

Bearsden Festival is delighted to be hosting a Christmas Fair in partnership with the traders at the Cross!

This Saturday, 7th December, 11am - 3pm.

There will be **Santa, Elves, craft stalls, fizz, treasure hunt, live music and more!** All happening at the shops, cafés, Boys Brigade Hall & New Kilpatrick Hall and Stables.

**Voices welcome** for carol singing outside the old stables beside the halls from 2.30-3pm.

## **Gift Service**

A wee reminder that it's our Gift Service this Sunday, 8 December. 10.30am.

Our donations will go to St. Gregory's Food Bank and Women's Aid.

**St Gregory's:** It has been suggested that we might donate small selection packs of chocolates / sweets and chocolate biscuits. Each food bag can then be issued with a chocolate treat added to it. All the usual foods are, of course, needed as well - e.g. tinned soups, vegetables, stew, fish, chicken & beans. Pasta, rice, coffee and tea are always in great demand too. Monetary gifts are gratefully accepted.

**Women's Aid:** New toys for all ages (babies to 18 years); PJs, slippers, hats, scarves and gloves for all ages (not forgetting mums!); Toiletry gift sets for children to give to mums; Gift vouchers (supermarkets, pampering treatments, shops, gaming).

#### **Advent and Christmas**

Sunday 8th:

Gift Service 10.30am Desert Island Hymns

with Castaway Barbara Ann 6.30pm

Sunday 22nd:

Nativity Sunday 10.30am

Carol Service 4.30 shared with All Saints and

The Cross in New Kilpatrick

Tuesday 24th: Light Festival

6.30 Lantern Workshop, 7pm Service

Watchnight, 11.30am shared with All Saints

in New Kilpatrick

Wednesday 25th:

**Christmas Day** 10.30am shared with The Cross, in **New Kilpatrick** 

Sunday 29th:

**Sunday Service** 10.30am shared with The Cross at The Cross Church building

#### **NK Christmas Outreach**

We have an Outreach project on the go again and anyone is welcome to join in for a first time with easy knitting, origami or baking. Instructions can be supplied for you to follow in your own time, but we have a workshop next Monday 9th December from 10-12am in the Halls where you are welcome to join in the activity, chat and coffee. Please email kirsteen 7@btinternet.com if you would like more information or to join our group.

# St Gregory's Food Bank

Our Gift Service is this Sunday, 8th
December. Once again it is time to offer our
love and support by helping to feed our service
users in the community. St. Gregory's have said
that the help and support they receive from
N.K. has meant so much to them - one cannot
survive without food. Please help to make this
a special Christmas for all our friends in the
community.

The Halls are open Monday to Friday, (9 am to 2.30 pm) and Sunday mornings.

Please keep filling our trug in the Walkround.

#### **Carols at ASDA**

We are seeking singers from New Kilpatrick to join Castlehill Baptist Church, Killermont Parish Church and St Andrews RC Church, carol-singing at ASDA on Saturday 14 December - 12noon - 1pm. Collection buckets and carol sheets provided. Let lain Stuart know if you will be joining the singers (0141 942 2056, iainstuart78@gmail.com).

Charities supported are Drumchapel Foodbank and Women's Aid, Milngavie.

# Bearsden Cross & NK Men's Group An Italian Night at

Massimo's restaurant this evening, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm. It's OK to just turn up tonight.

## **NK Ramblers**

The next NK Ramblers walk is this Saturday, 7 December. An easy walk at White Cart Water and Holmwood House. Please contact the organiser if you wish to come. Contact details are on the poster in the hall walkround.

All who like to walk are welcome.

## **Coffee Pot**

The Coffee Pot on Friday mornings in the hall is very popular. We could do with some more helpers to prepare, serve, socialise and add to the friendly atmosphere. With the rota, you'd only be on duty every eight weeks. If you'd like to help, please contact the church office (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

The Coffee Pot Christmas lunch is on Friday 13 December 12 noon for 12.30 pm in the hall. If you would like to come, please let the church office know (942 8827). Suggested donation £3, profits

#### **Thanks**

Very many thanks to all who bought Christmas cards and donated so generously to the Lodging House Mission.

The total collected is £656.00, comprising £616.50 for cards and £39.50 for donations!

# BOXES IN THE HALL WALKROUND FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GREETINGS

Once again this year, we have put out alphabetical boxes in the hall walkround for you to exchange your Christmas cards and greetings, saving postage costs.

Don't forget to check the boxes for your Christmas cards on Sunday mornings or when you're passing the hall. The halls are open Monday - Friday, 9am -2.30pm.

# **Used Stamps Appeal**

Don't forget to save your used stamps from your Christmas cards.

Pop them in the post box in the hall walkround and they will be delivered to Glasgow Presbytery to help the Church of Central Africa improve nutrition, agricultural productivity, create youth employment and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis.

# **Kelvingrove Organ**

Chris Nickol will be playing the Kelvingrove organ in December.

These are the dates: 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm 27<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.

## **Thought for the Week**

I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone. Edith Cavill (1865 - 1915), last words.

#### Those we have lost:

We record their names here and celebrate what they have been to us.

**Irene Scott,** Roman Court (07.11.24) **Rose Fergusson,** Kilmardinny Gate (14.11.24)

## **The Diary**

Thursday 5 December
Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround
Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall
Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm in the hall.

Friday 6 December Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Saturday 7 December
Bearsden Festival Community Day
Christmas at the Cross 11am - 3pm

Sunday 8 December
Gift Service 10.30am
Short Communion Service 11.30am
Desert Island Hymns at 6.30pm in the hall.
Our castaway is Barbara Ann Sweetin.
NK Youth Club 7.15-8.45pm, hall.

Monday 9 December NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 10 December
Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.
SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 11 December

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Thursday 12 December
Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.
Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.

Friday 13 December Coffee Pot 10am in the hall. Coffee Pot Christmas Lunch 12 for 12.30pm.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December Westerton Male Voice Choir Christmas (Fri 7.30pm, Sat 2pm & 7.30pm). Sold Out To live stream register at <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/westerton-male-voice-choir">www.ticketsource.co.uk/westerton-male-voice-choir</a> It's free to register - a donation to Drake Music Scotland would be appreciated.

Sunday 15 December Morning Worship 10.30am Evening Reflection in the hall, 6.30pm NK Youth Club 7.15-8.45pm, hall.

Monday 16 December Monday Club are on an outing

Tuesday 17 December
Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround
The Guild 2pm in the hall. Christmas lunch.
Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall.

Wednesday 18 December Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround Christmas Midweek Service 11am in the hall We start back on Wed 8 January 2025.

Thursday 19 December
Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround
Christmas Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall.



Our Irn Bru Advent Calendar. A different Advent word - made from girders - every day.