

the weekly bulletin

Songs of Praise

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Friday 26th June



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

It would normally be the beginning of our summer-style worship on Sunday, having had prize-giving last week, and the 9.30 service would be beginning this week (remember all that chaos and fun - photos below to remind us). That's not possible this year, but we can still recognise the change of season, so you are invited onto Zoom on Sunday 28th at 7.30 for a big sing. We've invited half-a-dozen from the congregation to choose a hymn and tell us why they like it, and then the only thing we can do, which we haven't been able to do together for a while is sing.

Panic not, everyone will be muted so you can sing to your hearts content - no one will hear you except yourself (and half your street depending if your windows are open). So, come and join us for that one thing we've all been missing for months now. It won't quite be the same, but we'll just reshape it into a great online experience of stories and song that will remind us of what we are looking forward to when we are able to sing together again (which will be some time yet, even after we are able to gather in communal worship again). So, don't miss this opportunity. See you at 7.30 Sunday, 28th June.



Down Memory Lane

We're putting together a wee online event during the summer (no date yet fixed) where we'll all go down memory lane. It's a bundle of stories and photographs of Bearsden, New Kilpatrick, and a few old worthies too.

However, we are quite sure you have more photographs and stories than anyone else. Would you be willing to share and maybe tell a story about them? We have some images of the church but would like a few more, along with some past images of the town and area.



Imagine a museum coming to life, or a photography book suddenly being animated. If you have even just one photograph, we'd love to get a copy (just take a photo of the photo with your phone camera and send it as an email to the church), and we will create an online exhibition, and turn it into an event we can all come along to on Zoom.

Of course, there is a reason for this.

Beside that exhibition, we'll hopefully be able to create what the future might look like too: what have we learned, what is now possible, what we might hold on to, what we might reimagine, and what our church, congregation and community might look like.

So, two events back-to-back for the end of July and beginning of August. Go and do a quick search of the loft for old photos but we don't want to relieve you of all your images, just one or two!

It's fair
to share

Fair
Trade

Even if Nestlé have decided to not use Fairtrade chocolate on their KitKats (shame on you!), and we may now have to rethink our chocolate treats, we want to keep the whole idea and value of Fairtrade going.

It is one truly effective way of changing the world, and all you need to do is shop - which, admittedly, isn't as easy perhaps as it used to be.

However, here we offer a Fairtrade recipe for you along with others daily on Facebook this week. Give that so much baking has been going on, we offer you an additional purpose in baking: baking with a cause. Please note that there are generally no calories in Fairtrade recipes because, when you do something righteous like use Fairtrade ingredients, the calories magically disappear, or so I've been told. So, this week's recipe is:



Fairtrade
Banana
Cake

Cake Ingredients

500g extra-ripe, soft Fairtrade bananas
400g plain flour
280g unsalted butter at room temperature
350g Fairtrade golden caster sugar
2 tsp baking soda
A pinch of salt

200ml sour cream
3 tsp Fairtrade vanilla extract
4 large free-range eggs

Icing Ingredients

40g unsalted butter at room temperature
230g Fairtrade icing sugar
30g Fairtrade cocoa
2 tbsp milk

Method

1. First, preheat your oven to 180 °C/350 °F/ Gas Mark 4.

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2. Next, sift the baking soda and flour in a large bowl. Stir together. Using an electric hand mixer, add in the butter until the mixture has a creamy consistency.
3. Using another bowl, mix the vanilla extract and the sour cream together by hand. Blend this into the flour mixture above.
4. Add in the eggs one at a time to the mixture, beating well after each egg. Mix in the sugar.
5. Mash the bananas and add to the overall mixture until combined.
6. Pour the mixture into the greased cake tin and bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
7. Allow the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then remove from its case and place on a rack to cool.
8. Serve your cake warm or without icing.
9. For the optional chocolate icing, sift the icing sugar and combine with butter, sugar, cocoa and milk. Beat until smooth. Once the cake has cooled, spread evenly and serve.

Sofa Surfers

This week's
Life Hack

This week, we have a 'Life Hack' Sofa Surfers, where we offer you something that is going to make your life even more wonderful. We're going to take you on an online odyssey of free events.

Do you know how many free museums and exhibitions there are? Do you know how many free concerts SNO and Scottish Ballet and Opera are offering right now? Do you know how many free courses, conferences and talks there are online? Do you know how many art galleries and art exhibitions are only a couple of clicks away and it won't cost you a penny or petrol but will enhance your life experience no-end?

It's all there waiting, from the Louvre to the V&A, with virtual tours and videos. Or the SNO challenge: each of their orchestra members offering you something to do, learn, or experience online. We'll be showing you how to visit some of the greatest museums in the world and hear some of the best orchestras, concerts and talks for free. Thursday at 7pm.



Saturday Night In

After this Saturday (27th June when we'll be having a tribute night), we're taking a wee break, beginning in July. You are now allowed to go out on Saturday rather than thinking Saturday is all about staying in. We'll be back in August with some new ideas and events and ways of simply enjoying each-other's company.

Given few of us are going to be away on holiday, why not spend the time thinking of ideas for Saturday Nights that we can all share when we get back together on Zoom? It could be anything from a quiz to a game, our own version of a radio programme, or a whodunnit.

Have a wee break for the next few weeks and, hopefully, with us being allowed a few friends in the garden, we can enjoy the extra company in the flesh, rather than just online.

web site

A wee reminder of what you can find on the website at the moment, in case you haven't visited recently:

All the Zoom links and all versions of all the services, including links to YouTube, and our special podcast page.

A newly written prayer every day and a new Psalm, written by Roddy and Kirstin Freeman from All Saints each week, reflecting on lockdown, with a video to match.

All our appeals and projects: knitted hearts and button bands, Kindness Week and Mental Health Awareness, to Fairtrade.

Every edition of the Bulletin, podcast scripts and news.

Meditation exercises, encouraging and funny poems, photos and cartoons.

It's all at nkchurch.org.uk, [facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Up to date
online

Reflections on the Future

Jeanette writes: My probation at New Kilpatrick has allowed me to engage with, and in, church in lots of new ways. When you move or change jobs there is plenty to get to grips with. But recently, this has been somewhat different.

Before lockdown, the only Zoom I was aware of was the ice lolly! However, it does not take long to get accustomed to something new and now most of us are Zooming all over the world.

There has been the steep learning curve – more like a vertical climb – of using unknown technology and software. I hope you never experience the panic of thinking you have deleted the church website with one tap of a finger until with relief, you see it is still there – and intact!

I have used this time to do a lot of theological reading and get involved in various online webinars (new word for physical conferences!) and courses. Some of them have been one-off webinars and others have been weekly – being church in the community, *with* the community.

Just now, I am part of a six-week online course from Trinity College exploring *Distanced Ministry in Disruptive Times*.

Church will never quite be the same again, and conversations have opened that may never have happened in the 'old way.' For me, that has been a good thing. We do not know what the future holds but much of what we do will, I think, find a way into the future church – a blended way of the online and physical – working together, not disjointed. We have had, and still have, a real opportunity to ask what faith is, what is church, and where God is working in our parish and communities. Church has moved well and truly into the neighbourhood. Maybe we should take a leaf out of Dr McCoy's book and see the future with a new optimism of where God is leading us, "it's life, Jim, but not as we know it."

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it!



'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.' Matthew 10:40.

The Weekly Diary

Saturday Night In: 7pm Saturday 27th - the last edition before the summer! A special where we have a tribute night to Abba, Carpenters and The Seekers: quizzes, songs, videos - our own mini concert. Dress up if you wish. Log on from the [Zoom page](#).

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

Phone Service: dial 0141 465 5774 (after a bit of a pause).

All these services are posted for a week, so you can log on at any time convenient to yourself, no matter where you are.

Zoomday School: 10am: Beginners; 10.30: Sunday Clan; 11.15 JFV2. The last before the summer relaunch.

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 30th, joining in with just voices and a desire to sing in community. Especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our [Zoom page](#).

Quiz Night at 7pm on Tuesday 30th. Highs and lows and honest cheating from our [Zoom page](#).

Sofa Surfers at 7pm on Thursday 2nd: This week a life hack on concerts, exhibitions, learning, music, ballet, and how to enjoy it all free on the internet. Via our [Zoom page](#).

Weekly Bulletin published in time to read over breakfast on Friday 3rd

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 3rd, where we catch up with each other and continually say hello to new folk popping in. THE social place, beginning in the virtual lounge on our [Zoom page](#).

Saturday Night In: It's up to you this week as we're taking a wee lockdown holiday. Time to meet friends in the flesh...

Plus, the website for daily prayers, new psalms, appeals, photos and poems, news, and everything else.

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