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*Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate*

William Shakespeare



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A message from our Locum Minister— John Munro

Dear Friends,

How quickly a year can go by. It was Monday 23 June 2014 when I first set foot in the parish. First impressions are useful, though should always be open to revision in the light of experience. Appearances can be deceptive! In this case, however, first impressions have lasted. Both Pat and I felt the warmth of welcome on our first Sunday in Currie Kirk. And before that Sunday, I had experienced a down-to-earth caring welcome from the people I visited in that first week. I remember the first visit I made, and how good it felt to be back into a pastoral task. I had left Kinross Parish Church in 2008, and I was reminded by that first visit and by many since, of what a privilege it is to be invited into someone's home and into the story of their lives. So often, what people seemed to need was the assurance that someone had listened, and had tried to understand how their situation might be for them.

Now, we must stand out of the way so that your new Minister can begin her work with you. Both Pat and I would like to thank you for your care of us. We will never forget our time in Currie Kirk. We wish you God's blessing for the years ahead.

With love,

John and Pat

A message from our New Minister

Warm greetings to you, the congregation of Currie! As I write this I am in Aberdeen finishing my last week as a University Chaplain. By the time you read this I should be inducted as the Church of Scotland Minister to Currie Kirk. Amidst all the present practicalities like sorting through a plethora of books, decluttering home and office, and feeling the emotions of bidding farewell to colleagues, I try to pause to take stock of the fact that beyond the paperwork and parties, this is a deeply spiritual moment.

We are now in the season of Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the Church. When we read about the early Church, we learn how the Holy Spirit transformed people's lives. God's powerful presence empowered, inspired, guided and invigorated individual lives and the lives of whole communities. The Spirit moves in holy and mysterious ways, surprising us- even leading us into new ministries! We trust that the same Spirit always strengthens us and nourishes us for each journey. I am reminded of the moment in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* where Indiana Jones steps onto an invisible bridge as a leap of faith. For Christians, the journey of faith need never be boring because the journey of faith is a life-long relationship with God which never ends. God gives to each person the gifts of the Spirit as needed for that journey. Such gifts include joy, courage, compassion, faith, wisdom, and knowledge.

My family and I are very much looking forward to our new life living in and with you, the people of Currie. And by God's grace, I pray that same timeless Spirit of God may lead, guide, inspire and help us, the congregation of Currie together to continue to witness to the love of Jesus in and beyond Currie.





The Guild

Although the Guild does not start until 1 September the committee has had its first meeting to discuss the syllabus. Regrettably, the Committee is seriously decimated in numbers having lost five members through retirement and no new members recruited. However, the remaining members are in good heart and eager to get on with choosing an interesting programme for the coming year. The following incite into a committee bears no relation to Currie Kirk Guild, so if anyone should wish to join the Guild don't be put off—we are a really friendly bunch.

I'm on a Committee

*Oh give me your pity, I'm on a committee
which means that, from morning to night,
We attend and amend and contend and defend
without a conclusion in sight.*

*We confer and concur, we defer and demur,
and re-iterate all of our thoughts.
We revise the agenda with frequent addenda
and consider a load of reports.*

*We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,
and the points of procedure are fun.
But though various notions are brought up as motions,
there's terrible little gets done!*

*We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve
since it's out of the question for us.
What a shattering pity to end our committee –
where else could we make such a fuss?*

On closing I would like to thank Mary Thomson, Jean Dick, Sheila Law, Dorothy Collins and Evelyn Patton for their dedication to the Guild during their time in office.

Freda Robertson, President



Pictured are the Members of the Guild who enjoyed the Summer Outing to Glamis Castle. The weather was excellent and a good time was enjoyed by all. A coffee stop at the Scottish Antiques & Arts Centre was the first port of call for coffee and scones prior to arriving at Glamis. Following a conducted tour round the Castle the Group enjoyed their meal in the Castle restaurant.

Annual Display—Friday 22 May 2015



Cameron presenting Lesley with flowers and the cake which was baked by Shona Bogle.

At the Annual Display on the 22 May Lesley Helm—the Anchor leader—was presented with a birthday cake and flowers by Cameron Macleod. Such is the commitment of the staff that Lesley decided to celebrate her birthday with the Boys!!

The Company thanks the Rev John Munro for agreeing to be its Inspecting Officer and Hon Chaplain and his wife Pat for presenting the Awards and Prizes.

It was a truly amazing evening with the Anchors portraying a sketch of Noah, his Ark and many animals. The Juniors followed with a spectacular “Brands Hatch” Kazoo motor cycle display based on the Battalion’s figure marching competition. The Company under the direction of Liam as spokesperson highlighted the year’s activities in the Company Section, accompanied by Boys playing the trumpet, violin, piano, pipers and singers—a true cacophony of sound. There is a lot of talented young men in the Company.

This was a milestone in the history of the Company as a total of 8 President’s Badges were gained along with 2 Queen’s Badges. The Boys are shown below with their certificates and badges. The official Queen’s Badge Presentation is being held on Wednesday 3 June at the Kirk of the Canongate. The Guest of Honour will be John Swinney MSP, Depute First Minister of Scotland.



Picture shows:
 Back Row l/r
 Queen’s Man: Fraser Wallace

Presidents: Duncan Cameron,
 Liam Packwood, Lucas
 Johnston, Mark McCann

Queen’s Man: John Wilhelm

Front Row l/r
 Presidents: Peter Sawkins,
 Finlay Jackson, Greg Hamilton,
 Stuart Murray



Saturday 20 June Strawberry Cream Tea Gibson Craig Hall @ 2.30 pm—4 pm Tickets £3 or pay at door

On Saturday 20 June from 2.30—4.00 pm the Guild will be holding a Strawberry Tea in the Gibson Craig Hall in aid of Olivia Giles' charity '500 Miles' which helps people with disabilities in Malawi and Zambia and, to a limited extent, in Zanzibar.

Tickets, price £ 3 , are now on sale and we hope for a good attendance to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity.

Mary Thomson

Induction

**Do You Have the Date in your Diary?
5 June @ 7 pm**

**On the evening of 5 June at seven o'clock in Currie Kirk,
Rev Dr Easter Smart will be inducted as our new Minister.
Don't miss it!**

**After the Induction refreshments will be served in the Gibson Craig Halls,
an opportunity to meet Easter, to chat and socialise.**



Stewardship Update

As readers will be aware we have been undertaking our Stewardship Programme over the last few weeks. At the time of writing of the original 450 households contacted only 139 have responded. Thank you to those who have taken the time to do so. While the additional annual offerings promised for Currie Kirk presently stands at £11,000, it would be **much appreciated if the outstanding replies could now be returned to the Church Office to enable the figures to be updated to see whether or not sufficient income will be generated to allow Currie Kirk to remain financially viable.**



Kidz@Currie

We operate a Creche catering for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and a Sunday Club for Primary and Secondary school age. Children are invited to join the congregation for the start of the Church service at 10 am and then leave part way for Kidz@Currie. Kidz@Currie enjoy stories, arts, crafts and games.

All welcome—please come along and join us!

The school holidays are nearly here and summer holidays will be starting. See if you can find the countries below. Maybe you will be visiting one of them yourself.

Countries of the World



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| ANGOLA | IRAQ | NORWAY | SYRIA |
| CANADA | ISRAEL | OMAN | THAILAND |
| CHILE | ITALY | PANAMA | TIBET |
| CHINA | JAPAN | PERU | TUNISIA |
| CUBA | JORDON | POLAND | TURKEY |
| ECUADOR | KENYA | PORTUGAL | UKRAINE |
| EGYPT | LAOS | ROMANIA | UNITED KINGDOM |
| FRANCE | LIBERIA | RUSSIA | UNITED STATES |
| GERMANY | MEXICO | SPAIN | URUGUAY |
| GREECE | MONGOLIA | SUDAN | YEMEN |
| INDIA | NIGERIA | SWEDEN | ZAIRE |
| IRAN | | | ZAMBIA |

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Gibson Craig Hall—Painting Volunteers

The Fabric Committee is planning to brighten up the Main Hall and would welcome some assistance from members. The painting will take place during the period 26 June to 11 July and if you can help please get in touch with me on 538 1784.

Thanks

Graeme Coventry

Mini Bus Committee Annual Public Meeting 25 June @ 7.30 Gibson Craig



The Annual Public Meeting of the Minibus is being held in the Gibson Craig Hall on
THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015 AT 7.30 PM.

ALL WELCOME



SITUATION VACANT

Are you between 25-69 and have a clean driving licence?

Can you spare around one hour every 4-6 weeks?

The Minibus Committee is looking for someone who can fuel the minibus (garage in Currie) and, when necessary, take the bus to the Autoshine (near Asda) for a wash.

For further details please phone Jim Webber on 451 5112



Update on Mary's Meals, an organisation which Currie Kirk has supported in the past.



We're now feeding **996,926** hungry children across 12 countries every school day. This means we're closer than ever to #makeitamillion! Imagine that, ONE MILLION big smiles on the faces of kids across the world.

The continued expansion of our life-changing work would be impossible without our supporters like you who give as much as they can—time, money, skills and prayer—to help the communities in which we are working.

And other people are taking notice too ... Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, our founder, has just been named one of TIME Magazine's 100 most influential people for 2015.

He said: **"It was wonderful to be able to accept this honour on behalf of the thousands of people all around the world, who together are working to realise our vision – that every child should be able to receive at least one meal every day in their place of education."**



Spreading the word about Mary's Meals is one way to help us to continue to fill more empty tummies.

That's now easier than ever with the publication of *The Shed That Fed A Million Children*—a new book written by Magnus and soon to be released by HarperCollins. The book reveals how a series of miraculous circumstances and little acts of love from people all over the world led to the charity's creation.

Exciting times! Thanks for being a part of it.



"Sing a New Song to the Lord"

We've been very lucky during the vacancy to have had John. He has led us in quite a few New Song for the Lord, from traditional African hymns to modern popular songs,

"You raise me up" springs to mind. We have sung, to more appropriate words, a football chorus more familiar to the folk in the west.

No matter the source, the sentiments and words have always been in tune with the theme of the service.

Thank you, John

Helen Clayton



Dementia Awareness Week—1-7 June “Let’s Talk About Dementia”

The theme of this year’s Alzheimer’s Scotland Dementia Awareness Week is “Let’s talk about Dementia” During this week local events and activities are being held to raise awareness and help overcome the stigma of dementia.

The local dementia group PALM are inviting people to come along to have a coffee, cake and blether at one of their three local events. At these events you will be able to find out more about dementia including how to become a “Dementia Friend” and contribute to the Pentlands Dementia Friendly Communities Project.

Over the last year the local PALM group who run a successful cafe for people with Dementia and their Carers has embarked on the Dementia Friendly Communities Project for the Pentland areas of Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green. Supported by Alzheimer’s Scotland & the City of Edinburgh Initiative “Making Edinburgh Dementia Friendly” they are hoping to develop various local initiatives to support people with dementia and to make sure that they remain part of the community rather than being excluded.

This can only happen with the interest and support of local people. At the three events they are hoping to hear people’s stories, listen to their concerns and gather their ideas about what needs to be done to make our communities more dementia friendly. The events are open to all, if you have dementia yourself, are a carer, have a friend with dementia or if you meet people with dementia in your day to day life in a shop, local business or club come along and share your experiences and ideas.

The three information events are being held on: Saturday May 31st in Currie Rugby Club at Balerno Gala Day 2pm-4pm; Thursday June 4th in Currie Library Community Room 10am- 6pm and Friday June 5th in The Mill @St Joseph’s Balerno 10am-1pm.

For more information on Pentland Dementia Friendly Communities project or the PALM café contact Kay Latimer palmpentlands@gmail.com or go to the website www.dementiafriendlypentlands.org.uk



Making Edinburgh
dementia friendly



Community Activities

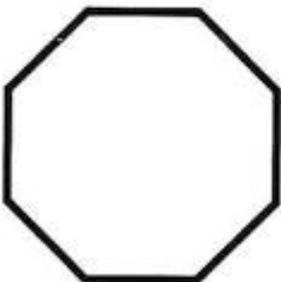
The Gibson Craig Hall is used by various groups during the week and, if anyone is interested in joining a group, please telephone the contact noted below.

| | Contact name | Tel No: | Day |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Baby Ballet | Claire Robertson | 07731 466147 | Wednesday |
| Balerno Bridge Club | Brian Rose | 449 5335 | Monday |
| Blue Sky Pilates | Claire McDonald | 07872 349073 | Thursday |
| Children's Dance | Carol Campbell | 339 2315 | Friday |
| Currie and District Local History Society | Douglas Lowe | 449-4349 | Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March |
| Currie Community Council | Madge Barker | 449 3450 | |
| Currie SWRI | Lucy Airs | 449 2565 | Second Tuesday each month (except July/August) at 7.15 pm |
| Currie Day Centre | Elspeth Frame | 449 3603 | Friday by referral |
| Highland Dancing | Michelle Marshall | 339 4704. | Wednesday |
| Judo | Jo Imrie | 01506 884633 | Tuesday 4-5.30 pm |
| Octagon Club | Alastair Hardie Terry Maloney | 453 3556 0751 466 4292 | Wednesday |
| Parents & Toddlers | Dawn Thomson | 478 1106 | Friday |
| Senior Citizens | Jean Smith | 449 5596 | Monday |
| Snack Lunches | Viola MacPhail | 449 4664 | Tuesday |
| Yoga | Monica Evans | 07986600432 | Tuesday: 20.00-21.00 |
| Zumba Exercise Class | Tom Lowe | 07980 692929 | Thursday |



The following letter has been received from Maureen Smith of 10 Easter Haugh, Edinburgh

“Monthly, for years our walking group has been popping into Currie Kirk for tea etc. The women who bake, and provide such a wonderful spread of scones and cakes, etc, are very much appreciated by us. You are very lucky to have such lovely people helping the church. I am sure they are worth a mention in your despatches”



Octagon Club

(for Adults with Learning Difficulties and Special Needs)

The Club's annual outing will take place on Saturday 20 June to Blair Drummond Safari Park and thereafter will take a break until Wednesday 16 September when normal Club activities will resume in the Gibson Craig Hall at 7.00pm to which new members will be welcome.

Alastair Hardie (453 3556) and Terry Maloney(0751 466 4292) on behalf of the Club.

Family News

Obituary: *Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"*
(John 11:25)

Tom Goodall, 1 Corslet Road

Irene Harper, 16 Pentland View

John Mackay, 60 Dolphin Gardens West



Please pray for the families



Christian Aid

The door to door collection in Currie this year raised a total of £6,136, which will be enhanced by a further £780 from those who are in a position to donate under Gift Aid. I would like to thank everyone who kindly donated and also those who so faithfully collected the envelopes during yet another year of inclement weather. This truly is a great result which will enable Aid to be sent to some of the most devastated areas of the world. Thank you all for your contributions.

Ishbel Massie



Flower List



June

- 7 Mr & Mrs B Eunson, 7 Muir Wood Crescent
Mrs M McDonald, 1 Featherhall Cres South
- 14 Mrs M Watson, 31 Muir Wood Drive
- 21 Donations from Kirk Flower Fund
- 28 Donations from Kirk Flower Fund

July

- 5 Mrs E Patton, 8 Cherry Tree Loan
- 12 Mrs B Dow, 48 Thomson Drive
- 19 Mrs H Stewart, 4 Forthview Road
- 26 Donations from Kirk Flower Fund

August

- 2 Donations from Kirk Flower Fund
- 9 Mrs M Davidson, 12 Thomson Road
- 16 Mrs M Greig, 45 Thomson Road
- 23 Mrs R Milligan, 1 Newmills Grove
Mrs W McLauchlan, 86 Lanark Road West
- 30 Mrs J Robertson, 7 Bonaly Gardens
Mrs N Wardall, 1 Cherry Tree View

Donations for flowers may be sent to Mrs Erica Porteous, 2 Pentland View, Currie, or left at the Church Office and cheques made payable to Currie Kirk Flower Fund. Erica can be contacted on 449 6894.



WHO'S WHO



| NAME | CONTACT | MEETING DAY | TELEPHONE NO |
|--|--|---|----------------------|
| Minister | Rev Dr Easter Smart | | 449 4719 |
| Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554) | Gibson Craig Hall, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Secretary: Ishbel Massie e-mail currie_kirk@btconnect.com | Tuesday—9.30am—12noon Wednesday—9.30am—12noon Thursday—9.30am—12noon Friday—9.30am – 11.45am. | 451 5141 |
| Session Clerk | Grant Gordon email: gggordon@btinternet.com | | 449 2554 |
| Treasurer | Hilary Leal, hilaryleal@hotmail.co.uk | | 449 3288 |
| Gift Aid & Offerings Treasurer | Ron Dow 48 Thomson Drive ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk | | 538 2313 |
| Weddings/Funeral Officer | Sandy Harper 16 Pentland View | | 449 4258 |
| Organist | Contact Church Office | | 451 5141 |
| Gibson Craig Hall Caretakers & bookings | May and Bill Sutherland 56 Thomson Crescent | | 449 7747 |
| Hospital Transport Coordinator Deputy Coordinator | Elizabeth Wood Jim Ure | | 538 0363 449 6498 |
| Kirk House Bookings | Isobel Paterson | | 449 6182 |
| Life and Work | Eileen Chadwick | | 449 2559 |
| Magazine Distributor | Jean Dick | | 449 6374 |
| Boys' Brigade Captain | Jim Webber : Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors | Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Friday 7.00-9.30 pm | 451 5112 |
| Teen Café | Viola MacPhail | Friday | 449 4664 |
| Mini Bus Sunday lift organiser | Jean Pringle | | 449 7716 |
| Mini Bus Bookings | Isobel Webber | | 451 5112 |
| Banner Group | Janet Robertson | Thursday | 441 1499 |
| Care Van | Fiona Pigott | Once a month | 466 1459 |
| Pastoral Visitors | Sandra Cranford | | 449 4639 |
| Currie Kirk Singers | Tom Masson | Various | 449 2561 |
| Guild | Freda Robertson | Tuesday | 449 2593 |
| Kidz@Currie | Elaine Rae | Sunday | 451 5384 |
| Messy Church | Contact Church Office | Last Friday of each month Gibson Craig Hall from 2.00 pm—3.30 pm except June, July, August & December | 451 5141 |
| Walking Group | Rena Milligan | Third Sunday of each month | 449 2017 |

Clipboard

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