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Pentecost: Sunday 23rd May

A multi-platform event

he festival of Pentecost is sometimes seen as the birthday of the Church. Some recognise it as the moment the earliest followers realised they were journeying into the unknown. Others hold it as a day to celebrate imagination and creativity, found in the hymn of creation through to the present day.

However we see it, we celebrate it with visuals, colour, diversity and imagination. Perhaps more difficult this year, but that just invites us to be more creative.

But Pentecost is always about community, about diversity, about engagement, and so on Sunday 23rd May we hope to offer a live Zoom service from the sanctuary. We promise a little chaos, a little laughter, a little creativity, and a big community.

We will continue to offer the YouTube version too, and podcast and phone-line, so, however you meet us on Pentecost, we will celebrate as we haven't before, and possibly never will again!

Old Halls Ballot

Thank you to all who took time to respond to the ballot about the future of the Old Halls.

Nearly half the congregation took part, which is a huge number, and the result was 608 votes in favour of disposing of the Old Halls, and 5 against.

It now is incumbent on the General Trustees of the National Church to pursue this, and we will keep everyone informed.



Kilt Walk Total

Thank you for a

massive £3000

from New Kilptarick which will be made up to a huge £4500 by the Hunter Foundation adding 50%.

You have been extremely generous.

Christian Aid Week: 10-16 May

The Annual door-to-door takes on a new twist

ext week a number of us will be out and about doing our bit for Christian Aid Week delivering round the area. As was said in last week's wee bulletin, this year it's a leaflet delivery only, with the leaflet outlining the ways you can give. Bearsden Churches, working together, have set up a JustGiving page for Christian Aid Week*.

Thank you for all you've already given to Christian Aid through the Kiltwalk; it truly transforms lives. You have been so generous - it has been quite overwhelming - so we quite understand if you do not wish to donate further at this time.

If you don't get a Christian Aid leaflet through the door (and even if you do!), ways to donate are listed on the right.

To highlight the work Christian Aid does, Bearsden Committee are walking from Milngavie Centre to the waterworks on Saturday 8th, which will be the same distance countless women walk every day, and then some, in order to find that basic and necessary gift called water.

It is these everyday tasks, that have become so difficult, that Christian Aid wants to make easier. Read Rose's story below.

Rose's Story: A battle against...

ose does all she can to battle against the climate crisis. Rose is 67 and walks for hours every day to collect water for her grandchildren. No matter how hard she battles against it, drought leaves her hungry and thirsty.

Might we donate today to help Rose have the water she needs to live?

£6 could provide a bag of cement to help build a dam and Rose's family would have a long-lasting source of water.



WAYS TO DONATE TO Christian Aid Week

*Through <u>JustGiving</u> (just click underlined)

OR

Through the church bank account Sort Code 80-05-57 and Account Number 00701598 Use reference: Christian Aid

OR

Place donation through church or manse letterbox (cheques payable to 'Christian Aid') Do something positive for climate change



And why not make it your new routine!

EcoChurch: Rethinking

Keep Scotland Beautiful: Summer Clean 28th-30th May

hy not support the Bearsden Summer Clean by joining Bearsden in Bloom. Membership is free and you will get a free high-visibility jacket and a litter picker. Following the initial event, you would be expected to pick litter locally about once a month. If you subsequently decide that it's not for you, all you have to do is hand the jacket and litter picker back. Bearsden in Bloom also plan to eventually invite members to help with maintenance and establishing new local projects. For an application form, email bearsdeninbloom@gmail.com

Walk/Ride to Worship

orking along with St Andrews RC Church, we are encouraging a Walk to Worship Sunday. When you are online, that might be more difficult but, when we go to church, let's walk as much as we can: an experience, perhaps, we have appreciated more from last year's lockdown.

This year we have the following for sale (prices per plant):

Red Geraniums £1

Petunias:

Montage (Blue/purple/white) or Capri (pink/blue/white)

50p

Marigold: Orange Flame - 50p

Cornflower - 50p

China Asters - 50p

Lupins: White, Purple & White, Dark Pink, Light Pink & White £1 per plant

Bedding Plants: NK's Own

The Gardening Group have been developing their nursery skills

his year the gardening group are again selling bedding plants, as, in addition to our routine expenditure, we are looking to replace our 10 year old lawnmower, either in the Autumn or perhaps next Spring.

Last year, we raised £357 from plant sales, helping to pay for petrol, weedkiller, lawn food and the ongoing replacement of various tools as a result of wear

and tear.

If you would like any of the above, please contact Tom McCubbin on his email: tom@mccubbin.org.uk or telephone 942-2669 to place your order.



Diary

Sunday 9th

Zoomday School

New time of 9.45-10.15

Worship: in the sanctuary at 10.30

Online, anytime: YouTube, Podcast and phone line (0141 465 5774)

Songs of Praise at 7.30 on **Zoom**

Tuesday 11th

Quiz Night 7pm on **Zoom**

Thursday 13th

Sofa Surfers 7pm on **Zoom**

Back to school night with Donald Shankland and the history of New Kilpatrick schools

Friday 14th

Wee Bulletin published

Coffee Pot 10.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 16th

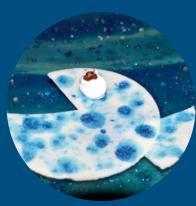
Zoomday School

Worship In the sanctuary at 10.30 (please book 0141 942 0035), and anytime on YouTube, Podcast and phone-line



e're moving SingSong! to a different pattern for the next few months. We'll be singing away on the first and third Tuesday's of every month. You'll still be able to hear us and you are very welcome to join it. It is a relaxed hour for some popular classics just for fun.

It's a great wee community too, a diversity of folk with a diversity of styles and voices, which blend like angels on Zoom. 2pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.



Zoomday School

New time for everyone

oomday school has been a great success over lockdown. We have found new ways to tell stories, explore questions, play games, and get to know everyone a whole lot better.

For the final run up to the summer, we are going to join the Beginners and Sunday Gang so that Roddy can actually be in two places at the one time. We all meet at 9.45-10.15, just before worship in the sanctuary begins.