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CHURCH CALENDAR



APRIL

Sunday 7th	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 14th	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 21st	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 28th	Morning Worship	11am

MAY

Sunday 5th	Morning Worship	11am
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FLOWER CALENDAR

APRIL

Sunday 7th	In memory of Jean & Ed Kelly
Sunday 14th	The Flower Fund
Sunday 21st	In memory of Jane Devennie
Sunday 28th	David & Lyn Kent

If you would like to dedicate the flowers for yourself or in memory of someone on any particular Sunday , please contact Elizabeth Robertson 01355 243205.



PASTORAL LETTER

With Anne, our minister, on leave whilst recovering from hip surgery and with Stewart taking on the minister's role during this time, it has meant that I have been left to give our members a 'pastoral' message.

A few weeks ago my dear brother died. He had fought hard and in spite of several encouraging results of work by the doctors he succumbed to pneumonia. This may not be an unusual story to you but it left me shattered. I have always had great faith in the power of prayer and it has served me well in recent years in particular. I feel that God's presence is all around us and within and you only have to speak with God through prayer and you know God is listening.

I had spent much time in prayer over the health of my brother and I must admit to feeling disappointed and perhaps disillusioned. Why had my prayers not worked? Why was he not healed? Why couldn't the doctors find the right answers to make him well? But a very good friend said that you cannot assume that God will do what we ask. God's great design is God's and we cannot expect things to change just because we asked even in total earnestness!

I believe that God answered my prayers, perhaps not in the way I and many others wanted but it was an answer all the same.

I have made my peace with God and I am happy in the knowledge that my brother is no longer in pain or misery which is a great answer in itself.

Never doubt the power of prayer because God will always listen and will also answer you and help you and remember always to ask in the name of God's Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

David L. Kent (Editor)



LEPROSY MISSION

LEPROSY MISSION SUNDAY – WELL DONE!

The last Sunday in January was the day we celebrated World Leprosy Day, and after that, people have been responding to the appeal. That response has been through the gift envelopes, or direct to the Treasurer, or via the Digital Bank terminal at the Church.

The total, which includes the Gift Aid recoverable on donations, has come to £1,093.73. What an excellent result! That money will go to making a big difference to the lives of people suffering from leprosy – enabling the staffs of leprosy mission hospitals across the world to bring healing and wholeness.

And in addition to that figure, the Blue Tubs also yield a continuing support to this great work. There are some empty ones on the shelf at the Church's front door – waiting to be taken away!

Very many thanks for such warm support.

Stewart Smith



**The Leprosy
Mission**
Scotland

This year Christian Aid week is from 12th May until 18th May. We thought that you might like to see a summary of what happened during 2023.

"I can't thank you enough for the generous support you have given Christian Aid– for standing together with us during the past few, often tough, months. As a global family, we look back with gratitude for your prayers, support and donations that have been crucial in the fight against poverty.

The catastrophic humanitarian crisis that unfolded in Gaza at the end of 2023 led us to launch our emergency appeal. Your generous donations raised almost £1.7m to provide lifesaving work in the most unthinkable circumstances.

All our partner staff have been forcibly displaced from their homes, and many have lost friends, family or colleagues and are dealing with unimaginable grief. There are not enough words to describe how incredible the effort by our partners has been to continue to provide support and relief to those in need, which in Gaza right now means everyone, including themselves. In the pages to follow, we also show the impact of our work around the world, that is only possible with amazing supporters like you. Thank you."

Ojobo Ode Atuluku—International Programme Director at Christian Aid

BRINGING WATER TO GAZA



Thanks to our Middle East Crisis Appeal, our partner the Agricultural Development Association (PARC) has reached over 430,000 people staying in non-UN shelters, and with overcrowded host families. They have distributed drinking water, food packages including fresh vegetables and dried goods and essentials like blankets, nappies and hygiene kits. Christian Aid enabled PARC to work with a food manufacturer

to turn a large quantity of dried milk into cheese to distribute. They have also designed and built bathrooms and temporary shelters to house thousands of displaced people.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

You're supporting 275 projects across Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

We want to give special thanks to the hundreds of thousands of supporters who contribute to our work in a multitude of ways. **Give, Act** and **Pray** for our work. Thank You.



Teresa and Jeremias eat honey from their traditional beehive, Christian Aid partners in Honduras work with farming communities to diversify their livelihoods to address the challenges of the climate crisis.

Fyness Tembo tends to her new garden in Malawi. Fyness received training in new farming techniques such as using manure as fertiliser so she can produce food for her family.



Janet Zirugo and her family received support from the Christian Aid led ZRBF-BRACT programme in Zimbabwe to improve the resilience of their farming methods to climate change and other shocks.

In The Democratic Republic of Congo, we worked in partnership with the World Food Programme to support families like Zania's. (pictured here with Christian Aid Staff Member Jackson Sungapay)



Juanita is a bee lover and the first commercial beekeeper in her area. She is also a gender-based violence activist, supported by our partner OCDIH. Juanita puts her life at risk to defend women survivors in her community and plans to train these women in beekeeping to support their economic independence.

We supported communities in Ukraine through our partner, Crown Agents, to provide 34 baby incubators, live-saving drugs for babies born with respiratory issues, 100 oxygen concentrators and patient monitors, 9,000 thermal blankets and 9,000 trauma kits.





In November 2023 Christian Aid, alongside other UK based NGOs delivered a series of campaign actions calling for a ceasefire in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.

We raised an incredible £5m in Christian Aid Week

- **2.9 million people were reached directly of whom 55% were women and girls**
- **17.7 million people were reached indirectly**
- **37,627 supporters took 49,410 campaign actions**
- **1,474 Christian Aid Groups and 11,493 active volunteers**
- **42,787 people gave to Christian Aid for the first time—4,000 of these donated as regular givers**
- **£93.4m was spent of which £45.7m on humanitarian aid and £28.2m on development**
- **£90.6m was raised of which £47.5m came from UK supporters**

It is not difficult to see the amazing amount of good work and actions taken by Christian Aid. You will have opportunities to give to Christian Aid in church during the Christian Aid week or you can go to Christian Aid's website at: www.christianaid.org.uk and donate there. Remember that using Gift Aid will increase the amount of your giving.

Mary Smith and
David Kent (Editor)

Christian Aid Week

12-18th May 2024

Seven days, so many ways to fund lasting change. What will you do?

THE CRAFT GROUP



The Craft Group meets on Wednesdays in the church Lounge Area from 10am until 12 noon. Anyone with any craft interest or ability will be made most welcome.

Please Note:-

We will have a stall on Saturday 18th May to support the Christian Aid Coffee Morning, 10am in the Glebe Street Hall.

Donations of knitting, crochet, sewing, home made cards etc will be gratefully received.

Thank you,

Jill Cowan



CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 18th May from 10am until 12 noon. It will be in the Glebe Street Hall. There will be a few stalls and hot pancakes for eating. Donations of home baking for sale would be most welcome. More information will be in the May edition of the EKO.

Please put this event in your diary and tell your friends. Let's make it a huge fund-raiser for Christian Aid.

Evelyn Brownlie



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Tickets for the upcoming Aaron Hawthorne recital are now available to purchase after the morning service in the Lower Hall, the cost of the tickets are £10, and £8 for concession, under 16 years FREE.

Tickets for the Coalburn Silver Band Concert on the 21st June will go on sale nearer the time, approx. the beginning of May. The cost of the tickets for this event will be £7, and £5 for concession, Under 16 FREE.

Ken Ross - Kirk Life Convenor



AARON HAWTHORNE RECITAL

“I am absolutely thrilled and delighted to be returning to the magnificent East Kilbride Old Parish Church this coming May, where I will have the immense pleasure of playing what can only be described as one of the most captivating and exhilarating musical instruments in Lanarkshire!

Last year's concert was a total joy, and I was genuinely thrilled to see so many in attendance. Together, we embarked on thrilling and thunderous seafaring adventures, wandered through bustling Persian markets, and even indulged in a rousing sing-along to some of the most iconic pop songs from yesteryear.

This year, I am bursting with excitement at the thought of taking you on even more exhilarating musical adventures, as we push the boundaries of the fine Allen organ to new and uncharted levels.

One thing is for certain, you have never experienced a pipe organ recital quite like this before. Prepare yourselves for an unforgettable evening of music and magic, as we explore the limitless possibilities of this extraordinary instrument and shine a new light on its incredible capabilities.

If you have any musical requests, do feel free to email me at hello@hawthorgan.com.

I look forward to seeing you all in a few months!"

Best wishes, *Aaron*



IAIN'S MONTHLY UPDATE

Here is a list of the activities / events which are being planned for children, young people and families up to the school summer holidays which begin on 27th June 2024.

I encourage you to pass all this information to any family members, friends or neighbours who you think may be interested in joining us at some or all of the following.

[NOAHS ARK MESSY CHURCH](#) - Sunday 5th May from 2-4pm in the Glebe St Hall. We will have lots of animals for everyone to hold and hear about and get photos taken as well.

There is a poster advertising this event throughout the church and halls with all the details but EVERYONE is welcome but all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult(s).

Messy Church is scheduled to take place on the first Sunday of every month from 2-4pm. Please spread the word and invite others to join us.

[THE ANGUS MCCONNELL MEMORIAL CHURCH & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT](#) – Sunday 19th May from 2-4pm at St Kenneths Primary School West Mains Rd East Kilbride. This is our 4th event in memory of our dear friend Angus – we will hopefully have 7/8 teams join us for this fun afternoon of football, fun, food & fellowship. Come along and support our team and be encouraged by almost 70 children and young people having a great time.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2024 – The provisional week is week commencing Monday 5th – Friday 9th August every morning from 10am until 12.30pm in the Church, Lower Hall & Upper Hall – Registration forms will be available as soon as the leaders meet to finalise the date and theme for this year's club. We also have plans to have a family party afternoon or evening on the Saturday following the holiday club as well as showcasing the week-long club at an all-age family service on the Sunday. Its not too late to get involved, even if you can only help for 1 or 2 mornings, that would be greatly appreciated – if you think you would like to get involved, please let Iain know asap.

SESTERCENTINNAL FAMILY/CONGREGATIONAL FUN QUIZ NIGHT on 23rd March in the Glebe St Hall – We had a packed church hall with around 60 in attendance – It was a great expression of intergenerational church at its best with children, young people, families and members of both the congregation and some representing Church groups all in attendance having fun and fellowship together in a fun, enjoyable but competitive way. There were only a few points separating the top 4 teams and it all came down to the final round to determine the eventual winners of the gold medals and Centenary Trophy. There are a few pictures of the winning teams and the packed hall elsewhere in this magazine.

EASTER MORNING FAMILY SERVICE – we had fewer children than normal due to the school easter holidays but those who were able to join us contributed to the service by reading the Bible lessons, leading us in prayer, hunting for eggs and getting involved in the children's address led by Stewart. I hope you agree that the children and young people enhance worship and bring a different dimension to it.

Thank you for all your encouragement, support, prayers and friendship – I really appreciate it so very much.

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THE PRAYER GROUP

Mary Doig, Janice Gourlay, Anne Learmonth and Marilyn Ross meet in the Lounge Area after the Church service and invite you to visit/join them in the Prayer Group at any time.

There are Prayer request boxes in the Church Sanctuary - one upstairs at the east side and one downstairs next to the Baptismal Font. Rest assured all Prayer requests will be treated with the utmost respect and discretion. Only first names should be given along with a brief reason for the request, i.e. awaiting treatment, etc.

THE PRAYER DIARY

APRIL

- 1st. Lord, grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, and the courage to undertake it.
- 2nd. Protect me, Lord, when I am confused and guide me along the way.
- 3rd. Father, when I am in distress, I call to you for you to answer me.
- 4th. Lord, keep us from destroying what we will need in the future just so we can have a little more of what we want right now.
- 5th. Keep us from thinking that our success is more important to you than our honesty, Lord.
- 6th. Father of all creation, I rejoice in the beauty of the refreshing rain, the blooming flowers, the budding trees, the singing birds, the fresh grass, the rushing waters, and the birth of new creatures, great and small.
- 7th. God of peace come among us, rain down your peace on the world.
- 8th. Father God, help us to bear the challenges in our families, society community and church with humility patience and love.
- 9th. Father, help us to raise our voices and use our gifts and talents to help others.
- 10th. Lord, open the hearts of those receiving refugees and guide the actions of political leaders so that all needs will be met.
- 11th. Father, teach us as Christians to follow the way of Jesus, sharing love with our neighbours and those in need.
- 12th. Father God, when we are lost and weary, strengthen us.

- 13th.Father, help us to appreciate and love your creation. Help us to repair what we have destroyed.
- 14th.Lord, teach us, to treat others justly, fairly and with love, even though we may speak, live, and pray differently.
- 15th.Father, help us to bear with one another in love through all the difficulties of life.
- 16th.Lord, help me to remember that prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world.
- 17th.Help me to embrace what comes my way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience.
- 18th.Lord, may nothing separate me from You today.
- 19th.Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day.
- 20th.Thank you that your presence goes with us and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against.
- 21st.Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be.
- 22nd.Father, forgive us when we don't thank you enough for who you are, for all you do, and for all you've given.
- 23rd.Loving father, grant me a cheerful spirit when things don't go my way.
- 24th.Lord, give me the courage to do whatever needs to be done.
- 25th.Father, help me instead of giving up when I find things difficult to find the strength to persevere knowing you are by my side.
- 26th.Lord God, help me not to neglect the disciplines I need to meet with you regularly.
- 27th.Father God, Establish the work of my hands by helping me to be productive, patient, focused, and insightful.
- 28th.Lord, I ask You for wisdom today to know how I should respond in every situation I encounter.
- 29th.Father, help me to look for those special moments where I can let Your love in my heart pour out into someone else's life.
- 30th."But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble" (Psalm 59:16).

MAY/ over

MAY

- 1st. Father God, meet me as I start this day and open my eyes with gratitude to the many blessings around me today.
- 2nd. Father, Help me to treat each person I encounter as you would, with respect and love, forgiving others and asking for forgiveness myself when needed.
- 3rd. Lord, I commit this day to you and ask for your guidance and protection.
- 4th. Father, Give me strength in the midst of weariness and hope in the midst of any frustrations or hurts.
- 5th. Dear God, at the start of each day, help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten our hearts that we might see you and notice how you're at work through our lives.



HISTORY CORNER



Rev^d William Hanna

When Rev^d French died in 1835, Rev^d William Hanna MA was appointed the next minister of our church.

He was born in Belfast on 26th November 1808, the son of the Rev^d Samuel Hanna, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland. He studied at Glasgow and Edinburgh Universities. At Edinburgh, he studied under Dr Thomas Chalmers, Professor of Theology, and a leader of both the Church of Scotland and of the Free Church of Scotland.

Presented by King William IV on 1st July, William Hanna was ordained at East

East Kilbride on 17th September 1835.

While at East Kilbride he married Anne, daughter of Dr Thomas Chalmers. They had two children, Matilda Grace Hanna and Thomas Chalmers Hanna. Rev^d Hanna enjoyed choral music, much to the delight of William Watt, Precentor of the Parish Church. William saw this as an opportunity to improve the choir. However, some of the congregation disapproved considering the music too modern. The result was William Hanna accepted a presentation to Skirling, near Biggar, on 8th June 1837.

A theological writer and the biographer of his father-in-law, William Hanna supported his father-in-law through the 10 year conflict which culminated in the “Disruption” of 1843 when 450 ministers broke away from the Church of Scotland to form the Free Church of Scotland.

William Hanna left the established church in 1843 to join the Free Church taking half his congregation with him. In 1850 he became assistant to Thomas Guthrie as minister of St. John's Free Church on Johnstone Terrace near Edinburgh Castle. In 1852 he received an honorary doctorate from Glasgow University and in 1864 an honorary doctorate from Edinburgh University.

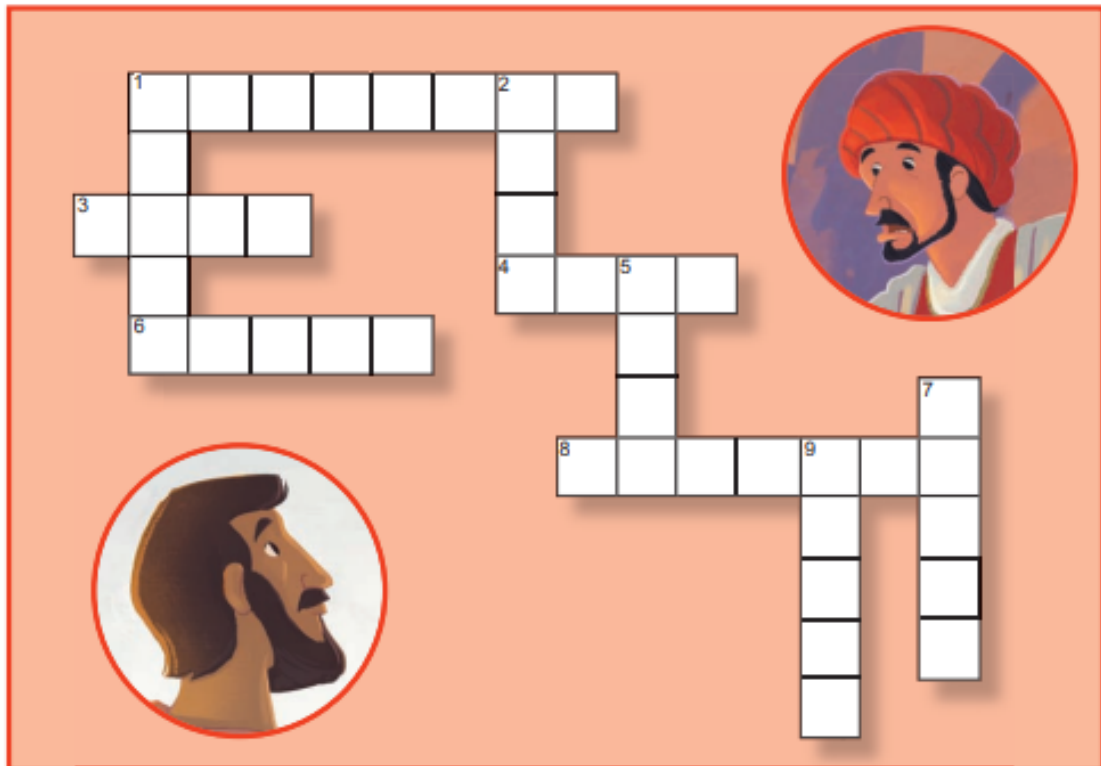
He died on 24th March 1882 and is buried in the Grange Cemetery, Edinburgh, beside his father-in-law, Dr Thomas Chalmers.

Dr Thomas Chalmers would also influence the career of East Kilbride Parish Church's next minister, Rev^d Henry Moncreiff and that story will be in May's EKO Magazine.

Ref:
East Kilbride The History of Parish and Village by Thomas Eric Niven
Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae: the Succession of Ministers in the Church of Scotland
Scotlandspeople
Ancestry.co.uk

Fiona Dawson

Zacchaeus Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Type of tree that Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus
3. The amount Zaccheaus promised to pay to those he had cheated.
4. Zacchaeus said he would give _____ his possessions to the poor.
6. What Zacchaeus collected.
8. Town where Zacchaeus lived

DOWN

1. Zacchaeus was not tall; he was _____.
2. Zacchaeus had a lot of money; he was _____.
5. Book of the Bible that tells about Zacchaeus and Jesus
7. Jesus went to Zacchaeus' _____.
9. Zaccheaus could not see over the _____ of people.

PASTORAL REGISTER

Baptisms: "Let the little children come to me."

Pasho Lachlan Kurti

Laurie Mary Christine Young

Deaths - *"I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

May Greer

Nan Martin

Eleanor Anderson



EKO SUBMISSIONS

The dates for submission of material for the April EKO are: for hand/type-written copy **Sunday 21st April** and the deadline for submitting electronic copy is:-

Wednesday 24th April

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EAST KILBRIDE OLD PARISH CHURCH

In case of illness and bereavement, would the family please contact the minister immediately and directly.

Rev. Anne Paton will be available for consultation in the vestry after Sunday morning worship. Please arrange such consultation with the door duty team.

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