

# King's View

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*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

**Mission Statement: *King's Park Church*  
*sharing God's love by reaching out to others.***

***"1930-2022 - 92 Years of Spiritual Service"***

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**CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER**  
**ADMISSION BY RESOLUTION OF THE KIRK SESSION**

We welcome a new communicant, Mrs Katherine Crawford into King's Park Church. May she find the peace and grace of the Lord within our midst.

**THE HOLY RITE OF MATRIMONY**  
**"Whom God Hath Joined Together"**

13th Aug Arlene Jane Williamson and William Stuart McMillan  
*Arlene is the daughter of former members, Colin and Marion, and, of course, the granddaughter of the late Jim and Lily Hendry.*

**AT REST**

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

20th July Mrs Marion Barrett, Three Bridges Care Home  
 23rd July Mrs Audrey Greef, Prospecthill Road  
 30th July Mrs Lena Russell, Carmunnock Road  
 3rd Aug Mrs Jess Simpson, Stonelaw Court

***Prayer Focus..***

Dear Lord, in this time of change, we put our trust in You. We give thanks for Queen Elizabeth's service to us over the last 70 years and as we continue, we will be led by her example. We continue to pray for the Kirk Session as we meet to discuss our future. Give us patience to trust in what lies ahead. The new autumn session has begun and we pray for all the leaders of our youth organisations and Sunday School. Children are the future of all churches and faiths. Help us to nurture them; they are like seeds who need to know they are loved, to sustain and grow in the love of Christ. The prayer group has seen many answered prayers, so we give thanks to God for this, and go forward in faith and grow in the love of Christ our Saviour. Hear our Prayer, Amen [gaerataylor@btinternet.com](mailto:gaerataylor@btinternet.com)

**NEWS FROM THE PRAYER GROUP**

We give thanks for your support, do come along and join us on a Monday morning. The dedication of the Garden of Remembrance will take place after the morning service on Sunday 6th November. On Friday 11th November, the Church will be open between 10am and 12 noon, with a short service at 11am. Remembrance Sunday will be on the 13th November at 10.50am.

*Gaera Taylor*

Dear Friends

Our lives have been on hold again recently. Not because of COVID, but because our Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, at the age of 96, died. Many of us will have lived only under her reign. This means change for us all. For some of us, change comes easily but for others, change is difficult.

The Church is going through a period of change which, for some, will be viewed as progress, but for others, will feel like the loss of their Church and its way of worship.

As you know, discussions have been taking place with the other churches within our 'cluster' – Carmunnock, Castlemilk and Croftfoot. Mission plans have to be with Presbytery in early October, before going to Edinburgh for approval. The Mission Plan reflects the future of all four churches within our cluster.

Our Kirk Session met on Wednesday 21st September to hear how we can go forward. When this has been decided, the four churches will come together to complete the Mission Plan. As soon as the plan is accepted, we will update you.

We're grateful for the support of pulpit supply, organised for us by Howard Hudson, whom many of you will remember.

We have found our numbers rising recently with over 100 attending September Communion, in addition to those who celebrated with us online. This is lovely.

We also welcome those who have come from Toryglen Church, as well as new faces. Again, it's been lovely getting to know the people behind the new faces.

We're entering a busy time of year with Harvest Thanksgiving where we aim to raise funds for Pakistan, the return of the bazaar on Saturday 26th November and preparations for Christmas!

September has brought sadness. Psalm 30 v5 tells us that "tears may flow in the night, but joy comes in the morning." As we look forward to the future, there is joy to come. There is new life in Christ Jesus our King.

Thank you all for your love, your prayers and your financial support.  
The Lord bless you and keep you,  
*John and Eunice , Session Clerks*

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

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	£	
Offerings & Donations	6,657	7,910
Hall Hire Income	125	630
Rental income	-	1,034
Magazine	36	7
Charitable collections	190	130
Other regular Monthly Income	391	912
<b>Total Month's Income</b>	<u><b>7,399</b></u> =====	<u><b>10,623</b></u> =====
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Regular Monthly Costs	11,204	13,714
Charitable Donations	1,310	520
Property maintenance & repairs	186	4,965
<b>Total Month's Payments</b>	<u><b>12,700</b></u> =====	<u><b>19,199</b></u> =====
<b>Monthly Income vs Expenditure</b>	<b>-5,301</b>	<b>-8,576</b>

**FLOWER FUND**



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

## **HALLS**

We welcome back, with every blessing, our Church organisations for their new session. We also welcome all other groups, old and new, who use our halls week by week and wish them well too.

*Eunice Black*

## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday 25th of September. A huge thank you to everyone who donated flowers, to those who delivered them, and to those who made the sanctuary so beautiful on the day. Our Harvest focus in 2022 is for the DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) Pakistan Flood Appeal. If you wish to donate, please send a cheque, made payable to King's Park Church or drop a donation through the door. Please write 'Harvest Appeal' on the back of your cheque and on the front of your envelope. All monies gathered will be transferred electronically to DEC at the end of October.

## **TRANSPLANT GAMES**

You will remember we introduced our young friend, John-Paul Rooney, 11 years old, heading off to compete in the British Transplant Games in Leeds at the end of July. We are thrilled to report that John-Paul came home with medals galore! He proudly wore them one summer Sunday morning when he told us all about his sporting achievements and of winning medals in badminton and mini tennis. Well done John-Paul, your friends at King's Park are so very proud of you.



**Thanks...**

We would like to thank our friends at King's Park Church for the lovely arrangement of flowers on our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 24th August.

*Love, Jeanette & David*



Thank you for your support for our Food Pantry here at Croftfoot Parish Church. We were delighted to receive goods brought over by Alan and Raymond. We also wish to acknowledge our very grateful thanks to all who have contributed to this, and also to those who donate financial support. This will go a long way in buying the necessary goods we give out week by week. May you all be blessed in your giving. Please feel free to come over and see what goes on each Thursday and join us in a cup of tea along with our guests. We are open from 10.30am until 12 noon. We meet for prayer at 9.30am to which you would be most welcome to come to.

*On behalf of the Food Pantry,  
Fiona Matheson, Session Clerk*

On behalf of the Lodging House Mission, we would like to thank the congregation of King's Park Church for the donation of £500 and a further £474 in response to our appeal for help due to an electrical fault. Your support helps us continue in our mission to assist those most in need and for this we are extremely grateful.

*Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain LHM*

We would like to convey our thanks for the lovely flowers we received from the Church, on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary, delivered by Raymond Jenkins. It was very much appreciated by us both.

*Thank you, Hugh and Avril Simpson*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **OCTOBER**

Sun 2nd 11am Morning Worship, Rev Willie Black  
 Sun 9th 11am Morning Worship, Rev John McPake  
 Sun 16th 11am Morning Worship, Alison Fenton  
 Sun 23rd 11am Morning Worship, KP Worship Team  
 Sun 30th 11am Morning Worship, Rev John McPake

### **NOVEMBER**

Sun 6th 11am Morning Worship, followed by Dedication of the  
 Garden of Remembrance  
 Fri 11th 10am til 12 noon - Church open for reflection and  
 prayer, with a short act of remembrance at 11am  
 Sun 13th **10.50am** Service of Remembrance  
 Sun 20th 11am Morning Worship  
 Sat 26th 10am til 1pm - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
 Sun 27th 11am Morning Worship

### **DECEMBER**

Sun 3rd 11am Morning Worship, first Sunday in Advent

### **SAIDIANA WOMEN PROJECT (KENYA)**

Thanks to all who continue to regularly support the Saidiana Women Project with your prayers and donations. You will be glad to hear that they are doing very well as they continue with successful projects including micro credit empowerment, relief supplies, HIV/AIDS care, sewing and knitting and water harvesting. More information can be found on their website - [www.saidianawomenproject.org](http://www.saidianawomenproject.org). If you would like to support this project, please make a cheque to Mary Smith and send to 33 Brent Road, East Kilbride, G74 4RA, or deposit into the bank account: HBOS, Sort Code: 11-47-05, Account No: 00005903. Do let Mary know if any large sums are deposited so that she can acknowledge them properly.



## IT'S OK TO COME BACK!

Do you remember, back in the October/November 2020 issue of the magazine, we included a photograph of the sanctuary showing seating laid out sparsely in our worship space because of the social distancing rules at that time? It was a depressing sight!

Then, in the Oct/Nov issue in 2021, we printed another photo to confirm the advances made by then. Distancing was reduced from 2m to 1m and people in the same 'households' were sitting together. But – masks were still mandatory.

As you can see from the photo below, taken on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, during our Harvest Thanksgiving service, things have moved on again.



There is no distancing. There are no masks (unless you feel you want to wear one – it's up to you!). As well as easing COVID restrictions, those of you who are "eagle-eyed" will notice the cameras and new monitors on the pillars halfway up the building. These present the same view as that being streamed live to our Facebook page, every Sunday morning (hopefully, you're familiar with the availability of that service).

The number of worshippers attending has levelled out at around 60 to 70, although, as Eunice & John have said elsewhere in this mag, there were over a hundred attending our September celebration of Communion – which was lovely!

We have a lot to be thankful for at King's Park – some new faces; some new communicant members; a meaningful and enjoyable service with favourite hymns, led by our friends who provide pulpit supply, Sunday by Sunday. The luxury of the same service streamed to our homes, if we so wish, using state of the art technology, with the support of our IT team.

It's great to see the new faces, and as Eunice & John say, "get to know the people behind them", but it would also be great to welcome back those "old faces" who haven't, as yet, returned following the lifting of the COVID restrictions. We miss you and would love you to re-join the physical fellowship which is such an important part of our church family life.

As we move towards the formation of the new Presbytery Mission Plan, we are going to have to change how we do things, and to do that effectively, and properly, we need everyone possible on board - in worship, in prayer and **in-person**, as we embark on a new chapter in our church's life.

**So, it's OK to come back and we would love to see you!**



## **CROFTFOOT CHURCH PANTRY**

As part of the process of 'clustering', it is important that we find out what each of the churches in our cluster does. As we progress to construct our joint mission plan, we will be aware of things that we don't do, and another church does, or will find that one church has a real strength in, say, e.g. outreach to the community.

**Croftfoot Parish Church** has established, during the COVID period, a very popular foodbank called "the Pantry". It's open from 11am to noon every Thursday and was catering initially for asylum seeker families, but now, due to the spiralling cost of living, a more significant number of local families are seeking help too.

It would be great if we in KP Church could support Croftfoot's work, spiritually, in our prayers, but also practically, by providing food and financial aid on a regular basis. The organisers would welcome donations of items such as pasta, honey nut & chocolate cereals, tinned vegetables, crisps and sweets. The Pantry buys fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis, as well as other items like toilet rolls and other essentials, so financial donations are also very welcome.

Boxes marked "The Pantry" are placed in the church vestibule and in the entrance to the halls, for food donations, and every Thursday they will be delivered to Croftfoot. If you would like to provide financial support, put it in an envelope marked "The Pantry" and leave it in the offering on a Sunday morning, or pop it through the letterbox to the halls. Any cheques should be made payable to King's Park Church, and we will transfer funds to Croftfoot on a regular basis. Let's join together in faith with our cluster family, at Croftfoot, Castlemilk and Carmunnock churches.



## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**



We are very much looking forward to hosting our Christmas Bazaar for the first time since 2019!! It takes place on Saturday 26th November between 10am and 1pm - entry is by donation and £2 entry to the Tea Room.

Santa will be making his annual visit to his grotto in the St Mungo Hall. He promises to bring a gift to every boy and girl who visit him on the day.

The following stalls will be available - bottles, books, cash in the attic, the kitchen cupboard, crafts, soft goods, jewellery, heavenly scent, pound stall, stationery, CDs and DVDs, toys and much, much more!

Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 21st November until 6pm on Friday 25th November. No items should be brought prior to that or on the morning of the Bazaar. We do not accept alcohol or clothing as donations.

Donations for the Home Baking Stall and Tea Room can be handed into the halls on the Friday Night or Saturday. Bottle and Heavenly Scent Stalls will be supported by the Sunday Schools and Youth Organisations.

The Bazaar Quiz will be available shortly. Hot pancakes will be on sale from the kitchen as usual.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 26th November. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

*Norah and Jonathan Buchan Bazaar Convenors.*

