunday lunch at the start of the week and the Christian Aid Quiz on the Friday night were both well supported and added the sum of £432 to the CAW coffers. The 'paper quiz' was also a great success and, at time of printing, we still await to hear the name of the winner!

Special thanks go to Millie & Aileen, the soup & sandwich team, and Stuart & family for putting the quizzes together, and of course, to those who shared in worship at the Sunday launch service and for introducing Aurelia from Guatemala to us all.

Full details of the total amount gathered for this year's Christian Aid Week will be confirmed in the August/September edition of the magazine.

KIRK SESSION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Local Church Review (LCR) visit.

The LCR is exactly that - a review of our church, and you are all our church, so without you this wouldn't be possible! The LCR team were impressed with the conversation and engagement on the night and we're awaiting the next stage - development of our Action Plan. We welcomed Hugh Mackinnon into the Kirk

Session and are grateful to him for taking on the role of Property Convenor. Thank you too to everyone who attended our successful Annual Stated Meeting, again

another reflection of you, our church. We continue to be challenged by our financial situation and are diligently and prayerfully looking at ways to address this. As you know, our caretaker, Albert Sodunke has moved on to other employment and we are currently advertising for a new Caretaker - see advert at the back of this magazine.

Please do keep this important task in your prayers.

Yours ... Lynda

Reminder of King's Park...

You may remember, in marking our thanks to Ian Galloway, that one of the gifts the congregation presented him with was a blossom tree. Blossom trees are such a reminder of our beloved King's Park garden and Ian always admired them.

Well, here we are - one year later and our gift to Ian is in its first full bloom.

We hope it is giving him joy and reminding him of the very happy times he spent, and of memories of dear friends, here at King's Park.



CARETAKER NEEDED

17.5 hours per week, 6 months fixed term appointment/temporary contract, commencing as soon as possible.

Main duty to keep the buildings secure, well-maintained and clean. Responsibilities will include:

- open up buildings in the morning and locking them at the end of the day, as required
- setting up halls for lets, as required
- being on duty for hall lets, as and when required
- carrying out basic, day to day maintenance, as and when required
- cleaning/preparing the sanctuary and adjoining rooms for worship
- setting up the sanctuary for adhoc events and services, as and when required
- making sure heating, lighting and alarm systems are working properly
- checking doors and windows are locked when the building is not in use
- adhering to the Church of Scotland's safety policies to create a safe environment for everyone

Hours of employment are 17.5 hours per week, flexible hours available, can be discussed, however there will be core days and hours during September to May.

Salary £12.60 per hour.

Anyone interested in applying should contact office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk

Closing Date Friday 13th June 2025