

10 October 2024

Associate Minister



Hello everyone, my name is Barbara Ann - yes one of these names that is double-barrelled.

I am married to Billy, and we have two children: Scott who is married to Suzanne and they have two wonderful children - my adorable grandchildren Finlay who is 6 and Theo who is 2. My daughter Joanne recently moved to Belfast, and I am missing her dreadfully.

I am a member of a choral society, two book clubs, and enjoy going on holiday and eating cakes!

I decided to take early retirement on my 60th birthday from my former church, East and Old Church, Forfar, and moved back to my home area of Houston in Renfrewshire in late January this year.

In January I took up the position of Interim Moderator and locum at my home church in Houston and when I started with New Kilpatrick on 1st October, I gave up being locum. However, I am still the interim moderator until they find a new minister, which we hope will be this year.

I have met a number of members of New Kilpatrick already and you will not be surprised to learn everyone has been so warm and welcoming.

Working alongside Roddy again is going to be great fun and an adventure. I wonder if you can cope with the two of us.

I look forward to meeting many more of you in the near future.

God Bless
Barbara Ann

Lodging House Mission

Christmas cards will again be sold in aid of the Lodging House Mission on Sundays, 10th and 17th November in the Hall after Morning Service.

Please come and buy and support the work of the Mission.

All Saints Day

We have been invited to join All Saints Episcopal church on 3rd November at 6pm in All Saints church for a special service.

Part of that service will be to remember those we have lost; all the saints that have gone before us. If you would like anyone mentioned (you don't have to be there for that to happen), **there is a box in the hall walkround where you can post your loved ones' names**, or please put their name, or names in an envelope titled 'All Saints' and submit to the office. We will read their names during the service.

Stables Clear Out

Do you or your organisation have anything stored in the Old Stables?

If you are not sure, the church officers would be happy to arrange to let you in and have a look. We would like to have a really good clear out and recycle, reuse or get rid of anything in the three storage rooms that is not required.

Unclaimed items are in danger of disappearing by Sunday 27 October!

The Guild

Sally Mudge will give a talk on the **History of New Kilpatrick** at our next meeting on Tuesday 22 October. All are welcome - men too!

Country Dance Group

Anyone with an interest in Scottish Country Dancing will be made very welcome at our weekly meetings.

No previous experience is necessary, so come along and enjoy a sociable Monday evening **with live music and encouraging instruction**, knowing that dancing is good for body, balance and mind. We meet on Monday, 7.30-9.30 in the church hall. For more information contact Maureen Smith on 07799572341 or maureen smith750@gmail.com

Healing Service

We have moved the healing service to immediately after the morning service on the third Sunday of the month as a pilot. It will be a short service that includes prayers for others, some music for reflection and the laying-on of hands for those who appreciate that. More information soon but the **first service will be a week on Sunday, 20th October** immediately following the morning service in the chapel.

New Kilpatrick Ramblers

The next NK Ramblers walk is on Saturday 19 October. It is an easy/moderate walk at Gillens Wood, Cambusbarron. Further information, including meeting place, time and cost will be on a poster on the church hall noticeboard.

All who like to walk are welcome.

Kirk Session meeting & Conversation Training

An open invitation to join the Kirk Session at **Volunteers Good Conversation Training** in the church hall next Wednesday, 16 October, at 6.30-8.45pm. **Please note the time.**

So that we can have an idea of likely numbers, please RSVP to mail@nkchurch.org.uk Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, but please feel free to bring a sandwich if you are going to miss your evening meal.

It is also fine to join in even if you can't make it on the dot of 6.30pm.

St Gregory's Food Bank

Harvest season is the time to celebrate the abundance of God's provision in our lives. From the food we eat to the shelter we have, from the clothes we wear to the family and friends we cherish, harvest season is a reminder to us that God is our ultimate provider.

Our congregation has once again supported St. Gregory's Foodbank so generously - indeed **four large carloads** have been delivered to Maryhill along with monetary donations. A huge thank you to everyone. Your gifts mean so much to so many.

Our food trug in the Hall caught the eye of staff in the **Early Learning Centre** and they have now linked in to donating food as well. Roddy invited the young children and staff to a lovely harvest service in the Church. He deserved a medal as he managed to entertain 50+ toddlers to a fun morning of stories and songs all about harvest - a most enjoyable occasion for one and all!

Please continue filling our trug. The Halls are open Monday to Friday, 9a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and Sunday morning.



SingSong /Sing4Stroke:

Tuesday 29th October is National Sing4Stroke Day.

SingSong, having their usual meeting then, will open it not only to all our usual attendees, but also to **anyone who would like to come to support National Sing4Stroke Day.** We will have our usual get-together of song, fun, chat, coffee, tea and cake.

Everyone is welcome to support this charity and find the fun in singing together. No tickets or entry charge - just turn up! There will be a voluntary collection in aid of the Stroke Association.

NK Gardening Group

Can you use a rake? No Green fingers required. We are very busy from now right through to Christmas tidying up the millions of leaves that fall in the manse garden and the path from Manse Road to the Church Hall.

We would very much appreciate some **seasonal assistants**. If you can help (even if only once), please join us outside the Manse on Friday mornings at 9.30am if it's dry overhead. We usually take a short break and visit the Coffee Pot at around 10.30, so it is not all hard work. Outdoor clothing is required but we supply the tools. More details from Tom McCubbin 07711272838.

Hello from Bearsden Cross

As you may be aware our female members have for many years enjoyed a social gathering at Massimo's every so often - they call themselves TMC (Too many candles!!). We've decided to try and establish something similar for male members of the congregation and are having our **first get together at the Ashoka at 7:30pm on Thursday 17 October**. We'd be delighted to see male members of New Kilpatrick who may wish to join us. Please let NK Office know that you will be coming (0141 942 8827, mail@nkchurch.org.uk).

Online Worship

The online **YouTube service** is back up and running. Find the link on our website (www.nkchurch.org.uk) or on our YouTube channel (just search for New Kilpatrick).

Those we have lost:

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

Ella Allison, Mugdock House (06.10.24)

Thought for the Week:

"Sunday clears away the rust of the whole week." Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719) - essayist, poet and co-founder of The Spectator magazine.

Diary

Thursday 10 October

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall

Friday 11 October

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 13 October

Morning Worship 10.30am

Short Communion service 11.30am

Desert Island Hymns 6.30pm in the hall.

The castaway is **Neil MacNair**.

Monday 14 October

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 15 October

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

SingSong! 2pm in the hall.

Health & Wellbeing Group meeting 7pm hall

Wednesday 16 October

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

Midweek Service 11am in the hall.

Kirk Session meeting and Volunteer

Conversation Training 6.30pm in the hall.

Thursday 17 October

Baby & Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround.

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Friday 18 October

Coffee Pot 10am in the hall.

Sunday 20 October

Morning Worship 10.30am

God Welcomes All 6.30pm in the hall. We will take hymns from the new supplement and encourage each other in song offered to God.

Monday 21 October

Monday Club 2pm in the hall.

Family Group meeting 7pm in the hall.

NK Country Dance Group 7.30pm in hall.

Tuesday 22 October

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

The Guild 2pm in the hall.

Wednesday 23 October

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Midweek Service 11am in the hall,

Thursday 24 October

Baby and Toddlers 9.15am in the walkround

Daybreak 1.30pm in the hall

Bible for Duffers 7.30pm in the hall.

Bearsden Festival

Some photographs of the fabulous Bearsden Festival Community Day. Hundreds were there.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Some photographs from our Harvest Thanksgiving

