



The Kirk News

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A Message from the Manse

Dearest friends,

Harvest is upon us. Today I headed up the Kirkgate to help Sam catch Pokemons with my phone. While wee Sam focused his mind on *harvesting* Pokemons, I admired field after field of beautifully rolled bales of straw next to pastures with cows, horses and flocks of sheep. We continued on—up to Harlaw Reservoir—and bumped into Andrew and Catherine Barr putting the combine harvester and tractor to bed at the end of a warm autumn day of hard-harvesting work.

This is the time of year when we drop off little bags of apples, Victoria plums, cucumbers, tomatoes, rhubarb and runner beans to our neighbours. (Thanks by the way to friends who dropped tasty treats off at the Manse or Gibson Craig.) Harvest is, instinctively a time of sharing and celebration. That is why, once again, we are glad to collect donations for the Trinity Foodbank in Wester Hailes *especially* for Harvest but *also* all year round.

Americans will often tell you that the first Harvest Thanksgiving took place when the early pilgrim Fathers settled in the ‘new world’. However, Harvest celebrations are an ancient tradition. In the Jewish faith, for instance, there are three harvest festivals.

- * The *Pesach (Festival of Spring Passover)* is held to celebrate the harvesting of Barley and to commemorate the Passover.
- * The *Shavuot (Festival of the First Fruits)* commemorates the Wheat crop, the last grain of the season and the beginning of the harvest of fruit.
- * Lastly in the autumn, the Jewish people gather for *Sukkot (The time of our happiness)* when shelters were ritually made out of Myrtle, Citrus, Willow and Palm branches to give thanks and praise to God for the final harvest and the fertility of the land.

Let’s remember that the thrust of this Harvest season is not just about enjoying and sharing nature’s goodies—it is about remembering to give THANKS to God for all God’s good gifts to our lives. Whether you are collecting Pokemons, Pears, or Peas, Cucumbers, Crab-apples or Chestnuts—I wish you every blessing this autumn season.

Easter

Currie Horticultural Society



Easter presenting the prizes



CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

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

(GCH= Gibson Craig Halls)

October:	1 Saturday	7 pm —Swinging 60's Night with John Macauley GCH
	2 Sunday	10 am —Worship Service Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	9 Sunday	10 am —Worship Service Currie Kirk
	15 Saturday	10 am 3B's Guild Coffee Morning —Baking; Books and Bric-a Brac
	16 Sunday	10 am —Worship, Currie Kirk (<i>school holiday—no Kidz@Currie</i>)
	20 Thursday	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 Church (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 with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	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 Church (GCH)—all welcome
	27 Sunday	10 am —Advent Worship, Currie Kirk, informal communion following worship

December:	4 Sunday	10 am —Advent Worship, Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	11 Sunday	10 am —Festival Choir Advent Service, Currie Kirk
	17 Saturday	11 am—3 pm 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
	31 Saturday	Hogmanay Ceilidh in GCH

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January	1 Sunday	10 am Worship, Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	8 Sunday	10 am Kirkin of the Rotary Club of Currie Balerno
	15 Sunday	10 am Worship, Currie Kirk
	22 Sunday	10 am Communion, Currie Kirk
	29 Sunday	10.30 am Joint Valley Service



Pop-up Family Church

3.00-5.00 pm—Gibson Craig Halls

29 October & 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

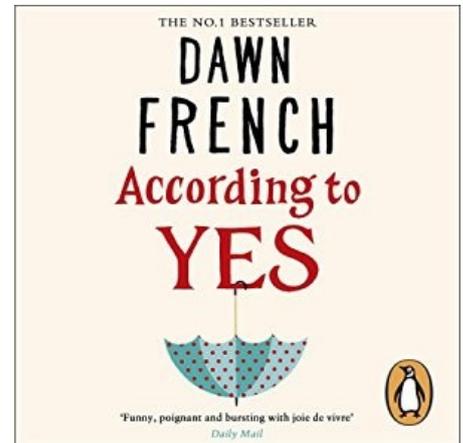
Louise Lamont

Good Book Group

Our first meeting of the session was spent telling everyone about what we had read over the summer. There was a wide range of books, some of which had been good reads and some not so good, and from the good reads we decided on "According to Yes" by Dawn French for our next meeting on 3 October at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Do come and join us in the lounge at the Gibson Craig Halls and don't worry if you haven't read the book—just enjoy the cuppa and chat—everyone is welcome! Look forward to seeing you!



Krys Hume



The Kirk at the Fare





This month the 65th was asked to take part in a presentation at a reception for parish ministers which was hosted by Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the Church of Scotland. The event took place in St Andrew's & St George's West Church and the focus of the event was on 'What The Boys' Brigade can offer to your congregation?'

Our very own minister was asked to speak and she was in a unique position to talk about her experiences as a parent of a member and as Chaplain of the 65th. She was joined by Cameron MacLeod who spoke about being a young leader and John Wilhelm who informed the guests why he stayed in the BB until he was 18 years old.



Meet on THURSDAY Gibson Craig Halls @ 6.00—7.00 pm
 for BOYS in P2 AND P3



Meet on THURSDAY Gibson Craig Halls @ 7.00—8.30 pm
 for BOYS in P4, P5 AND P6

Come along and join in the FUN

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!

1. What do numbers 11, 69 & 88 have in common?
2. Name four days of the week that start with the letter "t".
3. What two keys can't open any door?
4. What invention lets you look right through a wall?

Answers on page 7

Data Protection Policy

Nowadays we are all used to giving information about ourselves over the phone, via the internet or by other means. We expect those to whom we give this information to look after it and use it only for the purpose for which it was given and in general to deal with it legally. The main law which governs this subject is the Data Protection Act 1998. The Church of Scotland and Currie Kirk hold personal data about church members and others and must therefore comply with the law.

The Act places obligations on holders of Personal Data and gives rights to people whose Personal Data is held. The Church of Scotland has directed that all congregations should adopt a 'Data Protection Policy' and appoint a 'Data Protection Officer' in order to comply with the Act. In June, Kirk Session approved the adoption of a Data Protection Policy and asked me to act as 'Data Protection Officer' as described in the Policy. The full Policy document is available on the web site (www.curriekirk.org) or on application at the Church Office, but I will give an outline of the main points here.

- ◆ All trustees, office bearers, employees and others given positions of responsibility must carry out their duties in compliance with the Act and the Data Protection policy. Anyone who considers that this policy has not been followed should contact me as Data Protection Officer.
- ◆ Personal Data in terms of the Act consists of data (information) relating to a living individual who can be identified from that data, *eg* name, address, phone number, email address, financial information, health records, CCTV etc. It can be held on a computer, laptop, ipad, smart phone etc or on paper.
- ◆ Extra care to prevent unauthorised disclosure to a third party must be taken over 'sensitive data' such as ethnic origin, political opinions, religious beliefs, etc. Data held by Currie Kirk indicates religious beliefs and is therefore 'sensitive'. We believe that members and supporters of Currie Kirk know what personal data we hold and what we use it for, and that we can assume their approval of what we do with it. We have already obtained approval from those who are happy for us to use their email address for church communications and will also get approval before publishing personal data in The Kirk News or on the web site.
- ◆ When we collect personal data in future we will provide a statement of our Privacy Policy (already in use in Standing Order and Gift Aid Declaration forms) which can be found on the web site along with the Data Protection Policy.
- ◆ Organisations holding Personal Data must register its nature and the use made of it with the Information Commissioner's Office. The register is public and may be accessed *via* the Information Commissioner's web site www.ico.org.uk. The Church of Scotland has registered for each Presbytery. We are covered by the registry entry for the Presbytery of Edinburgh and our Data Protection obligations are overseen by the Presbytery Clerk.
- ◆ The Commissioner is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and can impose sanctions on people and organisations for breaches. These sanctions can include criminal prosecutions and fines up to £500,000.
- ◆ Office bearers and employees holding personal data for Currie Kirk must use appropriate security to prevent loss or unauthorised disclosure. They have been given a copy of the Data Protection Policy and appropriate guidance or training.
- ◆ If any Personal Data goes missing or is thought to have been copied or transferred illicitly I, as Data Protection Officer, must be informed.
- ◆ The Act gives individuals the right to see what Personal Data is held about them (subject to a small fee) and to have it corrected if found to be inaccurate. If anyone feels the need to take advantage of this they should apply to me first.

Please be assured that a great deal of time and thought both at Currie Kirk and the Church of Scotland has gone into ensuring that your Personal Data is looked after as required by the Act. It's my responsibility to see that the Data Protection Policy continues to be adhered to.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please let me know.

Ron Dow
Data Protection Officer



The Guild

The Guild welcomed the Rev Thomas Molloy of Our Lady’s Church in Currie as its first speaker of the New Session. Tom’s life as a Priest and the many countries he had worked in was fascinating. Before coming to the Diocese at Currie he was Chaplain at Perth Prison. Now a chaplain at the Western General in Edinburgh and looking after the parish at Currie he is kept exceedingly busy.

On Saturday 3 September Betty Clark and Cathie Heatley travelled by train to Dundee to represent the Currie Guild at the Church of Scotland Guild Annual Gathering which was held at the Caird Hall. The National Guild Convener, Rosemary Johnston, welcomed the delegates to the meeting. The Rev Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the Church of Scotland’s General Assembly and Minister of Cramond Kirk since 1993 gave an amusing and entertaining talk on his various experiences of being a parish minister. At lunch Betty and Cathie were invited to join three ladies—all members of the Guild of Downfield Church in Dundee—one being the mother of our previous minister—Lezley Stewart!! The main speaker in the afternoon was Sally Magnusson who spoke of founding Playlist for Life in 2013, after being impressed by the effect of personally meaningful music on her late mother’s dementia, about which she has written a book. The ladies ended the day by singing and dancing to The Heart and Soul Swing Band—who says the Guild is boring!!



On Tuesday 4 October Ian Rintoul will be speaking on “A Village in the City” and we have our Coffee Morning on Saturday 15 October which is in aid of our project “Caring for Mother Earth”. The project aims to distribute solar cookers in the rural and peri-urban areas of the Bolivian Andes. It has two objectives: to improve the quality of life of the rural populations by reducing the time needed for collecting wood; and contributing to the fight against climate change by reducing deforestation and the use of fossil fuels.

Do you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to donate? If so these can be handed into the Kirk Office. Thank you for your support.

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



Coffee Morning—3B’s
Saturday 15 October @ 10.00 am
Gibson Craig Halls
In aid of the Guild’s Project
“Caring for Mother Earth”
Tickets £3 From Guild members or pay at door

Answers to Kidz at Currie Riddles.

1. The numbers write the same backwards
2. Tuesday, Thursday, today and tomorrow.
3. A monkey and a donkey.
4. A Window

FREE Brass Band Concert on 20 October

Your eyes don't deceive you, **IT'S FREE!** The Bathgate Band, an award winning and highly accomplished brass band, will perform "Sound of Brass", a free concert—yes, that's right, it's **free**—for the local community in the Gibson Craig Halls, Lanark Road West at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 20 October. The Bathgate Band is a class act and it promises to be a really entertaining evening. Don't miss it! Tickets are available from the Currie Kirk Office (451 5141) or from Sandra Cranford (449 4639). The Hospitality Committee will provide refreshments at the interval. All donations on the night will go to the Band's funds.



Did I mention it's **free**??

Gordon Cranford,
Hospitality Committee



Saturday 17 November

Following the success last year the Mission & Outreach Committee will be hosting the Winter Market in the Gibson Craig Halls, 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)

Thank you ..

On behalf of the Communications Committee I would like to thank all who helped distribute the flyers to the homes in the Parish. It was great to see them all disappear from the Link Building.

Many thanks.

Isobel Webber
Convener, Communications Committee

The Walking Group



Every year the walking group organise an away day which involves a short walk, a backpack, a variety of sweets or crisps for the journey and an eating establishment somewhere *en route*. This year we weren't disappointed!!! Our organisers Moira and Liz duly ticked all these boxes so on a dreich Friday morning sixteen excited youngsters gathered at Edinburgh station for the 56 minute journey to Tweedbank on the new Waverley line. Once on board it was noted with interest that the three gentlemen in the group sat discretely apart from the chatty ladies and appeared to be studiously reading their maps and discussing the history and geography of the many towns and villages we passed through. The ladies equally enjoyed their journey with maybe less history discussed but all impressed by the scenery and little villages which some of us had never heard of.

On arrival we checked our maps and directions to Abbotsford House and Gardens, (the former residence of historical novelist and poet Sir Walter Scott) which was designated as one and a half miles from the station. We did not immediately take the most direct route, (you can discuss why with any member of the walking group) but very soon we found our bearings and followed the path along the picturesque Tweed to the very impressive House, Gardens and information centre. There, within the Centre, we had a very enjoyable lunch and saw an informative exhibition on the history of Sir Walter Scott and his family.

As some of the group had already visited Abbotsford House we divided into two; with one group viewing the lovely gardens and the other group taking the conducted tour of the House. The history of Sir Walter Scott's residence built almost 200 years ago was a privilege to see and to be in such close proximity to his many valued possessions and priceless books was memorable to all. To anyone who has not been I would definitely recommend a day visit to the House and Gardens and if you are very rich you can book into the luxury accommodation in the new Wing.

Our return journey was filled with laughter and fun recounting the lovely day we all had. Sincere thanks to all who organised such a great day out and now all that is left to say is, roll on next year's annual trip away.



The Cultural Group!!!
The Other group had gone back earlier!!



Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Halls are 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

A Night to Remember—Friday 24 June

As far back as February this year Jim and I were informed “to keep the date free” as the Officers were arranging wine and nibbles in the back hall for us and our family. That is all we were aware of and no one in Currie or BB wise told us differently.

Claire arrived her usual cheery self and we were ready (in fact too early—her father is “never” early) she had to stall us for 20 minutes—time to search for a non-existent lost mobile phone!! On arriving at the hall we were met by two pipers and it was only when we were shepherded into the large hall and were met by over 100 friends and family that we realised that this evening was “special”. We wondered how had they all managed to keep this a secret!!

Thank you to Iain MacPhail who composed a piping air “Captain and Mrs Webber’s Farewell to the 65th”, which will hopefully be played at the Dedication Service if Michael has mastered the tune. We would also like to thank all who contributed to the very large cheque. We have to thank the Officers in the Company who arranged the evening—Niall contacted all on Facebook; Lesley baked the cake; Danny wrote letters; Michael put together a collage of our years in the Company; and Bill and Diane ensured that there was enough food and wine for the evening.

Thank you all once again.

Jim and Isobel Webber

(This article had to be held back from the September issue as there was insufficient room, so I apologise to my husband!!)



Family News

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

Alastair Gibson, 50 Muir Wood Crescent

Jim Lamb, 11 Currievale Park Grove

Anita Murray, Springfield Bank House, Bonnyrigg



Please pray for the families



A few of
the winning
blooms
from the
Flower
Show



October Flower List



2 Mrs J Blair
Mrs A Wood
Mrs S Ramsay

9 Alan and George Forsyth

16 Dr and Mrs P Gordon
Mrs E Stewart
Mrs M Muirhead

23 Mrs C Inglis
Mrs M McDonald
Family of the late Mrs Betty McCaig

30 Mrs I Blyth
Mrs J Smith
Mrs M Thomson

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 Halls, 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 & Data Protection Officer	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 Halls Caretakers & bookings	May and Bill Sutherland 56 Thomson Crescent		449 7747
Hospital Transport Coordinator Deputy Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood Jim Ure		538 0363 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	Gordon Cranford	Various	449 4639
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 Halls from 3.00 pm—5.00 pm except June, July, August & December	451 5141
Walking Group	Rena Milligan	Third Sunday of each month	449 2017



The Kirk News

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

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