

THE KIRK NEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2024



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Calendar Overview

Church Services in Currie Kirk

MARCH 2024

- 3 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne Logan,
- 10 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Alistair Keil—Mother's Day followed by a Prayer Tree service.
- 17 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne T Logan—Baptism

Easter Services

- 24 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne T Logan—Palm Sunday
- 28 Currie Kirk at 7 pm—Maundy Thursday
- 29 Balerno Parish Church at 7 pm—Good Friday Service
- 29 Good Friday Walk of Witness—see page 4
- 31 Easter Sunday—roll your egg followed by Coffee and Croissants—Currie Kirk at 9 am.
- 31 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Anne T Logan—Easter Sunday—Formal Communion

APRIL 2024

- 7 Currie Kirk at 10.30am. Worship led by Rev Anne T Logan.
- 14 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Grant Gordon followed by a Prayer Tree Service
- 21 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Neill Crawford
- 28 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Fiona Tweedie followed by informal communion

Please note the office has a new email address: Admin@curriekirk.co.uk

Lenten Study 2024

'God's Invitation to Relationship'

Margaret Gordon is leading a Joint Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church Lenten Study Group on Tuesday evenings at 7.15 pm in the Ogston Hall, Balerno. There are two meetings remaining on 5 and 12 March.
Contact Margaret on 449 2554



Letter from Anne (our Interim Moderator):

Dear Friends,

How must it have felt for the women as they approached the tomb on Easter morning? Think of all they had been through. The hosannas of the Palm Procession when Jesus entered Jerusalem; the fear when they heard of his arrest and trial; the clamour of crowds shouting 'Crucify Him;' then the utter despair as they watched hope die on a cross. What thoughts went through their heads? How must it have seemed to them when they were told "Do not be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here Go and say to his disciples and to Peter 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee ...'" And so it was, Jesus had gone ahead of them.

It is one of the great messages of Easter, that no matter where we travel, Jesus has gone ahead of us. No matter what we face as individuals or as a congregation, uncertainty, change, illness, despair, pain or death—Jesus has gone ahead of us. No matter what we plan or hope for, no matter what visions or bold adventures we dream of—Jesus has gone before us. So often, we look for Jesus in the past, we come to anoint the body of dead Lord, but Jesus has gone before us into the new, into the future.

Let us rejoice that we worship a living Saviour.

We wish you all a happy, lively Easter.

Anne T Logan

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.



We look forward to the Sundays when Anne Logan, our Interim Moderator, is able to lead our worship. We also enjoy the variety of people who are willing to lead worship on other Sundays, including our own Grant Gordon and Neill Crawford. In the meantime please inform Rev Dr Anne Logan or the Kirk office of anyone who has taken ill, requires a visit or would like to know more about joining Currie Kirk.

Although we are negotiating our way through a period of transition, we look forward to a bright future for Currie Kirk.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2024

Thursday 28th March

7 pm—Maundy Thursday Communion—Currie Kirk

Friday 29th March



11 am Walk of Witness

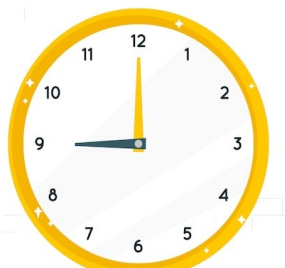
Walk with the Cross, along the Water of Leith walkway, leaving from Balerno Parish Church at 11am and stopping for prayer at the start of the Water of Leith walkway at Balerno (at the bench beside the walled garden); at Waulkmill Loan; then at the bridge overlooking Currie Kirk. Please feel free to join us at any of these points if you are unable to walk the whole distance. Refreshments will be served in the Gibson Craig Hall on arrival.

7 pm—Good Friday Service (Balerno Parish Church)

Sunday 31st March

9 am Open Air Service outside Currie Kirk

Spring forward into Easter! Change your clocks and come and join us in the Kirkyard as we celebrate the Resurrection in a short open-air service. Coffee and Croissants will be served afterwards. Bring your eggs to roll down the hill.



10.30am Family Communion Service for Easter Day.



The Currie Kirk Guild

The Guild continues to meet regularly every two weeks and we have enjoyed some very interesting talks. As we move into March and April we approach the end of our 2023/24 session. On 5 March at 10 am Jim Buxton will be speaking on the “Red Dot Radio” then Mike Scott will take us through “Colinton Tunnel” on 19 March at 2pm. Our final speaker is Jackie Sangster on 2 April delving into “Fashion through the ages”. Chance to relive your misspent youth or was I the only one to wear hotpants!!

However, before that we will be hosting our Daffodil Tea in aid of the Guild’s chosen projects. Tickets cost £4 and, as well as coffee/tea and home-baking, you can try your luck at the Tombola or stock up on some books. Donations for either will be gratefully received and can be handed in at the Church Office.

With Easter falling early this year on 31 March we will also be collecting Easter eggs to donate to the Holy Trinity Foodbank. Why not just pop a couple in with your weekly shop and try not to eat them when you get home.

Please feel free to attend any of our meetings whether you are a Guild member or not. You will be made extremely welcome.

For any further information contact me on 0131-466-3472 or elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk

Meanwhile have a joyous Easter when it arrives.

Louise Lamont Currie Kirk Guild President



Daffodil Tea **Saturday 23 March 2024—2pm—4 pm** **Gibson Craig Halls**

Tickets £4—Tea/Coffee Home Baking

Daffodils will be on sale

Book Stall, Tombola



Guild Meeting Dates

5th March at 10am	Red Dot Radio Jim Ruxton
19th March at 2pm	Colinton Tunnel Mike Scott
23rd March at 2-4 pm	Daffodil Tea
2nd April at 10am	Fashion Through the Ages Jackie Sangster
16th April—7-9pm	AGM followed by Cheese and Wine



Shoebbox 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:

March: Snood/scarf/gloves/hats.

April: Socks (especially warm socks) **May:** Stationery.

June: Toothbrush/toothpaste

July: Shampoo/Soap

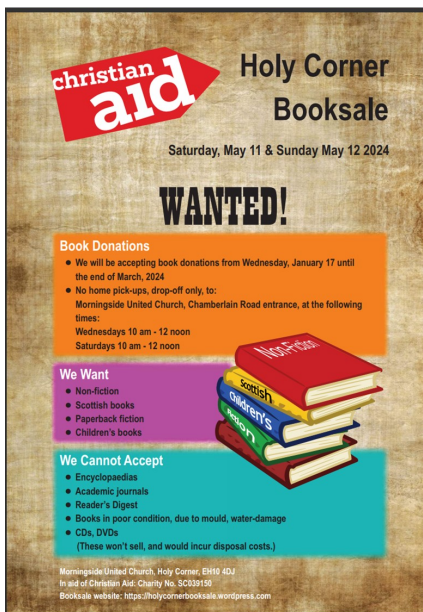
August: Small toys/

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.



Please hand in any books to the Kirk Office or contact Tim Shepherd directly.

Please note the list of what can be accepted.

Thanks Tim.

Currie Kirk office opening hours are:

Tuesday)	9.30
Friday)	to
Saturday)	12.30

“The Granny Walk”



In memory of his Granny, the much loved Sheena Macphie, her wonderful grandson Archie and his mum Kate decided to create a walk around areas where Sheena loved walking called “The Granny Walk” to raise funds for FACE (Fighting Against Cancer Edinburgh) a charity close to their hearts.

Each year FACE arrange a special day trip to Lapland for young families who have experienced the loss of a close family member.

Archie and his mum who is a great supporter of FACE travelled to Lapland and he was delighted to receive his certificate from Santa acknowledging his efforts in raising the magnificent amount of £3,578.96 following “The Granny

Walk”.

Monies raised will go to FACE at the Edinburgh Cancer Centre , Western General Hospital in supporting patients and families affected by cancer.

The Boys were each given a tube of smarties before the midterm break and asked to fill the tube with money raised by them by being kind and helpful to parents, relatives and friends.

20p pieces and £1 coins fit very nicely in the tubes. However, Boys have managed to squeeze 50p and £2 coins in as well!



We hope that this will prove to be a successful fundraiser.



Joanne & I have been knitting Easter chicks with Creme eggs to add to the fundraiser. Anyone wishing to support us can buy a chicken & egg for £2 or 3 for the bargain price of £5.

Best wishes,
Diane

Anchor Boys/Junior Section for boys P2—P6 (aged 6—11), Thursdays, 6.00—7.30pm.

Company Section for Boys P7—S6 (aged 11—18 years) Sundays, 6.30—8.30pm.

New Boys for all Sections welcome.

All Sections meet in the Gibson Craig Halls, Lanark Road West.

Further information from Bill Brown (Captain) on 07878377897 or email bill.brown53@yahoo.com

Coffee Stop!

Our Saturday café will be back in 2024, 4 May 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 warmth and friendship on a Saturday afternoon then please come and join us.

Armistice Display of Poppies

Are you able to knit or crochet? We'd like to create a display of poppies in the Gibson Craig Hall front garden and are looking for people who'd like to form a small group to create poppies for us to display. Red wool and a pattern can be provided. Fiona Pigott

Now collecting mugs (**no cups and saucers**), cutlery, pots and pans.

Bed linen—sheets, duvet covers, pillow cases etc.

NO duvets or pillows. NO furniture or bric-a-brac.

Donations may be handed into the Gibson Craig Hall.

The office hours are currently restricted, please call before you come! (0131) 451 5141



Valley Friends Befriending Project – January 2024 News

*“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds”
Hebrews 10 v 24*

We contacted your church in the spring of 2023 to tell you about the St Mungo’s befriending project “Valley Friends”. You may have also seen articles about the project in the C and B news and Konect magazine, and also adverts on several local Facebook groups.

Loneliness is a huge issue with growing numbers of people living longer, but becoming increasingly isolated, in a fragmented society that places greater value on the young. We know that the need, though often hidden, is deep. At the start of the project the pace of referrals coming in was slow. However, in the past year, links and awareness within G.P practices and the social work department have grown and the tide is turning with the number of referrals that we are receiving, steadily increasing. So far we have not needed to operate a waiting list but this may soon have to change.

We would like to ask for your help. Would you have the heart to give an hour a week or a fortnight to offer friendship to a person who feels alone? Training is provided and we provide the opportunity to network with the other befrienders and grow further connection across our communities. It has always been our hope that Valley Friends would also be a bridge between our community and our churches, a tangible outworking of God’s love in action. An initiative that we could work on together.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact the project lead, Helen Yewdall, at helen.yewdall@stmungos.org.

May God bless you and keep you as we seek to love and serve the Lord in Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green in 2024.

Heriot Watt Chamber Choir

23 March 2024 @ 7.30 pm

Currie Kirk

The Chamber Choir of the Heriot Watt University will be performing in Currie Kirk on 23 March. The concert commences at 7.30 and ends at 8.30.

Free entry but there will be a retiring offering.

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.

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. Had the minibus not been sold, these monies would have been used for the upkeep of the bus—tax, insurance, MOT, petrol etc. These would have cost considerably more than paying for taxis to and from church. 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.



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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)*

Loraine Cunningham, Currie

Please pray for the family



Presbytery Plan—The Union of Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church

It must seem, at times, as though very little is happening to progress the Union between Currie and Balerno as set out in the Presbytery Plan. In fact, there has been a great deal of discussion and a great deal of thinking happening in the background. Filling in the detail of the Basis and Plan of Union is often the easy thing, actually creating a united congregation is more difficult and takes time, effort and goodwill. However, progress is being made and it is likely that in the early summer, the Kirk Sessions will be able to vote on the Basis of Union. If the two Kirk Session votes are favourable, then Presbytery will hold congregational votes shortly after. The Presbytery have given permission for the sale of the Currie Manse, but we are currently in negotiation with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, about how the proceeds may be used. We acknowledge the contribution made to the steering group by the late Marion Milne and also by Bill Black, who recently resigned as the chairperson.

March/April Flower List

March

- 3 Flower Fund
- 10 Mrs S Ramsay
The Guild
Mrs M Falconer
- 17 Mrs M Douglas
- 24 Mrs M Fraser
- 31 Flower Fund



April

- 7 Mrs J Caffrey
Mrs J Dick
- 14 Mrs M Ritchie
Mrs M Malcolm
- 21 Mrs F Pigott
Mrs J Robertson
Mr A Murray
- 28 Mrs N Hogg
Mrs J Wright

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

NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL CONTACT/TIMES	TELEPHONE NO
Interim Moderator	Rev Dr Anne T Logan	annetlogan@sky.com	
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Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		451 5141
Boys' Brigade Captain	Bill Brown Anchors/Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.30 pm Friday 7.00—8.30 pm Sunday 6.30-8.30 pm	449 4905 07878377897
Care Van	Fiona Pigott	Third Tuesday of the month.	07874-282480
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

an 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 May/June issue should be sent—using a
Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Friday 19 April 2024**
Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.