

# The Kirk News

June 2019



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## CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

*Why not cut out this handy calendar and put it on your fridge!!  
(GCH= Gibson Craig Halls)*

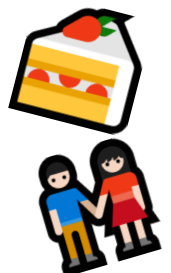
June	2	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	2	Sunday	6.15 pm—The Boy’s Brigade Annual Parents Evening—GCH
	3	Monday	7.30 pm—Good Book Group—GCH Lounge
	5	Wednesday	11-11.30 am—Prayer Meeting—GCH Lounge
	6	Thursday	1—4 pm—Celebrating Communities—GCH
	9	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	16	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk and Fathers Day
	23	Sunday	10 am—All Age Service, Currie Kirk followed by BBQ/Picnic at the Manse
	25	Tuesday	7 pm—Minibus AGM—Gibson Craig
	30	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Sacrament of Communion
July	3	Wednesday	11-11.30 am—Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	7	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	14	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	21	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	28	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
29	Monday	10 am—12.30—Holiday Club—Juniper Green Church—to 2 August.	
August	4	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree service following worship
	11	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	18	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	25	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship

**Dementia Friendly Pentlands** are running monthly “**Drop-in Sessions**” in **Currie Library** on the last Saturday of every month when two of the DFP Team will provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to learn more about dementia, and support available locally, to come along and have a chat. For more information contact: [dementiafriendlypentlands@gmail.com/](mailto:dementiafriendlypentlands@gmail.com/)



# Don't Forget Sunday Fun Club

Gibson Craig Halls—9.45-11.20 am—4 years +



## Kirk News

The July/August issue of Kirk News will be available on Sunday 30 June for distribution



# A Message from the Manse

## **Dear Friends**

In this issue of the Kirk News you will read a lot about the Kirk trip to Iona. I hope many of you will have experienced time on Iona whether you were able to be with us or not.

When you are on Iona, it feels like a liminal space between heaven and earth. On this ancient, sacred Scottish island where the sea, sand, stone and sky define life, you feel as if you enter another realm of time.

On Iona, time is no longer defined as a measurement for productivity dictated by demands and deadlines. Instead, life is pulsated by times for prayer and reflection. Time on Iona between sunrise and sunset courses gently between prayer times, meal times, fellowship and enjoyment of the surrounding beauty.

You enter the life and routines of the ancient Celtic People whose faith in God and prayer life was tied into the routines of the day. The fishing, the working, the making of bread, the lighting of the fire, the birthing of lambs or calves were all captured in prayerfulness amidst a deep respect for nature. Between the sun rising and setting on Iona, we are reminded that humanity is dependent upon seasons and tides and all creation upon the God who gives life.

For me some highlights from the trip included making friends from overseas, some of whom assisted with the worship. Another highlight was the trip many of us took by boat to Staffa island to see Puffins. One American friend commented in fun, that, "Here, now I just want to celebrate the creativity of God! Who else could make something as impossibly cute, lovely, colourful or perfect as a puffin!"



We cannot all voyage to Iona to find a sense of peace and quiet or to be still and live our lives according to the natural rhythms of the day. There are other demands upon us, other clocks insisting that we deliver and other people who are greedy for the time we have to give. Some of you may even work shifts which involve working through the night. So, I leave you with this Meditation I found on Iona. You don't have to go to Iona to take time, to be present in time, or to have time when you know God is fully present. Next time you are walking on a beach, try picking up a stone! The following meditation was on the wall of Bishop's House.

*In times when darkness seems to enfold you  
Let this stone take you on a journey  
Hold the stone, feel the strength, the solidness  
This stone was shaped by the rise and fall of endless tides and gathered from ancient shores  
Feel the battering of the wind on your face and the rain and sun renewing your being  
Listen to the breathing of the sea, the crashing of the waves, a seagull crying in the wind  
Breathe in the cool clean air,  
Feel the sun or smell the damp after rain or the seaweed drying on rocky shores  
The saltiness of the air and the renewing of your heart.*

**God Bless**

**Easter**



## New Elders



From l/r Louise, Hamish, Shona and Easter

It was a real privilege to ordain new Elders to the Kirk Session. We were moved and uplifted to welcome Louise Lamont, Fiona Piggot, Hamish Leal and Shona Moyes as elders to serve our kirk and wider community.

As a kirk, we have made a commitment to enliven, train and energise the Session. Bringing four new leaders into the team is a start. We are in the process of creating geographical areas where elders and non-elders throughout Currie can be ready to engage pastorally within the community. We hope that with the help of elders, you will play your part to provide welcome to newcomers and pastoral assistance to young and old alike. Please pray whilst we endeavour to create leadership and encouragement within Currie.

### Vibrations

With one last push,  
the wave lifts and lands me on the shore.  
Mist and rain blanket the land,  
and snuggled under the blanket,  
In the quiet coolness of the rain;  
the loud noise of routine starts to fade  
And as night darkens the day further,  
questions of wonder, for the day to come  
soften the noise again till it is gone. Forgotten.

History will not mark this as a first landing;  
there have been many adventures and misadventures.

Hard rocky places,  
where the continuous buffeting brings relentless pain.  
Soft beds of peace that invite you to stay longer,  
knowing they cannot hold you.

But land is land:  
sand, skies and seasons;  
until that land is home,  
home is different.

There are mysteries at home,  
where no path goes all the way round to provide all the  
answers.

At home there is security: no paths too long and winding.  
All paths from home end with only one place to go,  
back the way you came.

*Graham Wright*



# Monday Madness!



On the 20 May, 27 children and 20 team gathered at the Gibson Craig Hall for a morning of madness...and madness it was! We explored the story of Jonah and found out it's never a good idea to try and run away from God, he always knows where we are! Throughout the morning there were lots of challenges, games, songs and crafts, but we still had time to stop for a snack too. We had a great time



together which was full of fun, laughter and remembering God's love for each of us. A huge thanks to all the team who were there and for everyone who prayed for us—it wouldn't have happened without any of you. Now who wants to help in the summer?!

## Holiday Club!—29 July—2 August

Space Academy is the theme for this year's holiday club which will take place from Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August. Throughout the week we'll explore the biblical story of Daniel. Each morning will be packed full of stories, games, songs, drama, crafts and silly challenges. It's open to anyone in P1-7 and runs from 10 am—12.30 pm in Juniper Green Church Hall. Come and join in the fun!



### Holiday Club

Bible Stories **29th July—2nd August**  
 Games **2019**  
 Songs **Juniper Green Church**  
 Snacks **10-12.30**  
 Crafts **P1-P7**

£10 for the week.  
 £5 for subsequent children in the same family.

To find out more and reserve a place email: [familyworker\\_jvp@outlook.com](mailto:familyworker_jvp@outlook.com)



Heather



## !Summer POP-UP Cafe!

Gibson Craig Hall  
 Every Tuesday 10.30—12 Noon  
 Coffee—Tea—Homebaking

Contact: Viola MacPhail—07806 806920

All proceeds to Christian Aid—SC039150

## Good Book Group

The Good Book Group meets again on Monday 3 June in the Gibson Craig Lounge at 7pm for tea/coffee/and chat with book discussion starting around 7.30. The book is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman.

This will be our last meeting before the summer and we will restart on Monday 2 September; any ideas for summer reads will be most welcome. Look forward to seeing you!



Krys Hume



## Please join us for a Celebration of Volunteering

An event to recognise the amazing work of volunteers who support the health and wellbeing of older people in Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green

Thursday 6 June 2019 Gibson Craig Halls Currie 1-4pm

Entertainment, tea, cake and much more!

Everyone is welcome



The event is delivered by Dementia Friendly Pentlands (registered charity SC048360) and South West Villages Project (delivered by the Eric Liddell Centre, registered charity SC003147), with support from the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership



### Messy Church

After seven years I am finally hanging up my Messy Church hat and looking forward to new adventures. When Lezley set up Messy Church, she asked me to be one of the helpers. Under her guidance and leadership, we launched it with much trepidation. It was something completely new and we had no idea what the response would be. After Lezley left, I was not quick enough looking at the floor and assumed the mantle of organising each event.

Over the past five years we have attempted different formats. Pop Up Family Church ran on Saturdays instead of Fridays and, for a short time, after returning to Fridays, we ran Messy Church twice a month.

The advent of wifi in the GCH and the ceiling mounted projector made using the laptop easier and we could show short videos and put up the words to songs.

It has been a roller coaster ride involving crafts, games, food some of which was made by the children themselves, songs, not forgetting many unforgettable dramas enacted by the children. A Goliath who refused to stay dead, sheep disappearing on to the stage, a lonely traveller being battered by bandits frequently draped in my vast supply of shawls and wraps. We also had Easter egg hunts where the proceeds were then shared out so that the little ones didn't lose out—bigger ones may not have been so happy. Real Easter eggs and Advent calendars were often given to the children.

Throughout it all those of us who were in at the start kept going even through days when the helpers outnumbered the children. This stalwart band of ladies helped children to produce amazing crafts, sang with gusto, kindly laughed at my jokes and kept us supplied with snacks. I wouldn't have missed it for the world. But now it's time for others to take over and I wish them all the best in their endeavours.

However we spread the word of God and teach the children about Jesus, it is vital that we do it with a smile on our lips, a song ready to be sung and love in our hearts for them all.

Louise xxx





## The Guild

A wonderful day was had by all. Weather was kind—the cream scones at the Royal Hotel in Bridge of Allan were delicious. The sun shone in Callander where the ladies headed for the shops—Rogerson’s being the most popular with many pairs of shoes purchased. Loch Katrine was like a mill pond tho’ a wee bit chilly when we reached the middle but we were soon heated up with the chocolate drinks. Our meal at Bells Kitchen was great and, of course, our coach was a luxury one. All in all a great day out.



Isobel Webber

## 65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company— The Boys’ Brigade



It’s been another amazing year in the BB. We started the year strongly with a big increase in our Anchor Boys. We now have 14 members coming along and having fun in fellowship every week. The membership in Juniors and Company/Seniors has held largely steady and overall we have just under 40 members.

We’ve been focusing on introducing new activities in each section. The Anchors have been having a sunflower growing competition whilst our Juniors have been enjoying new giant board games. Meanwhile, Company Section and Seniors held a sleep over in the church hall to raise funds for Social Bite.

This year we have a lot of boys who have successfully completed their President’s Badge. Seven in total, the most we have had in many years. They will be presented with their badge at the Annual Parents’ Night on Sunday 2 June at 6.15pm. A warm invitation is extended to all the congregation.

We have postponed our annual summer camp for Company Section until September. We are looking forward to taking the boys to a new outdoor centre in the Borders and will report back to let you know how they got on.

Enjoy the summer!

Michael

## Crazy Crafters Quiz

Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz which had the closing date in April. Only two people had all correct answers, and the prize went to the first out of the hat—well done Kay Nesbitt. The next quiz is already on sale with a closing date of 11 June.

Ishbel Massie

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|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Storm     | 11. Smog      | 21. Tornado    |
| 2. Rain      | 12. Frost     | 22. Sandstorm  |
| 3. Sunshine  | 13. Doldrums  | 23. Tidal wave |
| 4. Fog       | 14. Acid Rain | 24. Mistral    |
| 5. Sleet     | 15. Hurricane | 25. Hail       |
| 6. Black ice | 16. Mist      | 26. Typhoon    |
| 7. Thunder   | 17. Monsoon   | 27. Lightning  |
| 8. Tempest   | 18. Snow      | 28. Earthquake |
| 9. Flood     | 19. Drizzle   | 29. Waterspout |
| 10. Gale     | 20. Cyclone   | 30. Blizzard   |

# Iona—The Magical Island

## The Pilgrim's Song

(Sung to the tune of Galway Bay)

Once more we sail across the sea to Iona  
To feel once more the joy of being a part,  
And recall again the pleasure and the memories  
Of an isle that is still vivid in our hearts.

To step ashore and get that special feeling  
Of a very special presence in the air,  
And we know that in that moment, we are welcome  
It's a privilege and blessing to be there.

Now we stroll along to our accommodation  
The Bishops House is where we're going to stay,  
To share together happiness and laughter  
And a time for reflection, and to pray.

Once we've settled in we meet again for dinner  
And hear what our fellow pilgrims have to say,  
As we share a pleasant meal around the table  
Self service being the order of the day.

Now it's time to sleep and get our heads together  
Looking forward to the next day with a smile,  
As we plan to explore again this special island,  
And enjoy once more the pleasure of each mile.

But as usual, all good things must have an ending,  
And soon the time will come when we depart,  
Though I'm sure we will return with many memories,  
That will linger on forever in our hearts.



*Written by Sandy Harper  
To commemorate our Currie Kirk fellowship trip to the Isle of Iona  
April 2019*



## Snack Lunches

**Snack Lunches** closed for the summer in May, having raised the wonderful sum of £3,600 for charity during the 2018-19 season, the highest total to date. At the AGM, after much discussion, it was decided to donate £400 to each of the following charities:

Riding for the Disabled, Balerno  
Friends of Muir Wood Park, Currie  
Tuesday's Tea and Tunes, Dementia-friendly Café, Currie  
Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Scotland, for South Queensferry Lifeboat Station  
Edinburgh University Cancer Research at Western General Hospital  
Palm Café, Balerno, part of dementia-friendly Pentlands

Last year's purchase of a commercial dishwasher for the Gibson Craig Hall kitchen has proved to be a great success and the balance of £217 due on this purchase was approved. £500 is also to be given for the use of the Gibson Craig Hall. The remainder will be retained for contingencies and equipment for serving Snack Lunches.

Many thanks indeed to all who supported Snack Lunches, whether as volunteer helpers or customers consuming the delicious soup and home baking! We will resume Snack Lunches at Noon on Tuesday 17 September when all are very welcome.

BUT we are always looking for people, men as well as ladies, to help with Snack Lunches, whether in serving customers, making soup, baking or clearing up dishes.

If you would be interested in helping in any way, please contact **Viola MacPhail 449 4664 or 07806 806920.**





# Currie Kirk Offerings for Tax year 2018-2019

On behalf of Currie Kirk, I would like to thank everyone who has donated regular offerings during the last year. If you have advised that you are a UK taxpayer, I have been able to reclaim 25% of your donation under the Gift Aid Scheme which amounted to over £23,000 in 2018 calendar year. Please let me know if your tax circumstances have changed, either that you no longer pay tax or that you previously didn't pay tax and have now reached that threshold which could make you eligible for the Gift Aid Scheme. Feel free to contact me if you require clarification.

Thank you again for your generous donations.

Eunice Stewart  
Offerings and Gift Aid Treasurer

## Thanks from the Church of Scotland

Recently received a letter from the Stewardship and Finance Department of the Church of Scotland to thank us for the financial support we give to their Ministry and Mission Fund. In 2019 Currie Kirk will give £92,268. Our contribution is used to provide over 720 ministers and parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and further afield and assists with recruitment and training costs.

It is also used to support work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; to further the caring work of the Church to people in need through CrossReach; to accompany partners around the world on our shared Christian journey; to offer the Church's opinion in public debate; to provide administrative, financial and legal advice, plan the General Assembly and ensure the Moderator represents the Church. The contribution from our congregation ensures a diverse ministry is maintained, and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared in many ways and in many places.

In other words, our generosity makes a huge contribution to the wider work of the Church of Scotland at home and abroad.

Gordon Clephane  
Session Clerk



*Kirkin of the Community Council took place in Currie Kirk on Sunday 12 May*



*Riding of the Marches: John Sawkins was representing HWU as he wished all the Riders involved a "safe out and safe in"*

# Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Halls are 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
Balerno Bridge Club	Sandra Renton	449 3527	Monday
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	449 4349	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Currie Community Council	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Monday of each Month —not July & December
Currie Day Centre	Dorothy Simpson <a href="mailto:coordinatorCDC@gmx.com">coordinatorCDC@gmx.com</a>	07562 142885	Friday by referral
Dunedin Dance Academy	Claire Robertson	07731 466147	Wednesday
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704	Wednesday
Move It or Lose It	Janet Corbett	07769 345845	Wednesday: 2.30—3.30
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	07743 067588	Friday: 9.30—11.30 am (term time only)
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney <a href="mailto:Clairomaloney12@yahoo.co.uk">Clairomaloney12@yahoo.co.uk</a>	07999 410721	Wednesday
Pilates Class (Fuschia)	Steph Bain	07773 270780	Wednesday: Noon—1 pm
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Sensory Session	Lorna Carr <a href="mailto:hello@thesensorysessions.com">hello@thesensorysessions.com</a>	07525 270427	Thursday: 10.00—12 Noon
Shoogly Peg Theatre Company	Zoe McRae	07884 133357	Friday: 6.30—7.30 pm
Pop Up Café	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday—10.30—12 Noon
Tea & Tunes	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Tuesday of month
Yoga	Anne Marie Crozier <a href="mailto:annemariacrozier@blueyonder.co.uk">annemariacrozier@blueyonder.co.uk</a>	07887 526116	Monday: 10.30—11.30 am
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986 600432	Tuesday: 8—9 pm
Zumba Exercise Class Thighs, Bums & Tums	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday: 10.15—11.15 am




## Tuesday's Tea & Tunes Dementia Café 2019




**A cafe held at Gibson Craig  
On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every  
month  
2:30 till 4:00  
Fun & Laughter  
Singing & Dancing  
Tea , Coffee , Snacks  
£2 pp  
Entertainment is Free!!**

**11<sup>th</sup> June/9<sup>th</sup> July  
13<sup>th</sup> Aug/10<sup>th</sup> Sept  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct/12<sup>th</sup> Nov  
10<sup>th</sup> December**

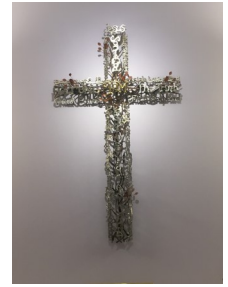


# Family News

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

William (Bill) Crabbe, 57 Dolphin Road  
John Lloyd MacDonald, Muir Wood Road, Currie

Please pray for the families



## Wedding

Michael Knott and Stephanie Earp were married at Dalkeith Country Park on Sunday 26 May.



## Christian Aid Book Sales

Thank you to everyone who donated books during March and April for the recent book sales for Christian Aid. The books donated by the congregation of Currie Kirk, go to Morningside United Church, Holy Corner, for logistical and practical reasons. They have told us that they are delighted to have had their best year ever bringing in a total of £16,580. This is a marvellous feat for them as they put in a great deal of time, work and effort to achieve this, but it could not be done without the support of those who have a 'spring clean' each year.

Ishbel Massie

## June Flower List

2019

2 Mr & Mrs B Eunson  
Mrs M McDonald

9 Mrs S Moyes



16 Mrs M Watson

23 Donations from Flower Fund

30 Donations from Flower Fund

Should anyone wish information regarding donations to the Flower Fund please contact Margaret Matheson:  
m.matheson@blueyonder.co.uk; or telephone 075190 45866



# 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 Halls, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Administrator: Nina Valvona Email 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	Gordon Clephane Email: gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk		449 2313
Treasurer	Eddie Pigott Email: pigottsef@icloud.com		466 1459
Offerings & Gift Aid Treasurer	Eunice Stewart eunicestewart48@gmail.com		449 6832
Data Protection Officer	Contact church office		451 5141
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Halls bookings	Ann Proudfoot	<a href="mailto:ckgchbooking@gmail.com">ckgchbooking@gmail.com</a>	449 7739
Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker	Jim Ness		07504 420671
Hospital Transport Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood		538 0363
Deputy Coordinator	Jim Ure		449 6498
Life and Work	Eileen Chadwick		449 2559
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		451 5141
Boys' Brigade Captain	Michael Knott    Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Sunday 6.30-8.30	440 3216
Mini Bus Sunday lift organiser	Margaret Russell		449 5917
Mini Bus Bookings	Isobel Webber		451 5112
Banner Group	Janet Robertson	Tuesday	441 1499
Care Van	Fiona Pigott	Once a month	466 1459
Pastoral Visitors	Rev Dr Easter Smart		449 4719
Currie Kirk Singers	Gordon Cranford	Various	531 0416
Guild	Isobel Webber	Tuesday	451 5112
Sunday Fun Club	Heather Merriman—Email: familyworker_jvp@outlook.com	Sunday—9.45– 11.20 am	
Messy Church	Contact Heather Email: familyworker_jvp@outlook.com	Last Friday of the month Gibson Craig Halls from 2.00—4.00 pm (term time only)	
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month	466 1115



## The Kirk News

Can now be found on the Currie Kirk Website with one click to <http://www.curriekirk.org/Kirknews>—why not mark it as a favourite. **Articles for the June issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to [isobelwebber@btinternet.com](mailto:isobelwebber@btinternet.com) before or by Friday 21 June.**  
**Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.**

