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**Gift Weekend
26th and 27th October 2024**

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

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me”

11 August Vincent Alexander Martin Barron
18 August Robert Iain Coleman

AT REST

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

22nd July Mardi Bruce
28th July Barbara Niblock
4th September Alan Hume
11th September Gary Grubb

Prayer Focus..

Dear Lord, We give thanks for the gift of patience as we wait for your guidance. Help us to forgive and say sorry when we have wronged someone as this will lift a burden we have been carrying for a long time. Fill us with your love so that we can show every one that we shine with everlasting contentment and peace.

We pray that anyone who is in pain will be healed, that they will be given courage to face tomorrow and strength to endure this time in their lives. God did not say he would make our lives easy, he is with us every step of the way. He surrounds us with his ever loving arms and carries us when life gets too difficult for us to bear. We will not suffer beyond our endurance. Looking at our beautiful world, we give thanks for all you have given us and pray that all governments will strive for global peace. More and more countries are coping with destruction from extreme weather, but this binds people together, those who have few resources give the most ,let us learn from them.

Hear our Prayer . Amen *Gaera Taylor*

FLOWER FUND

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



Message fae the Manse

Hello friend,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have had a good summer.

It's now been three months since I was inducted as minister here at King's Park and the time is flying in, it only seems like yesterday we shared and enjoyed the excellent refreshments provided after that service.

But here we are in October, and it is true to say we are now well and truly in the grip of autumn with the nights getting darker earlier and the leaves beginning to change colour in our gardens and the parks.

But autumn also sees the return of many of our regular groups with the Prayer Meeting and God Tok returning at their usual times on a Monday, and I would encourage you to come along to them if you can.

A colleague of mine once said that prayer is the engine room of the church, and I like that analogy. Everything we do as a church should begin in prayer, so I encourage you to join us at 11am as we pray for one another, the church and the wider community.

We have also re-started our weekly bible discussion group God Tok which begins at 7pm, where we look at one of the upcoming week's readings and discuss one theme related to it. The chat is relaxed and informal and every week I come away having learned something I didn't know before I went in. So, again I encourage you to come along, and you do not have to be an expert in the bible to take part or enjoy it.

Groups like God Tok and our own personal devotional time are important as they help us to grow as Christians, and our spiritual journey and development never stop, and no matter how long we have been a Christian, we can always learn more about God and draw closer to him.

So, as we continue through this year, I pray that you will continue in your journey with God, and I look forward to continuing to worship with you on a Sunday morning and I pray God's blessing upon you and your loved ones.

Your friend in Christ
Stuart

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"
FINANCE REPORT - 2024

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	£	
Offerings & Donations	8,243	7,183
Gift Aid Income	3,055	-
Legacy Donation (anon)	-	3,000
Hall Hire Income	1440	1715
Rental income	517	517
Charitable collections	617	352
Other regular Monthly Income	475	20
Total Month's Income	<u>14,347</u> =====	<u>12,787</u> =====
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Regular Running Costs	10,881	12,924
Charitable Donations	515	392
Manse refurb - second tranche	18,467	-
Property maintenance & repairs	55	401
Total Month's Payments	<u>29,918</u> =====	<u>13,717</u> =====
Monthly Receipts vs Payments Surplus	-15,571	-930

GIFT WEEKEND DETAILS

Our gift weekend will take place on 26th & 27th October 2024. It will be a busy and mindful weekend and we would encourage you to attend our coffee morning on Saturday 26th October from 10am until 12noon and/or our soup and roll lunch after morning worship on Sunday 27th October.

All donations of home baking for the coffee morning can be handed into the church from 9am on the morning of 26th and will be gratefully received.

Please do give your church a little extra thought over that weekend, perhaps foregoing a night out, special dinner etc. that weekend, and donate to our Gift Weekend instead.

Donation envelopes will be made available at church and physically delivered with the magazine to those who receive it in an envelope. For those who would prefer to donate online, we will also accept bank transfers using reference 'Gift Weekend 24' to King's Park Church of Scotland, Sort Code: 82-63-31, Account No: 50335056.

Please note, at worship on Sunday 27th October, we will dedicate all the donations we receive over this special weekend.

KIRK SESSION UPDATE

Summer Group

A new venture this year, giving the opportunity to come together on a Thursday afternoon over July and August for a cuppa and a chat, and the chance to have a go at something, perhaps for the first time.

The idea sprung from the fact that most groups take a break over the Summer, which for some meant a gap in their weekly calendar. As it turned out there were folk not attached to any regular group who attended, as well as mothers and children from the Toddlers group, along with those who are part of the Craft Cafe, the Social Group, and the Ladies and Mens Bowls. This resulted in an age range of attendees of between 8 weeks and 90+ years! Activities included soap making, carpet bowls, colouring in, a Beetle Drive, and a wee party on the last Thursday with Pass the Parcel and, of course, a cake.

Comments from participants included : “Helped to pass an afternoon”; “Great fun”; “Got to try something new”. The carpet bowls was a great favourite! Many thanks to all those who came along, and to everyone who helped organise and run the group each week.

John.



Friends, one of the issues exercising the Trustees (Kirk Session) at present is the matter of security for all who use our halls and sanctuary, which has been brought into sharp focus following the tragedy in July in Southport. Discussions are ongoing with those in our church responsible for Property and Health and Safety, and all churches have been asked to complete a Security Evaluation Risk Assessment.

Meantime, we should all be vigilant, when in the sanctuary or the halls, and report anything that concerns us to whoever is on duty.

Thank you

We want to say a huge thank you for the unexpected presentation marking our time as Session Clerks. Many kind words had already been expressed about our time serving our church in such a capacity. We have got to know so many people, learned a lot more about the Church of Scotland, and discovered where so many things are kept in our church cupboards. The flowers and the card (by Hannah Dunnett) were beautiful, and so many people have commented on how lovely the cross is. Thank you to all who supported, encouraged and directed us along the way - within the church family, through our Interim Moderators, Locums, pulpit supply and Presbytery.

Eunice and John.



KCRC SAIDIANA WOMEN (KENYA)

Dear friends, I am pleased to send you the recent report from Saidiana. You can see the difficulty they are facing with floods. Thanks to all of you who support their work with your prayers and donations. You can contribute by cheque, made out to Mary Smith, and sent to her address (available on request) or directly into the bank account: HBOS, Sort Code 11-47-05, Account No: 00005903. Please let me know if any large sums are deposited so that I can acknowledge them properly. Also, if there is any change in your circumstances and you feel no longer able to support Saidiana, please let me know. There is an article about Saidiana in the current edition of "Coracle", the magazine of the Iona Community

With very best wishes, Mary Smith

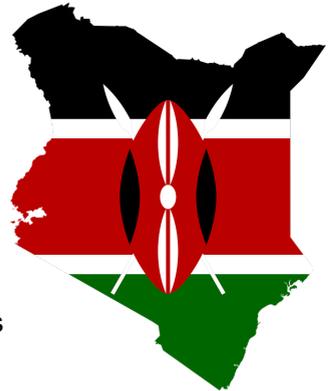
For many years, our good friend Mary Smith has kept us updated on a regular basis as to how things are going with the above organisation, which was supported financially by the Guild, before its demise in King's Park, and a number of individual church members.

For those of us who are unfamiliar with the group, we have drawn together some interesting information to whet your appetite and perhaps persuade you to become one of its financial supporters.

Saidiana Women Project (Kenya), as it was called then, was founded in 1995 in Matunda, a rural village in the Kakamega County in Western Kenya. A 'self-help group', it began initially with just 21 women, but now its activities and membership are no longer confined to the village but spread across four Kenyan counties. The founding members worked as volunteers with the Iona Community (hence the link with Mary Smith) and were inspired by their time at the Abbey, going on to hold the conviction that development work should be community based.

The group's objectives are: -

- ◆ To increase social cohesion and socio-economic inclusion of poor and vulnerable people within project area
- ◆ To give friendship, hope, and practical help to the community's most vulnerable
- ◆ To encourage micro entrepreneurship as a means to economic empowerment
- ◆ To advance sustainability in food production
- ◆ To enhance families' coping skills – thereby giving children the best start in life
- ◆ To relieve sickness and need in society
- ◆ To promote levels of education in the community.



Check out previous magazines to learn more about some of the group's focus areas – School of sewing and hair dressing, Sewing & Knitting, HIV/AIDS – Rehabilitation, Relief Supplies, Micro-credit Empowerment, Water harvesting and Gavin's Mills....and many more.

Finally, a word from the women themselves briefly reporting on the first six months of 2024.

“Hello friends, Saidiana contributors and well-wishers. It is time to report on our activities for the first half of 2024. We give glory to God, for without His enabling hand, we, on our own would never have managed it. There have been moments of intense reflection given the harsh realities of economic meltdown, severe flooding, and now Generation Z protests against Kenya's Finance Bill 2024/2025. All the foregoing happening within a spell of six months. Our own activities were not spared either, but badly affected in one way or another.”

We remember the group in our thoughts and prayers. Should you wish to support them, or read the full report referred to above, please speak, in the first instance, to Alan Pratt.

The Beginning.

We are aware of the length of time Christianity has been with us, but how, at the very beginning, did people far from Judea, learn of the man named Yeshua.

Rome predominantly features in historical narratives concerning the persecution of early Christians. Some historians tell of horrific happenings to Christians, whilst others say the atrocities were more local than general. Today, scepticism becomes endemic when we read varying historical accounts of Rome's behaviour towards Christians, so how did so many choose to follow the man Yeshua, and how did they learn of His miracles and teachings? How did it all begin?

I am of course referring to Jesus, the Messiah.

Let's stay with Rome for the time being. Travelling from Judea, say Jerusalem, to Rome was a journey not for the faint hearted. A journey of two thousand five hundred and eleven miles would have been fraught with danger and taken two to three months to complete. A shorter and quicker route by sea was only possible during summer months owing to the bad winter weather.

The overland route would have been by Anatolia (Asia Minor, Turkey), Greece, Bari, then down to Rome. The journey, once achieved and the traveller settled, eventually, in conversation, the question would be asked "Have you heard of the man Yeshua from Judea?" ...

Most of Rome's inhabitants were illiterate. Only the wealthy were able to read and write, they being able to afford an education. Stories from far off lands would be by word of mouth. There was ACTA DUIRNA, a papyrus style 'publication' which evolved in 59BC during the reign of Julius Caesar. Any mention of Yeshua would be highly unlikely, He not being a Roman Citizen. Actua Duirna ceased publication in the year 222AD.

Travellers arriving from Judea had a strange story to tell. The people of Rome would hear of the blind being made to see and the lame being made to walk. Wide eyed listeners would hear of a man called Lazarus who, having died, was brought back to life.

Visualize Rome in the year 53AD. There were no Gospels or Books of what we refer to as the New Testament. They hadn't yet been written. Besides, those wishing to learn of the man Yeshua, had no immediate need for written accounts of His works or words. They had the stories told to them.

There would be those who did not believe. Yeshua Himself predicted this (John 20:29) However the 'stories' did not come from the mouth of but *one* arrival from Judea. *All who arrived told of Yeshua.* Today we have the Gospels and still there are those who do not believe.

Imagine you are seated on a bus and the person next to you asks if you had *read* about the fire in the local railway station. How the effect of that person's words would differ immensely if they told you they had actually *seen* the fire at the railway station. That they had been an eye *witness* to the fire!

The people of Rome *also* had eye witnesses who had actually *seen* the man Yeshua! If Jesus was crucified during the thirty third year of his life, the year 53AD *is only twenty years later!* Some of the people telling the stories would have walked the streets of Judea *whilst Jesus was alive and personally present here on Earth!* People listened and people believed*that's how it all began!*

Jimmy Wakeham



60 Glorious Years

Our warmest congratulations go to
Mr & Mrs Helen and Ricky McDermott
who recently celebrated their
Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
We wish them both every Blessing.

Thank you...

We would like to say a big thank you to Raymond for all the help and advice he gave us arranging Donnie's funeral and for the lovely service he did for him. It was all very much appreciated by us all.

Alison, Stuart, and Donald Robertson



We would like to thank everyone who attended Mary Belch's funeral on June 21st and also to all those who had sent messages of support and condolences. Mum was a long time in hospital—a big thanks goes to the hospital staff, Raymond, and friends who visited mum. A special thanks to Raymond for his comfort and support throughout our time of need.

Lesley & Andrew

Thanks to everyone for cards and flowers, and messages of support, following the death of Lyndsie's mum, Mardi.

Lyndsie and Raymond.

GIFTS TO IAN GALLOWAY

You may remember that we presented Ian with a cherry tree for his garden. He has sent the picture below of the tree in situ and also a picture of a



painting he purchased while on holiday in the Western Isles. The painting is by a local artist and if you look very very closely you may be able to see a bird. The painting hangs on their living room wall.



♪ ♪ **THE CHURCH CHOIR** ♪ ♪

♪ Do you like to sing?

♪ Would you like to join the Church Choir singing praises to God?

My thanks to Liz for sharing her testimony of her choir experience.

As a choir member for several years now, I do admit that I was very hesitant initially to take that big step from just sitting in a seat on a Sunday, to singing with the choir.

I have never been much of a singer, despite loving music and enjoying singing praises to God with all my heart. I don't read music too well but as long as I can follow the tunes played, I do okay with practice.

For me the extra special spiritual enrichment achieved by singing Anthems, Psalms, and Special Hymns with the choir at church celebrations like Christmas and Easter has been very uplifting and the words sung take you to a much deeper level of the lyrics and can give you a closer connection with God.

Do you know that singing, particularly in a choir has many benefits ...

- ◆ Like having a sense of community with others ... It never hurts to get to know more singers.
- ◆ It can have advantages to your health ... like Strengthening your Respiratory and Immune Systems ... Improving Your Memory ... Reducing Stress and many more positives to your wellbeing.

Why not give it a try ... come and join the choir on any Sunday morning, for a week, a month, a year, forever! You will not regret it!

See how much JOY, FUN and SPIRITUALITY you will experience.

♪ ♪ **WHAT IS NOT TO LOVE ... GO ON GIVE IT A GO ... WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE FOR THE CHURCH AT KING'S PARK TO CONTINUE HAVING A CHURCH CHOIR.**

We look forward to you coming to join us.

Jonathan & The Choir

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are very much looking forward to hosting our Christmas Bazaar again this year. It takes place on **Saturday 7th December** between 10am and 1pm - entry is by donation and there will also be a £2 entry to the Tea Room.

The following stalls will be available :

- ◆ bottles,
- ◆ cash in the attic,
- ◆ crafts,
- ◆ soft goods,
- ◆ jewellery,
- ◆ toiletries,
- ◆ pound stall,
- ◆ stationery,
- ◆ toys and much, much more!



Donations for all stalls will be gratefully received at the Church from Monday 2nd December until 6pm on Friday 6th December. 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 on Saturday morning.

Bottle and Toiletries Stalls will be supported by the Sunday School and Youth Organisations.

Hot pancakes will be on sale from the kitchen as usual.

The Bazaar Quiz will be available shortly.

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 7th December. Let's make this a happy and successful occasion.

Norah and Jonathan Buchan, Bazaar Convenors.

King's Park Brass – Autumn Update

The band had a quiet summer break after our successful and most enjoyable concert in the church at the end of June.

We are now working towards our concert at Rutherglen Town Hall on Friday 22nd November, entitled "A St Andrew's Hooley" - a chance to celebrate St Andrew's Day in style! From stirring anthems to foot-stomping reels, this rousing concert features a blend of traditional music, film scores and even a touch of rock. Amongst other pleasures, we visit the Hebrides, meet a local hero, relish the scent of a red, red rose and enjoy a great arrangement of one of Scotland's favourite hymn tunes.

Tickets are on sale now from the Town Hall box office and online.

We'll also hold our annual coffee morning in the Large Hall on Saturday 9th November, where there will be a short performance from our Youth Band. All are welcome to come along!

ARE YOU AN INTERNET USER?

In the last issue of the magazine, I penned an article entitled 'Volunteers Required', which, not unsurprisingly, was all about seeking volunteers to deliver the magazine. Colleagues who are way wiser than I, have suggested that prior to chasing volunteers, I should be reducing the number of magazines being delivered.

Currently 225 magazines in labelled envelopes are delivered to members and friends of the church – some posted, for geographical reasons, but the vast majority, delivered by hand.

As I organise the distribution of the magazines, issue by issue, I come across many names of people I know, and I often say to myself, somewhat despairingly, "surely that person is on the internet" and has an email address, where the very same magazine could be sent in the twinkle of an eye! Currently, the magazine is emailed out to 129 addresses, and of course, it is also available to read on the church website (www.kingsparkchurch.co.uk), so please, to reduce the amount of preparatory work and cost needed to print, organise and distribute 'King's View' each two months, all you need to do is let us know your email address. Send your details, as soon as possible, to office@kingsparkchurch.co.uk and we will amend our records and in future you will receive your magazine in that twinkle of an eye!

We like to think that the magazine is a welcomed link with the church, but there may be those who currently receive it, and, dare I say it, put it straight in the bin, for one reason or another. If this is you, please let us know, and we will remove you from the distribution list.

Alan Pratt

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**OCTOBER**

Sun 6th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 13th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 20th	11am Morning Worship
Sat 26th	10am til 12 noon, Gift Weekend Coffee Morning
Sun 27th	11am Morning Worship followed by soup and roll lunch

NOVEMBER

Sun 3rd	11am Morning Worship, followed by the Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance
Sat 9th	10am til 12 noon, King's Park Brass Coffee Morning
Sun 10th	10.50am Remembrance Sunday
Mon 11th	10am til 12 noon, Church open for reflection and prayer, with a short service at 11am
Sat 16th	Tearfund Big Quiz (watch out for more information)
Sun 17th	11am Morning Worship
Sun 24nd	11am Morning Worship

DECEMBER

Sun 1st	11am Morning Worship, first Sunday in Advent
Sat 7th	10am—1pm Christmas Bazaar



***They shall not grow 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.***