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

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CHURCH CALENDAR



OCTOBER

Communion arrangements

Sunday 6th

Sacrament of Communion

11am

Short Communion Service

3pm

Thursday 12th

Communion Service

12 noon

followed by

Lunch

12.30pm

Sunday 13th

Harvest Sunday

11am

Sunday 20th

Morning Worship

11am

Sunday 27th

Morning Worship

11am

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd

Morning Worship

11am

FLOWER CALENDAR



All the flowers for October will come from the Flower Fund

If you would like to dedicate the flowers for any specific Sunday,
please phone Elizabeth Robertson: 01355 243205



PASTORAL LETTER

This time last week, the temperature in East Kilbride was 23 degrees, and I was complaining about the heat. Today the temperature when I went out this morning was 6 degrees, so now I'm complaining about the cold. There is no doubt that after a pretty poor summer, and a couple of nice days last week, that we're most definitely in the season of Autumn. When I went on holiday a couple of weeks ago, the tree outside the study window was green, now it's orange. We better get our winter woollies looked out, for as the old saying goes, there's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing.

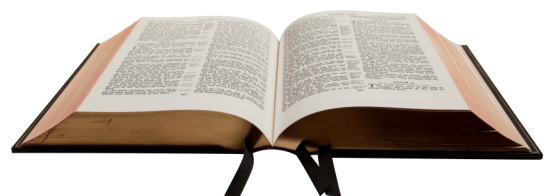
As we continue with the routine of our church life together, there's something reassuring about the familiarity of it all. We have our communion at the start of October, then we're into Harvest season, and already we're beginning to prepare for the Remembrance services at the memorial and in the church. I hate to mention it, but after that we're into Advent then Christmas. It's familiar, it's reassuring and it's comforting.

Yet, as we get back into the old routine, there are also serious conversations going on about our proposed union with neighbouring churches. Folks, this is a reality we have to face. We like the familiar, but we're entering into a period of change and there's no getting away from that. Yet, the church has always been changing, and we're still here today.

A few years ago, Iain Shaw and I came up with a crazy idea of having the children baking bread on Easter Sunday, and then having them serve the bread as communion elements at the end of the service. It was something we had never done before, and I must confess to sleepless night beforehand. How would the congregation react? Well, the congregation loved it! Lesson learned, we can embrace new things.

I'm not saying that the months ahead will be stormy, but there will be challenges. If there's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing, let us prepare ourselves with the correct clothing. Colossians 3:12: "Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

Yours in love, *Anne Paton*



CRAFT GROUP



The Wednesday morning Craft Group meet weekly from 10am until noon in the Church Hall Lounge. New members are always welcome.

Jill Cowan

KIRK LIFE



Just a reminder about the Christmas Card

The list of names for the 2024 Christmas Card will be open from Sunday the 6th October till the 27th October.

Christmas Fayre

This will take place on the 30th November, *there will be 'craft' stalls as per last year so tell your friends to come and buy Christmas presents!* Entry is by ticket £3 or pay at the door, Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of November. It starts at 10am till 2pm.

Hogmanay Ceilidh

Will be on 31st December.

Burns Supper

Will be held on the 1st February 2025, further details will be notified nearer the time.

Ken Ross (Kirk Life Convener)



HISTORY CORNER



Graham of Lymekilns

A beautifully preserved inscription on a flat stone reads:

“Here lies the corpse of Patriek Graham of Limekills and Margaret Lindsay his spouse and is

the place appointed for William Graham and Jean Reid his spouse and their children 1753”. (Limekills original spelling)



The baptism of Patriek Graham is reported to have been registered on 3rd June 1658, at Glasgow, but the names of his parents are not recorded. He became a merchant in Kirkcubright of Kilbryde, 1st Laird of Lymekilns and married Margaret Lindsay, on 3rd June 1684 at Kilbryde. James Chrichton, Minister of the Kirk of Kilbryde solemnized their marriage.

Margaret Lindsay, 10th September 1663 – 7th November 1733, was the daughter of William Lindsay of Holmbarn and Caldersyd and Janet Cunningham. She was the great grand-daughter of Elizabeth Stewart of Castlemilk, great, great, grand –daughter of Sir Archibald Stewart of Castlemilk and Sir John Stewart of Minto who was Provost of Glasgow. Margaret is also descended from the Hamilton's of Piell and Torrance. Patriek and Margaret had nine children:

- ◊ Janet, born 11th March 1685, married James Fleming, coppersmith in Hamilton.
- ◊ Jean, born 16th July 1687, married James Coats of Dykehead son of James Coats of Dykehead and Jean McGhie. Their family is buried in the Kirkyard.
- ◊ James born 25th July 1690.
- ◊ Margaret, born 29th August 1692, married John Fleming of Blacklaw.
- ◊ Anne born 1694.
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- ◊ Marion, born 22nd May 1700, married James Strang of Westhouse. Their family is buried in the Kirkyard.
- ◊ Patriek born 11th February 1702.
- ◊ Mary born c1705. Her baptism was registered at Kilbride on 13th May 1705. Mary married Robert Faleoner, wright in Glasgow.

William's son Patriek Graham 3rd Laird of Lymekilns (1st December 1721 – 5th March 1792) married on 18th November 1759 Margaret Urie born 11th April 1731, at Govan, the daughter of Alexander Urie of Holmhead and Margaret Barns daughter of Robert Barns of Kirkhill. Margaret died in 1801. It is through this marriage that the Barns name came into the Graham family.

The Lairds of Lymekilns would become senior Heritors in the parish. In 1860, a new house called Auburn Cottage, at 11 Eaglesham Road, was built for the schoolmaster.

Patriek Barns-Graham gifted the site.

In January 1920, Allan Barns-Graham gifted two acres of his estate as a site for the new War Memorial which was unveiled in April 1921.

Ref:

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Ancestry.co.uk

East Kilbride – The History of Parish and Village by Thomas Eric Niven

Fiona Dawson

CLASSICAL GUITAR RECITAL

On Sat 24th August, to my knowledge East Kilbride Old Parish had a first, a classical guitar recital and what a wonderful night it was. Iain Maedonald is from East Kilbride and on a visit home to his Mum he offered to do a classical guitar and flamenco recital in the church. Born and raised in East Kilbride Mike and his wife Sarah live in Madrid where he teaches guitar and is a member of the Madrid Guitar Orchestra.

During the recital Mike played some classical guitar, traditional flamenco and one of my favourite guitar pieces Cavatina featured in the movie The Deer Hunter and written by Stanley Myers.

We as an audience were magically transported to Spain and mystified with Mike's talent all from memory as he made his guitar sing.

If you didn't get the opportunity to see Mike live the good news is he is hoping to return sometime next year to entertain us so watch out for this future event.

An added bonus from the night was a wonderful £410 for church funds.

I have attached some pictures from the evening, thank you

Christine Tweedie



COMMUNITY LINK

The Community Link Team would like you to join us for a short Service of Communion on Thursday 10th October at 12 noon followed by Lunch in the Lower Hall at 12.30pm.

Also, a very big thank you to everyone who donates to Loaves and Fishes. We got involved with Loaves and Fishes in December 2021 and to date E.K.O.P.C has donated in excess of 500 bags of groceries etc., for this very worthwhile cause and we will continue to support them.

Norma Penman/Diana Ramsay - Joint Convenors



17th EK GUIDING UNITS

All our units are busy in the throws of making plans for all our girls from now up until Christmas (oops I said the C word).

The girls are very much involved in the planning and there are some events that automatically go into our dairies, Halloween and Christmas parties, trip to the panto to mention but three.

This year the girls are keen to do a charity event for local families so we have agreed to do a Christmas collect for a local food bank. The girls will collect from family and friends a list of specific items to complete Christmas boxes.

We will be supporting the church Christmas Fayre on Sat 30th November with our Chocolate Tombola, quiz and perhaps a surprise on the day so we look forward to seeing you there.

As you know in the past we have supported for many years the Shoebox appeal run by Blythswood Care. If any member would like to make a donation please contact Blythswood direct on 0845 456 9461 or email blythswood.org

All units are busy working on numerous badges and we will update you on these next time. On Sat 21st Sept some of our leaders attended a full day training event to refresh our skills and knowledge, as the saying goes everyday is a school day.

I am delighted to report all our units are full except Brownies where we have a couple of spaces, so if you are girls aged 7-10 years we would love you to come and join us.

Please keep all our girls and leaders in your thoughts and prayers as we move into the autumn

Best wishes from all the girls and leaders from the 17th EK Guiding Units, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Christine Tweedie

