

THE KIRK NEWS

APRIL 2025



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Rev Anne Logan writes a weekly letter—if you'd like to receive this, please send your email request to admin@curriekirk.co.uk to register.

Calendar Overview

Church Services in Currie and Balerno—Holy Week

APRIL

- 6 Currie Kirk at 10.30am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway
- 11 Ecumenical Stations of the Cross. Our Lady's at 7pm
- 13 Palm Sunday. Joint Service at Balerno Parish Church at 10am.
- 17 Maundy Thursday. Service at Balerno Parish Church at 7pm led by Rev Derek Munn
- 18 Walk of Witness at 11am—from Currie to Balerno along the Water of Leith led by Rev Dr Anne T Logan—Meet at Currie Kirk
- 18 Good Friday—Currie Kirk at 7pm—Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway
- 20 Short Outdoor Service at 9am at the Kirk followed by egg rolling. Croissants and coffee will be served before the main service.
- 20 Easter Sunday—Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway at 10.30am with Communion
- 27 Currie Kirk at 10.30am. Worship led by the Rev Susan Galloway

Other Dates to Remember

April

- 1 Guild Meeting at 10am—"Any Questions?": Speaker: Rev Dr Jim Jack
- 6 Lenten Studies—Balerno Parish Church at 7 pm led by Rev Derek Munn and Rev Susan Galloway
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- 22 Guild AGM at 7pm followed by cheese and wine
- 26 DEADLINE FOR MAY/JUNE KIRK NEWS
- 27 Christian Aid—Soup Lunch—12 Noon—Gibson Craig Hall

April—The Boys' Brigade Meetings

Anchor Boys and Junior Section—Gibson Craig Halls—6-7.30pm meet every Thursday

Company Section—Gibson Craig Halls 7.00—8.30pm—Games evening every Friday

Company Section—Gibson Craig Halls 6.30—8.30pm every Sunday



A Message from our Locum Minister

Rev Susan Galloway

The Gift

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare art works and had everything from Picasso to Raphael. A war broke out and the young man was drafted and later died in battle rescuing another soldier. His father grieved deeply over the loss of his son. One night there was a knock on the door. A young soldier stood outside with a package in his hands. He told the father, "I'm the man your son died to save. He often talked about you and how you both loved fine art." The package was a painting of his son done by the soldier. "I'm not an artist, but I wanted you to have this."

The father took the portrait of his son and hung it in pride of place above the fireplace. Every time someone came to the house, he showed them this painting first.

When the man died, an auction was organised to sell the works of art in his collection.

On the day of the auction the portrait of the man's son was the first item to be shown to the crowd. The auctioneer asked, "Who will bid on the son?" The room was silent because no one wanted this picture. What the people wanted was the famous pictures they'd come for. The auctioneer asked again "Who will bid on the son."

Finally, a voice said, "I'll give you £10 for it." It was the family gardener, and he didn't have much money. The auctioneer said "I have £10 bid, who will give me £20?" The people were furious and shouted for the famous paintings. The auctioneer banged his gavel, "Going once, going twice, sold to the man in the back for £10."

The auctioneer then stepped down saying that the auction was over and that due to a secret stipulation in the will the person who bought the son was to receive the entire collection as well.

This simple story made me think that, although Jesus was a million times more precious to God than this man's picture of his son, God was willing to sacrifice his son so that all of us might be forgiven and free.

It says in *John 3:16* "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

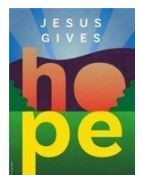
Imagine the truth of that for a moment. You are valuable enough to God that He put his Son through humiliation ... torment ... pain ... heartbreak and death. The one who created the earth, and the stars loves the same people that spat in his son's face and rejected his kindness.

Many times, in our society, people are told that they're expendable, that they're worthless. God disagrees. He has said that he loves you enough to give up his only son for you. That makes YOU extremely valuable!

May you be blessed in your life by knowing and feeling God with you.

Susan

Rev Susan Galloway, Locum Minister, Currie Kirk, T: 0788 1093480





Update on Linking of Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church

Looking to the Future—Statement from the Interim Moderators of Currie & Balerno

“We are writing to let you know that no applications have been received for the post of an Interim Minister who would be firstly appointed to the new charge bringing together Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church.

Consideration is now being given to the appointment of a Transition Minister and to assist these discussions Daran Golby has agreed to meet with us again—this time to explain what such an appointment would offer.

The Elders of Currie and Balerno Kirk Sessions will meet in April (date to be advised) . Mr Golby will offer a presentation and this will be followed by discussion.

Representatives of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian will be present.”



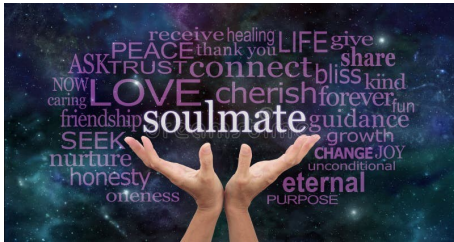
The Rev Susan Galloway, at a service in Currie Kirk on Sunday 26 January, presented 50 Year Long Service Certificates to three Elders—Bill Porteous, Grant Gordon, and Bill Wood. A fourth Elder Janet Steven—the first lady Elder in Currie Kirk was unable to be present due to adverse weather conditions. Janet will receive her certificate at a later date.



PALM Dementia café

The PALM cafe is held on the last Tuesday of the month (except July) from 3.00-4.30pm in the St Joseph's Centre, Balerno. The cafe serves the communities of Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green providing a space for people with dementia and their carers to meet others for support and social contact.

For more information please contact Clare Dow on palmcafebalerno@gmail.com



Soulmates

This is a monthly reflective Prayer Group meeting on the second Thursday of each month in the Lounge at the Gibson Craig Halls from 2.00—3.00pm.

ALL WELCOME



Guild's Project "Crossreach"

Thank you to those who attended the Guild's Daffodil Tea on Saturday 22 March. The Gibson Craig Hall was packed, the baking had to be replenished many times and the tea and coffee poured was enjoyed by all. The Tombola and the Book stalls were very popular and it was good to see a lively chat and all enjoying the afternoon. An amazing total of £655 was raised for the Guild's Project.



In January, I received a call from Hugh the caretaker at Edinburgh Pentlands Parish Church. He had been tasked with clearing the BB cupboard of the former 7th Edinburgh at Dreghorn Loan hall and wondered if I would like to see if there was anything we could make use of. To cut a long story short, Calum and I hired a van and collected a variety of items for use by the 65th and further afield. The equipment collected is as follows:-

- ◆ Two table tennis tables and assorted equipment—now in the Gibson Craig Halls (GCH) for use by the 65th. We also intend hosting a table tennis competition for all members of the Edinburgh Leith and District Battalion. Further opportunities to utilise the tables in the community is also being considered.
- ◆ Two junior basketball stands are in the GCH and will be used by the Anchors and Juniors enhancing their programme.
- ◆ A variety of balls will be used by all members of the 65th.
- ◆ Two sets of Unihok and a number of badminton racquets will be offered free to any organisation who can use them.
- ◆ A number of bugles will find their way to BB Guyana through the Global Fellowship of Christian Faith.

Our grateful thanks are due to our neighbours Edinburgh Pentlands Parish Church for this equipment which I am sure will be well used at Currie Kirk.

My thanks are also due to Shona Moyes and Charity Crafters for their kind donation of £100 to the 65th. This cash will be used by the Junior Section for the purchase of craft materials something the Boys do as part of their weekly programme.

Bill Brown
 Captain



Blood Bikes Scotland

Delivering essential medical items for NHS Scotland on demand

When time is of the essence, we deliver essential medical items on demand between hospitals, healthcare facilities and patients' homes, supporting both primary and secondary healthcare services.

Our agile operational model means that blood, blood products, specimens, medications, documents and smaller pieces of medical equipment are transported swiftly and securely to where they are urgently needed. We deliver a high-quality service, free of charge, 365 days a year in all weathers, providing significant cost savings to NHS Scotland—always with professionalism and a smile.

Our charity is entirely funded by voluntary donation—both private and corporate—and receives no payment from government or the NHS. It has been a fundamental principle of Blood Bikes Scotland since inception that no one takes a salary or any form of remuneration.



(Blood Bikes Scotland— this photo was taken at the Gibson Craig Hall where the ladies Probus enjoyed a talk.)

Around with World in 70 years



Did any of you watch the Michael Palin's TV programme, "Full Circle" where on the extreme southern edge of Chile, near Cape Horn, he visited a small wood-hewn chapel where from one window he could see the Pacific and from the other window, the Atlantic Ocean?

Seeing him in that place, my memory travelled back over the years to some of the places of worship I had attended and prayed. A small clinical Gospel Hall in Fisherrow - a tiny Magdalene Mission in Musselburgh where with our teacher friend Lorna Hutchison a crowd of lads gathered to have fun but also to meet the Lord. The beautiful St Margaret's Chapel in Edinburgh Castle; the massive St Andrew's Halls in Glasgow at a youth gathering; a wooden mission hut of the Mission to Seamen in Argentine; the grandeur of Westminster and St Paul's Cathedral in London; a colourful Salvation Army Citadel in Hong Kong; and the crowded moving Billy Graham rallies in both Tynecastle and Murrayfield Stadiums spanning 40 years.

On holiday two years ago with my wife Elizabeth where we worshipped in the fairly austere surroundings of the Church of Scotland St Andrew's Church in Rome and on the following Sunday in the majestic gold and marble of St Mark's Cathedral in Venice. The welcoming solid stone of the parish church in Stornoway where they have no organ to accompany the hymn singing: the white painted St Andrew's Cathedral in steamy Singapore to the beautifully painted Orkney chapel built during the Second World War by Italian prisoners.

So on around the world and in many places and climes I have paused, worshipped and prayed and come close to God. My fondest recollection among those and many others, too numerous to mention? I am not sure, but one occasion which comes close must surely be when, as a Boy Scout, and camping with our troop in the borders we held a service in one of the tents on a calm summer evening so many years ago. The truth is, God is everywhere. In a massive cathedral, a small tent, a forest clearing, a crowded bus or in your own room. We can speak to Him anywhere and if we listen, He will speak to us. Why not have a chat with Him wherever you are?

Bill Wood

(Do you have a memory you would like to share? If so we would be pleased to publish this in the Kirk News.) email the Editor—isobelwebber@btinternet.com

Kirk News

Please let the Church office know if you no longer wish to receive copies of the Kirk News.

Also, if you have new neighbours please feel free to put a copy of the Kirk News through their door and ask if they would like to receive further copies. Please let the office know to enable them to be added to receive a copy.



On 14 March the children who attended enjoyed an afternoon of Fun and Games, here are some photos of our Messy Easter afternoon, crafting and enjoying a game of Duck, duck, goose! Thank you to the helpers and to the Rev Susan Galloway who organised the afternoon.



Refreshments after the Sunday Service

We are desperately looking for volunteers to help serve teas and coffees after the service on a Sunday. If you can help, please add your name to the list in the Session House.



Donations for "Community for Food" can be dropped off at the Gibson Craig Halls, Kirk Office throughout the year.

Office Hours: Tuesday, Friday & Saturday—9.30—12.30

Transport Fund

Do you have difficulty getting to church due to mobility issues or lack of transport? Then the transport fund is for you. All that is required is a receipt from the driver which you can hand to any Elder on duty and the money will be refunded. For journeys home from church just bring the receipt the following week or whenever you are next in church. You can also use it if you have difficulty getting to and from the Guild or any church organised events. Church postcode is EH14 6AL.

Blythwood Christmas Shoebox Appeal

To make a shoebox easier to complete, we're looking for donations each month:

March—Toothbrushes and toothpaste

April—Underwear (all ages)

May—Combs and hairbrushes; shampoo (including children's shampoo)

June—Facecloths, sponges, soap,

July—Men's toiletries

August—Socks (all ages)

September—domestic candles, small toys

October—Sweets (not chocolate)



Please leave in the box in the reception area of the Kirk or hand in to the Kirk office.

Hours of opening: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 9.30–12.30.

Thank you for your continued support.



Coming Soon—Every Saturday, Currie Kirk, Kirkgate

The Coffee Stop will be returning on the **10 May from 2–4pm**. Every Saturday at Currie Kirk, Kirkgate—Tea, Coffee and Home Baking.



This session of the Guild is almost at an end. On Tuesday 1 April at 10am we have our final speaker, Rev Jim Jack, speaking on "Any Questions" which sounds most intriguing.

Our final meeting is on Tuesday 15 April at 7pm. This is our Annual General Meeting followed by Wine and Cheese. We will be looking for some new members to take the Guild forward as a few of our Committee members have expressed a wish to hand over to some of our younger members!!—please come along.

Thank you to all of you who have supported our fundraising activities this Session—to quote a certain supermarket—"Every little helps".

Outing to Anstruther—Thursday 15 May



Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is available to hire. The Booking Co-ordinator is Viola MacPhail

Contact Details: gibsoncraigbooking@gmail.com
Tel: 07806 806920

	Contact name	Tel/email	Day
Caretta Pilates	Kayleigh	07982 975260	Wednesday 5.30-6.15
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	douglaslowe51@btinternet.com	Monday 7.30—9 pm twice monthly, October to March.
Currie Community Council		curriecouncil@gmail.com	2nd Wed of the month 7.30—9 pm, except July & December.
Currie Creatives (Music)	Shona Moyes	07752 459203	Tuesday 6.30—8.30 pm.
Parent and Toddler Group	Kate Pearson	kate.q.kate@gmail.com	Friday 9.30 am—11.30 am (term time only).
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney	07999 410721	Wednesday 7.00 —9.00 pm, September to June.
Pentland Ladies Probus	Marion Wallace	wmkwallace@aol.com	4th Tuesday of month, 10am—12, from Sept to May.
Pilates	Ellen Foster	07983 863143	Saturday 10.30—11.30 am
Steady Steps	By referral		Thursday 9.30—11.00 am and 2.30—4.00 pm
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	tomlowe69@hotmail.co.uk	Thursday 10.15 —11.15 am.

Coffee and Conversation

Currie Library every Friday from 11 am



The Meeting Place

The meeting place is held every Monday for the over 65's and their carers, in the Scout Hall Forth View Crescent, Currie, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Lunch is served for a modest £5.00.

Our main focus is offering a place to all our residents looking for companionship in a safe friendly environment where they can enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

For more information phone 07711 046014 or just call in.

Family News

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

Helen Purves, Edinburgh
Geoffery (Geoff) Innes, Currie
Robert Kedslie, Currie
William (Bill) Cavens, Currie



Please pray for the families



A **Soup Lunch** is being held on **Sunday 27 April**,
at 12pm to raise funds for Christian Aid.



Homemade Soup and bread, followed by tea/coffee and home baking!

Tickets (£4) from Kirk Office or any member of Mission, Outreach and Fellowship Team

April 2025 Flower List

6 Mrs J Caffrey
Mrs J Dick

13 Mrs M Ritchie
Mrs M Malcolm

20 Mrs F Pigott



Mrs J Robertson
Mr A Murray

27 Mrs J Wright
Mrs N Hogg

The flowers are enjoyed and appreciated by so many. Thank you to those who have donated. If you wish to dedicate flowers on a particular Sunday please get in touch with Isobel Webber or the office
admin@curriekirk.co.uk



WHO'S WHO



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Boys' Brigade Captain	Bill Brown	Anchors/Juniors	Thursday 6.00-7.30 pm
		Company/Seniors	Friday 7.00—8.30 pm
			Sunday 6.30-8.30 pm
Fresh Start	Christine Wilson		538 2567
Pastoral Visitors	Contact church office		451 5141
Currie Kirk Singers	Gordon Cranford	Various	07572 861123
Guild	Louise Lamont	1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.	466 3472
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month.	07853 228751



The Kirk News

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Articles for the April issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to Isobel Webber—isobelwebber@btinternet.com by Saturday 26 April 2025



Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.