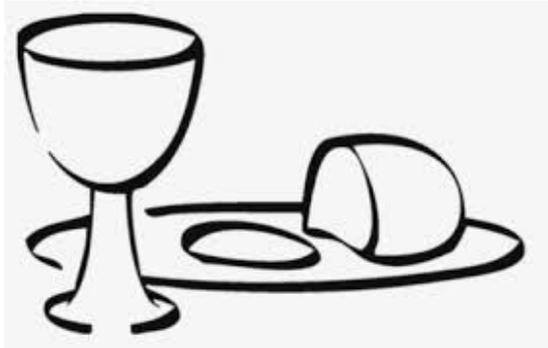


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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

will be celebrated on



Sunday 2nd October 2022

At 10.30am

EK South Parish Church

October 2022

Mission Statement

By the grace of God,
In the spirit of Christ,
We are a people called by God
To live and act by His Word,
And spread the Good News
In our community and beyond.



Vision Statement

“East Kilbride South Parish is an inclusive church, it welcomes everyone, giving opportunity for their faith to be nurtured.

It builds good relationships within the whole church family and reaches out to share our life of faith in our community.

It is able to do this, in an environment where God is central, through good leadership, sharing faith together and valuing everyone.”

From our Minister

I write this having read the sermon given by Archbishop Justin Welby at the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth. I didn't watch the funeral; 'Mondays' are 'mammy care' day for me, and mammy didn't want to watch it.



There was much discussion by Ministers, on social media, concerning the task of preaching the sermon at the funeral of the late Queen. Would Justin Welby preach a gospel message? To put it another way, would he bring 'Good News' to her family and to the nation?

The bible readings were well chosen:

1 Corinthians 15: 20–26, 53–end, it starts with the declaration 'Now is Christ risen from the dead'

Psalms 42: 1–7, where we hear the psalmist ask himself: 'Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.'

John 14: 1–9 'And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'

Certainly, we hear Good News in these well chosen passages from the Old and New Testament. Justin Welby chose to focus on John 14, Jesus is 'the way, the truth, the life.' So, yes, Justin Welby brought 'Good News' in his sermon.

We are not unaware of the challenges that have faced the Queen. She has known heartache, and no doubt anxiety. She did not have

her sorrows to seek, yet through it all her hope in Jesus didn't fail. Let that be her example, her legacy to us.

“Christ rose from the dead and offers life to all, abundant life now and life with God in eternity. As the Christmas carol says, ‘where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.’

We will all face the merciful judgment of God: we can all share the Queen's hope which in life and death inspired her servant leadership.

Service in life, hope in death. All who follow the Queen's example, and inspiration of trust and faith in God, can with her say: ‘We will meet again.’” (Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury)

Our daily lives, our resources and our experiences are very different from those of the late Queen, but the hope we have in Christ is the same. May God grant each of us the grace and wisdom to trust in Him, to live our lives for Him, irrespective of our station in life, until that day when we ‘cast our crowns before Him, lost in wonder, love and praise!’

Terry



Prayer Group

Just in case anyone out there does not know, we have an active Prayer Group whereby prayer requests are communicated to everyone on the group via WhatsApp. Please, if you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone else, do contact anyone on the group and that will go out on the app, or place a note in the box in the hall of friendship. We also like to give thanks and so if you have a joy to give thanks for, please share. You would also be welcome to join the WhatsApp group.

Requests can be made anonymously should you prefer. Prayer is powerful; one mark of a healthy church is a praying church.

Alex, Barrie, Claire, Elizabeth Crawford, Fiona McEwan, Hazel, Iain, Ishbel, Michael, Sandra and Wendy.

Presbytery Matters

You will, no doubt, be aware that the whole of the Church of Scotland is going through a period of review since the 2021 General Assembly produced the Mission Planning Act, whereby ‘Each Presbytery shall be required to have an Approved Mission Plan in place in terms of this Act by 31 December 2022’. They have been given very strict criteria on reducing buildings and paid ministry posts; but have also emphasised that the plan should be mission based.

We are now at the stage where a draft proposal has been distributed to Kirk Sessions and we have met as a Kirk Session to discuss the implications. We then attended an East Kilbride group meeting where each congregation was given the opportunity to give a verbal response.

The date for submission of written responses to the Mission Planning Team has been put back from 22 September until 2 October to accommodate the National Mourning. However, The Mission Planning Team have already indicated that they feel it necessary to delay the presentation of the Mission Plan to allow the ideas and suggestions at the recent consultation meetings to be duly considered and any changes made. They will ask for the agreement of Presbytery to put back the presentation of the draft plan to early in the New Year.

It is crucial that we continue to pray for the Mission Planning Team as they seek the will of God for our church in our community.

Wendy



Obedience

In the 11th century, King Henry III of Bavaria grew tired of court life and the pressures of being a monarch. He made an application to Prior Richard at the local monastery, asking to be accepted as a contemplative and spend the rest of his life in the monastery. "Your Majesty," said Prior Richard, "do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king."

"I understand," said Henry. "The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you."

"Then I will tell you what to do," said Prior Richard. "Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you."

When King Henry died, a statement was written: "The King learned to rule by being obedient."

When we tire of our roles and relationships, it helps to remember that God has planted us in a certain place and told us to be a good accountant or teacher or mother or father or whatever.

Barrie Crawford

Saving money on food

I recently heard out about a website where food can be bought at a much reduced price. The site is called "too good to go" and can be found at

<https://toogoodtogo.co.uk/en-gb/>

As usual these days, there is also an app for the phone which can be downloaded from the site. On the website, if one clicks on the "For Customers" link near the top of the screen and selects "How it works" (the first entry) in the drop down list one can learn there how this service works.

Although I have not used this site myself, I thought it may be of help to those who want/need to save some cash in these days of rampant inflation.

Hope this helps,

Stuart Elliott

Getting to know you...

Barrie Crawford speaking to Sandra MacKenzie

Who is Barrie Crawford?

Is he the Music Man?

We all know Barrie as the man who plays the piano on a Sunday morning. But how many of us know how that started? Barrie had started piano lessons as a boy but he got a bit fed up with the music he was being taught. His mum spoke to music teacher, Ken Wade (Alice's late husband), and he agreed to teach him something a bit more modern – pop music, songs from films and musicals and the like. Barrie's musical career took off.

By the time Barrie was 15 he was playing for the Intermediate Sunday School. George More, who was the leader of the Intermediates and a primary school head teacher, gave him hymns to learn. "I made mistakes," laughed Barrie, "but I got better."

Barrie then played for the Bible Class who met at 12 after the Sunday morning service and then he moved on to the Boys' Brigade Bible Class at 9.30am. Eventually he joined the Junior Sunday School as a teacher and pianist. The Juniors were led by Andrew McFarlane, our former Session Clerk and also Barrie's parents' elder.

Occasionally he played in church after spending a year in Germany in the 70s – more of that later – and by the 90s we had a full blown Praise Group and eventually Barrie was the man in charge.

Is he the Family Man?

We also know Barrie as a great family man. He and Elizabeth will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in a few years' time. But did you know that Barrie first met Elizabeth at a Valentine's Day Disco in the South Parish in 1973? Elizabeth was a member of the Old Parish Church and a friend brought her along. The rest as they say is history! Barrie and Elizabeth were married in 1976. Daughter Lesley came along in 1980 and son David completed their family in 1983.

Many of you will remember Lesley playing clarinet in the Praise Group for many years. She now lives and works in Edinburgh and still plays clarinet for Origin Scotland, a Christian orchestra.

David is well known to us as “Mr Zoom” on Sunday mornings and also as BB Captain. He also steps into his dad’s shoes at the piano (mixed metaphor?!) when Barrie and Elizabeth go off on holiday.

Is he the Languages Man?

For his weekday job Barrie was a teacher of Modern Languages. Barrie began his school life as a pupil at The Murray Primary and moved from there to Duncanrig in 1963. He studied French and German at the University of Glasgow and in 1971/72 he spent a year as a teaching assistant in Schweinfurt in Germany. He graduated in 1973 and then spent a year at Jordanhill training to be a teacher.

He started his teaching career in Hunter High School where the late Alasdair Sutherland was his boss. After a few years Barrie moved to take up the post of Assistant Principal Teacher in various schools until he was promoted to the post of Principal Teacher in Uddingston Grammar in 1991. Barrie took early retirement in in 2007 but carried on doing supply work in a number of schools, mainly in North Lanarkshire.

“I remember being in Greenfaulds Secondary in Cumbernauld,” said Barrie, “where the head teacher, Dr John May, turned out to be the brother of Lizzie who had been in one of my first third year classes in Hunter High!”

Barrie finally hung up his gown and put away his chalk in 2019 after a stint in Fernhill, an independent school in Glasgow for children aged 2 – 18. He particularly remembers a very exhausting time with a Primary 3 class!

Is he the Sportsman?

Barrie has always enjoyed sport and was very keen on badminton and cricket. He was a football referee for amateurs and juniors which

could lead to brief spells of unpopularity depending on whether or not your team lost!

He also spent five years as a linesman in senior football. The highlight of that career was at Wembley in an England v Wales International. Barrie also remembers disallowing an Ally McCoist goal because he was offside. But Ally had been one of his first year pupils at Hunter High so he knew to do what he was told. Barrie also remembers teaching Blythe Duff. What a hotbed of talent East Kilbride is – not least because of Barrie himself.

Is he the Secular Music Man?

Many of you will have been firm fans of East Kilbride Gilbert and Sullivan Society and so will remember Barrie – and Elizabeth – for their part in many productions spanning some 30 plus years. Elizabeth was happy to be in the chorus line but Barrie had many starring roles.

His particular favourite was as the Pirate King in The Pirates of Penzance. I remember enjoying seeing him in that role too..... “I am a Pirate King”. Not really typecasting for Barrie!

Is he the Funny Man?

Barrie has a very quirky sense of humour. He is a regular contributor to The Herald Diary with pictures he has taken at home and abroad and funny little anecdotes. Many of his jokes are in French and German but I particularly liked this alternative description of The Wizard of Oz: -

“Transported to a surreal landscape a young girl kills the first person she meets and then teams up with three strangers to kill again.”!

Is he the “Other Strings to his Bow” Man?

Barrie is also a former Sunday School Superintendent and a former BB Officer. He was made an elder in 1977.

One of his hobbies is cooking and baking. He prepared filled rolls for the Men's Breakfast and made pancakes for the Sunday School Coffee Mornings. If you've ever had the pleasure of eating one of Barrie's pancakes – let's just say they speak for themselves!

Barrie also had a recipe for prawn curry included in Delia Smith's Food Aid Cookery Book in 1986.

Another major contribution of Barrie's to the life of our church is his membership of the Pastoral Group of which Elizabeth is the leader.

The pastoral group visit the housebound and the elderly, particularly those who don't have access to social media. During the pandemic, when face to face meetings were impossible, their telephone calls provided a lifeline to our church.

The Englishman

I'll bet you had to read that heading twice! Barrie was actually born in Hayes in Middlesex and lived there till he was 10 months old. His dad worked for an aviation company there and his mum was too unwell to be allowed to travel to Scotland for his birth.

After the family's move north they subsequently moved to East Kilbride in 1953. Before the South Parish Church was formed his parents were members of the West Kirk. Barrie can remember walking down from the Murray to the Village – "It was a straight road down," he said.

So back to the question. Who is Barrie Crawford? Any of the above? Barrie is of course a *mélange* (good French word!) of ALL of the above.

I actually answered this question at the end of our conversation before I even asked it here. I said, "Barrie, you are Mr South Parish Church!"

I'm sure you'll agree.

Sandra MacKenzie

Food Bank news



September already? Honestly this year has rolled past so very quickly. Soon we will planning hampers for Christmas!

At the church on a Thursday we are delighted to have Sandra back cooking up hot rolls, and also the handy helpers serving teas and coffees. The clients are so grateful for a wee treat and a chat. If you are at a loose end, remember the doors are open- feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

We are already starting to see an increase in numbers attending which is concerning.

As usual, the donations being received from the church are being used to help families across EK. A massive thanks to Donna & Stuart for collecting bags, the Thursday team and also the Friday team who help packing bags at the unit. Please continue to pray for all involved.

On a personal note, can I thank all who have been praying for Joe's recovery after his heart attack, and the ongoing prayers for our family as we face a big house move (hopefully). To know we have such support from our church family is warmly received and gives us hope in the darkness.

If you wish to help out in any way with the food bank operations feel free to catch me on a Sunday, or pop in on a Thursday for a chat.

In troubling times it's always great to hear some reassurance and one way you can is looking up Philippa Hanna' song ,“You're still God” . This praise item is beautiful.

Fiona Bulman

the girls' brigade
girls' lives transformed
god's world enriched



We started our new session a few weeks ago in mid-August where we welcomed around 40 girls back to 2nd East Kilbride. We have had a few new faces joining us which has been excellent, and we hope the company continues to grow as we progress through the year.

Since starting back, the girls have enjoyed lots of fun activities, from games, baking and colouring in to learning new stories from the bible and remembering the late Queen Elizabeth II. The girls are just beginning to start their badge work and we look forward to updating you with their progress as the year continues.

On Sunday 18th September we had the pleasure of thanking Eleanor Duffy, our captain, during the morning service as she retires from her role within the company. Eleanor joined Girls' Brigade in 1977 as an explorer, working her way through all the sections before becoming a leader, and then became our captain in 2009. Eleanor has given many years of dedication and service to the girls and leaders in our company and for this we are truly grateful. Eleanor was presented with a gift from all the leaders of the company, as well as a gift from the Kirk Session.

Luckily for us Eleanor is not completely retiring, and she will still be helping with the Brigader section on a Wednesday night. She has also recently been appointed as Vice President of the Glasgow District and we wish her God's blessing in her new role.

Fiona Johnston



Our new session started in the middle of August and it's been great to see so many boys returning this year, as well as a number of new members too, with around 85 boys having attended so far. This has meant all the leaders have had to be well prepared with our activities to keep everyone busy during the sessions.

So far, the Anchors have been getting to know each other and enjoyed playing some games together. They have also been thinking about different types of weather and the changing seasons.

The Juniors have enjoyed a couple of different theme nights so far, with a focus on winning golden tickets for their team one week by competing in a variety of challenges, and a 'Survival' themed night another week.

In the Company and Seniors we've thought about being a Good Samaritan and learnt some important First Aid skills through practising CPR.

Seven of our Seniors took part in their Silver DofE Expedition in early August, completing three days' hiking in and around Comrie and Crieff. It was one of the hottest weekends of the summer when they were completing it, and all did well to cope with the hot conditions and complete their set route.

As I write, we're looking forward to taking some of the boys to two of the upcoming Scotland games at Hampden and we're pleased that this session will also see the return of National Competitions for the

older boys, and also the return of the Christmas Panto trip for everyone.

We're also hoping to have a couple of fundraising events again this session now that it is easier to organise them again. More details to follow soon, but look out for information about our Christmas Coffee Morning in December and Burns Supper Quiz Night in January.

Thanks again to everyone for their continued interest in, and prayers for, the BB and all our young people. It is greatly appreciated.

David Crawford

Sunday School



Unfortunately, there is no news to report on the Sunday School front as the way ahead is still unclear. There are many sporting/recreational activities taking place on a Sunday resulting in young people being pulled in many directions and attending Sunday School has to compete with other events. This, together with the small numbers and age differences make it difficult to move on. However, we are thankful that our young folk are being catered for midweek thanks to the Girls' and Boys' Brigade where, as well as enjoying age appropriate activities, they are receiving Spiritual input. Watch this space for any updates in the next magazine.

Elizabeth Crawford

Operation Christmas Child

We will not be a collection centre for the Christmas boxes this year, but you can go online and make one up there for £20.

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Or, if you want give a cash donation towards a box then I can make an online donation for you.

If you still want to make a physical box up yourself, we do still have the flat-pack boxes in the church that you can take and you can drop your box at one of the drop off centres during National Collection Week 14–21 November 2022.



Wendy

Pastoral care

Our Pastoral Care continues as always and from the feedback we receive, it is very well received. Visiting has become much easier again and popping in to have a chat with the housebound is a pleasant experience for both parties!

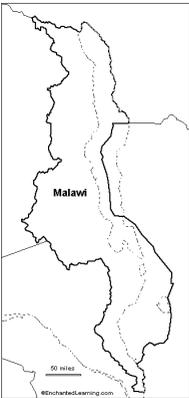
Also, a phone call to someone going through difficult times can be very helpful or even just to say we have missed seeing you in church. Is everything all right? Can we help in any way? This kind of contact is invaluable and goes on all the time, not just undertaken by our group, but the rest of the congregation. Let's keep it up!



*Elizabeth, Barrie, Jeanette,
Jean, June and Alison*

MISSION PARTNER NEWS

Gary and Jaqueline Brough have returned to Malawi after being home on furlough. They had a busy time connecting with friends and family and with some of their partnership churches although this was limited in our Presbytery because of the changes which have taken place. They had a bit of a rest in July but had to sort through their possessions in storage. The highlight of their stay was the birth of Caitlin Rosie in July. Mother and baby are both well, and Eilidh and Morven are very proud big sisters. They returned to Malawi on 1st September



where Morven is now joining Eilidh in Primary School. It has been a tiring time for them all as they unpack and set up house again, complicated by Gary ending up in hospital with a kidney infection. He is home now and responding to medication.

Gary now begins a new role working with the General Assembly of The Church of Central Africa in Malawi to support up and coming leaders within the five Synods in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia. He will also be looking at how to support the synods more effectively.

Its all new for Gary and he is now about to find out what that means in practice .

Malawi is currently experiencing a severe fuel shortage and people are having to travel large distances to get any.

GARY'S POINTS FOR PRAYER:

- For Malawi, facing the harsh impact of global economic pressures but without the resources to offer the same support to citizens that we are used to in the UK. In particular, pray for a quick resolution to the fuel crisis

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of Caitlin and our fulfilling time back in the UK
- Pray for the transition back to Malawi and as we settle into our new normal as a family of five ,the girls back in school and new routines for Jaqueline and me
- For my new role, for wisdom to set out on the right path and for the formation of good relationships with the General Assembly and Synods of The Church of Central Africa

In addition, we pray for a quick recovery for Gary and we congratulate the family on the arrival of Caitlin Rosie.

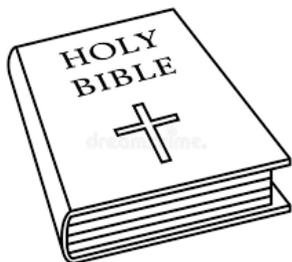
Iain Campbell

Bible Study

It is our delight to tell everyone that the Bible study is back in person. As useful as Zoom was, we are not sorry to leave it behind.

I think it is fair to say that we are appreciating much more meaningful interaction and fellowship face to face.

We are enjoying together the book of Ruth. Yes, we have a reverence for God and his word; that doesn't mean we do not laugh [we so do] or don't have differing ideas and viewpoints [we do]. We are, however, united in our love for Jesus and gratitude for all he reveals to us through the gentle shared study of Scripture.



Once again you are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings 7.30. We need you.

Transport can be arranged for anyone requiring it.

Ishbel Campbell



We ended the last session with a Summer trip to the Heads of Ayr Farm Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and we all had a fabulous time.

Now it is well into our new session and are enjoying a more social time together with the return of snack time for the children, giving our adults a chance to chat over a cuppa.

Some of our toddlers have moved on to nursery and, although we are sad to see them go, it is very rewarding to see them ready for the next stage in life's journey.

Meanwhile, we welcome some new youngsters and look forward to lots of activities over the coming months.

It really is great to see our group thriving. A lot of that is down to having such a great team of volunteers, but also it's down to you, including us in your prayers. We are encouraged to see our loving Father's hand in what we're doing and we ask you to continue to pray that our group feel his love for them as we spend time together.

Smarteenies team



JUST A THOUGHT!

I came across a little book which I have had for more years than I care to remember. The book is called "Moments of Comfort". It is a compilation of little thoughts which people have shared, so I would like to share one with you today.

We often fail to notice the blessings our Lord gives us in our daily lives, especially the little ones we take so much for granted: fresh water at the turn of a tap, clean clothes to wear, a church where we can come freely to and worship without fear, family and friends who are there when we need them. The list goes on and on.

However, when things go wrong for us as they often do, our burdens might not seem quite so heavy if we remember the blessings God gives us.

In this little book someone suggests a good way to remember the “little” things. They suggest getting a box – a chocolate box or shoe-box – size doesn’t matter. Maybe tie a bright ribbon round it and stick a copy of this poem on the lid:

*When you're high atop the mountain
And the world seems bright and clear
Why not write the Lord a thank you note
and place the pages here?*

*And when the trials of life begin
And your problems crush like rocks
Why not reach inside and count again
The blessings in this box?*

The “blessings” in the box could just be saying thank you to God for a phone call from a friend but on a day when you have no calls and are feeling a bit lonely, you are reminded that you do have a friend who cares. Maybe your “blessing” in the box could be a note or birthday card which was sent to you in the post from a loved one. Reading it again when you are feeling down could make you realise again that people do care. Maybe another “blessing” could be a time when you felt God close and felt he had answered your prayer. This could certainly be a comfort when on another day God may seem so very far away.

We all have different things happening in our lives which make us feel, secure, loved and thankful that we have all we need. Likewise, we all have days when we forget these little blessings and feel sad. On those days perhaps a little blessing box would give us the lift we need.

I haven’t done this myself – yet, but I think I should put it on my “to do” list!!

Wishing you many blessings, big and small, for your blessing box!

Elizabeth Crawford

“Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one”

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Congregational Activities

Sunday Worship service 10.30am

(In church building and on Zoom)

Tuesday 10:00am Badminton Club

Wednesday 9:15am Smarteenies toddler group

Wednesday 6:30pm Girls' Brigade

Wednesday 7:30pm Bible Study

Thursday 11:00am to 12 noon Food bank & Café

Thursday 6:00pm Boys' Brigade Anchors

Thursday 7:00pm Boys' Brigade Juniors

Friday 7:00pm Boys' Brigade Company Section

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