

The Kirk News

September 2019



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CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

Why not cut out this handy calendar and put it on your fridge!!

(GCH= Gibson Craig Halls)

September	1 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree service following worship
	2 Monday	7 pm —Good Book Group—Lounge, GCH
	3 Tuesday	10 am —Guild—Fiona Sutherland “Join up the Dots” Crossreach—Guild Project—GCH
	4 Wednesday	11-11.30 am —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	6 Friday	7.00 pm —Guild Quiz Night, GCH
	8 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	13 -16	BB Weekend Camp
	15 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk—Guild Rededication Service
	17 Tuesday	2.00 pm —Guild—Rolf Billes “Continuity and Change”
	17 Tuesday	12 Noon—1.30 —Snack Lunches resume—GCH
	17 Tuesday	8 pm —Care Van
	20 Friday	7.30 pm —Fund Raising Concert—GCH—Musical Moments from the Musicals
	22 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk—Harvest Thanksgiving—All Age Service
	27 Friday	10 am—1 pm —Macmillan Coffee Morning—Currie Kirk
	27 Friday	2 pm —Messy Church—GCH
	29 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
October	1 Tuesday	10 am —Guild—Tom Gordon—Did it Actually Happen like that?—GCH
	2 Wednesday	11-11.30 am —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	6 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree service following worship
	6 Sunday	7—11 pm —Bethany Care Shelter
	7 Monday	7 pm —Good Book Group—Lounge, GCH
	10 Thursday	7.30 pm —Session Meeting—Currie Kirk
	13 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	15 Tuesday	2 pm —Guild—Dr Elsie Inglis—Mr Iain Macintyre
	15 Tuesday	8 pm —Care Van
	19 Saturday	10 am —Guild Coffee Morning in aid of Crossreach
	20 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	21 Monday	9.30—12.30 — Monday Madness—Juniper Green Parish Church
25 Friday	2 pm —Messy Church—GCH	
27 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with Sacrament of Communion	
November	3 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree service following worship
	4 Monday	7 pm —Good Book Group—Lounge, GCH
	5 Tuesday	10 am —Guild—Eric Melvin—George IV Visit to Edinburgh—GCH
	6 Wednesday	11-11.30 —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	9 Saturday	7.30 pm —Trenches Unforgotten—GCH
	10 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	13 Wednesday	7—11 pm —Bethany Care Shelter
	17 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	19 Tuesday	2 pm —Guild—Golden America Part III—Fred Daniels—GCH
	19 Tuesday	8 pm —Care Van
	24 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
29 Friday	2 pm —Messy Church	
30 Saturday	2—4 pm —Christmas Fayre—GCH	

Kirk News

The October issue of Kirk News will be available on Sunday 29 September for distribution



A Message from the Manse

Dear Friends

Back in the Spring when Mum visited, there were lots of odd weeds cropping up in the Manse Garden. I wanted to pluck them but Mum said wait and see! So we did.

The plants grew annoyingly taller until one day I looked out to discover they were Foxgloves.

They have bloomed all summer—all pink and white. Foxgloves are unpopular weeds it seems. Only a few kind folk upgrade them to the status of “wild flower” but despite this, their distinct beauty is a reminder of the unique glory of God’s creation.

However, it was not only I who enjoyed them. The bees went in and out of the pink and white trumpets all day. Whilst the bees were hard at work, they also seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely. We love bees because they work hard together like a family to bring good things like pollination and honey. We are indebted to bees for all the good they do!

I am conscious that this is the season for many of us to return to hard work. That is especially true for families for whom school routines resume and holidays are over. We are also surrounded by farmers working long hours to bring in harvests.

Sometimes our attitude to hard work is negative, because there may be heavy pressures put upon us; but I think we might learn something from the bees. Work should be something we enjoy.

I am excited to be back in Currie after a summer break with family

and to kick off this autumn season together with you all. Many people besides me invest themselves in the work of the Church because it is something they enjoy and it keeps us connected. For me, working and serving the Kirk and Currie is hard work but it is also a joy, and I know others feel the same. It is a blessing and a joy because we bring about good things together.

So if you would like to get more connected, there are lots of ways to join in. You might like the following.

- ◆ Assist with the ministries to children on Sundays or at Messy Church
- ◆ Join a hospitality team on a Sunday or a cleaning team (every six weeks or so)
- ◆ Feed the Homeless in the Bethany Care Van
- ◆ Make soup or bake for Tuesday Soup Lunches
- ◆ Volunteer with Fresh Start
- ◆ Join the Guild
- ◆ Sing in the Festival Choir or with the Kirk Singers or the Guided Lillies
- ◆ Donate to the Church, or to the Minibus, or to the Youth Outreach Fund
- ◆ Sponsor a Boy in the BB or sign up to help
- ◆ Pray—join the Prayer Confidential Prayer Covenant team
- ◆ Arrange Flowers for a Sunday or deliver flowers on a Sunday

- ◆ Become a pastoral visitor to the elderly or infirm
- ◆ Support a family under stress by providing occasional childcare or respite

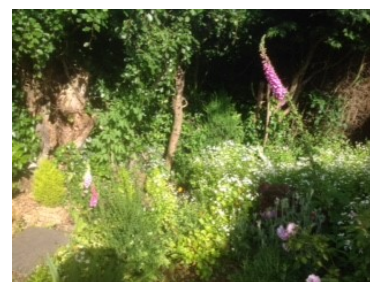
**Some activities may need Child Protection Checks*

God Bless

Easter

The Manse Garden—
A bee and butterfly paradise.

Foxgloves are too pretty to be called weeds.



MAGICAL MOMENTS

FROM THE

MUSICALS

COME AND JOIN

Debbie McConnell and Marcie Robertson

for an evening of musical entertainment and nostalgia on;

Friday 20th September

at 7.30 pm

in the Gibson Craig Hall, Currie

Admission free

but donations would be very greatly appreciated to be split between Currie Kirk and



A certificate of recognition was awarded to volunteers from Currie Snack Lunches recognising the amazing work of volunteers who support health and wellbeing in older people in Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green



Knitters of Currie and Beyond:

A reminder to all our knitters who have been busy knitting hats and jumpers for the Syrian Refugees in Lebanon the deadline is **30 September 2019**.

Please hand in all jumpers and hats during the month of September to the Church Office or leave in the box in the reception area at Church.

Many thanks
Margaret Watson



!Summer POP-UP Cafe!

Closed for the season on 27 August raising over £1200 for Christian Aid.

Thanks to all our regular customers! Snack lunches resume on Tuesday 17 September—12 Noon—1.30 pm for soup and home baking.

ALL WELCOME



The Guild



Quiz Night
Friday 6 September 2019 at 7 pm
Gibson Craig Hall—All Welcome
Tickets available from the Kirk Office
Adults £5 includes refreshments
Children FREE.

Proceeds to Guild charity “CrossReach”

The Guild returns on Tuesday 3 September at 10 am in the Gibson Craig Hall where our speaker will be Rebecca Tennant from CrossReach. We also look forward to welcoming the Rev Rolf Billes, Minister of Colinton Parish Church on 17 September at 2 pm who will be speaking on Continuity and Change.

Once again we welcome “returning” and “new” members. We enjoy fellowship together over a cup of tea/ coffee prior to the meetings commencing.

Our Rededication Service this year is being held on Sunday 15 September in Currie Kirk at 10 am to coincide with Guild Week.

All Welcome—looking forward to another great year with the Currie Guild.

Isobel Webber

Crazy Crafters

Thank you to all who supported the last quiz—it was obviously much easier as we had ten people with all correct entries. Unfortunately, there can only be one winner and the first out of the hat was Mary Matthews. For those of you who are perhaps still looking for an odd answer, they are listed below:-



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| 1. Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs | 11. Enid Blyton wrote about the secret 7 | 20. Sean Connery played 007 in From Russia with Love |
| 2. 7 Wonders of the world | 12. The 7 years war | 21. G is the 7th letter of the alphabet |
| 3. In 7th Heaven | 13. The dance of the 7 Veils | 22. There are 7 red stripes on the American flag |
| 4. 7 Deadly Sins | 14. Seven-league boots | 23. 7 virtues |
| 5. 7 Brides for 7 Brothers | 15. 7 hills of Rome | 24. 7 swans a swimming |
| 6. Sailing the 7 seas | 16. The Magnificent 7 | 25. Groups of 7 are called Septets |
| 7. Heptagons have 7 sides | 17. Judges is the 7th book of the Bible | |
| 8. The 7 year itch | 18. 7 colours of the Rainbow | |
| 9. The 7 pillars of wisdom | 19. The black ball in snooker is worth 7 points | |
| 10. July is the 7th month of the year | | |

As these quizzes have all been to help us to buy crafting material for the Christmas Fayre, it seems appropriate that the final quiz (which is on sale now) has a Christmas theme—all the answers are Christmas related, but that is as far as the hints go!

If you require a 2020 calendar to give to a family member, you may wish to consider one of those created by the crafting group—all Scottish scenes. There are two types available, priced at £5.00 and £6.00, and they are available to view and order, at the Kirk Office.

Ishbel Massie

Holiday Club 2019



This year we ran Space Academy and explored the Biblical story of Daniel. As we learned facts about space, told space jokes and made space crafts, we also explored how Daniel and his friends faced a similar situation of experiencing the unknown when they were taken from their home in Jerusalem to Babylon. Babylon was a place where everything was different and strange, from the food to the language, the clothes to the culture, having their names changed to fit in and being surrounded by people who worshipped idols and false gods. Yet we found out that Daniel and his friends stood up for God, even though it meant they faced death on more than one occasion. They were faithful to God and he provided everything they needed to survive and thrive in this foreign land. We heard about God's great power and that not only did he help people in Biblical times, but he can help and make a difference to our lives today too.



Over the week we had 40 children join us, some only for a couple of days, but each one left with a smile on their face, a memory verse in their hand and having learnt something more about God.



More than that they got to experience God's love through the care of the fantastic team that we had.

Our team was made up of people from the local communities and churches and we were all united through Christ as we served him together. We had a great bunch of 5 young leaders who were so enthusiastic and



encouraging throughout the week. They took initiative in helping with crafts, leading the games, acting in the drama and so much more, it was wonderful to have each one of them there.

Each morning was filled with songs, games, crafts, challenges, memory verses, snacks, stories, drama, jokes and more! We spent time in groups looking at the Bible story in more detail and wondering what difference God could make to our lives.

One boy came rushing in on the second morning, excited to tell his group leader the memory verse he had learned. After reciting it, the leader showed him how to look it up in the Bible. He was thrilled to see the words he had memorised written there before him. He then went round other leaders showing them the verse in the Bible. His comment was "the Bible is fantastic!"

Often we never know the impact we have during weeks like this, but I was encouraged by one parent who contacted me to say that the week had been a turnaround for her child who hadn't had an easy summer. She came home each day singing the songs and telling what she had learnt and was found the day after holiday club having woken up and picked up her Bible to read.

Overall we had a fantastic week and I can't wait for our next activity day in October!





Messy Church is back! Join us on Friday 27 September at the Gibson Craig Hall from 2.00—3.30pm. We'll have refreshments, games, crafts and songs all linked to a Bible story or character. An opportunity for families to do church together through creativity, celebration and hospitality.

For more information contact Heather Merriman:
familyworker_jvp@outlook.com

Diadem (taken from Life & Work, June 2019).

The former Stenhouse St Aidan's Parish Church building has had a £220,000 refurbishment, including a new extension housing a toilet block and showers, and has been renamed 'Diadem'. The emergency accommodation project, which opened on 21 December last year on a trial basis is a joint venture between Gorgie, Dalry, Stenhouse Church of Scotland and Bethany Christian Trust. It provides a permanent home for Bethany's Care Shelter, which has hitherto rotated round different churches in the capital. Where previously users of the Care Shelter slept on mattresses on the floor, at Diadem they get a bed and a shower. An average of 60 people, many of whom are ferried there by minibus, have used the facility each night in the first year.

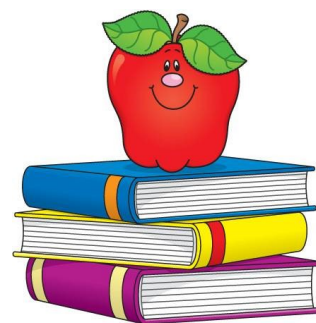
Volunteers from around 70 congregations in Edinburgh use the kitchen to cook a two-course meal for service users each night. A secondhand clothes bank is available and a light breakfast is served in the morning. Representatives from different support services visit the project on a regular basis to offer specialised advice.

Currie Kirk will be preparing and serving dinner at Diadem on Sunday 6 October and Wednesday 13 November 2019.



The Good Book Group

The Good Book Group restarts after the summer on **Tuesday 2 September at 7pm** in the Gibson Craig Hall Lounge. We meet on the first Monday of most months (not January, July or August) and enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits (sometimes even chocolate!) alongside discussion of a book or books we've been reading. We've been free to read our own choice of books over the summer but usually choose a book per month during the rest of the year. The books vary widely, through ghost stories, crime, classics, ethical, short stories, factual as well as fiction of all kinds; there's something for everyone! Come along with ideas for books to read over the next few months and share with us any good books you've read over the summer. If you've not been before, why not give it a try—everyone is most welcome. If you can't make it for 7 pm, don't worry; the discussion usually starts around 7.30. Look forward to seeing you there!



Krys Hume 449 4036

A Day at Wimbledon—Mick and Linda Crowe

Linda has always wanted to attend Wimbledon—it would be great to see Andy Murray, Rafa Nadal or even Roger Federer—but she has always just wanted to attend and enjoy the venue and soak up the atmosphere, so we are off to see the Juniors and Mixed Doubles and Veterans Finals on Sunday 14 July.

Well that day has finally arrived. Having spotted an advert in a Sunday newspaper, we booked the offer hotel accommodation and transport to and from Wimbledon.

Having arrived early, we had a walk around exploring the site and indulged in a little retail therapy and also checked out all the places to eat.

We discovered a match on Court 12; Men’s invitational Doubles Jonas Bjorkman and Todd Woodbridge v Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis. What a great match! - a bunch of comedians enjoying their game and entertaining the crowd.



The outside courts were being used by players to practise.



Strawberries—well its not Wimbledon without these. Linda enjoyed them after sending me to stand in a queue for 20 minutes.



Henman Hill / Murray Mound. We were informed that this would be full and there would be no chance of getting on here. BUT a long men’s singles match and with the coach being boxed in, we were lucky enough to see the end of the final from the hill. The majority of the crowd had expected a different result.



Would I do it again? Yes probably. Centre Court next time.




Tuesday's Tea & Tunes Dementia Café 2019



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

11th June/9th July
13th Aug/10th Sept
8th Oct/12th Nov
10th December



As the Company moves into September, it enters recruitment mode. Most of our new recruits join Anchors, for boys in P2 and P3. Anchors meet on a Thursday between 6 pm and 7 pm in the Gibson Craig Hall. The Anchors programme is based around fun and having lots of it! They play games, make crafts and new friends.

Boys in P4—P6 join the Junior Section. The programme provides challenges, adventure and opportunities to learn and grow. The fun and engaging programme enables the children to work in a team and take more responsibility. Juniors also get the opportunity to go on a holiday weekend and for some this will be their first night away from home. Throughout their time in the Juniors and Anchors, Boys gain badges in recognition of their participation.

Company and Seniors for Boys in P7 to S6 starts on Sunday 1 September and is open to new members too. If there are any boys in your family interested in joining, please get in touch for more details.

Michael Knott
440 3216

Walking Group



The walking group had their day out at Dumfries House on Friday 19 July. After travelling, we met and had a coffee in the restaurant. As the forecast was bad, we decided to walk round the gardens and wood before the rain arrived. The gardens are very colourful and beautiful. We then visited the house in groups, an hour's guided tour. It is a pleasant place to visit "but on a sunny day".



Sandy

Care Van

Thanks to everyone who passes on clothing for the Care Van users—everything is much appreciated by those who need them. We are in desperate need of men's jackets, sleeping bags and blankets. If you are having a clear-out please leave them on the stage in the GCHall or get in touch with Gordon Clephane or Fiona Pigott.

Kirk Cemetery

As Edinburgh City Council is not keeping the grounds up to the standard we have been used to and, when the grass is cut, the path from the West Gate to the church usually does not get swept, I would like to ask for any volunteers prepared to keep the path clear for Sunday worship as this is used by disabled and infirm people to get to church and a clean path would help stop any slipping problems.

Allan Murray.

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/

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 coordinatorCDC@gmx.com	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 Clairomaloney12@yahoo.co.uk	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 hello@thesensorysessions.com	07525 270427	Thursday: 10.00—12 Noon
Shoogly Peg Theatre Company	Zoe McRae	07884 133357	Friday: 6.30—7.30 pm
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday—12 Noon— 1.30 pm
Tea & Tunes	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Tuesday of month
Yoga	Anne Marie Crozier annemariacrozier@blueyonder.co.uk	07887 526116	Monday: 10.30—11.30 am
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986 600432	Tuesday: 8—9 pm
Zumba Class	Lynne Langmead	07927 208134	Tuesday: 7—8 pm
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday: 10.15—11.15 am

Currie Kirk Flower Fund

I would like to say thank you to Margaret Matheson for taking over from me as Flower Convener. I was involved for many years with co-ordinating both the delivering and arranging sides of our church flowers but decided it was time to pass the duties on to someone else. I am so grateful to Margaret for volunteering and taking over so efficiently.

Thank you also to our Church Treasurer, Eddie Pigott, who now deals with the finance side of the Flower Fund. Over the years I have enjoyed the contact I had with members of the congregation giving their donations but will see them in church from time to time.

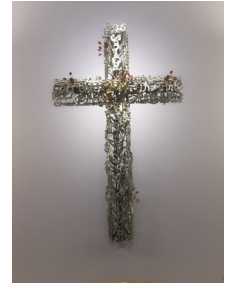
Finally, a thank you to all the ladies who have given me their loyal support on the rotas of arranging or delivering and who I know will continue to do so with Margaret, thus keeping the Currie Kirk Flower Fund running smoothly.

Erica Porteous

Family News

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

Mr Leslie (Les) Brettle, 11 Forthview Road
Winnie Duncan, Corselet Road
Mrs Lorna Eastwood, Victoria Manor Nursing Home
Isobel Liddle, 69 Thomson Road
Mr Robin McColl, 34 Easter Currie Terrace
Mrs Jean McLean, 10 Currievale Drive
Mrs Gladys Stewart, 69 Dolphin Gardens West



Please pray for the families



Pearl Noble, Caretaker at the Edinburgh, Leith & Districts Battalion Centre on Loch Tay "Craggan" died on Sunday 25 August aged 90.

Pearl was a well-loved caretaker who joined the 65th Company for BBQ's and popped in for many cups of coffee and Betty's shortbread. The cry of "here is the green coat" from the Boys heralded her arrival.

She will be sadly missed.

Baptisms

Jesus said "Let the children come to me" (Luke 18:16)



Arran Robert Clark, son of Ian and Kerry Clark



Flynn James Robinson Kirton, son of John & Toni Kirton

September Flower List

- 1 Mrs J Robertson
Mrs J Thomson
- 8 Mrs H Heggie
Mrs S Heron



- 15 Mrs M Gray
- 22 Mrs M Anderson
Mr D Jordan
- 29 Mrs C Lindsay

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 to Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm	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	Vanessa Martins	vanessa.martins93@yahoo.com	07847 274395
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Halls bookings	Ann Proudfoot	ckgchbooking@gmail.com	449 7739
Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker	Contact Church Office		451 5141
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	Contact Church Office		451 5141
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



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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 September issue should be sent—using
a Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Friday 20 September.
Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.**

