

# THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND **CURRIE KIRK** WHERE FAITH AND LIFE CROSS PATHS

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*Great is the sun, and wide he goes  
Through empty heaven with repose;  
And in the blue and glowing days  
More thick than rain he showers his rays*

*Extract from Summer Sun by Robert Louis Stevenson*



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## A Message from the Manse

*Dearest friends,*

June is upon us and the green and growing season is here. I am sitting in the Manse Garden enjoying the sun after spending a week as a Commissioner at the Church of Scotland General Assembly.

The theme of this year's assembly was *People of the Way*. The Moderator, Rt Rev Russell Barr preached each morning about the faith journeys of our church fathers and mothers in scripture. How often their experiences, and the testimonies of our fellow Christians echo our own experiences. Most certainly, embarking on a Christian life is a great adventure and not for the faint of heart.

Sometimes it is a refreshing experience to look back upon our lives in a heavenly light and see where our faith journey has taken us and how God has been at work in us and with us through all the pathways, including the lovely high mountains and low-point valleys that journey has taken.

Another theme that impressed itself upon me at the General Assembly was that, as people of faith, we do not journey alone. The Christian life is a relational life and the church is one body with many diverse voices, colours, ideas, styles and personalities. However we are one church, bound together by the Spirit of God and called to service in the name of Christ.

When we encounter life's mountains and valleys we do not do so alone for we belong not only to God but to one another.

Another highlight of the General Assembly was the address given by Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby about the St Columba Agreement. This agreement brings a new ecumenical momentum to the unity and partnership between the Church of Scotland and the Church of England.

To paraphrase, the Archbishop intimated that our churches are united in witness to Christ and called to share the gospel with the whole world:

*"We know too that while in facing common challenges we have so much we can learn from one another, and so much we can do together. But more than that, this report is about the call of Jesus Christ to visible unity, so that He may be known."*

I welcomed his call to unity and I am reminded that within our own congregations we are called to echo that relational unity as God's children, created in God's image as Father, Son and Spirit. I know that the community we create in Currie Kirk has helped many of us celebrate the highs and milestones of our lives as well as helping so many of us get through, as best we can those challenges and low valleys life can bring.

In the spirit of *The People of the Way*, I will finish some words of one of my favourite hymns:

*We are pilgrims on a journey,  
Fellow Travellers on the Road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load*

*I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.*



## Kirking of the Flag at Currie



# Foodbank Collection Areas— Currie Kirk

At a recent Mission & Outreach Committee meeting it was decided to set up a Foodbank collection point in Currie Kirk to help our neighbours at the Trinity Foodbank.

Therefore, it is now possible to drop food items off in either the Kirk on a Sunday morning or during the week in the Kirk office during working hours, (Tuesday to Thursday 9.30 am—12 noon) and (Friday 9.30 am—11.45 am). Please look out for a large plastic box, duly marked up as **Foodbank Donations**. The one in the Kirk is currently located just inside the area behind the glass door of the church. Food items to be collected are:



Tinned soup, Cold meat/Corned Beef,  
Tinned meals eg. Stew, mince, meatballs, Tuna, Beans  
Tinned fruit, rice  
UHT milk, Coffee,  
Jam,  
Cornflakes,  
Biscuits,  
Toothpaste/Shampoo/Soap and Nappies.

As you can see quite an assortment. The items will be delivered to the Trinity Centre Foodbank in Wester Hailes by Members of the M&O team.

I know you will give generously to this very needy cause.

Gordon Clephane  
M&O Committee.



## Snack Lunches

**S**nack Lunches closed for the summer in May, having raised the wonderful sum of £2,500 for charity during the 2015-16 season. At the AGM it was decided to donate £300 to each of the following charities:

Poppyscotland  
Ovarian Cancer Research  
British Heart Foundation  
Cancer Research into Brain Tumours  
Woodlands School  
SSPCA  
School In A Bag

£200 is also to be given to the Gibson Craig Hall and £200 will be spent on necessary equipment for serving Snack Lunches.

Many thanks indeed to all who supported Snack Lunches, whether as volunteer helpers or customers consuming the delicious soup and homebaking! We will resume Snack Lunches at Noon on **Tuesday 20 September** when all are welcome.

We are always looking for people to make soup or homebaking. If you would be interested in helping, please contact **Viola MacPhail 449 4664 or 07806 806920**.



# Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2015 and Budget for 2016

The following pages show the General Fund Income and Expenditure of Currie Kirk for the past year and the budget for the current year. Before commenting on our Accounts and Budget I would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support.

The overall income in 2015 shows a significant rise from 2014. This is largely due to the receipt of three legacies and Grants in respect of the Kirk Redevelopment. Without these, the voluntary income shows a rise of £5,590 from 2014 (3.8% which given that the Stewardship programme in 2015 netted approximately £9,000 new income, it is evident that the continued erosion due to leavers, deaths and reduced giving is still a significant factor. Gift Aid continues to be at a high percentage of giving and income from the Gibson Craig Halls has maintained a level consistent with 2014.

The overall expenditure shows a reduction of 19% from 2014, mainly due to reduced spending on the Kirk Redevelopment. The outcome of the above leaves a balance in the General Fund of £61,007 as at 31 December 2015. The Fabric Fund has a balance of £19,158 and the Development Fund £25,526.

The Budget for 2016 forecasts a 4% reduction in overall income, despite the effect of the 2015 Stewardship programme adding a further £6,000 (approx.) of new income in 2016. This assumes the continued erosion of income as detailed above. The Budget expenditure for 2016 forecasts a 2.7% increase which can be achieved with control and hopefully end the year with a surplus.

This surplus can be achieved at this time of reducing income due to the legacies and Grants received in 2015, allowing existing fabric projects to be finished and new fabric projects to be funded without depleting the general and designated funds.

Eddie Pigott  
Treasurer—Currie Kirk.

## Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2015

### General Fund (Unrestricted Fund) (Item 1—4 on page 5)

	BUDGET £	2016 £	ACTUAL £	- 2015 £
<b>5. Analysis of Resources Expended</b>				
Ministries and Mission Allocation	86,760		83,004	
Presbytery Dues	2,800		2,689	
		89,560		85,693
Minister's Travel Expenses	1,200		1,396	
Ministerial Support			4,567	
Pulpit Supply	420		178	
Other Salaries	16,463		15,704	
		18,083		21,845
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance				
Fabric Maintenance Church	9,200			
Building running costs	14,100		21,214	
Insurance	5,000			
Manse Council Tax	2,500		1,388	
Other Expenses	620			
Loan Interest	1,300		1,321	
		32,720		23,923
Office Expenditure	6,450		7,859	
Committee Budgets	8,000		8,052	
Disturbance Allowance			2,890	
Music Licensing	1,500		1,611	
Professional fees and Other	2,088		2,352	
		18,038		22,764
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>158,401</b>		<b>154,225</b>

## INCOME

	BUDGET	- 2016	ACTUAL	- 2015
	£	£	£	£
<b>1. Voluntary Income</b>				
FWO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	2,437		1,674	
FWO Gift Aid	97,702		101,060	
Other Offerings (non Gift Aid) Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	15,272		16,013	
	5,839	121,250	6,113	124,860
<b>Tax Recovered on Gift Aid</b>				
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Donations		25,786		27,766
<b>Contributions from Congregational Organisations</b>				
Use of Premises - Church Organisations				
		147,036		152,626
<b>2. Activities for Generating Income</b>				
<b>Use of Premises</b>				
Use of premises - Community		20,200		20,385
<b>3. Investment Income</b>				
Bank & Deposit Interest	50		36	
		50		36
<b>4. Income Resources from Charitable Activities</b>				
Weddings and Funerals		1,700		1,200
Miscellaneous Income		1,000		6,958
LPW Grant Scheme				13,867
<b>Total Ordinary General Income</b>		169,986		195,072
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		(158,401)		(154,225)
<b>Other losses recognised</b>				(3,620)
		(158,401)		(157,845)
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>		<b>11,585</b>		<b>37,227</b>



## Involvement to a lesser degree??



Ever thought it would be nice to do something to help at the Kirk—but don't want to get too involved?

I am looking for another two people (preferably one being male) to make up another team of four for cleaning at the Kirk. Perhaps this is something you feel you could do? It only involves about a couple of hours every seven weeks—so not too time consuming, or onerous.

Make my day by phoning me on 449 2468 and volunteering.  
Thank you—Margaret Innes



## The Guild

The Guild held its AGM and Cheese 'n Wine evening on Tuesday 19 April. This evening was well attended and everyone seemed in good spirits. Unfortunately, we reluctantly accepted resignations from Catherine Crawford and Jessie Bannister. They will be very much missed, as both were hard working and dedicated members of the committee. The good news is we welcomed new blood on to the committee with Meg Watson, Cathie Heatley and Margaret Ullathorne. Isobel Webber agreed to become Vice President.

Our Project for the past year, "Mission International: Haiti", has been a huge success and although our membership numbers have decreased, we still managed to send a cheque for £1,000 towards this worthwhile building project. Much of this success is down to you, the congregation, who whole heartedly supported us at every turn, so please accept our grateful thanks.

"Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia" is our chosen project for the year 2016/17. This is a Christian Aid project which you will hear more about in the coming weeks and months.

The Summer Outing to Kellie Castle on Saturday 14 May was a great success. The weather that day was wonderful, and as long as we were in the sun, we stayed nice and warm, which was just as well as the bus was very late in arriving at the Gibson Craig Hall and again when we were waiting in St Andrews to take us to our meal at the Bay View Hotel in Kinghorn. For the first time, we nearly departed St Andrews minus two passengers, who had mistaken the time of departure, but Easter found our two intrepid shoppers so all was well again and we were able to set off with an unblemished record.

This is the end of my first year as President and I must thank all the committee for their help throughout this period. During the year we did have some hiccups but without the help and good humour of all the Guild members I would not be looking forward to my second and final year as President. I thank you all and trust you enjoy the summer months and I hope to see you all again in September.

Freda Robertson  
President







Andrew F; Abhi; David; Andrew S

At the 55th Annual Inspection which was held on Friday 27 May Easter had pleasure in presenting Andrew Faulds, Abhi Jayanty, David Kong and Andrew Sawkins with their Queen's Badge. It was also a sad occasion as the Company said goodbye to John Wilhelm and Andrew Sawkins who have reached the age for Discharge, having been with the Company since Anchors (12 years in total) They were presented with a Bible from the Kirk Session. The Company wishes both well in their respective careers.

The Anchors and Juniors displayed their

bowling and footballing skills with the new equipment acquired from the Sainsbury's vouchers last year and a special thank you to all who donated. I am sure more equipment will be acquired for next session with the amount collected this year.

The Company marched into the tune of "Bake off" and proceeded with "Mary Berry & Paul Hollywood's instruction to bake a "fatless sponge". After cracking eggs and beating in sugar and flour the cakes were marched off to be baked in the oven. They then re-grouped with four beautifully decorated cakes for Mary and Paul and, at this point, Easter was invited to the tasting session. The cakes must have been delicious as the Boys enjoyed them after the Display and only crumbs were left!!

It was Jim's final Display and he was presented with a Fruit Bowl and Vase with the BB logo from the Officers which will be treasured as a reminder of the 25 years he has been Captain. A sad evening but a good one as many "old boys" returned to wish him well in his retirement.

The future of the Company is now in the hands of the young officers as Jim reminded the parents William Alexander Smith was 29 when he started the BB movement and Michael is one year older—Safe hands indeed.



John and Andrew

## Minibus AGM—Tuesday 21 June at 7.30— Gibson Craig Hall—All Welcome

The Minibus AGM is being held in the Gibson Craig Hall at 7.30 on Tuesday 21 June. All are welcome to attend—come and find out about the bus and see how it is run. From fuelling and cleaning to repairing and keeping it on the road for all to use on a Sunday.



## Colourful Weekend

Geoff and I had the good fortune on Friday to visit the Chelsea Flower Show. This is an amazing event and one which really highlights the tremendous variation of form and colour of both flowers and veggies. Anyone for a cucamelon? The vibrant colours in the Grand Pavilion were breathtaking and the show gardens thought provoking. However, I somehow think that Currie can survive a bit longer without revolving trees.

Still on a colourful theme, on Sunday our own Kidz@Currie joined Balerno church to make our annual pilgrimage along the Water of Leith. Our theme this year was “colours”, and we stopped at several points along the way to reflect upon the colours in the landscape around us. The young (and not so young) created Ken Dodd style “tickling sticks” and we added appropriate coloured ribbons at each stop. By the time we reached Currie, we were quite a colourful band of pilgrims. We completed our walk by gathering around the multi coloured parachute in the garden. This was a fun way of bringing together all of the colours we had talked about, and reminding ourselves that one colour alone is fun—but when colours come together, we create a new thing, a rainbow. So it is with people and I would like to say a big “thank you” to Balerno for allowing us to come together with them to create our own rainbow effect.



Elaine Rae

## 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!

### Banoffee Ice Cream Sundae Recipe

Serves 1

You will need

A tall glass

1 banana - sliced

Vanilla ice cream

Toffee Sauce

Whipped cream (fresh or aerosol)

'99 Flake to decorate

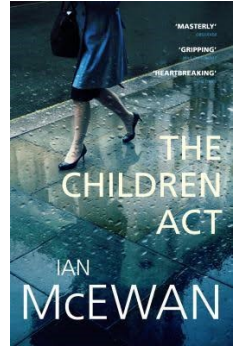


Place one third of the sliced banana in the bottom of the glass, cover with toffee sauce and one scoop of vanilla ice cream on top. Repeat this step again. Finish with the remainder of the banana and a little more sauce. Finally top with whipped cream and '99 flake and or wafers. Enjoy!



# Good Book Group

## *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan



This novel promoted a great deal of discussion within the Group and—I think it fair to say—some soul searching.

Although *The Children Act* is Ian McEwan's 13<sup>th</sup> Novel his style and characterisation are synonymous with his recent works: The main protagonist is well educated, highly intelligent, affluent, whose well balanced life is thrown into disarray over an apparently innocent but ultimately earth-shattering misunderstanding...

Fiona Maye has no children and her thirty year old marriage is in crisis. She is a high court judge presiding over family division cases. There are several 'mini-tales' within the novel but the *urgent* case she has been asked to take charge of is different!

The child, the young person, in the story is Adam a beautiful 17 year old boy who writes poetry and plays the violin. Adam is a Jehovah's Witness who refuses to have medical treatment, a blood transfusion, which would save his life. His devout parents respect his wishes. But time is running out for Adam and to help Fiona reach a decision, she visits him in hospital, a powerful and emotional encounter.

The dilemma facing Fiona Maye is that as a Judge, should she ignore religious held beliefs or overrule sincerely held faith in favour of 'rational' views held by a secular court?

Fiona Maye made her decision and her judgement had monumental consequences for her and Adam!

Score 6.1



## Christian Aid Week 2016

As you read this, Christian Aid week may almost seem like a distant memory. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all who contributed to the door to door collection which amounted to a total of £5,548.60 being collected.

We have been faced with different local authority rules this year with regard to collecting, and so if you received an envelope, but did not have someone return to collect it, this could have been for a few reasons. It may be that you simply were not at home when the collector returned, but it may also have been due to the fact you had a 'No cold callers' sticker. This did not mean there was a blanket rule that we could not call, but it has been a difficult position for us to navigate around. If the collector knew you, or was aware from previous years that you were a contributor, they could still call at your door, but in many cases, we have simply had to walk away. It has resulted in collector's being chased up the street by someone who really did want to contribute and people handing in their envelopes to the Church Office as they thought no-one had come back. I thank all these people for having made that extra effort to get their contribution in. Sadly, due to a lack of volunteers, there were also some areas which did not get a return visit.

I also extend my appreciation to the collectors who gave up their evenings for the week in question to help this so worthwhile cause. The only consolation this year was that for the first time for many years, the weather was kind to them—let us hope that that was a taste of the weather for the weeks to come.

Ishbel Massie

## General Assembly Week

## The Guild's Big Sing



# 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

## 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.



## Currie Day Centre

The Currie Day Centre meets in the Gibson Craig Halls on a Friday. The Centre is urgently looking for additional drivers for the Minibus. Drivers should be aged between 25 and 70 with a clean driving licence.

Approximate times on a Friday when the driver is needed are 9—11 and 2.15—3.45 and the commitment will be no more than one Friday per month.

Please get in touch with Sally Heron: [Sally.Heron@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Sally.Heron@blueyonder.co.uk) who is the Chairperson; or Alan Campbell: [alan@thebatcave.org.uk](mailto:alan@thebatcave.org.uk) if you are able to help.

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# Family News

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

Ian Barker, 54 Weavers Knowe Crescent

Charles Bradley, Marionville Care Home, 3 Lochend Road, Edinburgh

Agnes Melvin, 28 Thomson Crescent

Ishbel Ross, 31 Palmer Road

George Smith, 1 Pentland Place

Ann Templeman, 4 Easter Currie Terrace

Cathie White, 61 Dolphin Road

Please pray for the families



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

Ottile Valerie Anna Corson—parents Cheryl and Steven Corson

Harriet Murray—parents Andrew and Stephanie Murray



**Stop Press:** The Kirk Session will meet for ordinary business on Wednesday 22 June at 7.30pm in the Session Room. Members of the Congregation may attend Kirk Session meetings as Observers.



# Summer Flower List



## June 2016

5 Mr and Mrs B Eunson, 7 Muirwood Crescent  
Mrs M McDonald, 1 Featherhall Crescent  
South, Corstorphine

**12** Mrs M Watson, 31 Muirwood Drive

## 19 Donations to Flower Fund

## 26 Donations to Flower Fund

## July

### 3 Wedding of Kerry Barr and Ian Clark

**10** Mrs E Patton, 8 Cherry Tree Loan

**17** Mrs B Dow, 48 Thomson Drive

## 24 Donations to Flower Fund

### 31 Donations to Flower Fund

## August

## 7 Wedding of Diana Alexandrova and Barry Archer

**14** Mrs M Greig, 45 Thomson Road  
Mrs M Davidson, 2 Thomson Road

**21** Mrs W McLauchan, 86 Lanark Road West

**28** Mrs R Milligan, Newmills Grove  
Mrs N Wardall, 1 Cherrytree View

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 September issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to [isobelwebber@btinternet.com](mailto:isobelwebber@btinternet.com) before or by Friday 19 August 2016. Please insert the word “Clipboard” into the subject.**

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