

# EKO

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# CHURCH CALENDAR



## FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th	Sacrament of Communion	11am
	Short Communion Service	3pm
Thursday 8th	Communion service	12 noon
	Followed by lunch	12.30pm
Sunday 11th	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 18th	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 25th	Morning Worship	11am

## MARCH

Sunday 3rd	Morning Worship	11am
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# FLOWER CALENDAR

For all the Sundays in March the Flower Fund will provide the flowers.

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.

*Editor*

## PASTORAL LETTER

The date of Easter changes every year. To put it simply, Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the Spring equinox. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, then Easter is the following Sunday. Easter can be as early as 22nd March, or as late 25th April. This year it is on the early side on 31st March.

The timing of Lent is obviously dependent on the date for Easter, so this year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. Good luck in combining your Valentine's Day celebrations with your Ash Wednesday ones! Lent historically has been a time of self-reflection and preparation for Easter.

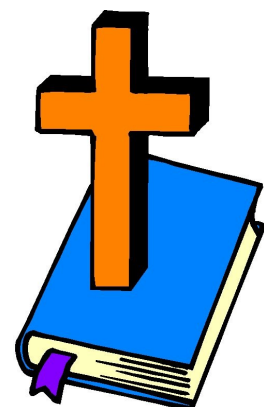
Everyone's Lenten journey is different and over the years, you and I might have taken on different approaches. While traditionally it has been seen as a time to "give up" certain things, often there is more value in "taking up" certain things. The important thing is that we see it as a time of self-reflection.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find details of our Lenten study which is based on the novel/film "Chocolat." The premise is that a single mum called Vianne, arrives in a provincial town in France, and opens a chocolate shop during Lent. Horror! We'd love you to join us for it, but if you'd like to reflect on it at home, please get in touch with me and I can get some material to you for your own personal reflection.

Whatever you do in this Lenten Season, I wish you every blessing as we journey towards Holy Week and the glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Yours in love,

*Anne Paton*



## LENT STUDY COURSE



Who among us does not like chocolate? One of the most popular things which people give up during Lent is chocolate. This coming Lent, why not take up chocolate but in a different form. Following-on from last year's study based on the book/musical Les Miserables, this year we are going to be looking at the novel/film called "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris and using the themes within the novel to help us think about our own personal preparations for Easter. We will be meeting on Fridays, beginning on 16th February and our study will be complete by Friday 22nd March. All the sessions will begin at 12 noon in the lower hall and will include a soup lunch. The first session will give time to watch the movie, so you don't even have to read the book. (The movie stars Jonny Depp and Judy Dench!) We'd love to welcome you there, and bringing chocolate to share is optional, assuming you're not giving it up for Lent.

*Anne Paton*

## THE CRAFT GROUP

Our Church Craft Group meets weekly in the Lounge Area on Wednesdays from 10am -12 noon.

All arty and crafty people will be made most welcome to join us.

*Jill Cowan*





## WE'RE OFF !!

Our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary programme got off to a great start with our Moderator, Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton preaching the sermon at the morning service and then joining us for a congregational lunch afterwards in the Glebe Street Hall. The Moderator also graciously agreed to present Long Service Certificates to 11 elders and volunteers.



Left to right:

Back Row: *Barrie Herbert, Colin Thomas, David Kent*

Middle Row: *Alistair Walker, Campbell Bain, Bob Mair, Jim Coulthard*

Front Row: *Ian Walker, June Mair, Rt. Rev. Sally Foster-Fulton, Nan Coulthard and Jill Cowan.*

Pictures taken at the lunch can be found later in the magazine

The lunch gave a great opportunity for members to meet the Moderator as well as to socialise and catch up with friends. There was a terrific buzz about the place so much so that afterwards Anne and I discussed the possibility of a similar congregational lunch later in the year. We received comments and feedback from members, both verbally and through a Feedback Form in the Order of Service. Responses included *"Catering was very good – as was the company"*; *"Lovely lunch with everyone joining together for a very special service"*; *"Most enjoyable event"* and *"It was excellent"*. There were no negative responses, and every respondent was content to make a donation at a future event.

A couple of possibilities are being discussed, with the likelihood that there will be a further congregational lunch some time in the summer months. There are a few issues to sort out including whether or not we would need issue tickets so as to manage the numbers to comply with fire safety requirements, and whether we might have an over-spill in the car park (weather permitting !) but these are all matters than can be sorted out.

There will be other anniversary events over the year where members will have opportunities to socialise including musical events and a quiz night. Details of each event will be included in our Orders of Service and all the other different ways we keep members in touch.

*Alistair Walker* – Session Clerk



# IAIN SHAW'S MONTHLY UPDATE

All our groups have restarted for 2024 and all are going well. We have even managed to get some new families (5 children) involved in the first few weeks back which is very good news and most encouraging.

I am in the preparation and planning stages for the next 6 months of activities and events which will take us up to the school summer holidays at the end of June. I will share all the details, dates and information in the March edition of this magazine as well as in the notices in the weekly Church order of services.

On my radar as well as the regular weekly and monthly groups are Easter both in terms of the Easter services in the Church and possibly some Easter activities during the school Easter break, The Angus McConnell Memorial football tournament which usually takes place at the end of May / beginning of June and of course our week-long summer holiday club which usually takes place on the last week of the school summer holidays – actual dates, theme and venue(s) to be confirmed soon once I have had the opportunity to converse with other churches in the town to avoid any potential clashes.

**We have our next Messy Church session on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 2-4pm in the Glebe St Hall and our theme is 'Love' as it will soon be Valentine's Day and our Bible theme will be John 3 v 16 - "For God so loved the World." There are posters 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 most recent version of the Presbytery Mission Plan has produced the EK Grouping of EK Old, West & Stewartfield Parish Churches. This provides us with such exciting new opportunities and I am so looking forward to working with the various representatives of these 2 churches and of course getting to meet a whole lot of new children, young people and families. I have no idea of when we will be able to start these discussions and conver-

-sations but I hope, like me, you are all anticipating eagerly this new venture beginning and will accept with a joyful heart all it has to bring and offer – the possibilities are endless -let us think out the box, dream dreams and totally embrace this new congregation.

### Here's a few wee funny ditties to finish

1 A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the colour of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

2 Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS.

3 After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this: "Your mother ate us out of house and home."

4 During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

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

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## KIRK LIFE



The upcoming events are:-

### 1) May 3rd Aaron Hawthorne Organ Recital

This will not be a Silent Movie night but an actual Recital. Aaron's great 'forte' is cinema organ music so you can expect some lighter music during this recital.

The start time and the ticket price have still to be confirmed.



### 2) June 21st :The Coalburn Silver Band.

### 3) November 23rd: Christmas Fair.

### 4) December 31st: Hogmanay Ceilidh.

### Sestercentennial Celebrations

The Celebration Mugs are now sold out.

If anyone still wants a mug we can look into ordering more, ( the minimum order from the suppliers is fifty).

*Ken Rass* ( Kirk Life Convener)

## CORRECTION

My apologies to Liz Macsween for the incorrect spelling of Bill's name in last month's EKO. It should have been Macsween.

*Editor*



# THE PRAYER GROUP

Mary Doig, Janice Gourlay, Catherine Selfridge, 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

### FEBRUARY

- 1st. Forgive me, Father, for making my body get up and attend church while allowing my heart and mind to stay asleep.
- 2nd. When I worry about the future, remind me to look back and see how far I have come, Lord.
- 3rd. The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation.
- 4th. Today, Lord, I want to say Thank You for always listening to me.
- 5th. Loving Lord, we lift to you all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit.
- 6th. You, Father, have a purpose for my life. Don't let me waste another day focused on regrets.
- 7th. You are the one I look to in times of worry, so help me to trust you in all circumstances.
- 8th. Father, please protect all those who are vulnerable to the effects war and despair from their homes.
- 9th. Thank you for the precious gift of knowing your love.
- 10th. Father, please help those who are in countries affected by crisis.
- 11th. Thank you, Jesus, for giving me peace instead of worry, faith instead of fear and hope instead of despair.
- 12th. Lord, no matter what is happening in our world, you give us hope.
- 13th. Lord, thank you for this day. Guide my path and, more specifically my thoughts, words and actions.

- 14th. Help us to remember that nothing is impossible for you.
- 15th. In my trouble I cried to the Lord, and he answered me.
- 16th. Let all I say and do today, reflect your love, Lord.
- 17th. Help me to remember that we are all part of one another's journey.
- 18th. Teach me, Father, to be discreet in all my dealings with others.
- 19th. With God on our side, we are never alone.
- 20th. Help me let go of things that stop me doing your work.
- 21st. We should take a moment each day to ask God for wisdom, trusting that he will provide it to us.
- 22nd. I find refuge under the shadow of your wings, for you are my refuge in times of trouble.
- 23rd. Lord, give me a continued desire to serve you with integrity.
- 24th. Lord, please be with me today and guide me along the narrow road.
- 25th. You make my heart a place for rest, a sanctuary to gather my senses and experience calm.
- 26th. Father, be with those who are mourning loved ones today. Bring them comfort.
- 27th. Lord, it is so easy to focus only on my needs, but I ask that you bless those around me and keep them safe.
- 28th. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
- 29th. Thank you, Father, that nothing will separate me from your love.

## MARCH

- 1st. We rejoice in your work and give thanks to you every day.
- 2nd. Lord Jesus, I come before You today with a broken and contrite heart full of repentance. Please forgive me all my sins.
- 3rd. Dear Lord, with so much war, violence and hatred in the world, enter into the minds of leaders and help them to understand that the only way forward for us all is with peace.
- 4th. Father, in this new day, help us to understand and appreciate the wonders of your creation.
- 5th. Lord, please reach out to those with failing health and give them peace and comfort.



## LEPROSY MISSION

Following the service for World Leprosy Day on January 28<sup>th</sup>, gift envelopes will be given out to the Congregation through this issue of EKO. These can be returned to the Church any Sunday throughout February. Donations can also be made by card at the Church door, or directly by Bank transfer into the Congregational Account. For details, contact Des Laverty, the Church Treasurer, on 01698 422638.

There are also some Blue Tubs available at the Church door for people to take away.



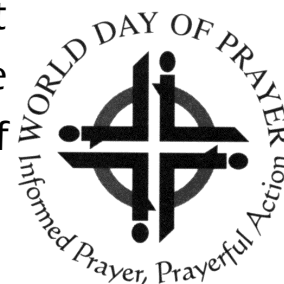
## EAST KILBRIDE FAIRTRADE GROUP

The Group is holding a Festive Spring Evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Lower Hall. The Choir of St Kenneth's Primary School will sing some songs and the Co-op will have a stall with examples of Fairtrade Goods. We hope to have a small Fairtrade stall also, with information about the aims and importance of Fairtrade.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The service for our area will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm in St Bride's Church. Members of local churches will take part. The service this year has been prepared by a group of Palestinian Christian women. All are welcome.



## THE GUILD

The Guild will meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Glebe Street Hall. We will have two speakers from the East Kilbride Heritage Group.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February we will have a speaker from the Vine Trust, about the Kazunzu Village of Hope in Tanzania, one of the Guild Projects to be supported this year. All welcome.





## MEN'S ASSOCIATION & CARPET BOWLS



We have two meetings of the Association in February. The first is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, when the Rev Alistair Lusk will be our speaker. His address is entitled "Without words, what can we say?".

Then on 26<sup>th</sup> February, our speaker will be Ken Lawton, sharing stories with us under the heading -"An Actor's Life for Me". Both meetings are in the Glebe Street Hall, at 2pm. All welcome.

The Carpet Bowling Club will meet on Mondays 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March, at 2pm in the Glebe St Hall.



*Stewart & Mary Smith*

## A SINGLE-MINDED MAN – WELLESLEY BAILEY

His name may not be familiar to most of us, but Wellesley Bailey is someone well worth knowing about. In the year 1874, in the front room of a house in Dublin, Wellesley Bailey, his wife Alice, and a handful of friends, met to hear Wellesley speak about people in India who suffered from the disease of leprosy. At the end of the gathering, the people present agreed to raise £30 per year to help care for leprosy affected people. This at a time when there was no cure for the disease. From that tiny beginning has grown the world-wide work of The Leprosy Mission today.

Wellesley was born in Ireland in 1846. As a young man, he sailed to India, intending to join his brother in the Indian Police. When he arrived, he discovered his brother was elsewhere and Wellesley was alone. He found lodgings with an elderly German Lutheran missionary who taught him Hindi.

His Christian faith grew and in the Punjab, while teaching in an American

Presbyterian school, he saw leprosy sufferers for the first time. That had a profound effect on him, and he felt God calling him personally to do something to help.

His child-hood sweet-heart, Alice, sailed to India to join him and they were married in the Cathedral in Bombay (now Mumbai) in 1870. Alice's health wasn't too good and they came back to Ireland. So it was that in that Dublin front room, 150 years ago this year, Wellesley Bailey launched the Mission to Lepers. In the 1880s, projects grew across India, including the first leprosy hospital in Purulia in West Bengal. It's still going strong.

In 1906, Wellesley and Alice travelled widely, visiting projects in China, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Singapore. He retired aged 71 in 1917, with 87 projects in 12 countries, all caring for and helping people with leprosy.

Wellesley Bailey died in 1937 at the age of 91. His granddaughter wrote "He was not a saint, nor even a particularly clever man....but he was single-minded". The motivation to his single-mindedness was the love of God in Jesus Christ and his compassion for people with leprosy. The work goes on in ways that Wellesley Bailey never dreamt of, and a future article may outline some of these wonderful developments. But the motivation remains the same, and we do well when we support it strongly and gladly.

*Stewart Smith*



## HISTORY CORNER



### ANDREW PATTON

Andrew Patton was born on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1822 near Flodden, in the county of

Northumberland. His father was connected to the colliery where a young Andrew was sent to work.

After his marriage at Lammerton, Berwick-on-Tweed on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1844 to Mary Ann Bell, Andrew came north working at several collieries in Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and Lanarkshire. He was appointed manager of the Roman Cement Works where he spent the next twenty five years despite many tempting offers which he declined. He did not wish to leave the village as at least three of his infant children had died and were buried in the East Kilbride Parish Kirkyard.

Andrew found ample scope in East Kilbride to improve his knowledge of palaeontology. In the Kirkcounholm mine he found two specimens of a very rare fossil fruit and at the workings at Glebe, Brousterland and Lymekilns a host of fragments of tree, fruit and gigantic water plants. In the Lymekilns workings he discovered a thin stratum composed of thin shells. He also found several hitherto undiscovered specimens of plants and animals of ancient seas he gathered from the debris, one of which was named *Fissodus Pattonii*.

Andrew became widely known as a collector and the museums of Glasgow, Edinburgh and London benefitted from his collection. He wrote a paper entitled "The Mineral Fields of East Kilbride."

In 1883, the Geological Society of Glasgow bestowed on him the honour of

corresponding member in recognition of his valuable service.

He was also involved in the social welfare of the people of East Kilbride and helped make its Co-operative Society efficient.

Andrew Patton died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1885 leaving a widow and grown-up family.

His widow **Mary Ann Bell** died 20<sup>th</sup> April 1912, aged 90 years.

Their Children:

- ♦ **Thomas Patton** 19<sup>th</sup> February 1855 Blantyre - 28<sup>th</sup> March 1894. He was a tailor and remained a bachelor.
- ♦ **Margaret Ann Patton** May 1846 - 11<sup>th</sup> March 1857, Blantyre.
- ♦ **Jane Patton** January 1851 - 21<sup>st</sup> July 1861, East Kilbride.
- ♦ **Henry Patton**, stonemason, was born 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1861, at East Kilbride. He married in Manhattan, New York, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1887 to **Helen Barclay** 16<sup>th</sup> January 1860 - 28<sup>th</sup> July 1890. Henry remarried on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1904 to Elizabeth Campbell Kennedy and died 9<sup>th</sup> February 1929, at East Kilbride.
- ♦ 1<sup>st</sup> **Andrew Patton** 17<sup>th</sup> June 1863 - 8<sup>th</sup> July 1864, East Kilbride.
- ♦ 2<sup>nd</sup> **Andrew Patton** 11<sup>th</sup> June 1865 - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1866, Kirkton.
- ♦ **Sarah Patton** 5<sup>th</sup> November 1866 - 17<sup>th</sup> January 1875.
- ♦ **William Patton** 26<sup>th</sup> August 1868 - 5<sup>th</sup> January 1875, died of Scarlatina.

Ref:

*"Geological Observations in the Parish of East Kilbride, Lanarkshire" by Andrew Patton Cor. Mem. with a list of fossils compiled by James Coutts with two sections Plate XIII. Read 4<sup>th</sup> February 1864. Geological Society of Glasgow.*

*Andrew Patton, palaeontology, Lyell Collection.org*

*EKOP Lair Register (Blantyre)*

*Fiona Dawson*







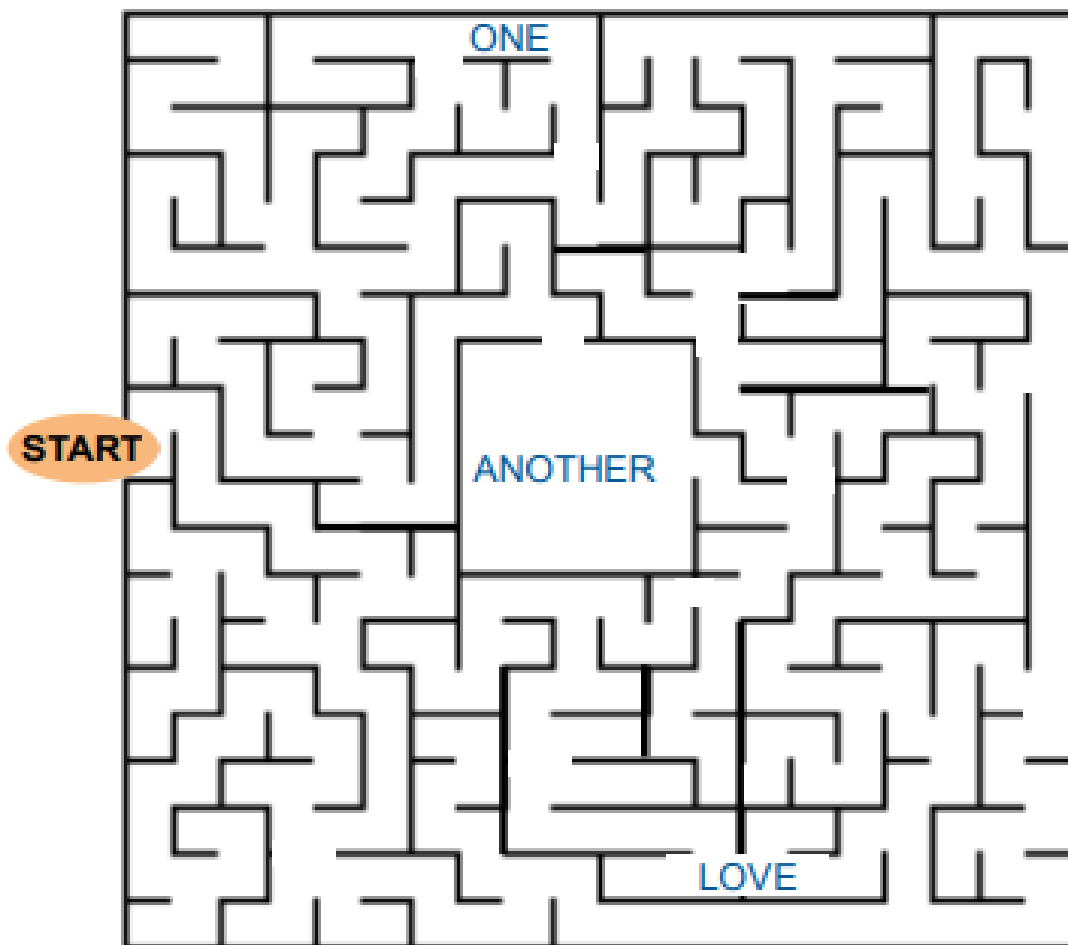
Pictures taken at the presentation lunch on the 21st January



## Love One Another Word Maze

Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17b HCSB



## PASTORAL REGISTER

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

Jim Stewart  
Jean Finlay  
Alistair Nelson  
Jessie Stewart



## EKO SUBMISSIONS

The dates for submission of material for the January EKO are: for hand/type-written copy **Sunday 18th February** and the deadline for submitting electronic copy is:-

**Wednesday 21st February**

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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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