



The Kirk News

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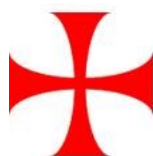
You must give to get, You must sow the seed, before you can reap the harvest—Scott Reed

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



A Message from the Manse

Dearest friends,

“Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life.” - Albert Einstein

Currie is a special place where families have stayed for two, three and four generations. It is a community to which I am glad I brought my three children. Currie Kirk is like a loving family at the heart of the community. We do a lot to care for the aged, disabled, unwell as well as those with young families. Our doors are always open to visitors, new members and returning friends.

Our motto is, “Where faith and life cross paths.” We know family life is busy with jobs, hectic school and after-school routines, child-care and other commitments that are greedy for our time. But we also know that life is God’s good gift and taking time for “Sabbath” rest with family and exploring how our faith and life do cross paths can bring our families together in a joyful and meaningful way.

Therefore, this year we are launching a once-a-month Pop-Up Family Praise service on the last Saturday of every month. We are hoping to form a band of singers and musicians who can help us with our Praise Singing at this.

Not least if Sunday morning is preferable, our Kidz@currie takes place during the Sunday morning worship in Currie Kirk at 10 am every Sunday. The last Sunday of the month is also an all-age service in the Kirk.

Whether you do have family or not you are always welcome and if you would like a visit from someone at church don’t hesitate to get in touch. For more information and updates you can also check out our website at www.curriekirk.org or like us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CurrieKirk/>.

I hope that this magazine can give you a bit of information about the autumn session in the Currie Kirk family. In the meantime, I wish you every blessing for this busy season.

Easter



CRRIE KIRK Praise Band—You spotted it. The only thing missing is U!

We are looking for young-at-heart singers and musicians who can help us provide music for our Pop-Up Family Church at the end of each month. If you play an instrument and enjoy singing up-beat praise songs please contact Easter at Esmart@churchofscotland.org.uk or for more information contact the Church Office at 0131-451-5141. Otherwise just join us on the last Saturday of the month to sing your heart out!

“Thank you God for this good life, and forgive us if we do not love it enough” - Garrison Keillor



CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

Why not cut out this handy calendar and put it on your fridge!!

(GCH= Gibson Craig Hall)

September:	2 Friday	7 pm Quiz Night —(GCH) in aid of <i>Changing Faces Scotland</i>
	3 Saturday	12.30-4 pm —Currie Fair at Pentland View Park
	4 Sunday	10 am —Worship, Currie Kirk (<i>Kidz@Currie resumes</i>)
	11 Sunday	10 am —Worship, Currie Kirk
	18 Sunday	10 am —Worship, in Currie Kirk—Rev John Munro to preach
	24 Saturday	3-5 pm —Pop-Up Family Praise Harvest Service (GBH) all welcome*
	25 Sunday	10 am —Harvest Thanksgiving, Currie Kirk (<i>All Ages with Festival Choir</i>)*

***Food donations for Trinity Food Bank welcome at both the Harvest Services**

October:	1 Saturday	7 pm — <i>Swinging 60's Night</i> with John McCauley GCH
	2 Sunday	10 am —Worship Service Currie Kirk
	9 Sunday	10 am —Worship Service Currie Kirk
	15 Saturday	10 am 3B's Guild Coffee Morning — <i>Baking; Books and Bric-a Brac</i>
	16 Sunday	10 am —Worship, Currie Kirk (<i>school holiday—no Kidz@Currie</i>)
	20 Saturday	7.30 pm — Bathgate Brass Band Concert — free admission**
	23 Sunday	10 am —Worship, Currie Kirk (<i>school holiday—no Kidz@Currie</i>)
	29 Saturday	3-5 pm —Pop-Up Family Praise (GCH) all welcome
	30 Sunday	10 am —Communion and The Boys' Brigade Dedication Service (All Age Service)

****Admission is free to Brass Band concert but donations are welcome**

November:	6 Sunday	10 am —Worship: Guild Dedication Service, Currie Kirk
	13 Sunday	10 am —Remembrance Sunday Service, Currie Kirk
	17 Saturday	6.30—8.30 pm — Winter Market with craft stalls in GCH
	20 Sunday	10 am —Worship, Currie Kirk
	26 Saturday	3-5 pm —Pop-up Family Praise (GCH) - all welcome
	27 Sunday	10 am — Advent Worship, Currie Kirk

December:	4 Sunday	10 am — Advent Worship, Currie Kirk
	11 Sunday	10 am — Festival Choir Advent Service , Currie Kirk
	17 Saturday	11 am—3pm Reflection Day in Currie Kirk with service at 12pm
	18 Sunday	10 am — Children's Nativity
	24 Saturday	Christmas Eve—All-Age Praise Service in GCH
	24 Saturday	11.30 pm — Watchnight Service , Currie Kirk
	25 Sunday	10 am — Christmas Day Worship , Currie Kirk





Pop-up Family Church

After running successfully under the title of Messy Church, we are about to relaunch a family friendly event for families with children of any age under the heading of Pop-up Family Church. With this new name comes a new meeting time and a slightly different format. Instead of meeting on the last Friday of the month, we will now meet on the last Saturday of the month between 3 pm and 5.30pm in the Gibson Craig Halls. The first three meetings will be on 24 September; 29 October; and 26 November.

We welcome children from babies up to Secondary school who are accompanied by a parent, grandparent or friend of the family. There will be a bible story or drama followed by a craft to reflect the day's theme and we will finish with lots of singing accompanied by live music. All this promises to be a fantastic way to round off a Saturday afternoon—just to tempt you a little more there will be refreshments, with slightly more to offer than juice and a biscuit—perhaps a hot dog and pop-corn?

It is always helpful if you can let us know you will attend with young children so if you plan on coming perhaps you could let us know by phoning the Kirk-office on 0131-451-5141 or emailing currie_kirk@btconnect.com.

For more information please contact Louise Lamont at elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk

Louise Lamont



Good Book Group

The Good Book Group restarts after the summer on **Monday 5 September at 7pm** in the Gibson Craig Hall Lounge. We meet on the first Monday of most months (not January) and enjoy tea/coffee and biscuits (sometimes even chocolate!) alongside discussion of a book or books we've been reading. We've had a selection of books to read over the summer but usually choose a book per month during the rest of the year. The books vary widely, through ghost stories, crime, classics, ethical, short stories, factual as well as fiction of all kinds; there's something for everyone!

Come along with ideas for books to read over the next few months and share with us any good books you've read over the summer. If you've not been before, why not give it a try—everyone is most welcome. If you can't make it for 7 pm, don't worry; the discussion usually starts around 7.30. Look forward to seeing you there!

Krys Hume
449 4036



Snack Lunches Commence on Tuesday 20 September

Come along and enjoy delicious soup and home baking



Harvest Festival Food Drive

12–25 September 2016

Building on last year's successful food-drive we will once again be collecting food donations for the Foodbank at Holy Trinity Church, Bridge Community Café, Wester Hailes.

Currie Kirk collects food donations throughout the year but we will have a special **Harvest Thanksgiving collection of non-perishable foods during the weeks of 12–25 September**. We hope that this year some of the local schools and other community organisations might donate food with us. You can drop items off at the Gibson Craig Hall office between 9.30 am and 11.45 am Tuesday to Friday or else bring them to the Gibson Craig on Saturday 24 September at 3 pm for our **Pop-up Family Praise service** or the Sunday 25 September's **Harvest Festival Service** at 10 am in the Kirk.



Angie Thomson, the Foodbank's Manager came to speak to Currie Kirk last year to tell us about the foodbank. She explains, *"Foodbank clients in need of a food parcel come to the Bridge Community Cafe on Tuesday afternoons. Clients are welcomed with coffee/tea and cake whilst they have their details registered and receive their food parcels. We have trained volunteers who come in and chat to the people who arrive, often stressed and with many issues in their lives which contribute to their need for help with food. Sometimes people just want to come in for a coffee and a chat. Our Foodbank is a short term support facility to help people as they pick themselves up from a wide range of difficult circumstances, often involving loss of income or short term loss of benefits."*

Items to donate include:

- ♦ Soup
- ♦ Cold meat/corned beef
- ♦ Tinned meal eg Stew, Mince, Meatballs
- ♦ Tuna
- ♦ Tinned fruit
- ♦ Tinned rice
- ♦ Beans
- ♦ UHT milk
- ♦ Coffee
- ♦ Jam
- ♦ Cornflakes
- ♦ Biscuits
- ♦ Toothpaste/Shampoo/Soap
- ♦ Nappies

Matthew 25: 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?'



Help—Does the Church Office have an up-to-date email address for you?

A few email addresses have "bounced" back to the Kirk Office. Please let the office know if you have changed your email address: Tel: 451 5141 or email: currie_kirk@btconnect.com



Kitted out and ready for White Water Rafting on the River Tay

During the summer the Company Section boys went on their annual camp to Craggan, Loch Tay. The weather wasn't particularly kind, however, everybody still got involved and had a great time. This year we were joined by our Chaplain who took part in the white water rafting with the boys.

As we move into September the Company enters recruitment mode. Most of our new recruits join Anchors—for boys in P2 and P3. The Anchors programme is based around fun and having lots of it! They play games, make crafts and new friends.

For boys in P4—P6 they join the Junior Section. The programme provides challenges, adventure and opportunities to learn and grow. The fun and engaging programme enables the Boys to work in a team and take more responsibility. Juniors also get the opportunity to go on a holiday weekend and for some this will be their first night away from home. Throughout their time in the Juniors Section

and Anchors, Boys can gain badges in recognition of their participation.

If there are any boys in your family interested in joining, please get in touch with Michael Knott on 440 3216 for more details.



Loch Tay at Craggan—Boys and Officers at Camp



The Guild

The Guild returns on Tuesday 6 September at 10.00. Tea and Coffee will be served prior to the meeting with it commencing at 10.30. The Guild is pleased to welcome Rev Thomas Molloy of Our Lady's Church in Currie as its first speaker of the New Session.

A full programme of speakers and events have been organised for the coming year. On Tuesday 20 September Mary Mulligan will be speaking on the Guild's project for this year "Caring for Mother Earth in Bolivia"; and on Tuesday 4 October Ian Rintoul will be speaking on "A Village in the City". More of the syllabus in next month's Kirk News. All welcome—come along and enjoy the fellowship.

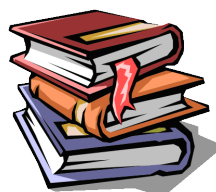
A Date for your Diary must be the 3B's Coffee Morning—Baking, Books and Bric-a-Brac—Saturday 15 October at 10.00 am.

Freda Robertson
President

Donations of good quality bric-a-brac and books will be welcome. Please call Isobel to collect on 451 5112 or leave at Church Office

Many thanks for your support

3 B's Coffee Morning Saturday 15 October @ 10.00 Gibson Craig Hall



Currie Fair Saturday 3 September Pentland View Park—12.30—4 pm

The Mission and Outreach Committee has taken a stall at this year's Currie Fair which is being run by Currie Community Council. The Fair is on **Saturday 3 September at Pentland View Park from 12.30 to 4 pm.**

We will be promoting Currie Kirk via the M&O committee, handing out leaflets, iced biscuits, fruit skewers and balloons and chatting about some of the activities the Church is involved in e.g. Fresh Start, Bethany Care Van, Family Church, The Boys' Brigade, the Guild, Mums and Tots to name but a few. We also hope to plan potted sports activities for children—any volunteers? Look out for our Gazebo in front of the Kirk Minibus and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

If you wish to volunteer your services, please contact Gordon Clephane on 449 2313.

Care Van

If you're having a year-end clear out please remember the Care Van team are always looking for jeans, sweatshirts, socks and blankets to distribute to the homeless in Edinburgh. We're always looking for more team members—if you're interested in being part of the Currie Kirk team please contact me or Gordon Clephane for more information. Being part of the team involves going out in the van once every 3—4 months (3rd Tuesday in each month), serving soup, tea and coffee.



Thanks, Fiona Pigott

Dates for your Diary!!



Saturday 1 October – Swinging 60s night in aid of British Heart Foundation.

The Mission & Outreach Committee is supporting this fundraiser in the Gibson Craig Hall. Music will be provided by John Macauley—if you have a favourite 60's hit I'm sure he'll be able to play it.

Tickets are £5 each (to include a light supper) and available from Fiona Pigott (fpigott19@googlemail.com), any committee member or Kirk office. BYOB. Remember your dancing shoes!!

It should be a great night for a very deserving charity.



Saturday 17 November



Following the success last year the Mission & Outreach Committee will be hosting the Winter Market in the Gibson Craig Hall, 6.30—8.30pm. A chance to do some early Christmas shopping or just a catch up with friends over a glass of wine or tea/coffee and shortbread? Look out for more details coming soon. If you would like a table at the market please contact me as soon as possible—we have a limit of 20 tables and last year the demand was so great we had applications from over 40 crafters/traders!!

Fiona Pigott (07584 678990 or email fpigott19@googlemail.com)



**Thursday 20 October—Bathgate Brass Band
Gibson Craig Hall**

Free Admission—but donations welcome



Octagon Club for Adults with Learning Difficulties and Special Needs

Regular readers of "The Kirk News" and supporters of the Club will like to know how things have been. After a few days of heavy rain 31 members and helpers departed on Saturday 18 June in sunshine and a brand new bus for their annual outing before breaking up for the season. They were bound for their popular destination of Blair Drummond Safari Park. The weather was kind to them, after a poor week of rain, and was hot at times. They enjoyed boating on the lake, watching the chimpanzees, taking "shots" on the Dodgems and enjoying a good meal.

This rounded off a busy season for them. They are due to meet up again on Wednesday 14 September in the Gibson Craig Hall (7-9pm) to resume their usual activities of snooker, table tennis, table games and "tuck shop" etc and will welcome new members and helpers, as well as their regular attenders.

Alastair Hardie on behalf of the Club (453 3556)

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!



Have some fun by joining the dots on these two colourful creatures!!



Link to Hope—Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal

Once again Currie Kirk, via the Mission & Outreach Committee is linking up with the charity, “Link to Hope” Organisation who last year supplied over 39,000 Family and Elderly shoe boxes to refugee families in distress in Eastern Europe just in time for Christmas. In 2015 Link to Hope were able to deliver shoeboxes to Moldova and then cross over to Odessa in Ukraine where they met refugees living in particularly difficult circumstances. Many had fled the war zone in Eastern Ukraine. At Christmas time, these basic shoeboxes are filled with many goodies and necessities from chocolates and small toys, to candles and shampoos, to handkerchiefs and toothpaste, and covered with Christmas paper to transform them into a colourful gift that brings much needed help and joy to families and elderly people in great stress and trauma.

During the months of September and October Currie Kirk will be handing out leaflets which contain all the necessary information to fill a standard shoebox with some of the items mentioned above. The average cost of filling a box is £10 but please feel free to hand in items that will go a long way to filling up a shoebox. Items are outlined in the leaflet. Boxes can be handed in to the church office at the Gibson-Craig Halls, 156 Lanark Road West, during its working hours.

The closing date is 4 November for collection. Currie Kirk has always provided generously to this great cause. Please help to make this year one to remember for those children and families in need in Eastern Europe.

Further information and leaflets from the Church Office on 0131 451 5141 or Mission & Outreach Committee on 0131 449 2313.



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	Wednesday
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 Day Centre	Sally Heron (Temporary)	449 3452	Friday by referral
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704	Wednesday
Octagon Club	Alastair Hardie Terry Maloney	453 3556 07514 664292	Wednesday
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Jennifer Nicol	449 4481	1st & 3rd Fridays of the month 9.30 am to 11.30 am (term time only)
Pilates Class	Steph Bain	445 3690	From 14/9; Noon—1 pm
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986 600432	Tuesday: 8-9 pm
Zumba Exercise Class Thighs, Bums & Tums	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday: 10.15-11.15 am Tuesday: 10—11 am



Kitch Lewis In Concert

There was much foot tapping and hand clapping when Kitch Lewis performed a varied programme of music to an all age audience in Currie Kirk on the evening of 10 June, all in aid of SANDS Lothians and the Kirk's Redevelopment Fund. It proved to be a successful and entertaining evening all round with many also enjoying the delights of the pre-concert café in the Kirk's reception and hospitality area. Funds raised totalled £600 for SANDS Lothians and £380 for the re-development fund—a great result! Special thanks go to Bibi's Bakery, Morrisons (Hunters Tryst) and James

McGhee for their donations of cupcakes and goods. And of course a huge thank you to members of the Kirk's Hospitality team who worked, like a well-oiled machine, to make everything run smoothly on the night. A fine time was had by all.

Gordon Cranford
Convener—Kirk Hospitality Committee

Face/Church lift??

Just want to say how nice it is to see paintwork *etc* on doors and windows outside Church being attended to and also benches refurbished. It makes such a difference—so thanks to all who are involved.

Margaret Innes

Family News

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

Les Catto, Ivy Cottage, Braeburn

Phyllis Corbett, 30 Forthview Crescent

Duncan Curr, 52 Baberton Crescent, Juniper Green

Alexander Currie, 46 Nether Currie Crescent

Angela Jenkins, 13/1 Corslet Place

Helen Latto, 13 Dolphin Avenue

Robert Martin, 4 Deanpark Crescent

Jessie Peat, c/o 19 Muirieston Green, Livingston

Rae Scott, c/o Davidson House Care Home, Edinburgh, late of 44 Thomson Road

Tom Sherratt, 54 Palmer Road

Helen Steven, 23 Kirkgate

Margaret Swan, 22 Stewart Road



Please pray for the families

New Members:

David Kong, 3 Riccarton Avenue

Daniel Mackenzie, 5 Easter Currie Crescent

Cameron and Scott MacLeod, 3 Thomson Crescent

Sheena and Angus Macphie, 341 Lanark Road

By Transfer

Mrs Ann Ireland, 16 Nether Currie Road



September Flower List



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4 Mr and Mrs I Thomson, 8 Easter Currie Terrace
Mrs J Pringle, 16 Rowantree Avenue
Mrs J Robertson, 7 Bonaly Gardens, Colinton

11 Mrs M Gray, 1 Marchbank Way, Balerno
Mrs H Heggie, 24 Thomson Drive
Family of the late Mrs Betty McCaig

18 Mrs S Heron, 67 Nether Currie Crescent
Mrs M Anderson, 18 Curriehill Road
Mrs M Brown, 30 Thomson Crescent

25 Mr D Jordan, 23 Rowantree Avenue
Mrs C Lindsay, 26 Weaversknowe Crescent

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	Michael Knott Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Sunday 6.30-8.30	440 3216
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
Pop-up Family Church	Contact Church Office	Last Saturday of each month Gibson Craig Hall from 5.00 pm—5.30 pm except June, July, August & December	451 5141
Walking Group	Rena Milligan	Third Sunday of each month	449 2017



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Can 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 October issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Monday 19 September 2016. Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.**

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