

The Kirk News

February / March 2018

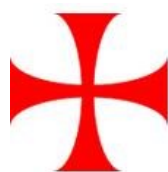


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THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CURRIE KIRK

WHERE FAITH AND LIFE CROSS PATHS



CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

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

(GCH= Gibson Craig Halls)

February	4	Sunday	10 am—Annual Town & Gown Heriot Watt Service at Currie Kirk.
	6	Tuesday	10 am—Guild—Glimpses of Quakerism—Speaker: Alison Burnley
	7	Wednesday	11 am—Prayer Group—GCH Lounge
	9	Friday	2.00-3.30 pm—Messy Church—GCH—The Good Shepherd
	11	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	18	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	20	Tuesday	2.00 pm—Guild—The Golden West—Speaker: Fred Daniels
	21	Wednesday	7.00 pm—Lenten Service followed by Nooma discussion—Currie Kirk
	23	Friday	2.00-3.30 pm—Messy Church—GCH—Jonah and the Whale
	25	Sunday	10 am—Worship—Currie Kirk, with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
March	25	Sunday	11.45 am—Fair Trade Lunch—GCH
	27	Tuesday	7.30 pm—Joint Valley Guild—Rev Ian Gilmour—Slavery & Song—Slateford Longstone
	28	Wednesday	7.00 pm—Nooma discussion—Currie Kirk
	3	Saturday	7.00-11.00 pm—Ceildih—GCH
	4	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	6	Tuesday	10 am—Guild—Médecins Sans Frontières—Speaker: Dennis Kerr
	7	Wednesday	11 am—Prayer Group—GCH Lounge
	7	Wednesday	7.00 pm—Nooma discussion—Currie Kirk
	9	Friday	2.00-3.30 pm—Messy Church—GCH—Mothers and Love
	11	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
April	14	Wednesday	7.00 pm—Nooma discussion—Currie Kirk
	16	Friday	7.00 pm—Edinburgh, Leith & District Battalion Church Service—Rev Ian Gilmour
	18	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	20	Tuesday	2.30-4.00 pm—Guild—Daffodil Tea
	21	Wednesday	5.00 pm—Pastoral Care Meeting—Currie Kirk, Session House
	23	Friday	2.00-3.30 pm—Messy Church—GCH—Easter
	25	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	29	Thursday	7.00 pm—Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
	1	Sunday	10 am—Easter Sunday—Worship—Currie Kirk with Sacrament of Communion
	3	Tuesday	10 am—Guild—The History of Thomas Tunnock—Speaker: Alan Burnett
	4	Wednesday	11 am—Prayer Group—GCH Lounge
	8	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	15	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	16	Monday	All Day Event “Youth & Family Day” organised by Heather Merriman
	17	Tuesday	6.30 pm—Guild—Annual General Meeting with Cheese and Wine
	22	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	27	Friday	2.00-3.30 pm—Messy Church—GCH
	29	Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk



Fairtrade Snack Lunch—Sunday—25 February 2018

Snack Lunch £4.50—(Children £2)

(£4.50 includes soup, bread, cheese, homebaking, tea and coffee)

Tickets from Viola MacPhail

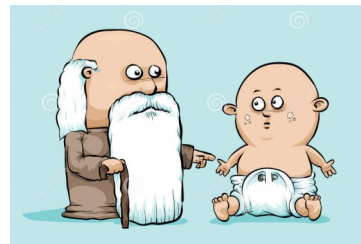
Tel: 449 4664 or 07806 806920

Fairtrade Fortnight 2018—Proceeds to Christian Aid SCO31950



A Message from the Manse

Dear Friends



Caring for Young and Old

On 17 January I had the privilege and pleasure of going to the Scottish Parliament for the official launch of the Pentland Dementia Friendly initiative. The speeches were both inspiring and moving and do join us if you can for the Dementia Friendly “Tea and Tunes” in Gibson Craig Hall. Pupils from Currie High who volunteer enjoy engaging with the elderly.

Whilst at the Parliament I noticed people flooding into the other side of the building for the launch of the Year of Young People 2018 initiative. The YOYP 2018 is also exciting because it focuses our minds on celebrating the creativity and contribution of our young. The Church of Scotland is promoting this nationally so I wrote a YOYP vision statement for Currie. As a Kirk and as a community we want to show that we will do all we can to promote and protect our schools and all the youth organisations and sports teams in our midst.

From a Kirk perspective, the Session has noted the need to prioritise our outreach to children and young families for some time and this led to the appointment of Heather Merriman who has already begun to build up relationships and to hold events. As well as Heather, many of us may feel called to teach, encourage or disciple others. So in this year, if you feel called to help with young or old, there are opportunities for you. Why not help at the Tea and Tunes or at Messy Church? Or perhaps you could offer to visit the elderly or else families with young children who have been baptised and would love your care.

Jesus cared for the vulnerable, the lonely and the isolated. He cared for the sick, the outcast or the weak and especially he cared for children. He said, *“Truly I tell you, whoever becomes humble like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me”*. When we bless a child, or a family we recognise that many people are instrumental in raising God’s children. Churches are unique places where relationships can grow naturally . . . where the young can help the old and the old can help the young. After all, we are all children of God, no matter our age and even the mature in years can inhabit perpetual childhood.

ALSO PLEASE COME to our Ceilidh on Saturday 3 March which is open to everyone as a fund-raiser for our youth ministries to The Boys’ Brigade and Heather’s youth outreach fund.

Meantime, however you feel and whatever your age, I wish you every blessing for 2018!

Easter

NOOMA is a series of short films promoting spiritual reflections on individual life experiences. The name *NOOMA* comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word πνευμα (pneuma), meaning “wind”, “spirit”, or “breath”.



**Ceilidh—Saturday 3 March—
Gibson Craig Halls—7.00-11.00 pm**

Dancing to Iain MacPhail and his Band

Tickets: Adults £8; Under 18s Free (includes refreshments)

Reserve your tickets by phoning the Kirk Office (451 5141)

B.Y.O.B and glass



Shoebox Delivery Diary 2017

This is the Shoebox Delivery Diary that reports back how your shoeboxes were delivered and to whom. For information, a total of 43,966 Family and Elderly shoeboxes were sent to families in Eastern Europe. These shoeboxes were sent to the poorest people in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and the Ukraine. The photographs and the narrative say it all.

We are only able to go to one place each year and this year it was to Central Romania. This year the team consisted of Lisa, Milly, Wendy, Alan, Helen & Maria.



First stop was with Cornelui our Shoebox co-ordinator based in Hunedoara. It was to a centre for ex-orphanage children 18+ who have additional special needs and wouldn't be able to survive independent living. The age they are would be the age of the children in the Romanian Orphanage where Milly one of our team, worked in the early 90s. We were told that these people came from all over Romania.

Our next stop was to an ex-army barracks which had been converted into a state funded old people's home. It was really faith filled, we were showered with praise and prayers as we gave out the Elderly boxes, usually accompanied by a hug and kiss. Many of the residents were patiently waiting for us in the canteen, along with members of staff, who again were really interactive with the residents. A few people were happy to open them, one lady found a folding plastic rain hat, which sent her into fits of giggle. So great to have an item in the shoebox which makes someone smile. Another elderly lady had makeup brushes, she chuckled as Milly pretended to apply blusher to her, and she also had strawberry flavoured lip balm, and a bundle of emery boards, so we filed all her calloused nails for her.



As we went to leave, one of the residents, 'Puitzi' presented Lisa with the most beautiful painting he had done. It showed so much talent. Lisa was quite taken aback at such a gift—especially when he then bowed with an artistic flourish, and kissed her hand. How great that at that Old People's home, residents are able to be creative. They were clearly happy and well cared for.

Then time for a huge contrast. Delivery to the 'Phantom Flats', the most terrible place to live. There were about 80 families living in this dilapidated block. Each family lived in one room measuring about 3m x 5m which meant that often up to nine people were crammed in one room. There were very basic communal toilets on each floor, with one long metal sink, the floor running with water? The corridors were strewn with lines of fresh washing strung along the walls, which actually smelt ok, unlike most of the rooms people were living in.



Each family waited at their door to receive their shoebox, but yet again, needed encouragement to open them. Each time we make a delivery to a tenement block, there is often an air of tension, which increases as we work our way through the floors. It's often just simply that people are worried that they will be forgotten. We worked fairly quickly, which helped to prevent the tension escalating too much.

One of the last families we visited here was quite an upsetting visit. A family of four, who had just lived there for two months. Mum was in agony with toothache, one of the daughters dressed so inadequately, shivering in the cold, with blue lips. Their room was so bare, a single light bulb shedding light on the bare concrete floor, one small bed, a bicycle, a few meagre possessions and precious little else. Milly had some lovely knitted hairbands in her pockets, which she passed over, and a beautiful scarf, given to her by amazing knitting supporters back home. We fervently prayed that their nicely heavy shoebox contained items which will bring this family some happiness, but also will be of great practical use to them. This family was, we were assured, grateful to be now living in the Phantom Flats, as they had moved there from Riverside. Apparently Phantom Flats is a real improvement on living at Riverside. We were about to find out why....





Riverside is literally that. Little more than a shanty town huddled in a haphazard way on the side of a river, in the shadows of a huge archaic metal works factory which was belching black smoke, and occasional tongues of flame. Just above the jumbled array of tumbledown dwellings there were excavators in a deep hole, working away, looking as though any moment they would be excavating under the 'homes'. One dwelling, little more than a flimsy cabin, constructed with many different inadequate materials, was balanced precariously on the edge of the mine. The owner, who clearly, like the majority of the people living here was not able to indulge in the simple delights of washing—either himself or his clothing, warmly beckoned us into his home. There was no lighting, and it took quite a while for our eyes



to grow accustomed to the smoke-filled gloom.

People started gathering on our arrival, we were bundled up against the cold to keep warm. It was quite shocking to see the squalor in which people lived, dwellings precariously standing, looking draughty and as unappealing as a place in which to live. When we went into the homes they were always stiflingly hot, so much so that our glasses and Maria's camera steamed up rapidly! Cornelui assured us that he is encouraged to see how this community is shrinking, as people are happy to move to the Phantom Flats, we realised that they were indeed a step up from the Riverside community.



Our last trip of the day was to a recently renovated hospice for Elderly folk. Alan was with one lady who opened her shoeboxes and found a corset and tights in it. She thought it was very funny and happily posed with her new underwear. The Director, her daughter and another lady accompanied us as we worked our way through the maze of rooms, floor by floor in the home. We were so impressed by the way they related with the residents, so tactile, with a genuine rapport with them. The hospice was quite large, with about 60 people in all, great to see married couples sharing a room together, with personal possessions around them.

A long drive from Sibiu to Sighisoara, through the stunning countryside. Roads lined with colourful medieval looking homes, nestled together. The snow was falling softly, covering the hills and laying a little. We were aware how fortunate we were to have a choice of warm layers to wear and a warm, spacious safe place to rest our heads whilst we are here. Today we were with David, an English man who came over here to do some short term mission work about 20 years ago, ended up getting married and staying ...

Our first trip was to an underfunded old people's home. It was warm and clean, the people there looked well cared for, but in some of the rooms there was a strong unpleasant smell of long term incontinence. Again, residents had some of their personal possessions, each of their bedrooms being unique, which must help with the feeling settled. Some of the elderly people were visibly struggling with health issues, one wizened old lady on the brink of unconsciousness, clearly nearing the end of her life. Staff said she had just a day or two left on earth. David spent time with her, praying and speaking words of peace and a release from fear over her. She still received a shoebox, how perfect that in her last few hours on earth she was able to sense love in the form of touch, soft words and the power of love in the form of a shoebox gift.



The quality of the boxes varied tremendously, some were jammed packed with beautiful gifts, some with wonderfully thick fleecy socks, and even one with a hot water bottle. It is so frustrating when you pick up a box which really rattles to give to somebody, or maybe it just has a very few ticks or such a scribbled label that you have no idea what is inside. We much prefer to pass over shoeboxes which we ourselves would be happy to receive.

(to be continued)

The Diary will continue in the April issue of The Kirk News—Ed

The April Kirk News will be available on Sunday 1 April for distribution



Letters of “Thank You” Received

Dear Eddie

Thank you very much for sending us the extremely kind donation of £507.60 from Currie Kirk, and I confirm that this was received in the Bethany bank account on Tuesday 9 January—this will go towards the work of the Bethany Care Shelter this winter.

This very generous donation from your Church will be a great help for Bethany to continue to provide the vital and potentially lifesaving Care Shelter, which is currently open for the 28 week period from October 2017 through to April 2018, providing a hot meal, overnight accommodation, friendship and advice for men and women sleeping rough in Edinburgh.

We are currently seeing a very strong demand for the Care Shelter every evening and unfortunately there appears to be no sign of decline in the number of rough sleepers arriving at the Shelter—for example on 31 October we could not accommodate ten people in the service overnight due to the capacity of 45 individuals per night being reached. The capacity has, however, been increased to 60 bed spaces per night for the three coldest months from December 2017 to February 2018 and this is helping to meet the demand.

The donation from your Church is very welcome indeed and will provide at least 24 bed spaces in the Shelter, based on an average cost of £21 per person per night—please pass on our warmest thanks to the members of your congregation for their contribution towards the vital work of the care Shelter, we are hugely grateful for this support.

With best wishes to all at Currie Kirk.

Sgd. Chris McNeil
Churches & Community Relations, Bethany Christian Trust.



Church of Scotland, Hailesland Place, Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, EH14 2SL, Tel 0131 442 3304

Dear Currie Kirk

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Foodbank.

As you know, needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food and essentials every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or divorce. Children and families are at the most at risk and they make up a large number of the Food Bank clients we serve.

With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals.

Thank you again and we look forward to your continued support.

Sgd. Angela Thomson
Foodbank Manager and Trinity Centre Manager.



Dear Elizabeth

I am writing to thank Currie Kirk, and its congregation, for the donation to Fresh Start of £525. It is a fantastic amount to donate. Our “Cookers for Christmas Appeal 2017” is still running and our total to date currently stands at £9,765.

As you know, your donations allow us to continue to carry out our work to help vulnerable people in Edinburgh who have experienced the trauma and disruption of homelessness to have a fresh start in life.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Sgd. Jack Christine
Business Manager



I am writing to thank you very much indeed for your recent most generous donation of £507.60 to help our work with Syrian refugees. Your support is most appreciated. I attach herewith a receipt and thank you letter and trust you find these in order. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sgd. **Jean Horsburgh**
Treasurer
Edinburgh Direct Aid

Currie Kirk Minibus

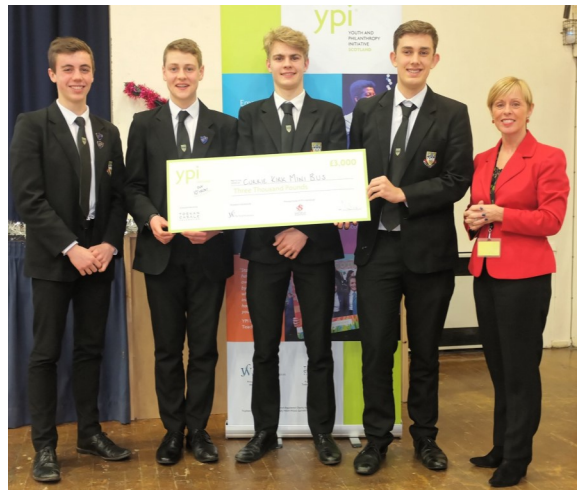
The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative is a competition in which teams of students from over 200 schools across Scotland champion a local charity and try to win a grant for said organisation. Each school involved has multiple teams that are all bidding to win £3,000 for their chosen charity.

The process begins with the team choosing the local charity they would like to support, they must then research the charity and social issue associated with it before setting up a meeting with the organisation. After the visit is complete the group must create a presentation that puts forth their charities case for receiving the grant, and a panel of judges choose one winner for the school. Our group chose to support the Currie Kirk Mini Bus Fund, this was a natural choice for us as myself and Liam have used the Minibus more times than we can remember for BB camps and competitions.

We visited the Friday lunch group one week and were able to speak to some of the members and helpers to gain an insight into how the minibus helps them. This was where we began to understand how impactful and important such a simple thing as transportation to group meetings and events can be. The presentation that we put together was simple and the judges chose our team to be the winning group because of the connection and understanding of the charity that we displayed. It would not have been possible for this to be the case without help from Isobel Webber, Ishbel Massie, Bill Hume and several others who helped us gain an insight into, and connection with, the aim and purpose of the charity. We are all so pleased to have won the grant for such a great cause and group of people that it supports.

Team members are: Peter Sawkins, Alex Bates, Liam Packwood and Jay Marsden-Bullen

Peter Sawkins




The Guild

We are now half-way through our Session—with a successful Christmas lunch and Scots Night behind us. Unfortunately the Bo'ness Belles were unable to entertain us at the Scots Night as the weather was so bad—however, we had our own sing song and entertainment after the meal—once again supplied by Mackenzies. We are now looking forward to Alison Burnley giving us a talk on “The Glimpses of Quakerism”. This is followed by a Guild favourite—Fred Daniels—who will be sharing his experiences on his trip to The Golden West. On 6 March we have Dennis Kerr from Médecins Sans Frontières which should be very interesting who will be speaking on the work this vital organisation carries out. The Daffodil Tea follows on 20 March—2.30-4.00—tickets will be available shortly—from Kirk Office and Guild Members.

Guild meetings are open to all—so why not come along and enjoy the fellowship. Times and dates are shown in the Calendar Overview at the front of the Kirk News.


Isobel Webber



Daffodil Tea—20 March—2.30-4.00
Gibson Craig Hall

Tickets £3
On sale shortly

Proceeds to Guild Project





From February Messy Church will take place twice a month normally on the second and last Fridays of the month. There will be two exceptions to this—second meeting in March will be on 23 March and not 30th because the latter date is Good Friday and there will be no meeting mid-April due to the school holidays. However, that still leaves lots of extra dates to come along and join in the fun whilst learning about the great stories from the Bible both Old and New Testaments. Topics for our next few meetings will be:

9 February	The Good Shepherd
23 February	Jonah and the Whale
9 March	Mothers and Love
23 March	Easter



Please come and join us. It is great fun and everybody is welcome.

For further information, please contact Louise on 466-3472 or elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk

Louise Lamont



17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

Idare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet: I do not want to be a Saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen

(This prayer was read at the funeral of Cathie Inglis and is a traditional prayer, although the source is unknown)

The Company has entered the New Year with typical enthusiasm and vigour. We have travelled through to Largs with our badminton team and were successful in winning our tie and will travel to Dunblane in the next round. The football team is competing in the second round of the football tournament—the first time we have reached the second round! Meanwhile the quiz team is preparing for the next round of the Masterteam in Kilmarnock.

The Company is hosting a special Battalion church service for The Boys' Brigade on the 16 March for young people who live across the Edinburgh and Lothians.

As part of the church's "Year of the Young Person 2018 Programme of Activities" we are holding a fundraising ceilidh on Saturday 3 March in the Gibson Craig Hall from 7pm—11pm. This is your chance to catch up with friends old and new and support the youth outreach of the church.

Dancing to Iain MacPhail and his band, entry is £8 for adults and under 18's are free—there will be refreshments—but please bring your own bottle and glass.

To get your tickets phone the Kirk Office on 0131 451 5141

Michael Knott
 Captain



Care Van



Another cold night in the care van!! We were out with the care van on Tuesday 16 January, one of the coldest nights this year!! Heavy snow made driving difficult and Lesley and I were glad to be in the van serving soup, teas etc. Graeme and Eddie did a sterling job making sure we got home safe. A neighbour very generous handed in 8 rucksacks, each one containing a waterproof jacket, gloves and a hat and one of our good memories from last night was watching a homeless man trying on the jacket with a big smile on his face!!

Thankfully we were not too busy last night and we assume most users were accommodated in the night shelter but those we served were genuinely very grateful for the hot drinks and other clothing we were able to offer.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Fiona Pigott

What did Santa give you for Christmas?

As you read this, no doubt Christmas is little more than a distant memory. I have no doubt though, that many families took the opportunity of Christmas, to convince themselves (or others!) that they really 'needed' a shiny new mobile phone. If you are someone that was either given a new one—or you 'inherited' a slightly better one than you had before—what have you done with your old phone? Please remember that Christian Aid take old mobile phones (whether or not you still consider it to be a 'brick') as they can be turned into cash. An old mobile is of little value to you, but please do not simply throw them out. Please pop them into the Church Office (with the charger if you can find it), so that I can take them to the Christian Aid offices.

Ishbel Massie

P.S. Remember to pop in your stamps from your Christmas cards too—both of these items are collected throughout the year—not just after Christmas.

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
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	449 4349	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Currie Community Council	Madge Barker	449 3450	2nd Monday of each Month —not July & December
Currie Day Centre	Dorothy Simpson coordinatorCDC@gmx.com	07562 142885	Friday by referral
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704	Wednesday
Octagon Club	Terry Maloney	07514 664292	Wednesday
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Jennifer Nicol	449 4481	Fridays of the month 9.30 am to 11.30 am (term time only)
Pilates Class (Fuschia)	Steph Bain	445 3690	Wednesday: Noon—1 pm
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday
Taekwon Do—Ninjas	Susan	07729 502111	Saturday
Tea & Tunes	Marge	449 3450	2nd Tuesday of month
Weight Watchers	Sandra	07824 832956	Wednesday
Yoga	Anne Marie Crozier	07887 526116	Monday 10.30-11.30 am
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



Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh—Thanks

Dancing to Iain MacPhail and his Band in a packed Gibson Craig Hall, the 2017 Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh raised the fantastic sum of £1,312 for The Dementia Research Institute at Edinburgh University. A huge thank you to all those who attended or gave generous donations and raffle prizes. Special thanks also to those who helped set up the Hall, serve refreshments and clear up at the end of a great night, welcoming in the New Year.

Best wishes to everyone for 2018!

Viola MacPhail

Family News

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

Bertie Barr, East Kinleith Farm Cottage
Alan Campbell, 11 Johnsburn Haugh (Minibus Trustee)
Anna Fallon, Woodlands Nursing Home, Livingston
Cathie Inglis, 14 Riccarton Crescent



Please pray for the families

Alan Campbell

Alan served as a Trustee on the Currie Kirk Minibus Fund. When Alan joined he was a very welcome addition to the Trustees. He spent time researching the special conditions that apply to minibuses and then ensured that he and the others on the Committee took all the proper steps on inspection and maintenance, having the volunteer drivers take on board the additional responsibility and documenting the various processes so that the paper trail is there for review if ever needed. His thorough, practical, firm but gentlemanly approach has been a model for us to follow, and we'll miss having his help for the future.

Bill Hume

Wedding

On Sunday 31 December 2017 Steven Aitken and Christina Marini were married at The Vu, Bathgate. Steven and his brother David were members of the 65th BB Company. Attending the wedding were BB Officers Niall Smith and Daniel Mackenzie.



Picture by Marshall Hall, Photography

February/March Flower List

2018

February

- 4 Alan and George Forsyth
Mr & Mrs I Matheson
- 11 Mr & Mrs M Collins
Mrs A Donald
- 18 Mrs B Chambers
Mrs G Simpson
- 25 Mrs E Chadwick



March

- 4 Mrs M Muirhead
- 11 Mrs S Ramsay
Currie Kirk Guild
- 18 Mrs M Douglas
Mrs M Fraser
- 25 Mrs M McVittie
Mrs M Sutherland
Mrs A Williamson

Should anyone wish information regarding donations to the Flower Fund please contact Erica Porteous at
2 Pentland View Currie or telephone 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 Email 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	Gordon Clephane Email: gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk		449 2313
Treasurer	Eddie Pigott Email: pigottsef@icloud.com		466 1459
Gift Aid & Offerings Treasurer & Data Protection Officer	Ron Dow 48 Thomson Drive Email: 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 bookings	Ann Proudfoot	ckgchbooking@gmail.com	449 7739
Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker	Jim Ness		07504 420671
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		451 5141
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	Margaret Russell		449 5917
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	531 0416
Guild	Isobel Webber	Tuesday	451 5112
Kidz@Currie	Elaine Rae	Sunday	451 5384
Messy Church	Contact Louise	Last Friday of each month commencing September—Gibson Craig Halls from 2.00pm—4.00 pm	466 3472
Walking Group	Moir McDonald	Third Sunday of each month	467 0682



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