



EAST KILBRIDE OLD PARISH CHURCH GUILD

Meets fortnightly in the Glebe Street Hall at 2pm

We welcome any women or men who would like to come along to any of our meetings or to join our friendly group.

Syllabus 2024 - 2025

2024

Wed 9 Oct	Colin Thomas -A Musical afternoon
Wed 23 Oct	David Atkins – East Renfrewshire Movie Makers
Wed 30 Oct	Ian Alexander – “High School Hoots”
Wed 13 Nov	Liz McIntyre Allan – “Beatris Potter”
Wed 27 Nov	The Jolly B's – Country Music
Wed 11 Dec	Christmas Lunch

2025

Wed 15 Jan	Rev Anne Paton
Wed 29 Jan	Burns Afternoon - Poetry and Songs
Wed 12 Feb	Lesley Mellhagger – “Cotter Saturday Night”-
Wed 26 Feb	Malcolm McIntyre – Project Crossreach
Wed 12 Mar	Vivienne MacDonald - Olives, Oranges and Overnights
Wed 26 Mar	AGM and Fiona Anderson- “Silence Please!”

Date for you Diary

Fri 7th March	World Day of Prayer
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HARVEST APPEAL

Our Harvest Sunday will be October 13th. As usual we will have a special appeal, half of the money going abroad and half to a charity at home.



This year, Gaza has been much in our minds. Christian Aid has launched a special **Gaza Appeal** to provide medical relief, psychological support, shelters and sanitation as well as community-led kitchens. As supplies are running perilously low, they urgently need our help.

The local charity will be **Women's Aid** who do an amazing job rescuing women, children and young people from domestic abuse, rehousing them temporarily, providing food and aiming to get permanent housing for them.

Please put your donation in an envelope marked Harvest Appeal and put it in the offering plate. Or use the pay machine in the church marked Harvest. Or contact Des on 074021 92610.

The closing date for the Harvest Appeal will be the last Sunday in October.

Mary Smith One World Team

MCMILLAN NURSES COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday 19th September we held a coffee morning in aid of the MacMillan Nurses. It was hugely successful and as a result Jeanette and Ann would like to thank all helpers and donators for raising the sum of **£853.70**.

One has to admit that the amount raised is most handsome!

Well done everyone!

Editor



MACMILLAN NURSES



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

OCTOBER

- 1st. Lord, I have no words or strength on my own and I ask You for Your help to see me through this day.
- 2nd. Heavenly Father, thank you for standing at the door of our hearts and waiting for us to invite you in. Please help us to hear your voice.
- 3rd. Father, I ask for Your strength and guidance in deciding what I can and cannot do with You.
- 4th. Dear Lord, please forgive me, I am not perfect; I am a sinner and sometimes lose my way. Thank you for always giving me another chance.
- 5th.** Today, Lord, I just want to thank you for all the angels in my life.
- 6th. Lord, help me not to lean on my own understanding but in everything acknowledge You so that You can direct my words, thoughts and actions.
- 7th. When I am afraid, Lord, I will put my trust in you. You are my help and strength.
- 8th. Dear Father, grant us wisdom to make the right decisions and courage to follow your path.
- 9th. Help me, Lord, to be a person full of loving words, full of your spirit, overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.
- 10th. "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you strength" he invites us.
- 11th. Answer my cry, O Lord, in a way that is good, acceptable, and perfect. It is best for You, and therefore best for me.

- 12th. Thank you for all who strive to keep everyone secure and safely connected in this world of digital communications.
- 13th. Father, I ask for strength and wisdom to find the best solutions to daily challenges.
- 14th. Father, Thank You for the Bible that equips and empowers me to live each day.
- 15th. Whatever our challenges, I will choose to “chase the rainbow through the rain”. Today I will give thanks.
- 16th. Lord, be with and continue to support those who faithfully visit loved ones in prison.
- 17th. Father, bless and prosper the works of my hands throughout this month.
- 18th. Lord, comfort those dealing with personal issues or illness.
- 19th. All things may change, but you, Lord, remain the same.
- 20th. This day, Lord, open my eyes to see the beauty in all that is ordinary – yet special – around me. Help me to be more appreciative of all living things.
- 21st. Father God, we bring before you all those who’ve had to flee their homes due to persecution and conflict. May they find loving communities where they can settle well and find healing from trauma.
- 22nd. Father, fill us with your love, and remove all selfishness from us.
- 23rd. Father, be with all who give their time to develop and support our connection with local communities,
- 24th. Father, please bless me and keep me today. Help me to trust in your goodness and grace, and to have faith in your plans for my life.
- 25th. Father, thank you that you have said “Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.”
- 26th. Thank you, Lord, for your sustaining love and strength.
- 27th. I will put my trust in the one who got me this far and holds my present and my future.
- 28th. May each day be anchored by Your peace which is beyond all understanding.
- 29th. Thank you, Father, for protecting me and forgiving me for all the wrong things I do.
- 30th. Lord, I ask for wisdom and strength in these times of uncertainty.
- 31st. Lord, give me a measure of your strength so that I might not give into discouragement, deception and doubt! Help me to honour you in all ways.



IAIN'S MONTHLY UPDATE



Messy Church - Making a Difference in the World

We will hold our next Messy Church on Sunday 6th October from 2-4pm in our Glebe St Church Hall. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult(s) but adults do not need to bring a child(ren).

We have fun, games, challenges, arts, crafts, quizzes, singing, Bible teaching and refreshments - All this and much more and its totally FREE! – What are you waiting for?

If you've not tried Messy Church before why not give it a try.

We will be joined by a special guest in October - Gary Brough, his wife Christine & their 3 daughters Eilidh (10), Morven (6) & Caitlin (2).

Gary joined The Church of Scotland as a Mission Partner in 2018 and he and his family moved to Mzuzu, northern Malawi. In 2022 he took up a new role as Capacity Development Facilitator at the CAP General Assembly.

He works with the General Assembly and its five Synods in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to help build the strength and sustainability of their institutions and development projects.

Gary will join us and tell us of his role in Malawi as well as teach us some Malawi games. We will also have a Q & A session when you we will get the opportunity to ask Gary or any of his family questions on their lives in Malawi.

Our groups have all now restarted and going well—

JUNIOR BADMINTON GROUP for P4 & above meets on a Friday afternoon from 4-5.30pm

CHILDRENS ARTS/CRAFTS GROUP for all primary school aged children meets on a Thursday afternoon from 4.30-6pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL is for all ages and meets from 11-11.45am in the upper hall at the church building in Montgomery Street.

Church Humour – Some children's notes to God

A Sunday school teacher asked her group to write a note to God,

Here are some of the notes she received – they are all genuine!!

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones You have?

Maybe Cain and Abel would not have killed each other if they had their own rooms. That's what my Mum did for me and my brother.

If you watch on Sunday, you see I'm wearing my new shoes.

I bet it is very hard for You to love everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 of us in our family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them.

In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You're on holiday?

Is it true that my father wont get into Heaven if he uses his golfing words in the house?

And finally, a wee joke to end on –

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth and his angels grew tired and were very weary. They said to him "We have been working now for 24 hours Lord!"

Indeed, said the Lord you have been working for 24 hours non-stop so the Lord said to them why not let's call it a day!!

Please keep all our children, young people, families and our wonderful volunteers who help in so many ways in your thoughts & prayers.

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

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PASTORAL REGISTER

Baptisms "Let the children come to me."

Emily Allen

Nathaniel Seott John Fishbaugh

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

Robert Fulton

Olive Venters

Betty Smith



EKO SUBMISSIONS

The dates for submission of material for the November EKO are: for hand/type-written copy **Sunday 20th October** and the deadline for submitting electronic copy is:-

Wednesday 23rd October

Thank you. *David Kent* - Editor 01355 237275, 07890



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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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