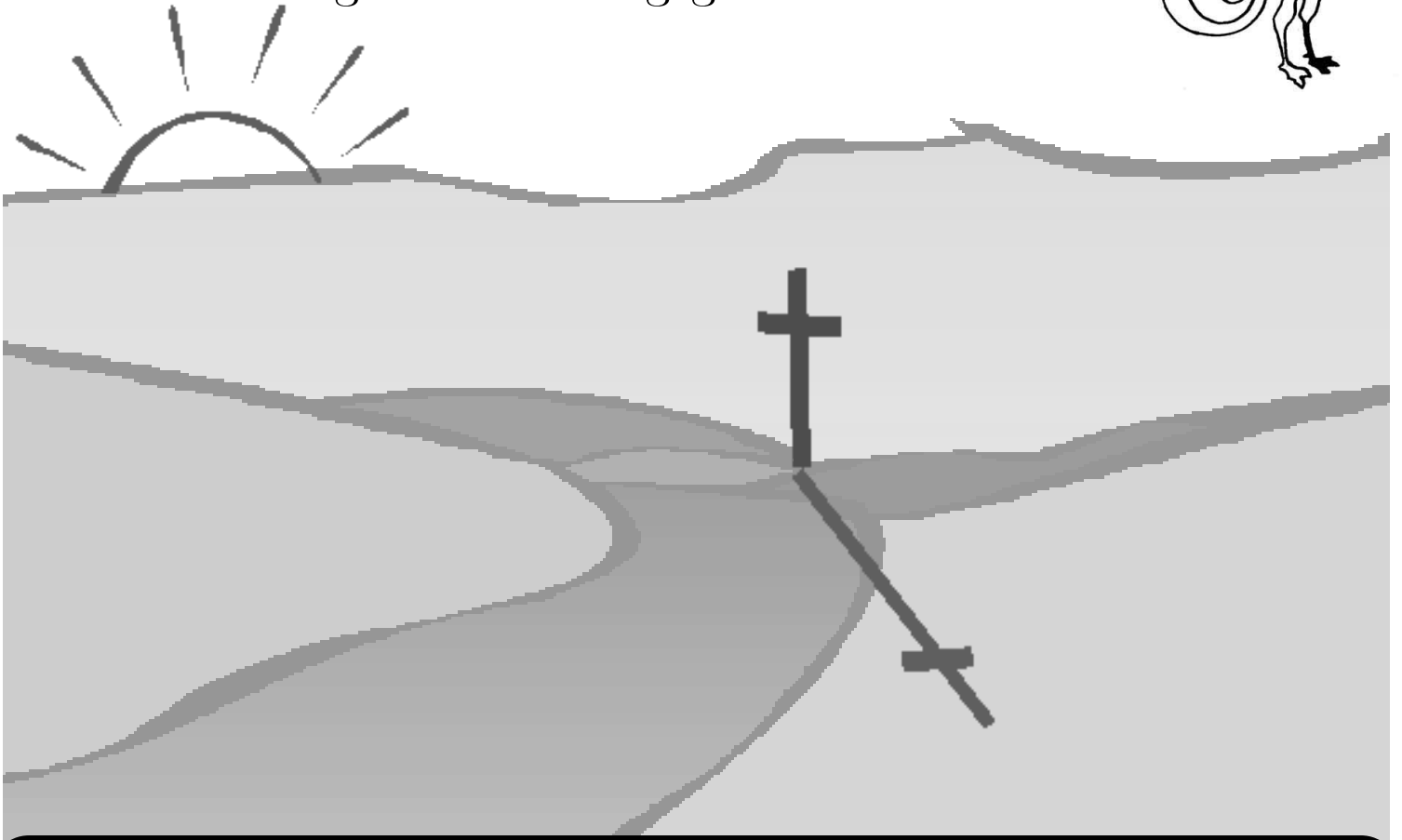


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Session Meeting
25th March—7pm

Cong Ref No - 291743

Scottish Charity No - SC011775

**Sunday worship is
conducted by Rev Anita
Kerr, every week at 11am .**

What's On?

Girls' Group

Monday Evenings 18:30—20.00

Carpet Bowling Group

Thursday Evenings—19:00—21:00

Something else happening?

If you have anything you'd like
intimated in the pre-service slides,
please contact Stewart Kerr
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The Wyvern Next Edition **May/June**

**Contributions for the next edition are
welcome**

***anytime during the coming weeks,
but at the very latest by:***

Sunday 26th April

email to

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The May/June edition of the *Wyvern* will be avail-
able for collection by distributors
on Sunday 10th May

Greetings from Anita



*¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord,
'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

By the time this letter is in print and online, we will have reached March, the daffodils will be with us, and Spring will be just around the corner. The end of a rainy season and the start of a windy one as the seasons change, and 2026 gets underway.

This is a year of change for us in Kingsgait Kirk. From 1st March, Sunday worship will be held in the Glasite Hall in preparation for the start of the Sanctuary refurbishment. Yes, it will be different, and it will also be the same, change and familiarity in one. There will be no PowerPoint presentation due to the space required to set it up; we will return to using hymn books, and everyone will be sitting on comfy seats!

We are setting out on a sort of adventure together, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, just like the rabbits which cause such mayhem on our daily dog walk. Jess the pup doesn't even notice them, whilst Jyp the older golden retriever becomes like something possessed as he disappears over the sand hills. Now, I am not suggesting for one minute that the next six months will be mayhem, but realistically, it will be busy, different, challenging, and exciting. Patience, perseverance and politeness will help enormously, no matter what has happened, or where things have been stored, rehomed or removed. I apologise in advance for the things we will overlook and the mistakes we will undoubtedly make. But please be assured we will do our best, and please don't be afraid to mention things or ask questions.

We are in all this together, and we trust God in his promise of plans to prosper and not to harm us, to give us hope and a future. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for prayer for the Project Team, the Kirk Session, and me as we navigate the next few months. We hope and pray that the plans we have for our church will give us hope and a future.

Easter Services

As we journey towards Easter, we look forward to celebrating the promise fulfilled in the Risen Christ.

29th March - Palm Sunday Gift Service - 11.00

2nd April - Maundy Thursday - 7 pm

We break bread together in the celebration of Holy Communion.

3rd April - Good Friday Service - 7pm

We reflect in a Quiet Service.

5th April - Easter Sunday Service - 11.00 am

We rejoice together in Family Worship

All our services will be held in the Glasite Hall.

Sanctuary Refurbishment - Pew Rehousing Arrangements

As part of the refurbishment of the Sanctuary, we need to rehouse a number of pews. A detailed plan indicating which pews are to be removed is available in the St Andrew's Hall. Alongside this plan, a booking sheet has been provided for those interested in acquiring a pew.

How to Reserve a Pew

Each pew is clearly numbered on the plan. If you wish to reserve a specific pew, please write your name and contact number on the booking sheet next to the corresponding number. Alternatively, you may contact Ron Chimiak directly to express your interest.

Collection Details and Donations

Pews may be collected after the heating pipes under pews are disconnected – we will let you know when. While there is no formal charge, a donation would be gratefully received.

Ron Chimiak

From the Finance Team - Bank Charges and your WFO

Since November, the Bank of Scotland has introduced charges on our current account, levied mainly on deposits of cash and cheques (75p per £100 cash paid in through the nightsafe, plus a flat rate of 50p per cheque). Electronic credits such as Standing Orders and other bank transfers are free of charge as are, within limits, payments we make electronically. What would we do without online banking?!

The bulk of the charges are therefore based on the banking of offerings collected during Sunday worship, through either the Open Plate or Weekly Freewill Offerings envelopes. So far, the charges have amounted to less than 1% of our deposits, but we are seeking to minimise these even further if possible.

How can you help?

While many members of the congregation make their contributions by standing order, a number of people still use Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes. If you do this, and **have also registered for Gift Aid**, would you consider making your offering by Standing Order rather than via the WFO scheme? You can do this monthly, quarterly, or whatever is most convenient for you. You set this up via your own bank - forms are available from either Alison Collins or myself. If you feel you would still like to 'put something in the plate' during the collection of offerings on a Sunday, small cards are available at the door for those who wish to make use of them (these are returned for re-use the following week).

If you are **not a UK taxpayer and have therefore not signed a Gift Aid declaration**, it is more advantageous to the church for you to continue to donate cash in WFO envelopes or in the Open Plate. We are able to claim Gift Aid on such offerings under the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme, so the small amount of the bank charges on the cash banked is more than offset the 25% Gift Aid allowance!

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Finance Team. Needless to say, however you make your contribution to the work of the church, it is greatly appreciated!

Morag Stalker, Treasurer, on behalf of the Finance Team

Christmas in Edinburgh

I went to Edinburgh (to my cousin Alison) for Christmas because my friend Scott has got cancer and his wife Lindsay thought it would be too much for him if I went to Carnoustie (where Scot and Lindsay live.)

I arrived in Edinburgh on Christmas Eve at 12.30pm and after some food I went with John and Alison (John is Alison's husband) to a Christmas Carol Service in the church that Alison and John go to.

After going to bed at about 10.30, the next day was Christmas Day, and after exchanging Christmas gifts with each other, we set off for the church for a Christmas Day service.

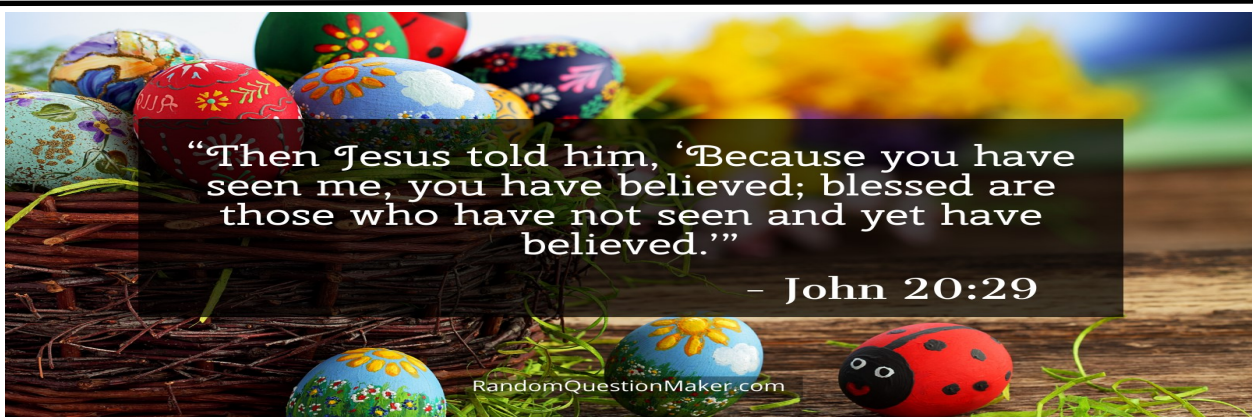
The Christmas day lunch was when nine people who were

1. Alison
2. David
3. Donald
4. Graeme
5. Wanda
6. Katy
7. Sarah
8. Isobel
9. John

Later on four other people came and exchanged Christmas gifts with John and Alison and I got a gift.

On Boxing Day, John and Alison gave me a lift back to Dundee and we stopped at Kinross for lunch, and I was back about 2pm.

Graeme Burns



Guild News



In January, we learned about the Scottish Bible Society's 'Bibles for Bairns' which is one of the projects supported by the Guild nationally.

Its programme offers every baby born in Scotland a **free Bible or Bible-related gift on every birthday until they turn five**. Family members must register their baby with the Bible Society. Anyone wishing more information should speak to a Guild member for more information..

.We were delighted to welcome back Claire who gave a short update on the work of Just Bee. Then, with the help of Ashley and Holly, two students on placement with Just Bee, she encouraged us to be creative. Some decorated glass dishes to hold nightlights while others decorated a small canvas. Concentration levels were high as the creative juices flowed!

Craig Wills, head of fundraising for CrossReach, the Church of Scotland's Social Care arm, gave us an update on the projects being undertaken. The main aim of CrossReach is to offer loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances. Although lack of funding prevents them from offering face-to-face counselling in person throughout the whole of Scotland, support can be given online.

Our final guest speaker was Jonathan Buchan, a Freelance Organist and Singer based in Glasgow who is currently Director of Music at Kings Park Church of Scotland. He has been involved in Church music since the early 1990s.. He is also Registrar for the Society of Crematorium Organists and Administrator for the Scottish Historic Organ Trust. His love of music also allows him to sing at Burns Suppers and Adjudicate at the Gaelic Mods in Glasgow.

Our AGM will be held on 17th March when the business part will be followed by some fun activities. Our last meeting of the session will be the Daffodil Tea on 31st March.

Sheila Valentine

Lent: 40 Acts Programme

Head over to the Kingsgait Kirk facebook page or visit <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/40acts> to follow along with the 40acts programme of short readings, prayers and challenges: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/40acts>. Below is the reflect, play and act points on the topic of 'blessings':

Lent 1: #Blessing

Reflect

'Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:32-35

Pray

Pray for the five people on your list that God would show you how best to bless each one.

Ask God to make your generosity practical and joyful, like Paul's example of helping others in need.

Thank Him that giving isn't a loss but a blessing that grows as we share His love

Act

Think of five people you'd love to bless over the next 40 days. Keep the list somewhere you'll notice it and pray for opportunities to bless them. If you want to get going today, choose one of those people and give them something small: a book, a plant or a snack. That's generosity in action.



Girls' Group

Having left Girls' Brigade, our Girls' Group started on 9th January. We have had a busy few weeks - despite the awful weather! The girls have enjoyed celebrating Epiphany with mini Gateaux des Rois (King Cakes); International Popcorn Day - making necklaces and, of course, making and eating popcorn; Martin Luther King Jr. Day; cards and gifts for Valentines Day and some Chinese lanterns and snacks for Lunar New Year.

Kingsgait Kids



We also had an important job to do - find a name and logo for our Group. I'm pleased to say that the girls have decided to call themselves Kingsgait Kids. Our logo can be seen above. You will find the logo visible in full colour in the online publication of the Wyvern. We hope you like it.

Lent 2: #Pause

Reflect

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?”

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.” Luke 16:10-13

Pray

Pray for wisdom to recognise the areas of life where money could be used more purposefully.

Ask God to show you someone who could be blessed through what you've freed up.

Thank Him for the chance to serve one true Master and find joy in giving rather than having.

Act

Hit "pause" on a subscription that just sits there. Add the amount saved to your weekly offering and bless someone this month.

THE ABANDONED KITTEN

A Poem written by Jim Adams

Tossed from a
Passing Volvo
Flimsy fur
Scrambling
Among hoarfrost
To her right death
Defying tarmac
To her left a
Winking wood
Plagued by
Probing predators
She sits under
The moon's
Cold waning
Hoping for
A miracle
Suddenly a
Station wagon
Screeches
To a halt
Friendly hands
Lift her into
A cave of warm
Leather. She
Snuggles down
Heading for
Happiness and a home.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5:17

Flower Donor and Committee Information

<u>Flower Donor</u>		<u>Flower Committee</u>
<i>March 2026</i>		
<i>1st</i>	Mrs. I. Dryden Mrs. S. Valentine	Miss. M. Graham
<i>8th</i>	Mrs. E. Davidson	Mrs. M. McKenzie
<i>15th</i>	Mrs. M. Hunter	Mrs. A. Galligan
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<i>April 2026</i>		
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<i>19th</i>	Mrs. S. Valentine	Mrs. A. Sanderson
<i>26th</i>	Mr. P. Davidson Mrs. S. Miller	Miss. M. Graham
<i>May 2026</i>		
<i>3rd</i>	Mrs. W. Petrie	Mrs. M. McKenzie
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<i>17th</i>	Flower Fund	Mrs. A. Sanderson
<i>24th</i>	Flower Fund	Miss. M. Graham
<i>31st</i>	Mrs. J. Walker	Mrs. M. McKenzie



The Easter Gift Service will take place on Sunday 29th March.



Church Carpet Bowling Club

With all the bad weather and illnesses in January, our numbers attending the bowling have been reduced to 6 on two occasions. The small numbers though didn't deter us, as we got the carpet out, enjoyed the company, several ends of bowling and a good catch-up over a cuppa both weeks. We were delighted to welcome Lesley Sharp to our club on two occasions in January and hope she will continue to join us for the rest of our season. Anyone who would like to come along to watch or try a new hobby, would also be made very welcome.

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