

# EKO

**The Magazine for  
East Kilbride  
Old Parish Church**



## SUMMER EDITION

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## CHURCH CALENDAR



### JUNE

Sunday 2nd	Sacrament of Communion	11am
	Short Communion Service	3pm
Thursday 6th	Communion Service	12 noon
followed by	Light Lunch	12.30pm
Sunday 9th	Special Family Service	11am
Followed by a family and congregational lunch in the Glebe Street Hall at 12.30pm		
Sunday 16th	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 23rd	Morning Worship	11am
Sunday 30th	Morning Worship	11am
Services over July and August will be at the usual time of 11am each Sunday.		



## FLOWER CALENDAR



Sunday 2nd	The Flower Fund
Sunday 9th	The Flower Fund
Sunday 16th	In memory of Prim Marshall and her daughter May Britovsek
Sunday 23rd	The Flower Fund
Sunday 30th	The Flower Fund

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



As I write this, the sun is shining, and it has been that way for a few days now. Having lived in Scotland all my life, I am very aware that this doesn't mean that it will shine all summer unfortunately. One swallow does not make a summer, however we can but hope. There is something about warm days, being outside, and the brightness of the sun that lifts our souls.



For the past few weeks, I have been working hard with my second new hip. While one swallow does not make a summer, one step does not make a sprint, or indeed a marathon, but I have been blessed with an excellent physiotherapist who is making sure I make the best of what I've been given.

When I have been able, I have watched the service on-line and I am grateful to everyone who has conducted worship. I have very much enjoyed seeing different ministers and different styles in our pulpit, and I hope you have too. I am also blessed to have such a great team of folks who have kept the church on the right road while I have been away. I look forward to being back in your midst.

When I arrived here many years ago, I brought a young family, and have always found the Old Parish to be an extension of that family. We pride ourselves in loving and looking out for each other. I think I speak for us all when I say that it is in the times when we need the support of others, that we feel most blessed to be part of our church family. That has been my experience over the last few weeks. I give thanks to God for you all.

Yours in love,

*Anne Paton*



## UNION AND BEYOND



While we still await the final stage of approval of the Mission Plan for ourselves and neighbouring churches, we should have confirmation that all is “done and dusted” within a few weeks. That then raises the question of “*What happens now ?*”..... As I see it, there are two aspects to the answer.

Firstly, there is the matter of developing a draft Basis of Union with West Kirk and Stewartfield. Of critical importance in this context is the position of our own Minister and the Minister at West Kirk. Without their concurrence union cannot proceed. Further, the Mission Plan does not include any guidance in respect of church buildings and their future use, other than a recommendation for disposal of the Glebe Street Hall. This means that the rationalising of church buildings and their use will also need to be agreed and included in the basis of union. There will be a Presbytery Implementation Team to assist in this process, though we do not yet have any information on the availability of this resource or likely timescales. There may also be a need for involvement of building professionals in this process.

It is perhaps worth reminding ourselves rationalising of buildings and union of congregations is not an end in itself, but rather is a springboard enabling congregations to combine resources and talents and get on with our real purpose of re-vitalising our engagement with our community, developing new approaches to Mission, and bringing more people to our Christian faith. Whilst we may have heart-felt attachment to a particular building we need church buildings which are fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and can support our mission effectively and efficiently.

That brings me to what I see as the second aspect of implementing the Mission Plan. Once it is legally permissible, we should be able to work co-operatively with representatives of West Kirk and Stewartfield in developing a vision for the Mission of the new, united, church. At the initial stages of Mission Planning the adjective *“radical”* featured on several occasions, though that was less evident as the process laboured on. Now that the dust has settled on the broad shape of the structure, we might now have the opportunity to return to thinking afresh about our goals and some bold or challenging means of getting where we want to be. The experiences and initiatives of other churches may be helpful as we try to chart the way ahead for a united congregation.

We will need to engage openly and fairly with representatives of these two churches so that any joint agreement fits comfortably with all of our aspirations, and we work to develop a common vision of how we intend to take up the challenge of Mission and follow Jesus’s commandment to bring the Good News to our community. These two different strands of activity are, I think, our answer to the question *“What happens now ?”*

*Alistair Walker*

Session Clerk



## KIRK LIFE



The Aaron Hawthorne Concert raised £827, with £527 going to the Church  
Our next event will be the Coalburn Silver Band Concert, which takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Doors open 7pm Concert starts at 7-30pm.

Tickets will be available from 26<sup>th</sup> May in the lower hall, these are priced at £7, £5 concession and under 16 free.

Our final event of the year will be the Christmas Fair which will take place in the Glebe Street Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, further details will follow nearer the time.

The Kirk Life Team are respectfully requesting donations for Raffle prizes, these can be handed to any member of the Kirk Life Team.

Thank you,

*Ken Ross* - Kirk Life Convenor



## THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

The Thursday Coffee Mornings are taking a break over the summer months. (Anne and I need a rest) The last coffee morning will be 27th June and we will re-start on Thursday 22nd August.

Thank you to everyone who supported us every Thursday and thank you to those who helped in any way.

Hope you have a lovely summer!

*Evelyn Brounlie*



# THE PRAYER GROUP



Catherine Selfridge, 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

### JUNE

- 1st. Father, today I will let go of my responsibilities for a fleeting time and enjoy the company of those I love.
- 2nd. I ask for strength and courage to know the difference between the important and unimportant events in my life, Lord.
- 3rd. Lord, keep me focused on your plans today, not mine.
- 4th. Let me never forget, Father, that a prayer is the shortest distance between my question and your answer.
- 5th. Lord, be with me regardless of what I face, no matter what I go through. Enable me to always look up to You and trust in You.
- 6th. Lord, let me view myself with humility and submit to all that comes from you.
- 7th. God, open my eyes so that I may see and feel your presence close to me.
- 8th. Forgive me Lord, for the times I have missed the mark.
- 9th. Help me, Lord, to keep my eyes fixed on you in this new week and give me strength to follow you more closely.
- 10th. Thank you, Lord, for the fellowship we share within our Church.
- 11th. Risen Christ, come raise the fallen, strengthen the weak, support the weary, and give peace to the troubled.
- 12th. Help us to live strong and walk wisely, filled by the power of your spirit within us



- 13th.Father, give me love, joy and peace in my heart.
- 14th.Dear Lord, thank you for all the promises you have given me. Forgive my sins and renew my mind and soul.
- 15th.God is with us when the way is dark, and life seems cold. God is with us when the body is weak, and we feel old. God is with us when doubts arise, and fears descend. God is with us forever my friend.
- 16th.Through our own struggles and pain, help us to be your vessels to offer help and comfort to others.
- 17th.Lord, give life to the helpless and encompass them in your loving care.
- 18th.Strengthen my heart, Lord, and help me to overcome weakness when facing life's various challenges.
- 19th.Light of the world, bless all who are in darkness, Shine upon us in love.
- 20th.Today, Lord, is a gift from you. Tomorrow, I live in your care.
- 21st.Father, your power is mighty within us. You are our help and strength. All things are possible through you.
- 22nd.Lord, Please watch over and bless my friends and family and keep us firmly on the path of faith and always holding your hand.
- 23rd.Lord, help us to make good choices in every aspect of our lives today.
- 24th.The sun by day and the stars by night, are from you to remind us that you are our Guiding Light.
- 25th.The joy of prayer is in learning to rejoice in and rest in the presence of peace, and the power of God.
- 26th.In moments of doubt and weakness, Lord, may I cling to you for guidance. Strengthen my faith so that I may walk on the path you have chosen for me.
- 27th.Keep me listening Father because every decision I make today relies on your guiding hand.
- 28th.This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 29th.Father, thank you for all that you have given me, whether it is the roof over my head, the food on the table or the shoes on my feet. Forgive me when I start to complain and forget the great blessings you have given me.
- 30th.Help me, Father, to see today as a chance to serve others, and treat family and strangers with respect and kindness.



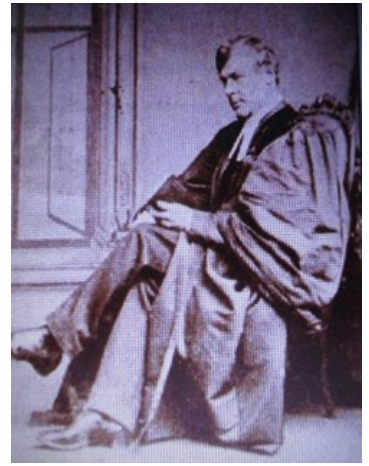


## HISTORY CORNER



### Revd William Carrick

William Carrick was born at Balfour on 9th August 1811, the second son of weaver



James Carrick and Rebecca Blair and educated at Glasgow University. He was employed, from 1837 to 1843, as a Church of Scotland Missionary in Aulhouse under the Revd Henry Moncreiff. On the departure of the Reverend Moncreiff in 1843, William Carrick was appointed Minister in his place and served until his death on 24th June 1869.

He married on 4th June 1844, at Greenbank, Elizabeth Hamilton born 2nd October 1816 to John and Susan Hamilton nee Dunlop of Rogerton. Elizabeth died on 7th November 1902. Their only child died in infancy. They are buried in the Kirkyard.



Elizabeth Hamilton was a descendant of John Hamilton of Rogerton, a covenanter, who fought at the Battle of Bothwell Bridge. He was one of the fortunate ones who managed to escape.

Elizabeth Hamilton's grandparents John and Elizabeth Hamilton nee White of Rogerton are buried in the Kirkyard. Her parents are buried at Mearns.

In 1797 Greenbank House and lands were purchased by John Hamilton of Rogerton. Greenbank is now a National Trust of Scotland property.

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*

## THE CRAFT GROUP

Thank you for all your help and support throughout this session. The group will be on holiday during June, July and August.

We meet again at 10am in the lounge on Wednesday 4th September 2024. Please join us.

*Jill Cowan*



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May brought the Week to a splendid conclusion. The sun shone, lots of people gathered in the Glebe Street Hall, and the excellent result of £877 was achieved. There were stalls all round the hall, staffed by a great team of volunteers; the kitchen was busy, the smell of freshly baked pancakes wafting all around; and the atmosphere was bright and happy. Visitors joined us from the West Kirk, from Greenhills Church, from Moncreiff Church. A young lady from Utah was also with us, and we had a visit from Val Brown. Val is the acting head of Christian Aid in Scotland, taking the place of Sally Foster Fulton, who, as we know, has been Moderator of the General Assembly, and whose term of office has just ended at this year's Assembly. On the Sunday following, after the service some more donations came in, with the **total to date now at £915.**

Heading up all the arrangements for this big event has been the wonderful Evelyn Brownlie and to her and all her able and willing helpers go our warmest thanks.

The Christian Aid Week total will include all the donations from members and friends and that is still to be finalised. Many thanks to everyone who has donated through the familiar red envelopes, or directly to the Treasurer. Spare gift envelopes are available, if anyone still needs one. Many thanks also to Diana Ramsay for the Christian Aid Week display in the Lounge window. Once again, the Old Parish is helping to make a difference across the world.

A final comment is worth noting. Last year, in 2023, churches in Scotland raised 15% of the Christian Aid Week fundraising total across the UK. The population of Scotland is approximately 8% of the total UK population!

*Stewart Smith*

## IAIN'S MONTHLY UPDATE

May was a very busy month – we had all our regular weekly groups and activities as well as our Noah's Ark Messy Church, The Angus McConnell Memorial Community Football Tournament, planning for the all-age family service on 9<sup>th</sup> June as well as preparing for our summer holiday club in August. Here is a quick review of what we have done recently and what is in the pipeline.

### FAMILY SERVICE AND LUNCH ON 9TH JUNE.

We are having a Family Service on Sunday the 9th June for all our young folk and their families. This will be followed by a lunch in the Glebe Street Hall at 12.30pm for all participants and the congregation too.

NOAH'S ARK MESSY CHURCH – Was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May with over 70 in attendance and children and adults alike had the opportunity to hear about, hold and get their photos taken with snakes– it was a fantastic well attended event and there are some photos below which I hope give you a flavour of the afternoon and how enjoyable it was.

Our next and final Messy Church for this session takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 2-4pm in Glebe St Hall and is entitled: East Kilbride Old has Got Talent – everyone has been given different gifts, talents and abilities from God and we will explore the Parable of the Talents during the afternoon and hopefully finish with a talent show.

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).

Please spread the word and invite others to join us.

THE ANGUS MCCONNELL MEMORIAL CHURCH & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at St Kenneth's Primary School East Kilbride. This was our 4<sup>th</sup> event in memory of our dear friend



Angus and was our biggest and best yet - the event just seems to grow each year. This year we had 8 teams join us for this fun afternoon of football, fun, food & fellowship with 100 children and young people taking part from East Kilbride, Paisley and Strathaven – they all had a great time. It was also wonderful that our prayers were answered with an absolutely glorious afternoon of sunshine – in fact a bit too warm but I’m not complaining.

The brilliant news is that the team from EKOPC finished in second place and were runners up to the winning team from St Kenneth’s Primary School – this was our best ever finish and hopefully next year we can go one step further and win the competition. The 12 boys and girls who represented us played magnificently and were a great credit to the church, the team and themselves – there is a picture of our team below.

There are pictures of all the teams who took part and a selection of others in this magazine – please be encouraged and excited by the fact that we are doing a lot of wonderful work with children and families all through the year a lot of which goes unseen.







## MESSY CHURCH







**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2024** – Our holiday club this year will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August every morning from 10am until 12noon in the Church, Lower Hall & Upper Hall – Our theme this year is the Parables of Jesus when we will explore a different parable each day and have fun, games, art, crafts, singing, dancing and group time reflecting on the parable for the session.

Registration forms are now available and places are filling up fast so please complete a form and return it to me to avoid disappointment.

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 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. It's 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.

## CLOSING AND RESTART DATES FOR OUR VARIOUS GROUPS

**Sunday School** will have its last normal Sunday on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June but will continue during the summer months with activities for any children not on holiday and at church

**Junior Badminton Group** - our final session will be our parents and presentation evening on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - we will restart on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Childrens Art/Craft Group** - our final session is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June and will restart on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Youth Group** has finished for this session and will restart in September (actual date and time to be confirmed)

**Messy Church** – our final session is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and we will restart on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September (this is the second Sunday in September but we will revert back to the first Sunday of each month from October onwards)

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

*Iain* (Youth & Families Worker) mobile 07912 295943 / email iain-shaw18@gmail.com

**THE GUILD**

**THE SUMMER GUILD**

The Summer Guild will meet on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in the Lower Hall. We will have a quiz and a chance to chat to friends over tea or coffee. All welcome.

*Mary Smith*



## 17th EK GUIDING UNITS



### 17th EK Guiding Units -What's Happening!!!

Over the last few months the girls have been extremely busy with our focus on community and the environment. The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were all involved in the BIG LITTER PICK on Sunday 28th April. We were joined by Brownies from the Baptist Church, Guides & Rangers from Claremont. We covered a good part of The Village and went up as far as the Dollan Baths and Health Centre. This great team effort managed to collect 20 bags of rubbish. The girls and leaders would like to thank members of the public for their words of support and encouragement while we were out and about. We collaborated with South Lanarkshire Council who provided us with pickers and bags. I am delighted to say these have all been returned, so that means we can borrow them again next year.

Sat 11th May - Brownie trip to Whitelee Windfarm as part of the girls Active Adventure Badge. We all had a fab time with our stomp rocket making workshop being a real hit with everyone. I don't know who was the most competitive but I think some rockets would have gone into space if the launch pads had been outside. We had a bus trip round part of the farm with Mark our lovely driver who stopped the bus so we could all hug a turbine, they are huge. Barn Owl celebrated her birthday at this event receiving hand made cards from all the girls and not forgetting the birthday cake.

Tues 21st May - 3 new Brownies made their promise and we got the chance to show off our excellent new wooden toad stool. It was made by one of our wonderful church members and is already loved by us all, its a thing of beauty and as one of the Brownies said, "it will last forever!"



Tues 28th May - Rainbows & Brownies have a planned trip to the community garden at Calderglen to learn about growing their own fruit, veg and plants to attract butterflies and bees. The girls will all get takeaway's on the night to grow and nurture at home

Tues 4th June - we are helping East Mains Community Council to fill the planters in and around the village as part of their plans for The Village in Bloom, all volunteers most welcome.

Tues 11th June - we are hosting our very own Olympic Games for children and parents. This will be our final event this term and we start back at the beginning of September. Oh, I nearly forgot, we are going to camp from Fri 7th to Sun 9th June and we will share our highlights from this event in the Sept magazine.

I have attached below a selection of piccies from all these events we hope you enjoy. It would be very remiss of me not to thank all our wonderful leaders for all their time, dedication and support. None of the events mentioned above would be possible without them. To use the phrase 'there is no I in team' and this is true of all our wonderful leaders. Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers as we continue in this work with our citizens of the future

17th EK Guiding Leaders:-

*Christine, Emilee, Caroline, Kay, Emma,  
Liz, Lorraine, Ella, Pip, Lynne, Louise,  
Mirren, Pauline*







## PASTORAL REGISTER

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

Mrs Margaret McArthur

Mrs May Britovsek



## EKO SUBMISSIONS

There will be no EKO magazines for July and August. The next issue will be in September.

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

**Wednesday 21st August**

Thank you. *David Kent* - Editor 01355 237275, 07890 262267 or, davidkent28@virginmedia.com



## 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.

East Kilbride Old Parish Church, Church of Scotland, Scottish Charity—

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