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**Queen's Park
in Autumn**

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Blessed are you autumn,
Season of the heart's yearning.
You usher us into places of mystery
And, like the leaves, we fall trustingly
Into eternal, unseen hands



From our Interim Moderator

Dear friends,

When my Interim Ministry placement with you concluded in April of this year, and I took the opportunity to retire, I agreed to stay on as your Interim Moderator until the end of this year.

This was for various reasons:

- to provide a degree of stability and continuity as the congregation moves ahead
- to help to enable the 'bedding in' of the new governance structures implemented by the Kirk Session
- to see the 'cluster' discussions with Clincarthill, Cathcart Old, and Cathcart Trinity reach a conclusion
- to assist in exploring the future relationship between Queens Park Govanhill and John Ross Memorial church.

With regard to our 'cluster' discussions, our plans for a linking between Queens Park Govanhill and Clincarthill (and also between Cathcart Old and Cathcart Trinity) and the retention of all the current buildings have been agreed by the respective Kirk Sessions and approved by the Presbytery. This does not mean that there does not remain a lot to be done, but it does mean that we now know the likely future 'shape' of the church in our area and the steps that now need to be taken.

Discussions are progressing regarding the future of the relationship between John Ross Memorial and Queens Park Govanhill and it is likely that each congregation will need to meet in the course of November to agree to what will be proposed.



And it is my intention to further meet with the coordinators of our various areas of work to assess the new governance arrangements. This should happen in the course of October and November.

I have also discussed with the Presbytery Clerk my intention to step down from being your Interim Moderator at the end of the year, and I know that consideration is being given as to who may be appointed in my place.

Meanwhile, I have begun a new role as supervisor/support coordinator to those who were probationers in the Presbytery and who are now being deployed in vacant congregations in Cumbernauld for a period of time to help these congregations prepare for the new shape of church in their area. This job will last for 18 months and takes up one day a week.

Did someone say 'retirement'?

Your friend,

David

Warm Spaces

A small group of the congregation have been looking at how we can offer opportunities to open the church building to the community during the cold winter months. But we need YOU!

We would like to offer teas and coffees on Tuesday mornings so that we extend the Lunch Stop. To do this it would be helpful to have an additional two people just to serve tea and coffee as the Lunch Stop preparations go ahead as normal. Could that be you?

On Thursdays we already offer tea and coffee at the Foodbank but an additional person for the rota would make that run more smoothly. Could you offer to do this once a month?

We hope to make the Wednesday Fellowship Group which meets on the first Wednesday of the month more widely known in the community. If you could help by taking a poster about this to your doctor's centre or any other group you belong to or to a local shop that would really help us.

A new opportunity! Could this be for you?

We are looking to start a 'Cosy Corner' on Friday mornings for families with young children. Our hope would be we could build up relationships with families who may be gently encouraged to come along to church. Timings would be 9.15a.m-11.45a.m. to fit in with school drop off and nursery pick ups. We would hope to begin on Friday 28th October after the school holiday week.

We really need you to help us make a success of this new venture. The only skills required are the ability to chat and to enjoy tea and coffee!!

If you can offer to help with any of these activities you can sign up in the Welcome Hall at any time.



**A 'Time to Remember'
Service at St Margaret's
Episcopal Church
353/355 Kilmarnock Road,
Newlands, Glasgow G43 2DS
3pm on Saturday 12th
November**

This is the annual occasion when we come together within St Margaret's beautiful sanctuary to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of our loved ones who have died - either this year or longer ago. Please join us for a time of peaceful remembrance with music, readings, prayers, reflection and contemplation.

As in previous years there are some within the Church family who have lost a loved one during the past year – you are especially invited to join us. There may also be others who have been bereaved for a longer period and still feel their loss keenly.

If you know someone, a relative, friend or neighbour, who would find this Service helpful and comforting please invite them along - and offer to accompany them.

Invitation cards are available in

the Church for you to give them. Refreshments will be provided at the end of the Service.

If you wish invitations or further details speak to David Smith after the Service.



CRECHE

Crèche facilities are available on a Sunday morning and any little ones will be very welcome in the Crèche room during the morning services. Thanks to those taking duty and this is the rota for this month.

9th Oct B Roberts A. Gardiner
16th Oct M. Borland M. Coubrough
23rd Oct F. McCall F. Campbell
30th Oct B. Roberts A. Gardiner
6th Nov M. Borland M Coubrough

Club 170

As we always say it is difficult to anticipate how many visitors will come to the club on a Sunday evening. With the change in temperature and days beginning to shorten in length, numbers are steadily increasing.

We currently set out three tables for six in the Gateway Hall but think we will be moving towards another table soon.

Our tried and trusted menu of soup, roll and square sausage, tea/coffee, fruit with sandwiches and cakes to takeaway has been in operation for the twenty years of the club. A recent addition, on a couple of occasions, has been macaroni cheese - which was well received.



There have been requests (and this has been tried) for bacon &

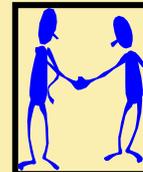
eggs. Once again this comes back to not knowing how many we are catering for. Team leaders are going to meet soon to discuss these possibilities.

We have a number of rotas associated with the club – duty rota for each Sunday, delivery of the message & grace before the meal, collection of fruit donated by Locavore (David faithfully fulfils this each Sunday morning) and more recently, a return to collecting cakes donated by Greggs on a Saturday afternoon at 4.30pm from their shop in Battlefield Road.

If you would like to come along any Sunday to see what happens, we would be delighted to see you. We have recently been joined by the sister of one of our Hutcheson Grammar school volunteers of a few years ago.

We would also be more than delighted if you would consider joining the Greggs rota - Even on an ad hoc basis

Club 170 Team



My dear friends

“We’ll Meet Again”, a song going round in my mind since hearing it last Wednesday evening (21st Sept.’22), sung by the NHSGGC Choir in Concert at our Church. It was the final song sung to us by the Choir bringing to a close a marvellous evening. A big thanks to Eileen McNicoll for arranging this for us! Great night!!!

**“We’ll meet again,
don’t know where,
don’t know when,
but I know we’ll meet again
some sunny day.....”**

Yes, a song made famous by Vera Lynn during WW2 that continues to touch our hearts deeply as it reminds us of loved ones who have had to go away and leave us. At times of sadness the song speaks of hope and reunion.

I personally feel encouragement and hope is something that we all desperately need in times of loss and pain and this is the great truth of Christian Gospel, Jesus our Lord conquered sin and death and by His

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resurrection has opened the way of everlasting life with Him. A life free from sickness and disease and one living in perfect Love with our God and in reunion with those we have lost and have gone on ahead of us.

Watching our late Queen’s funeral service at Westminster Abbey on TV, I marvelled that this theme of Resurrection Hope in the Lord Jesus was so central to the Message, Bible Readings and Hymns chosen by Her Majesty for this occasion. She had a living Faith in Her God and what an example of hope and assurance this was to all who shared in this national event.

Friends, in and through Jesus Christ, all who trust in Him, will have the certainty that Vera Lynn’s song will become a reality and a joy to look forward to. In Christ we will definitely “meet again some sunny day”.

Friends, I look forward to the future as we journey together, in life and faith, as your Locum Minister and pray that it will be enriching and glorifying to God.

Your Locum Minister and friend...

Morris

IT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER

1911	Britain's first escalator opens at London's Earls Court	1805	Admiral Nelson is mortally wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar.
1930	The British airship R101 crashes near Beauvais, France killing 48 people.	1863	Formation of the English Football Association which documents the first rules of soccer.
1967	Clement (Richard) Atlee dies. As Prime Minister 1945-51 introduced radical reform of the social welfare system and introduced the N.H.S.	1618	English courtier, writer and explorer Sir Walter Raleigh is beheaded on the orders of King James I.
1967	Transport Minister, Barbara Castle, introduces the breathalyser	1925	The first television transmission of a moving image is made by Scottish inventor John Logie Baird.
1860	The first professional Golf Tournament is played at Prestwick,	1517	Martin Luther nails his '95 Theses' to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany triggering the Protestant Reformation.
1781	British general Lord Charles Cornwallis surrenders to George Washington at Yorktown, Virginia, ending the American War of Independence		

“Daily Bread” NOTES: OCTOBER

My dear son

A man faithful to the end

Sat 1	2 Samuel 22:17-30	Mon 17	2 Timothy 4:1-8
Sun 2	Psalm 65	Tue 18	2 Timothy 4:9-22
Mon 3	2 Samuel 22:31-51	Wed 19	Jeremiah 18:1-12; 19:1-13
Tue 4	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Thur 20	Jeremiah 20:1-18
Wed 5	2 Samuel 23:8-23	Fri 21	Jeremiah 21:1-14
Thur 6	2 Samuel 24:1-17	Sat 22	Jeremiah 22:1-30
Fri 7	2 Samuel 24:18-24	Sun 23	Psalm 68
Sat 8	2 Timothy 1:1-7	Mon 24	Jeremiah 23:1-8
Sun 9	Psalm 66	Tue 25	Jeremiah 23:9-32
Mon 10	2 Timothy 1:8-18	Wed 26	Jeremiah 24:1-10
Tue 11	2 Timothy 2:1-13	Thur 27	Jeremiah 25:1-29
Wed 12	2 Timothy 2:14-19	Fri 28	Jeremiah 26:1-24
Thur 13	2 Timothy 2: 20-26	Sat 29	Jeremiah 27:1-22
Fri 14	2 Timothy 3:1-9	Sun 30	Psalm 69
Sat 15	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Mon 31	Jeremiah 28:1-17
Sun 16	Psalm 67		

WAY IN....to 2 Timothy

Paul’s letters to Timothy are two of the epistles written as letters to individuals (the other two being Titus and Philemon). They are written as a result of the existing relationship between the two, developed through Paul’s second and third missionary journeys.

The second letter is written close to the end of Paul’s life and his ongoing deep affection for Timothy as a son of faith is evident, as is his deep desire for Timothy to stand firm, even through suffering and to teach the truth and fulfil his calling. This letter is personal, concerned with Timothy’s own faith and the challenges leadership brings.

By Gill Robertson (adapted)

SERVICES IN OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Oct 2nd Morning Worship	Led by Revd Morris Dutch
Oct 9th Morning Worship	Led by Revd Morris Dutch
Oct 16th Morning Worship	Led by Revd Morris Dutch
Oct 23rd Harvest Thanksgiving	led by Worship Team
Oct 30th Morning Worship	Led by Revd Morris Dutch
6th Nov Morning Worship	Led by Revd D Denniston
13th Nov Remembrance	Led by Revd D. Denniston.
20th Suffering Church Sunday	led by Worship Team
27th Nov Morning Worship	Led by Revd D Denniston.

One hundred years of the BBC

One hundred years ago, on 18th October 1922, the BBC was officially founded as the British Broadcasting Company (now the British Broadcasting Corporation).

It was originally a private company, in which only British manufacturers were permitted to hold shares. But three years later it was liquidated and in 1927 replaced by a public corporation – the British Broadcasting Corporation – which had almost complete independence and, until the passing of the Television Act of 1954, a monopoly of the television service in Britain.

That year saw the birth of commercial television. The BBC's monopoly of radio ended when the Government permitted local commercial broadcasts, starting in

the 1970s.

The BBC is not allowed to advertise or broadcast sponsored programmes. It should also not broadcast any opinion of its own on current affairs and matters of public policy, and be impartial on controversial issues. In recent years the BBC has been criticised for not keeping to these rules, but they were foremost in the mind of Lord Reith, the BBC's first Director General – a Scottish Presbyterian with strong Christian convictions whose influence lingered for many years.



HOW OTHER CHRISTIANS HAVE TO LIVE

Iran

Nine Christian men from the Church of Iran stood trial on 22 February and were subsequently acquitted of charges of 'endangering state security' and 'promoting Zionism' by a revolutionary court on 28 February.

The men had originally spent nearly two years in prison, before being released between 30 December 2021 and 1 January 2022 pending a review of their sentences.

Among them was Pastor Matthias Haghnejad, and while he too was acquitted of these charges, he was re-arrested on 15 January on other security-related charges which date back to 2014. He faces a six-year sentence if convicted.

Egypt

A Christian father and son were killed by Islamic State (IS) terrorists in the village of Jilbana near the town of Al-Qantara East in Ismailia governorate, Egypt, on 30 August.

Salama Waheeb Moussa and his son Hani Waheeb Moussa were shot dead by IS operatives, seemingly at random, while working on their family farm. Their bodies were discovered by police after their family lost contact with them. Hani Waheeb Moussa leaves behind a wife and two young daughters.

India

on 29 August, a group of Nihangs, an armed Sikh warrior order, disrupted an event conducted by Christian missionaries in Amritsar, Punjab. The Nihangs have repeatedly accused Christians of carrying out conversions and have demanded that the local administration prevents the Christian community from conducting prayer meetings.

Cuba

Pastor Alain Toledano Valiente and his family have faced relentless harassment from the authorities, including through efforts to defame his character online. On 25 June he was given 30 days to leave Cuba or face the possibility of long-term imprisonment. He arrived in the United States on 24 July with his wife and two of his daughters. Pray that Pastor Toledano and his family would be filled with a sense of freedom and peace today.

Sudan

Pray for Nada Hamad Koko and Hamoda Teya Kaffi, a married couple who were charged with adultery after Mr Kaffi converted from Islam to Christianity. The law prohibits a Muslim woman from being married to a non-Muslim man, so a court granted the application for divorce brought by Ms Koko's family. However, when the couple later reunited, they were arrested for adultery. Ms Koko has now also converted to Christianity, but they are still facing criminal charges.

CHURCH VESTIBULE /BOOKS DUTY – SUNDAY MORNINGS

Would the following members please take up duty as indicated below:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Door</u>	<u>Books</u>
9 th October	Mr. Alec Comrie Mrs. Anne Coleman	Mrs. Alice Neil Mrs. Eileen McNicoll
16 th October	Mr. Jo Gibb Mrs. May Coubrough	Mrs. Margaret Brindle Mrs. Gill MacLean
23 rd October	Mr. Malcolm Leitch Mrs. Ann Marie Gardiner	Mrs. Daphne Ndlovu Miss Marjory Percy
30 th October	Mr. Alasdair Beaton Mrs. Joyce McNae	Mrs. Urska Cigale-Harrison Mrs. Jean Crawford
6 th November	Mr. Peter Brown Mrs. Betty Roberts	Mrs. Lisbeth Friel Mrs. Meg Woods

SUNDAY TEA ROTA - OCTOBER 2022

2 October (JR)

May, Eileen, Joyce McNae & Meg
Linda Durno & Janice

9 October

Mgt B, Flora, Linda & Betty

16 October (JR)

Isobel, Jacqueline, Angela & Lis
Yvonne & Sylvia

23 October

Vanessa, Jill, Joyce McNae & Jean

30 October

Mgt B, Flora, Linda & Meg

6 November (JR)

May, Meg, Linda Durno & Janice



Thank you

Lexa would like to thank everybody for the multitude of cards and phone calls she has had since her accident, She is now back home and improving—although not as fast as she would like. Thank you all.

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of tortoises.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- 7 I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- 12 I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with pebbles?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people polis.
21. Russian dolls are so full of themselves.
22. Blunt pencils are really pointless

LIFE AND WORK

OCTOBER 2022

A new design

The Very Rev Albert Bogle emphasises the need to explain why restructuring is necessary within the Church of Scotland and for a focus on the future.

'Do not put yourself into a box'

The Moderator of the General Assembly explains why it is important not to believe there is only one course of action in moving forward.

'I was given this priceless gift'

Thomas Baldwin meets songwriter and worship leader Steph Macleod and learns more about his struggle with addiction and recovery and the importance of faith.

Eating, singing and laughing together

Thomas Baldwin reports on the work of a hub hosted by a Renfrewshire church supporting people fleeing the Russian-Ukrainian war.

A new set of clothing

In the continuing journey through the book of Colossians, the Very Rev Dr Martin Fair urges readers to wear the qualities of Christ.

The nuts and bolts of faith

The Very Rev Dr John Chalmers reflects on the importance of ritual in keeping faith alive.

All this, and reviews, crosswords, youth column, bible study, church registers and much more. News from the church – national and world wide.

1. **Cases of illness or urgent pastoral need should be intimated without delay to the Minister.**
2. **Any person who would like to become a communicant member of the church should speak to the Minister.**
3. **The final date for submitting articles for the November Magazine is Sunday 30th October.**

TREASURER'S REPORT TO 30TH SEPT 2022



Open Plate	£ 308
Freewill Offerings	£ 6,855
Gift Aid Freewill Offerings	£ 38,233
Total	£ 45,396
Average per Sunday (39 weeks)	£ 1,164

OTHER INCOME IN SEPTEMBER

Donations to the Leprosy Mission £286.82
Donation to Pakistan Flood Appeal £290.00

M. Borland, Treasurer

Church Bank Account
Bank of Scotland, Victoria Rd
80 - 15 - 59 00404900



GENERAL FABRIC FUND

Balance at 1/1/22	£13,162
Income	£ 2,678
	£15,840
Expenditure	£10,772
Balance at 30/9/22	£ 5,068

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Autumn Nerines in Maidens

