

# New Kilpatrick Bulletin 23 January 2025

## NK Book Group

These are the books and dates for the upcoming Book Group Tuesday meetings at 7.30pm in the hall. Come and join us.

January 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 -

**Looking for Jane by Heather Marshall**

February 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 -

**The Girl in the White Kimono by Ana Johns**

March 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 -

**Still Life by Sarah Winman**

## Prayer Diary

For many years now we have had a weekly prayer diary that is written each week to remind us of events, people, concerns that we might pray for in our own prayer life.

It has enriched our congregational life and been a great support for many in times of celebration and need.

Would you like to receive this prayer diary? It comes out on a Monday each week by email with a number of bullet points to pray about. No one is mentioned by name, but we use initials to keep confidences. If you would like to receive it then please email the office ([mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk)).

In addition, we have had a prayer request box in the North Porch for as many years as we have been here. However, it may not be well known that it is there. If you would like to send a prayer request to the prayer diary to be included (someone in your family needing support, a concern, a hope) then please simply write that request on a slip of paper and pop it in the box. We are moving the box to the Walkround so people can use it on more than just a Sunday.

And finally, there is a team of six folk who write the prayer diary. If anyone would like to be part of that team and take a turn writing simple bullet points of prayer, please let the office know. We'd be very grateful to anyone who can support and encourage this significant ministry.

## Discussion Nights: Think Again

We know a faith that is broad and wide. We stretch ourselves in how we tell our story trying to hear it in fresh ways that engage us and move us and help us engage with the world more as the kingdom of God.

We do that in our Bible story but there is space for a deeper conversation about faith and how we speak of the church, the kingdom and God. So, we relaunch 'Think Again' which will be a monthly space for us to jump into an idea and discuss it fully and openly.

It comes with a warning that we will possibly stray into areas that will make us question, that invite us to completely rethink, even question some of our core ideas to reinvent them as they need.

We begin Think Again in the hall on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin with short sections of a video to start the discussion and grow from there not knowing where we will end up and how deep we will go.

## Thinking Allowed

A new series of Thinking Allowed talks starts at Cairns Church, Milngavie on Thursday 20 February, 7.30pm for 8pm.

This is the first Thinking Allowed meeting being held in partnership with New Kilpatrick. The current suggestion is that sessions will be held alternately between Cairns and New Kilpatrick, developing and strengthening our Christian community.

On 20<sup>th</sup> February at Cairns, **David Wilbourne** will be asking if we can trust the Gospels.

In a few key passages, David, a prolific author and reviewer and Honorary Assistant Bishop of York, will discuss detecting the original gospel text from the clues later copies give us: an evolutionary process, shaped by contemporary fashions, sacred and secular.

The first Thinking Allowed at New Kilpatrick will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. More details next Bulletin.

## Association of Bearsden Churches Unity Lunch:

**Boclair Community Church (formerly Killermont Parish Church) on Saturday, 8 February 2025, at 12noon.**

Tickets (£10) available from Iain Stuart ([0141 942 2056](mailto:01419422056), [iainstuart78@gmail.com](mailto:iainstuart78@gmail.com)).

## Ministry of Intercessions

**We would love to continue to broaden our outlook and worldview in worship. One of the ways we can do that is to engage the wider experience of God's people in our prayers of intercession.**

I know people instantly imagine they can't do that, but we'd like to encourage you to think if it might be something you could be part of, with a little help and support in writing such prayers. They don't need to be flowery, and certainly not minister-ly, just honest and real. And these could be led from the pews among all God's People rather than from the lectern, and you would be asked to lead these twice a year.

You would be given the theme and the passage to help, and Roddy is there to help at any time.

If you'd like to take part or discuss any questions, phone or email the church office (0141 942 0035, [mail@nkchurch.org.uk](mailto:mail@nkchurch.org.uk))

## St Gregory's Food Bank

***'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'***  
**(Matthew 25: v. 35).**

A new year - and a new opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Our food and monetary donations for St. Gregory's Foodbank bring much hope and relief to the many service users.

Basic non-perishable, nutritious foods are needed - e.g. canned soup, meat, fish, vegetables and fruit. Rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Also, baby essentials and toothpaste. Monetary donations are very welcome too.

Our congregation's commitment to St. Gregory's has been truly remarkable - let's keep it up!

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

HOUSEBOUND? If you have a donation, but are unable to visit the Halls, please phone Muriel Salmond (942-8484) and it will be collected.

## NK Ramblers

**The next NK Ramblers walk is an easy walk that follows the line of the Forth and Clyde Canal from Bishopbriggs.**

Please contact the organiser, Peter Knapman, if you wish to attend. Contact details are on the poster in the hall walkround. All who like to walk are welcome.

## Glasgow City Mission

### Special Pop-Up Appeal:

The Mission is looking for the following items for men: boxer shorts, socks, and toiletries.

**There is a box in the hall walkround**, which will be there until Sunday 16 February. Thank you!

**Also, The Mission is looking for 1 more volunteer from New Kilpatrick for the Evening Drop In on Monday 21 April 6-8.30pm at the Crimea Street building.**

For more information, contact Eileen Young on 07762 899127 or [eileen.young3@icloud.com](mailto:eileen.young3@icloud.com)

## NK Heritage Forum

**NK Heritage Forum is for all with an interest in the long history of our parish.**

The next meeting is on Thursday 30 January at 7.30pm in the church hall.

## Quiz and Raffle in aid of Glasgow City Mission

**Start swotting! Get a team together!**

There's a Quiz and Raffle coming soon in aid of Glasgow City Mission.

Where: Bearsden Cross Church hall

When: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm

Tickets: £10 per head to include a light fork supper. Quizzers from NK will be most welcome. Contact Gwen Stokes ([gwen.stokes@ntlworld.com](mailto:gwen.stokes@ntlworld.com)) or Anne Reid, Bearsden Cross Church Administrator (0141 942 0507, [secretary@bearsdencross.org](mailto:secretary@bearsdencross.org)), if you can come along. The more the merrier! Bring your own bottle. Disposable glasses will be available.

Donations for the raffle are most welcome!

## Catterburn Fundraising Concert

**Kilmardinny Trefoil Guild and Girl Guiding Dunbartonshire are organising a concert by Bearsden Fiddlers in Clydebank Town Hall on Saturday 8th February at 7pm.**

All proceeds go towards refurbishment of the Brownie house at Catterburn. Tickets £10 available from Liz James after the service on 2nd February or email Liz [jamesfamily6@btinternet.com](mailto:jamesfamily6@btinternet.com)

# Withdrawal from Religious and Moral Education in Schools

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on changes to the right of withdrawal from RME in Scottish Schools.

The more responses there are to this, the greater the impact will be. The Church of Scotland will be responding as an organisation, and encourages individual responses, especially from congregations. You can respond to the short questions at this link: <https://consult.gov.scot/education-reform/religious-observance-education-legislation-schools/>

**The deadline for responses is this Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Thought for the Week

**"True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost."**

Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832), was an English cleric, writer and collector, well known as an eccentric.

## The Diary

**Thursday 23 January**

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

**Friday 24 January**

**Coffee Pot** 10am in the hall.

**Sunday 26 January**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am.

**Add to Hymnlist** 6.30pm in the hall.

**NK Youth Club** 7.15pm in the hall.

**Monday 27 January:**

**NK Country Dance Club** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Tuesday 28 January:**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**The Guild** 2pm in the hall. Show and Tell.

**NK Book Club** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Wednesday 29 January**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall

**Thursday 30 January**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Heritage Forum** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Friday 31 January**

**Coffee Pot** from 10am in the hall.

**Sunday 2 February**

**Morning Worship** 10.30am

**God Welcomes All** 6.30pm in the hall

**NK Youth Club** 7.15pm in the hall

**Monday 3 February:**

**The Monday Club** for seniors 2pm in the hall.

**NK Country Dance Club** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Tuesday 4 February:**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**SingSong!** 2pm in the hall.

**Campus Group** 7.30pm in the hall.

**Wednesday 5 February:**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall

**Thursday 6 February:**

**Baby and Toddlers** 9.15am in the walkround

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Bible for Duffers** 7.30pm in the hall.