

**A**utumn has well and truly arrived. We are either enjoying the autumn sun and needing sunglasses or the chilled morning walks, wrapped up in extra layers. It is the time when gloves and hats come out of the winter drawers and find a space in our coat pockets.

There is something wonderful about this time of year. There is a constant changing of colour among the trees and shrubs and a hive of activity among the birds as they prepare for winter. And we must not forget that next Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>) the clocks go back so we get an extra hour in bed – unless you have pets that are tuned into their own alarm clock! Maybe now is the time to move their internal body clock back an hour.

So, as we celebrate Harvest and creation this month, you may have had an opportunity to walk past the New Halls and observed the fabulous apple tree which is 'growing' in the window. If you can, please go and take a walk down and read all the blessings that are written on the apples. If not, read some of the blessings in the photos below.

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Friday 16th October



New Kilpatrick Parish Church  
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Faith





## Online Shop

**I**'m afraid we are going to give up on the online shop at the moment. It has become quite complicated trying to put all the legalities in place. We aren't giving up completely and will take the time leading up to Christmas to have a shop open for supporting our partner organisations over that season. We're constantly learning during this time so bear with us as we learn how to run a donation shop online.

## Communion Service

**N**ext Sunday would normally be our formal communion. We cannot celebrate that in the normal way, but we will serve communion in church in a covid-friendly way as well as offer a communion service on Video and podcast. We therefore invite you to prepare for next Sunday with some wine and bread or shortbread. We are delivering homemade shortbread to many in the congregation who have been isolating and are suggesting using this old traditional version of bread for communion next Sunday.

Our theme will be simply 'extending the table'. We can find tables everywhere, each one a place to meet and share the hope and signs of the kingdom. Every table can be an extension of the kingdom table, so let us each extend our tables into one great table of love, grace,, and God on the 25th October wherever we find ourselves.





# Easy Veggie Chilli

**T**his was such an easy recipe to do that even I managed it (Jeanette!) It is from the BBC Food Guide. However, if you like your chilli with a little bit of a kick you will need to up the spices as this was exceptionally mild! Otherwise, it was very tasty. Remember to use Fairtrade ingredients whenever you can.

## Ingredients

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| 1 tbsp rapeseed oil                     | 1 yellow pepper, seeds removed and cubed |
| 1 large onion, finely chopped           | 1 carrot, grated                         |
| 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped         | 400g tin kidney beans in water, drained  |
| 1 red chilli, finely chopped            | 1 tsp cornflour                          |
| ½ tsp ground cumin                      | handful fresh coriander, finely chopped  |
| 1 tbsp paprika                          |  |
| 1 tsp chilli powder                     |  |
| 250g/9oz soya mince                     |  |
| 400g tin chopped tomatoes               |  |
| 3 tbsp tomato purée                     |  |
| 300ml/½ pint vegetable stock            |  |
| 1 green pepper, seeds removed and cubed |  |

## To serve

- 2 wholemeal pitta breads, halved
- 4 tbsp sour cream
- 50g/1¾oz cheddar, grated

## Method

1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 4-5 minutes, or until soft.
2. Add the red chilli, cumin, paprika and chilli powder and cook for 1 minute. Add the soya mince and cook for 2-3 minutes.
3. Add the chopped tomatoes, tomato purée, vegetable stock, peppers and carrot and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. Add the kidney beans and cook for 5 minutes. Mix the cornflour with 1 tablespoon water, then add it to the pan and cook for a further 5 minutes. Stir in the coriander.
5. Serve the chilli with the pitta halves, sour cream and grated cheese.

# Annual Review Of Giving

**E**lders are about to deliver the Annual Review of Giving letters over the next couple of weeks. Because we cannot stay and chat as we would normally do, the envelopes will simply be posted through your door. All the information you need is in your envelope and we invite you to take some time to consider the work and needs of the church locally in our parish, and wider afield. The generosity of the congregation has always been one of the gifts we give back to the whole church and beyond, and for that the Session is truly grateful. Thank you for the generous response to the Annual Review of Giving that is never taken for granted. You are amazing.

## Harvest Gifts

**N**ew Kilpatrick Church members and community have once again answered the call to help those in more vulnerable situations. We are collecting for the following charities: Glasgow City Mission, East Dunbartonshire Food Banks, and Glasgow Women's Aid.

The hall will be open each Friday morning, 11am-12noon, where everyone can drop off specific items. We will work a one-way system, and will not be able to linger or chat, but please wear a face-covering.

You may still have time to drop off packets this Friday (16<sup>th</sup>). For the next two Fridays we are looking for:

**Friday 23rd October:** toiletries and cleaning: bubble bath, gel, face masks, shampoo, and cleaning products for the home.

**Friday 30th October:** Children's items: writing and drawing materials, story books, crayons.

Every item will go towards someone very much in need. This is often the only life-line people have. So, thank you for your contributions so far and that which is still to come



# Thank You

**A**s this is my last Bulletin and shortly to be my final Sunday with New Kilpatrick as your probationer, I wanted to express my most sincere thanks for welcoming me when I arrived last August. It seems a long time ago and 15-months seems a long period of time, yet it has gone by so quickly.

The year did not turn out quite as we all intended and there have been some ups and downs as I got to grips with not only a new and final placement, but finding my way round (thank goodness for paper and online maps!) and then using technology in a way I have never done before. But I can take all these learning experiences with me as I begin a new ministry post as an NHS chaplain at the RAH in Paisley.

It would have been wonderful to be able to say cheerio to you all in person but that is not to be, so it has to be done on here. I wish each and every one of you my very best wishes and blessings for the future ahead. It has been a joy and a blessing to have served you as your probationer during my time with you. Thank you. So, although I will not be here next week, I hope you can join me in one of the Sunday services or at the Songs of Praise on Sunday evening along with Iain Maclean.

Although it would be lovely to see you at my new place of work – I hope it does not have to be in a work capacity. But if you are passing through, please pop in and see if I am there.

Thank you,

Jeanette

# And Thank You To You Too

**I** think we all want to say thank you to Jeanette for the 15 months she has been with us and wish her all the very best for the way her ministry is leading her into chaplaincy.

Jeanette, it has been an easy joy and a great pleasure for us to have had you with us. You have risen to many occasions especially over the last seven months where you, like everyone, have been peddling fast to try and engage folk in new ways, and be part of reshaping the church online. Ministry was never originally about pixels and zoom and social media but here we

are, and you've been very much part of the journey in getting here.

But more than that, what we'll remember are the conversations, the letters you have written to those in residential care, the phone calls and visits you have made that have encouraged and engaged folk.

For your preaching that was easy to listen to and came from a very real place. Your prayers, that held the world before us, and held us in the world.

And your friendship, the practical friendship, the care, the presence, the insights, the new ground of meditation and your creativity. I'm sure you have felt you were on new ground at times. We do too. And that's always a good place to be God's People.

Please take care and we wish you all the very best in your ministry.

If you would like to be part of a songs of praise where we can say cheerio to Jeanette, as well as say thanks to Iain Maclean who retired as Session Clerk at the beginning of the summer but we have been unable to mark that properly, then join us on Zoom on Sunday 18th at 7.30.

## Remembering The Saints

**S**unday 1st November is known as All Saints Day. It isn't necessarily part of our tradition though our tradition believes everyone is a saint. It is a day of remembering and on the evening of Sunday 1st, on Zoom at 7.30, we offer a special service where we can pause and reflect and remember those we have lost over the last six months or so, that we have been unable to fully celebrate. It will be a gentle, reflective service for all: those who have lost someone and those who wish to remember. Those we have lost in September and October:



James Gibb, Hamilton Crescent	18.04.20
Barbara Fergus, Mugdock House	06.09.20
Ann Blair, Abbotsford Road	12.09.20
John Harper, Gartconnell Road	25.09.20
David Mudge, Kilmardinny Crescent	02.10.20
Winifred Ryan, Campsie Drive	04.10.20
Eric Hudson, Murrayfield Drive	12.10.20

# This Week's Diary

**Podcast & Video services:** from the [church website home page](#) worship banner, from midnight Saturday.

**Phone Service:** dial 0141 465 5774 (after a wee pause).

**Sanctuary Worship:** 10.30am. But please phone to book before 10am on Friday.

**Songs of Praise:** 7.30, Sunday from our [Zoom page](#).

Saying cheerio to Jeanette and thank you to Iain Maclean.

**SingSong!** at 2pm on Tuesday 20th, especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our [Zoom page](#).

**Quiz Night** at 7pm on Tuesday 20th from our [Zoom page](#).

**No Sofa Surfers on Thursday 22nd.  
Instead there is a Session Meeting**

**Diary email** to give you energy for the rest of the day. Friday 23rd.

**Coffee Pot** at 10.30am on Friday 23rd, from our virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

**Communion Sunday** across YouTube, Podcast, Phonelines and Sanctuary, Sunday 25th October and remember to put your clocks back and bring some shortbread or plain bread, and juice or wine to your screen, phone or speaker.

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