

# New Kilpatrick Bulletin 6 March 2025

## Lent Booklet

**It is the first Sunday in Lent this coming Sunday, 9 March.**

The world is moving too fast in all sorts of directions, and we don't feel we can keep up. Some even suggest that is the point; we become discombobulated and things happen because we have no time to react.

Lent is a space where we can slow things down and pause within some of the important values that we still have to shape us.

To help that, we are offering **a wee booklet of prayers and readings and activities for each week in Lent**. These can be used daily, repeating that week's prayer and reading so that we might hear different things the longer we sit with it.

**The booklets are now available to pick up** from the church, hall, or office. The halls and office are open Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm.

## NK Ramblers 1000<sup>th</sup> Walk

The 1000<sup>th</sup> Walk takes place on Saturday 22 March. It will be a moderate walk through the Blane Valley with a celebratory Tea at Tannoch. If you wish to join the walkers, contact details for arrangements will be on the poster in the hall walkround.

Photo of a recent walk on Dunrod Hill and the Greenock Cut:



## Thinking Allowed

This series of talks is now being held jointly between Cairns Church, Milngavie, and New Kilpatrick Parish Church.

The next presentation will be held in **New Kilpatrick** on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March with a reception from 7.30pm before the presentation at 8pm.

The topic for the evening is the newly edited book **"Scottish Religious Poetry From the sixth century to the present"**

**All three editors will attend.**

**Linden Bicket** is Lecturer in Literature and Religion at the University of Edinburgh and is the author of *George Mackay Brown and the Scottish Catholic Imagination*.

**Emma Dymock** teaches classes in Celtic and Scottish studies at the University of Edinburgh. Her specialist area of interest is modern Gaelic poetry and she co-edited *Caoir Gheal Leumraich/White Leaping Flame: Sorley MacLean Collected Poems*.

**Alison Jack** is Professor of Bible and Literature at the University of Edinburgh and Principal of New College. She is a Church of Scotland minister and Creative Director of the New College Festival of Books and Belief. She is the author of *The Prodigal Son in English and American Literature: Five Hundred Years of Literary Homecomings*.

From the Editors' Introduction:

'... our volume will reflect a generosity of spirit in finding the religious in a poem, but it also involves a sensitivity, even a bias towards, those poems which respond to the revealed, given, handed-down aspects of theological thinking and belief. Rather than simply a sense of wonder at the possibilities of what might loosely be termed the spiritual...'

## Bearsden Cross & NK Men's Group

The next gathering of the joint Men's Group is a **Curry Night this evening**, 7pm Thurs 6 March, at the **Ashoka, Bearsden**.

## St Gregory's Food Bank

As the cost of living continues to affect so many people adversely, St. Gregory's continues to appeal for support.

Our congregation has shown unstinting support for those members of our community who are in great need of food. Thank you!

Non-perishable foods are required, e.g. tinned vegetable soups, chicken, fish, meat, beans and fruit. Pasta, rice, noodles, sugar, tea and coffee, peanut butter. Toiletries - especially toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorants. Baby essentials along with nappies (size 5+).

St. Gregory's Foodbank is always delighted to receive monetary donations.

The Halls are open Monday - Friday (9.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.) and Sunday mornings.

## Thought for the Week

**"Stupidity is the same as evil if you judge by the results"**

(Margaret Atwood (born 1939) Canadian novelist and poet.

## Milk Bottle Tops for Bearsden & Milngavie Macular Support Group

.....and it is SO easy !

The Bearsden & Milngavie Macular Support Group meet each month in the Large Hall of Bearsden Cross Church.

Recently our Speaker was Anne Royle. Founder of 'Pathfinder Dogs '. Anne is totally blind but she, and her team, train German Shepherds to be guide dogs for blind people. Anne's talk was inspiring. She was born with sight, lost it and then regained it for fourteen years. During that time, she was in the army and was training dogs to search out landmines, drugs etc. And then she lost her sight permanently and had to retire from the army.

So, what to do next? Well, she could train dogs, so why not train dogs to be guide dogs for the blind? And that is what she now does.

But of course, that costs money. A lot of money. And Anne raises money in many ways. But the very easy way in which we can all help is by saving plastic MILK BOTTLE TOPS.

For years, I have reluctantly put my milk bottle tops into the landfill waste. What joy to find a really useful way to dispose of them.

Please BRING YOUR MILK BOTTLE TOPS TO CHURCH and put them in the box provided in New Kilpatrick's hall walkround. We will then send them on to Pathfinder Dogs, who in turn are able to sell them to a factory who make useful objects from them.

Even if you have only one milk bottle top each week.... please bring it .... they all add up.

Please note, ONLY MILK BOTTLE TOPS ARE ELIGIBLE. No other plastic tops please.

I look forward to your contributions.

Thank You.

*Joyce B Deans*

Bearsden & Milngavie Macular Support Group

# The Diary

## Thursday 6 March

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall

## Friday 7 March

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

## Sunday 9 March

**Morning Worship for Lent** 10.30am.

**Short Communion** after the service.

**Desert Island Hymns** 6.30pm in the hall.

Our castaway is Gillian Lunn.

**NK Youth Club 7.15-8.45pm. P7-S2.**

## Monday 10 March

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

## Tuesday 11 March

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

**The Guild** 2pm, hall. Film afternoon.

**Faith Team meeting** 7.30pm in the hall.

## Wednesday 12 March

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

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall

## Thursday 13 March

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

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.

**Community Team** meeting, 7pm, hall.

**Think Again** 7.30pm in the hall. A deeper conversation about faith and how we speak of the church, the kingdom, and God.

## Friday 14 March

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

## Sunday 16 March

**Morning Worship** 10.30am

**Words and Music** 6.30pm in the hall

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

## Monday 17 March:

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

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

## Tuesday 18 March:

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

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

**Bible for Duffers** 7.30pm, hall.

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## Wednesday 19 March:

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

**Midweek Service** 11am in the hall

## Thursday 20 March:

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

**Daybreak** 1.30pm in the hall.