

THE KIRK NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2024

August Celebrations @ the Kirk



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Calendar Overview

Church Services in Currie Kirk

JULY 2024

- 7 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne Logan,
- 14 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Alistair Keil
- 21 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne T Logan
- 28 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Wendy Drake

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- 4 Currie Kirk at 10.30am. Praise Service led by the Congregation
- 11 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne T Logan
- 18 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Neill Crawford
- 25 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship Celebration led by Rev Anne T Logan with communion
- 25 Gibson Craig Hall at 3 pm. Communion for those unable to attend at 10.30 am

Other dates to remember

JULY

- 2 Summer Pop Up café, GCHall, 10—12
- 6 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 9 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon
- 13 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 16 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon. GCHall
- 20 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 23 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon. GCHall
- 27 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 30 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon

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- 6 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon
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- 17 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 20 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon
- 24 **FUN WEEKEND @ Kirk & Gibson Craig**
- 27 Summer POP-UP Café, 10.30—12noon
- 31 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk



Letter from Anne (our Interim Moderator):

Dear Friends,

Each year, we try to make a visit to Glendoick Gardens which lie between Perth and Dundee. The gardens are open in April and May each year for Glendoick is famous through out the world for its rhododendron collection.

The house is home to the Cox family and for generations now, they have been involved in the work of breeding new hybrid rhododendrons and especially rhododendrons that can survive the Scottish climate. The gardens are wonderful and the work ongoing.



As we plan for our Currie Kirk celebration weekend at the end of August, we are reminded again and again that we today, build on the work of generations past. Just as members of the congregation in bygone days had to work out how to live out and tell out their faith in their own time, so we have to work out how to live out and tell out our faith today—we have to understand where faith and life cross paths. Amidst all the changes and challenges we face, it is good to be reminded of our legacy from the past, but we are also given the opportunity to think about, pray about, work for, the legacy we want to hand on to future generations. As the Psalmist says,

'we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.' (Psalm 78 v4)

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

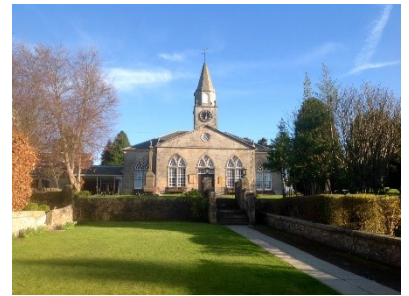
Blessings!

Anne

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.

Celebrating Currie Kirk....Come and Join in the FUN ...

The weekend of festivities begins on August 24th and 25th celebrating Currie Kirk and its history.



Dear Members and Friends,

Please join us for a weekend of fun and festivity to celebrate all things 'Currie Kirk.'

The programme is as follows:

Saturday 24th August in the Gibson Craig Halls

3pm—5pm—Entertainment for children and families

5pm—6.30pm—Buffet

7.30pm—9.30pm—Family Ceilidh

Sunday 25th August in the Kirk

10.30am Family Service of Celebration (with Communion) in Currie Kirk

Followed by Soup lunch in the Gibson Craig Hall

3pm Service of Thanksgiving and Communion especially for those who find it difficult to get to the morning service.



P7 returning to the Kirk for a wedding!
Same bride and groom as P1!

We hope you will be able to join us for all or some of the weekend. Everyone is welcome at any or all these activities. No charge is being made for any of the events. To help us with numbers for catering, please return the proforma below or click on the link which will shortly be available on the Currie Kirk website.

With all good wishes,

(Rev Dr Anne T Logan, Interim Moderator)

PS If you have any photographs of Currie Kirk through the years please share them with us. Please look out for more details on FaceBook, Currie Kirk website (www.curriekirk.org) or on the noticeboard situated outside the Kirk office at the Gibson Craig Halls.

Please tear off the slip and return to Kirk Office by **MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024**

Those receiving the Kirk News on line please click on the following link to help with catering:

I/we(insert names) look forward to being present for the Buffet on Saturday 24th August 2024.



Opportunities for Prayer within Currie Kirk

God is everywhere; in the hills, by the Water of Leith; at home; in the garden. We can talk to Him and be with Him in all places, sharing with Him our fears, our concerns, the things that worry us but also thanking Him of our joys and blessings. The wonderful thing is that God is constantly 'on-line'.

Within Currie Kirk we regard Prayer as an important aspect of our life together offering a variety of opportunities such as:

Communal Worship

Week by week in Communal Worship we have a Gathering Prayer, concluding with The Lord's Prayer. Later in the service we have an Intercessory Prayer when we pray for other situations both locally, nationally and worldwide.

Prayer Tree Service

Prayer Trees are an ancient and anonymous way of sharing prayer concerns by pinning leaves on the Prayer Tree giving only Christian Names and situations of concern. The Prayer Tree is situated in the Church and a short Prayer Service of around ten minutes is held on the second Sunday of each month following worship.

Prayer Covenant

If you, or someone you know needs prayer, whether it is a health matter or the circumstances of life, the Prayer Covenant will be ready and willing to pray in confidence for that person. If prayer is being requested for a third party please obtain their permission. Requests for such prayers are made to the Minister, currently our Interim Moderator, Rev Dr Anne Logan (Tel No:0131 663 9550 or email: Annetlogan@sky.com).

The Prayer Covenant has existed in its present format for over twenty years and a review has commenced with the intention of refreshing and updating its purpose. Further information will be provided in the next Kirk News.

God's Invitation to Relationship

During Lent this year a joint group from Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church met together exploring personal prayer. Continuing from this, a group meets on the afternoon of the second Thursday of each month in the Gibson Craig Halls for a time of reflective prayer, stillness and sharing. In the first instance for further information contact Currie Kirk Office, 0131 451 5141 email admin@curriekirk.co.uk

The words Pray or Prayer are mentioned many hundreds of times in the Bible, most notably by Jesus himself who has given us the Family Prayer of the Church:

'Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen'.

The Company resumed in September 2023 for the new session and almost immediately the Junior and Company Section Boys headed to Craggan, Loch Tay for an adventure weekend. Great fun was had by all with the Juniors enjoying a variety of activities and the older boys spending a day in kayaks and canoes on the loch under the instruction of a local expert.

It has been an active session for all our boys. The Anchors and Juniors have enjoyed the many different games and crafts on Thursdays and made bird feeders in preparation for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. They also planted sunflower seeds and Hyacinth bulbs and raised funds by replacing the sweets in Smartie tubes with spare cash. They attended the Battalion outing to the Christmas Pantomime at the Churchill Theatre and had an evening at the crazy golf at Chesser. It has been encouraging to see a small rise in their numbers and hopefully this will filter through to the Company in due course. The Anchors and Juniors are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and excellent attendance throughout the session.

The Company Section undertook various different classes including Conservation, First Aid and Photography. They also participated in the Annual Remembrance Day Service and the Easter Sunday Outdoor Service at Currie Kirk. In the continued lack of Battalion competitions the Company entered National Competitions in Chess, Badminton and Table Tennis reaching the quarter finals in each. The Boys also attended the Battalion Christmas outing to Cosmos at the Omni Centre for “an all you can eat buffet”.

Thanks again to the staff for all their efforts this session. Special mention to Diane and Joanne who knitted Easter Chickens, added Crème Eggs and sold them for much needed funds and to Dan for obtaining support through his employment. My thanks are also due to Simon McNeil the Battalion Development Officer and Captain of a Glasgow BB Company for his support and for providing transport during our weekend at Craggan. Thanks to Calum Brown and Peter Tuffy for their input and to the families and congregation of Currie Kirk for their support. Well done to Tony Cheung for gaining his President’s Badge and Connor McGill for gaining his Queen’s Badge the top award in The Boys’ Brigade.



Bill Brown
 Captain



Connor McGill
 with Rev Anne Logan
 and Bill Brown

The Company restarts in September for Boys in P2—S6: Further information please get in touch with Bill on 0131 449 4905; or 0787 8377897



The Currie Kirk Guild



Our 2023/24 session finished with our annual outing. On Thursday 16 May we travelled to Galashiels to see “The Great Tapestry of Scotland”. Unfortunately an hour was not long enough to do it justice so it may require a return visit. We then went on to Melrose for shopping or sitting in the sunshine enjoying a glass of wine. Yes, the weather was glorious—clearly we chose the right day to go. Finally we had a lovely meal at Milestone Garden Centre before returning to Currie.

Our 2024/25 session starts on Tuesday 3 September at 10 am when Rev Dr Anne T Logan will be our guest speaker. If you are not already a member, please consider joining us or even just come along as visitor. You will be made very welcome. For further information email me on elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk or phone 466-3472.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Louise Lamont Currie Kirk Guild President





Shoebox Appeal—A new way to donate!

Rather than asking for completed boxes this year we're suggesting a different item each month—it may seem a little easier putting an extra item in the shopping basket. In 2024 our suggestion is for the following items to be handed in each month:

July: Shampoo/Soap

August: Small toys/gifts

September: Deodorant

October: Sweets (not chocolates)

Please remember it all needs to fit into a shoebox so small is good!

These can be left in the Kirk on a Sunday or dropped off at the Gibson Craig Hall.



Armistice Display of Poppies

Are you able to knit or crochet? We would like to create a display of poppies in the Gibson Craig Hall front garden and are looking for people who would like to form a small group to create poppies for us to display. Red wool and a pattern can be provided. Thank you to all the knitters who have volunteered so far. Please get in touch with Fiona, Mission, Outreach and Fellowship Committee if you can help.

Saturday Café @ The Kirk—now open—2-4 pm Coffee/Tea/home baking



Our Saturday café is now open, until 28 September, 2—4pm (last orders at 3.30pm). If you can spare any time during the summer to bake or just be there to pour coffee, teas, or just chat we'd be glad to hear from you!

If you're looking for a chat and friendship on a Saturday afternoon or a cuppa at the end of a walk then please come and join us. This year we're adding in a craft table for any children.

Contact Fiona Pigott if you're able to help (see back page for contact details)



SUMMER POP-UP CAFÉ at the Gibson Craig

Before COVID, do you remember the Summer POP-UP Cafe on Tuesday mornings in the Gibson Craig Small Hall?

The POP-UP Café is open again this summer running weekly until the end of August.

All are welcome for tea, coffee and home baking in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere. Proceeds will go to Currie Kirk projects.

Contact Viola MacPhail for information on 449 4664 or 07806 806920 or email viola.macphail@gmail.com

Transport Fund

Are you a previous user of the minibus? Do you have difficulty getting to church due to mobility issues or lack of transport? Then the transport fund is for you.



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When the minibus was sold and the charity wound up, a great deal of money was released part of which was given to Currie Kirk to set up a Transport Fund. Please make use of the fund. The money is there to assist 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 to you. 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. Again just obtain a receipt and hand it to a committee member. Church postcode is EH14 6AL.

The Kirk Walking Group



Walks take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month, leaving after the service.

We would love to welcome new walkers. We never go over 4 miles and try always to have a coffee stop at the end of the walk (sometimes a picnic in the summer months!)

For more information please contact Moira McDonald (07853 228751)

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
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.
EH Fitness Classes	Emma	emma@eh-fitness.co.uk 0771 333 5900	Monday 12.15—1.00 pm. Monday 6.00—7.00 pm. Tuesday 6.45—7.15 pm. Thursday 12.15—12.45 pm. Friday 5.30—6.30 pm. Saturday 8.00—9.30 am.
Parent and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	07743 067588	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	Barbara Hannaford	0131 453 3012	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	DaleRoy@edinburghleisure.co.uk	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 Allan Murray on 07711 046014 or just call in.

Family News

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

Margaret Barrie, Currie
Bryce Eunson, Currie
Sandra Hynd, Currie
Murray Simpson, Currie



Please pray for the families

Kirk News and Currie Kirk

Can you help?

After Covid the Kirk has found that it requires your help. It has vacancies in the following departments all on weekly rotas apart from the Kirk News:

1. Cleaning
2. Flower Arrangers
3. AV operators
4. Kirk News Distributors—can you deliver to a street near you?
5. Pastoral Visitors

July/August Flower List

July

- 7 Mrs E Patton
14 Mrs B Dow
21 Flower Fund
28 Mr A Forsyth



August

- 4 Flower Fund
11 Mr & Mrs R Barr
18 Flower Fund
25 Mrs W McLauchlan
Mrs R Milligan

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

