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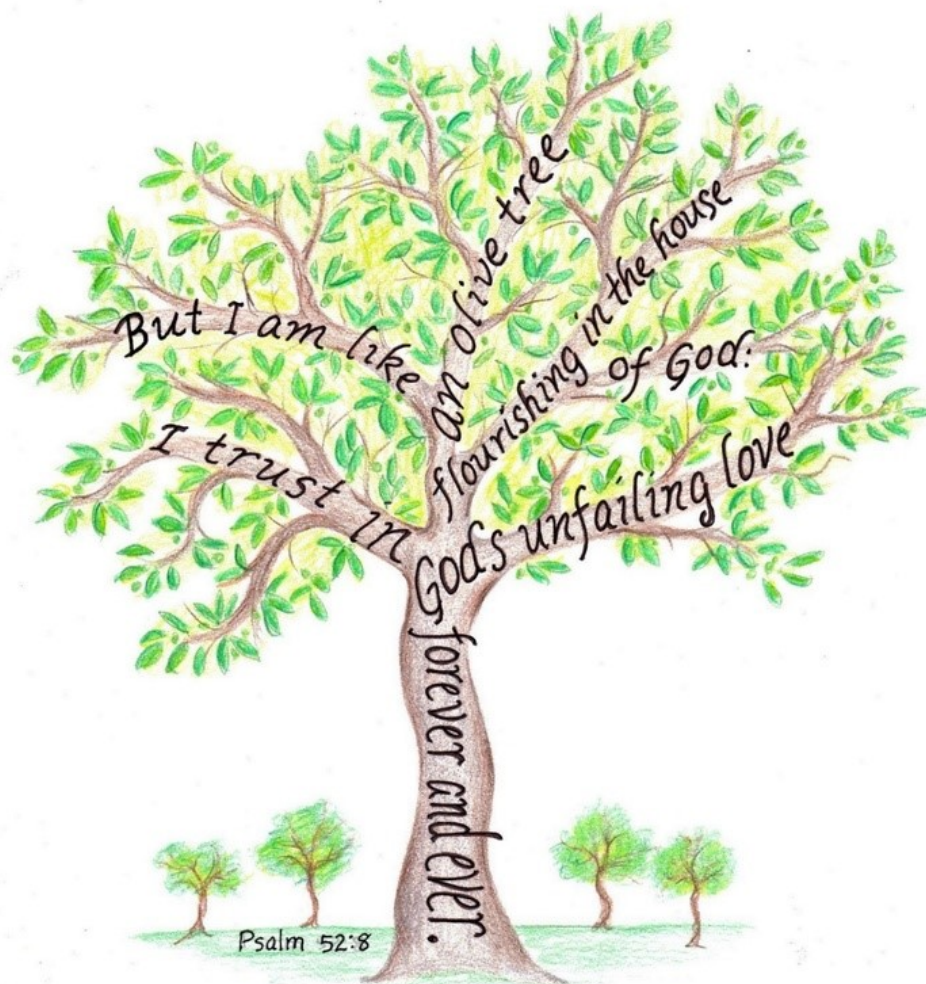
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A Message from the Manse

Dearest friends,

I am sitting in the manse garden and the warmth of the sun is glorious—so very needed after a long, dark, wet and windy winter and spring! I hope this month of May continues to prosper good weather and growth. I see buds on trees. Personally, I am trying to nurture two Olive Trees back to life. I left them outside and the frost hit them hard. Now with sun and a little bio-feed, my trees seem to be reviving and I see signs of new growth. Olive trees are clearly not meant to grow in Scotland. But I love olive trees.

Around the world, olive groves provide a staple source of food, cooking oil, and a symbol of life. Olive oil is used for healing, for nourishing skin. In the ancient days of the Greek Olympics, winners had crowns of Olive twigs placed on their heads. (Maybe our Boys' Brigade should get such olive crowns after their badminton and Masterquiz wins! We are so proud of them and they should know it.) The olive "branch" transcends international languages as a symbol of peace. Throughout the Bible the olive tree symbolises hope, peace and life. We recall that the dove brought Noah an olive branch to reveal that the flood had subsided.

One favourite is Psalm 52. The Psalmist is clearly troubled by naysayers, evildoers and people out to ruin him. In his hurt and pain, he knows there is but one thing to do and that is put all his trust and faith in God.

*I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.
I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done.
In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.*

This month we celebrate not only life and new growth in our gardens but in our faith. This year May leads us from the season of Easter through to Ascension and Pentecost. Jesus left this earthly life and returned to God, his Father. He promised that by the power of the Holy Spirit he would be continually present to and among the people of God, bringing them life. On 15 May we celebrate that the Spirit anointed the disciples on that first Pentecost, bringing life and growth to a newly forming church. By the power of that same Spirit God continues to speak to us in our churches today. Like the Psalmist perhaps we need reminded that no matter what life throws at us when we dwell with God and in God's house we will be sure to receive gifts of goodness and grace to nourish us and help us to grow.



PEOPLE OF THE WAY

Heart and Soul 2016

'Heart and Soul' is a regular event to celebrate the life and work of the church alongside the annual gathering of the Church of Scotland's General Assembly. The event takes place in Princes Street Gardens in the heart of our Capital City on Sunday 22nd May from 2 to 6 pm.

WHAT'S ON? Among the great many activities, here is just a taster.



FISCHY MUSIC

Popular children's and all-age group, Fischy Music is back to lead us in their home grown, vibrant and catchy songs!

SPILL THE BEANS

All-age activities in a special marquee using the excellent 'Spill the Beans' material to help communicate some key aspects of the event's theme.



Labyrinth

Engage with the theme in a peaceful and reflective way by taking a short time to contemplate 'the Way' in the unique labyrinth.

Swing Band

The Heart and Soul Swing Band will be in full force playing a mix of classics and specially written arrangements.



Closing Worship

Round off the day with over 1,000 folks as we worship God together in the heart of the capital city in the open air. Featuring many local church musicians.



Walking Group in Pitlochry

Early morning on the 8 April, 14 intrepid walkers excitedly left Edinburgh to spend three days at the popular Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry. Although walking was the main focus for the group, the fun and camaraderie shared by everyone was evident throughout the entire stay. This was indeed true on the Friday, where our entertainment was an evening at the Pitlochry theatre, singing along with great gusto to the “Jersey boys” tribute group.

The walks which we successfully completed each day were all great fun and even although we did deviate slightly on the Killiecrankie to Pitlochry stretch, no one was lost, injured or absconded!!

On Sunday morning we attended the church service, which was taken by the visiting preacher, the Rev Ian Ramsay from Easterhouse. Everyone there made us incredibly welcome and were genuinely interested in our Church and its many organisations.

Sincere thanks go to Jean Smith and Jean Dick who organised this wonderful weekend and to everyone there who made it such a memorable and happy occasion.



“Enjoying an Après Walk”



The band of intrepid walkers minus 1 who took the photo



Another photo with the minus 1 and minus another!!!



A Man, A Keyboard and A Sax...

Kitch Lewis in concert

Friday 10 June at 7.30 in the Kirk

(Refreshments from 6.30)

Mark the evening of Friday, 10 June in your diaries now! This is something not to be missed. Kitch Lewis, a gifted local musician, will present a varied programme of music with something to appeal to all ages and tastes. Currie Kirk will ring to the sound of music from the films, a wee bit of rock, some traditional pieces, favourite hymn tunes and much, much more.

Kitch (he's named after Lord Kitchener!) recently retired from the army having served over twenty-four years as an army musician, latterly with the Royal Regiment of Scotland. He'll perform in concert on the electronic keyboard and saxophone to raise funds for two local charities very close to his and his family's hearts, namely, for SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society) Lothians and for Currie Kirk's Redevelopment Fund.

But it's not just a concert we have to look forward to! The evening will start at 6.30 with an open café in Currie Kirk. This is your opportunity to relax and unwind with family and friends over a cuppa and the delights of delicious home baking, all within the lovely ambience of the Kirk's reception and hospitality area. There is no charge for the café but all voluntary donations received will go to SANDS Lothians and a representative of this very effective and much valued local charity will be there to talk about the charity's work and answer any questions you might have.

Kitch's performance will start at 7.30 in the Kirk. Concert tickets are £7.50 for adults and £1.00 for children and prices include Al Borgo's delicious ice cream at the interval. Proceeds will be shared between SANDS Lothians and Currie Kirk. Tickets are available from members of the Kirk's Hospitality Committee, from Sandra Cranford (449 4639) and from the Currie Kirk office (451 5141). Please help support these deserving local charities and enjoy a great family evening's entertainment.

For more information on SANDS Lothians (Scottish Charity No SC024375), visit their website at sands-lothians.org.uk; and on Currie Kirk (Scottish Charity No SC001554), visit www.curriekirk.org





The Guild

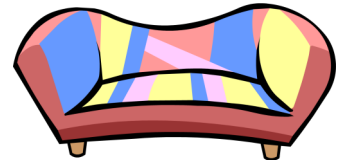


The Guild members are looking forward to their summer outing which is to Kellie Castle at Pittenweem on Saturday 14 May, onwards to St Andrews for a little retail therapy and then to Kinghorn for tea at the Bay View Hotel—with the sun shining hopefully. A full report on all the Guild's activities will be set out in next month's Clipboard.

Freda Robertson

Kirk House

Kirk House is looking for sofas in good condition (fire safety approved). If you have a sofa that you would like to donate to Kirk House please get in touch with the Minister or phone the Kirk Office.



Clipboard—Have you enjoyed your copies? If so, and would like to donate to the printing costs, you can do so when you receive the June, July, August edition next month.
Thank you in advance

Very Many Thanks to Currie Kirk

Thank you very much for the two carloads of donations you brought into the Edinburgh Direct Aid Warehouse on Easter Sunday. We were delighted to receive these and have been busy packing them up to go out to Lebanon where we have a number of aid projects on the go—schools, sewing workshop, weaving workshop, motorbike maintenance, as well as helping with clothing and shoes. (Please see our website for more details: www.edinburghdirectaid.org). Please thank everyone involved.

With best wishes on behalf of all of us n Edinburgh Direct Aid.

(Sgd) Ian McHaffie



National Badminton Success

Members of 65th Edinburgh Company, were crowned National Badminton Champions at the UK & ROI Finals at The Valley Leisure Centre, Newtownabbey on Saturday 17 April. Teams from around the UK competed, including one other Scottish team from Largs. Councillor Thomas Hogg, Mayor of Antrim and Newtonabbey Council, presented the National Trophy to the 65th, who clinched the title for the second year in a row. Making up the team were Andrew Sawkins, Peter Sawkins, David Kong, Liam Packwood and Jason Wang.



L/r with the Mayor: Andrew, David, Jason, Liam and Peter

Speaking afterwards, Liam Packwood, said: "Going to the Badminton Finals in Belfast was a great experience and an adventure of sorts. It was made all the better, of course, by the fact we won!" Andrew Sawkins, added: "It was amazing to retain the trophy, especially in my final year. What a brilliant way to go out!"

Bill Stevenson, Director of The Boys' Brigade in Scotland, said: "Congratulations to the team from 65th Edinburgh who have won the title for the second year running. Getting to the final is an achievement in itself and the result of months of hard work."

The final was between the 65th and 1st Largs. Other companies taking part were: 4th Newtonabbey; 1st Garvagh; 2nd Bedford and 16th Liverpool. (The Mayor of Antrim and Newtonabbey has to be congratulated for his photo with the Saltire as it was tweeted "what would his fellow Unionists think").

Seniors Weekend

The Boys and Officers commenced their walk at the gateway to the West Highland Way at Milngavie. Travelling by train from Edinburgh Park on arriving they found it to be very wet!! Fortunately our intrepid walkers had brought their brollies!! On our way to Drymen the Boys found a Tesco trolley—its amazing what you find on the West Highland Way—as the slogan goes "every little helps" they put me in the trolley with the intention that this would help me!! However, they soon abandoned that idea and when we reached The Kip in the Kirk at Drymen, we were absolutely soaked, but this stop had wonderful facilities—I can recommend it if anyone is planning this walk.



Next day it was dry, fortunately, though the walk over the hill to Balmaha almost killed my knees!! That is the problem with walking with teenagers they walk very fast and are likened to mountain goats over the steep and rocky terrain. We made it, however, to Balmaha and our accommodation at the Balmaha Bunkhouse where we received a "friendly welcome" likened to Fawlty Towers, by our host "Jock", who pointed out that he had left enough cereal and bread for breakfast with a little milk—no need to spoil us with any extras. Jock will be talked about for many years to come!! I would not recommend this stop unless you are not fussy if the sheets are clean!! Michael was chastised for not checking TripAdvisor!!

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Display

The Company's Display takes place on **FRIDAY 27 MAY @ 7.00** in the Gibson Craig Hall to which all are invited, especially any old Boy who would like to say a fond farewell to Jim who has been Captain since 1991.



Christian Aid Week 2016 (15–21 May)

In less than two weeks time, volunteers will be calling at your door, giving you the opportunity to contribute to Christian Aid. Times are hard for everyone and I am aware that over recent months there have been many appeals by different charities. We all have our 'favourites' and understandably people cannot support everything, but in the words of a large supermarket chain 'every little helps'. Last month I outlined some of the work done by Christian Aid and it is important for us to remember that whatever we contribute, it is greatly appreciated. The collectors will be round come rain or shine (and it usually rains for the whole week of Christian Aid!) so it would be really appreciated if you could have your contribution ready and waiting for their arrival—and please keep your envelope out of the reach of your dog until it is collected!

For two months up until last Friday, at the church office we collected books for the Christian Aid book sale—your response has been fantastic. Books have arrived daily during these eight weeks and although these have been taken into Edinburgh every few days, the passage to Easter's office has often been one that has required her to have good navigational skills—thank you everyone for your support in this, it really has been marvellous.

Ishbel Massie
449 4693

Kidz@Currie

We operate a Creche catering for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and a Sunday Club for Primary and Secondary school age. Children are invited to join the congregation for the start of the Church service at 10 am and then leave part way for Kidz@Currie. Kidz@Currie enjoy stories, arts, crafts and games.

All welcome—please come along and join us!

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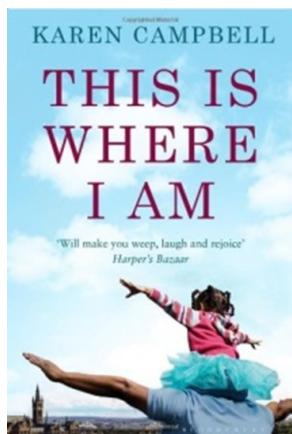
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Find the hidden words in the Pentecost word search

Good Book Group



Our March read was *'This is Where I Am'* by Karen Campbell. Set in Glasgow, this is the story of Somali refugee Abdi, and his Scottish Refugee Council mentor Deborah. Once a teacher, Abdi has fled Somalia with his 4 year old daughter and now lives in a graffiti covered block of flats in Glasgow. The traumas they have been through have had a massive effect on Abdi and on his daughter Rebecca. Deborah, his mentor, is also falling apart, following the recent death of her husband. In alternating chapters of the book we find out about Abdi and Deborah's past lives and how they give each other hope for the future

This is a thought provoking book, and as Abdi and Rebecca encounter both the good and bad sides of life in Scotland, it really makes the reader think about the treatment of refugees and migrants in our country. There is, however, laughter too in the novel, particularly as Abdi meets and gets to know some true Glaswegian characters and finds his way round the Scot's language.

The story is moving, enlightening and ultimately uplifting. Enjoyed by virtually all of the group, we scored the book 6.9 out of 10.

NB- if you are thinking of reading *'This is Where I Am'*, we all felt that the weakest part of the book was the first few chapters. Please don't give up on this one in the early stages—it's definitely worth reading on!

Care Van

Currie Kirk volunteer on the third Tuesday of every month of the year to man the Care van, handing out soup, clothing and friendship to the homeless in Edinburgh. We have a solid and reliable team but are always looking for others to join us. You'd be involved once every 3-4 months, leaving Currie about 7.30, returning home by midnight. If you feel this is something you'd be interested in helping with please contact Fiona Pigott for more details.

466-1459, f.pigott@blueyonder.co.uk



The Anchors and Junior Sections of the 65th would like to thank all members of the congregation for supporting the Company by collecting the Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers.

Do you have difficulty walking to church?

If you are finding it increasingly difficult walking to church, remember that the church runs the minibus every Sunday morning giving a 'door to door' service for the elderly or infirm. If you travel by bus you will often get the opportunity to join the many people who stay for a cup of coffee and a chat and enjoy a bit of fellowship, if you so desire. If you feel you can benefit from this, and at the same time retain your independence, please contact Jean Pringle on 449 7716 who will be happy to give you further information.



Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is 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
Baby Ballet	Claire Robertson	07731 466147	Wednesday
Balerno Bridge Club	Brian Rose	449 5335	Monday
Blue Sky Pilates	Claire McDonald	07872 349073	Thursday
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	449-4349	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Currie Community Council	Madge Barker	449 3450	
Currie SWRI	Lucy Airs	449 2565	Second Tuesday each month (except July/August) at 7.15 pm
Currie Day Centre	Elspeth Frame	449 3603	Friday by referral
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704	Wednesday
Octagon Club	Alastair Hardie Terry Maloney	453 3556 0751 466 4292	Wednesday
Parents & Toddlers	Dawn Thomson	478 1106	Friday
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986600432	Tuesday: 8-9 pm
Zumba Exercise Class Thighs, Bums & Tums	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday: 10.15-11.15 am Tuesday: 10—11 am

Easter Day photos



Which way round the reservoir? Before back to the Kirk for Bacon Rolls.



Easter leading the way on the Easter Day walk

Thought for the Day

“Never look down on a person—unless to help them up”

The above was written on the back of a wheelchair parked outside a shop in Inverness.

Jessie Bannister

Family News

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

Lillian Beedie, 18 Dolphin Gardens West

Mary Jackson, Somerset (late of Nether Currie Crescent)

Margaret Liddle, 552/6 Lanark Road, Manse Court, Juniper Green

Thomas Lowe, 190 Currievale Drive

Ian Reid, Braidhills Nursing Home

Mary Sherratt, 54 Palmer Road

Iris Young, 9 Rowantree Grove

Please pray for the families



The photograph on the right was taken in the Marie Curie Hospice on Saturday 2 April on the occasion of Mary and Tom Sherratt's Golden Wedding. On the day a few relatives and friends joined with Mary and Tom and their daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Tony and grandson Euan to mark the event. Throughout her short illness Mary showed great courage and was determined to reach her Golden Wedding.

Sadly, Mary died four days later on 6 April.



May Flower List

May 2016

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| 1 | Mrs I Greig, 109 Dolphin Road |
| | Mrs F Thomson, 111 Muirwood Road |
| 8 | Mrs J Bannister, 94 Lanark Road West |
| 15 | Mr T Gatenby, 50 Riccarton Mains Road |
| | Mrs S Ramsay, 47 Corslet Road |
| 22 | Mrs A Smith, 1 Pentland Place |
| 29 | Mrs A Haston, 99 South Middleton, Uphall |
| | Mrs V MacPhail, 2 Glenbrook Road, Balerno |



*April Showers
bring May
flowers*

Should anyone wish to donate to the Flower Fund or dedicate flowers on a specific Sunday, please leave cash or a cheque, made payable to Currie Kirk Flower Fund, at the Church Office or give to me at 2 Pentland View, Currie.

Erica Porteous—449 6894



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 Hall, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Secretary: Ishbel Massie e-mail 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	Grant Gordon email: gggordon@btinternet.com		449 2554
Treasurer	Eddie Pigott Email: pigottsef@icloud.com		466 1459
Gift Aid & Offerings Treasurer	Ron Dow 48 Thomson Drive ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk		538 2313
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper 16 Pentland View		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Hall Caretakers & bookings	May and Bill Sutherland 56 Thomson Crescent		449 7747
Hospital Transport Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood		538 0363
Deputy Coordinator	Jim Ure		449 6498
Kirk House Bookings	Isobel Paterson		449 6182
Life and Work	Eileen Chadwick		449 2559
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		449 6374
Boys' Brigade Captain	Jim Webber : Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Friday 7.00-9.30 pm	451 5112
Teen Café	Viola MacPhail	Friday	449 4664
Mini Bus Sunday lift organiser	Jean Pringle		449 7716
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	Tom Masson	Various	449 2561
Guild	Freda Robertson	Tuesday	449 2593
Kidz@Currie	Elaine Rae	Sunday	451 5384
Messy Church	Contact Church Office	Last Friday of each month Gibson Craig Hall from 2.00 pm—3.30 pm except June, July, August & December	451 5141
Walking Group	Rena Milligan	Third Sunday of each month	449 2017



Clipboard

Clipboard can now be found on the Currie Kirk Website with one click to <http://www.curriekirk.org/clipboard/> - why not mark it as a favourite. **Articles for the Summer issue (June, July, August) should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Friday 27 May 2016.**

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