

# The Kirk News

June 2018



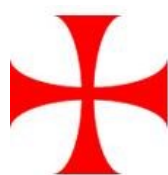
Photos taken at Glendoik Garden Centre

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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)*

June	1 Friday	7 pm—Annual Display—65th Edinburgh Company—The Boys' Brigade—GCH
	3 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	6 Wednesday	11 am—Prayer Group—GCH Lounge
	10 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	12 Tuesday	2.30-4.00 pm—Tuesday's Tea and Tunes—GCH—a Café for those living with Dementia
	14 Thursday	7.30 pm—Session to meet with Presbytery—Local Church Review—Currie Kirk
	15 Friday	2.00-4.00 pm—Messy Church—GCH—Pentecost
	17 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk—Fathers Day Sundae
	19 Tuesday	7 pm—Minibus AGM—GCH
	24 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk, with Sacrament of Communion—Rev Dr John Munro
	24 Sunday	2-4 pm—Afternoon Tea with entertainment—Strawberries n' Song—GCH
July	1 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk, with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	8 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	15 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	22 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	29 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
	30 Monday	10 am—12.30 pm—Holiday Club—GCH
	31 Tuesday	10 am—12.30 pm—Holiday Club—GCH

# Holiday Club

# TEAMBUILDERS

30 July—3 August—GCH—for children of all ages

Contact: Heather Merriman: [familyworker\\_jvp@outlook.com](mailto:familyworker_jvp@outlook.com)

August	1 Wednesday	10 am—12.30 pm—Holiday Club—GCH
	2 Thursday	10 am—12.30 pm—Holiday Club—GCH
	3 Friday	10 am—12.30 pm—Holiday Club—GCH
	5 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk, with Prayer Tree Service following worship
	12 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	19 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk
	22 Wednesday	7.30 pm—Session Meeting—Currie Kirk
	26 Sunday	10 am—Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship



## Dementia Awareness Week "Tuesday's Tea Dance"



5<sup>th</sup> June from 2:00 at  
Gibson Craig Memorial Hall  
Donations appreciated



# A Message from The Manse

***Dear Friends***

Summer brings the season of Pentecost. (Pentecost or Shavuot in Hebrew was the harvest festival celebrated by the Israelites fifty days after the Passover.) Many people gathered in Jerusalem and this is also the day when we celebrate the coming of God's Spirit upon those early disciples so powerfully that they were overwhelmed with joy!

They gained new strength and courage and they began to see the world and all creation from a heavenly perspective! The old order didn't matter any more. All those walls and human barriers of wealth or gender, language or culture, race or status, slave or free, age or ability no longer apply—each and every one now seen as a beloved Child of God to be cherished and cared for! Thus began the Church, God's human family which continues to rely on the fresh winds of God's Spirit to show heavenly care and love to the world.

The seasons of the Church mimic the seasons of our nation in a lovely way. The birth of "The Light of the World" at Christmas comes at a time when we most yearn for light. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus during our 'Spring watch' season of new birth. And now, when everything is greening and growing, blossoming and flourishing and importantly, 'bearing fruit' we remember that this is the very image Christ gave us for being in relationship with God.

God is not 'up there' or 'over yonder', God is here—an energy all around us as real as the sun or the wind or the breath within us. We need only open our hearts to that life-giving spirit of Jesus in our lives and God will enable us to bear fruit. In May Currie Kirk engaged with the *trypraying* initiative. Prayer is as simple as asking God to be there, to be involved—have faith! God already is.

I pray your lives and the lives of those you care about may bear good fruit this summer!

God bless,

***Easter***

**Kirkin' of the Community Council—  
Sunday 6 May 2018**



## Kirk News

The July/August issue of Kirk News will be available on Sunday 1 July for distribution



If you went down to the Kirk House on Saturday 12 May, you would have been sure of a big surprise: bouncy castle, face painting, messy play, games, home baking and jewellery for sale, not to mention a barbecue with sizzling burgers and sausages from our local butcher Mark McGill, ably served up by Gordon and Darren; and you would have seen some teddy bears too, dressed in red for Christian Aid! Hordes of children and adults enjoyed a lovely time in the sunshine and raised lots of money for Christian Aid at the same time (£593.73 to be precise). It was particularly nice to see so many families from Kinleith Mill joining in the fun.

Thanks to all who helped to make this day such a success.

Catherine Clephane  
M&O Committee

## Mission and Outreach Update



After a very successful BBQ and Fun day at Kirk House on 12 May, we are now busy organising the second Strawberry Tea on Sunday 24 June, 2—4pm, Gibson Craig Hall. Last year Graeme White entertained everyone with his 'Rat Pack' singing and we're delighted that he's agreed to come back with some new songs. The Swingettes Quartet will also provide some musical entertainment on the day. Afternoon tea will be served by the M&O committee. If you require transport along to the hall we are able to provide the Kirk minibus. If you'd like a ticket to come along and enjoy a sociable Sunday afternoon please contact any of the M&O committee (Gordon, Christine, June, Jim, Maureen, Viola, Irene, Catherine), Kirk office or email myself (fpigott19@gmail.com).



### Mini Bus AGM—19 June @ 7.30 pm Gibson Craig—All Welcome

Do you have an interest in the Kirk's Mini Bus—then come along to the AGM and find out how the Trustees are looking after the funds with a view to replacement in the coming years.

Refreshments will be served

## Christian Aid

Congratulations to each of the two people who managed to successfully complete this year's Christian Aid Quiz (No—it was not set by me—honestly)! The winner whose name came out of the hat first was John Steven. For those who tried and failed, in order to put you out of your agony, the correct answers are reproduced below:

- |                    |                    |                    |                      |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Hamlet           | 9 Wendy Darling    | 17 Dracula         | 25 Lady Macbeth      |
| 2 Rhett Butler     | 10 Oliver Twist    | 18 Ivanhoe         | 26 Minions           |
| 3 Donald Duck      | 11 Winnie the Pooh | 19 Cruella De Vil  | 27 Mary Poppins      |
| 4 Jack Sparrow     | 12 Harry Potter    | 20 Buzz Lightyear  | 28 Dr Dolittle       |
| 5 Luke Skywalker   | 13 Holly Golightly | 21 James Bond      | 29 David Copperfield |
| 6 Bilbo Baggins    | 14 Desperate Dan   | 22 Peter Pan       | 30 Flash Gordon      |
| 7 Long John Silver | 15 Heathcliff      | 23 Sherlock Holmes |                      |
| 8 Tom Sawyer       | 16 Indiana Jones   | 24 Shylock         |                      |

May I also thank everyone who returned a Christian Aid envelope either to the Church, or the Church Office, for their part in contributing to the total sum of £1,285.20.

Ishbel Massie





## Friday 15 June 2018—Pentecost

Since the new year Messy Church has been taking place twice a month on the second and last Fridays of the month and has been a roaring success. We are averaging

between 25 and 30 children at each meeting who, along with their accompanying adults, are enjoying two hours of games, crafts, songs, videos and snacks all built round a Bible story.

We have one meeting this month before the schools go on holiday. We will be back in September—Watch this space.

Do come and join us. You don't know what you're missing!!

For further information e-mail [elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk) or phone 466-3472.

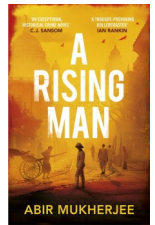
Louise Lamont



## The Good Book Group

The Good Book Group meets again in June, but not on the usual first Monday as quite a few of us will be on holiday. Rather than cancel the meeting altogether we decided to meet on Monday 18 June and this will be our last meeting for the summer. The book suggested for June is "A Rising Man" by Abir Mukherjee. Everyone is most welcome; come along for tea and a blether and perhaps some ideas for summer reading. Look forward to seeing you.

The Group will restart again on 3 September.



Krys Hume

## Christian Aid Sponsored Walk

With the encouragement of many sponsors supporting us, members of the **KIRK WALKING GROUP** applied for permission to enter the Christian Aid Sponsored Walk—2018.

The morning of Saturday 28 April dawned brightly with the promise of a perfect day for our walk across the Forth Road Bridge, so Jean Dick, Jean Smith, Mary Thomson, Sandy Harper, Elizabeth and Bill Wood set off by car from Currie to the rendezvous car park on the south side of the bridge, where we checked in.

Entertainment in the form of the 'Heart and Soul' Band and singers kept us amused until two athletic ladies gave us loosening up exercises to make sure all the walkers (including yours truly) were fit. "We're alive and kicking". Then led by a piper we started our way northwards across the bridge.

Every 100 metres or so volunteer stewards from Christian Aid were stationed to ensure our well being, and the 300 or so walkers were well supervised while on the bridge. On arrival at the north end Christian Aid supplied us with soft drinks and some delicate little confections, courtesy of Mr Tunnock of Uddingston. It was worth the effort!

Cards stamped by the supervisors, we started our walk on the return journey becoming quite friendly and on nodding terms with other walkers as in turn we overtook and in turn were overtaken. What a splendid way to make friends and also to make money for Christian Aid!

On arrival at the south end of the bridge, we had our cards checked and stamped by officials and were presented with our medals! We, a weary band of wandering walkers wended our way to a 'watering hole' in South Queensferry for a welcome refreshment.

A splendid day. An enjoyable walk, lovely views, great company all walking to achieve a little sponsorship cash for furthering the good works of Christian Aid. Many thanks for the organisation and efficiency. Currie Kirk Walking Group raised over £1,000 (plus all the extra earned by Gift Aid). So to all the sponsors, both in and outside the Church family, a big, big "Thank You".

Bill Wood



## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AND BUDGET FOR 2018**

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 the Accounts and Budget I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued financial support.

### **Accounts 2017**

#### **Income**

The overall income in 2017 was £33609 (15.4%) lower than in 2016.

The key factors to this were that:

- No legacies were received in 2017 (a legacy of £31476 was received in 2016) and
- Donation income has reduced by £3744 (3%) in 2017. Regular giving shows a 5% reduction from 2016, with the shortfall being reduced to 3% through increases in the Open Plate, One-off donations and a small increase in Gift Aid Tax Refunds.

The income from other charitable activities (ie-Weddings, Funerals, Hall Lets etc.) show an overall level in 2017 consistent with 2016.

#### **Expenditure**

The overall expenditure in 2017 shows a similar level to 2016. This is mostly due to unplanned underspends in comparison to the 2017 budget, which can be attributed to:

- less Salaries – with the Youth & Families Worker not employed until mid-August and the Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker not being replaced in 2017 after retiring in June.
- less Fabric general maintenance through the General Fund – specifically for the church.
- Committee budget allocations not being fully used.
- Lower Presbytery Dues – a change of charging period made 2017 only an eight month charge.
- New heating controls in the Gibson Craig Halls helped to save approximately £1000.

Most other ongoing expenditure funded through the General Fund has been reasonably controlled near to the budgeted estimates.

The outcome of the above leaves a balance in the General Fund of £34841, with all creditors accounted for.

### **Budget 2018**

The budget for 2018 forecasts a 6% reduction in donation income from the 2017 actual income in line with the consistent decline in regular donors as in previous years.

The budgeted expenditure for 2018 forecasts a 15.5% increase as a result of higher Salary costs (Youth & Families Worker), some extra ongoing Fabric maintenance and a significant Mission allocation to the Year of the Young Person Project.

The above means that in 2018 it is more likely to end with a significant shortfall.

It is hoped that the budgeted income will be exceeded and that the actual expenditure may work out at a lower level than forecast to minimise the effect this will have in reducing the financial reserves.

Eddie Pigott – Treasurer.

# Currie Kirk

Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 2017

## General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)

### INCOME

	BUDGET - 2018		ACTUAL - 2017	
	£	£	£	£
<b>1. Voluntary Income</b>				
FWO Scheme (non Gift Aid)	1,191		1,240	
Gift Aid Donations	91,556		95,500	
Other Offerings (non Gift Aid)	14,896		15,600	
Ordinary Offerings (Open Plate)	<u>6,128</u>	113,771	<u>6,479</u>	118,819
<b>Tax Recovered on Gift Aid</b>				
Tax recovered on Gift Aid Donations & GASD Scheme		24,905		27,154
<b>Contributions from Congregational Organisations</b>				
Use of Premises – Church Organisations		<u>-</u>		<u>1,050</u>
		138,676		147,023
<b>2. Activities for Generating Income</b>				
<b>Use of Premises</b>				
Use of premises – Community		20,200		19,596
<b>3. Investment Income</b>				
Bank & Deposit Interest	<u>-</u>		<u>4</u>	4
<b>4. Income Resources from Charitable Activities</b>				
Weddings and Funerals		1,000		1,975
Miscellaneous Income		<u>1,500</u>		<u>6,478</u>
<b>Total Ordinary General Income</b>		161,376		175,076
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Total Resources Expended (total from page 29)</b>		(185,086)		(162,160)
<b>Other losses recognised</b>		<u>-</u>		<u>1,425</u>
		(185,086)		(160,735)
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>		(23,710)		14,341
<b>Funds Transfer</b>		-		-
General Fund Balance brought forward		<u>34,841</u>		<u>20,500</u>
<b>General Fund Balance at 31 December</b>		<u>11,131</u>		<u>34,841</u>

## Currie Kirk

Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 2017

### General Fund (Unrestricted Fund)

	BUDGET – 2018		ACTUAL – 2017	
	£	£	£	£
<b>5. Analysis of Resources Expended</b>				
Ministries and Mission Allocation	88,090		88,156	
Presbytery Dues	2,800		1,642	
		90,890		89,798
Minister's Travel Expenses	1,300		1,184	
Ministerial Support	11,248		5,474	
Pulpit Supply	490		226	
Other Salaries	13,747		10,234	
		26,785		17,118
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance				
Fabric Maintenance Church	11,650		6,316	
Building running costs	15,770		15,814	
Insurance	5,000		4,222	
Manse Council Tax	3,000		2,981	
Other Expenses	550		2,204	
Loan Interest	1,711		1,711	
		37,681		33,248
Office Expenditure	8,450		9,268	
Committee Budgets	17,000		5,584	
Music Licensing	1,450		1,723	
Professional fees and Other	2,830		5,421	
		29,730		21,996
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		185,086		162,160

## Data Protection and Privacy Update—General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) is a new law that replaced the Data Protection Act 1998 and became effective in the UK from 25 May 2018. The GDPR strengthens the rules around Personal Data and requires organisations to be more accountable and transparent. It also gives people greater control over their own personal data.

In order to comply with the new law we are updating the “Data Protection” sections of the Currie Kirk website. This will include our Data Protection Policy, Privacy Notice and Data Retention Policy. In making these changes we are following guidance only recently issued by the Church of Scotland Law Department. Kirk Session will be reviewing these documents at its next meeting in August and I will intimate any changes after that.

As a result of GDPR, many of you will have had requests from companies and organisations for your consent for the continued use of your personal information. I’m glad to say that Currie Kirk does not need to do this except in the case of office bearers or other contacts whose personal details are disclosed to third parties, for example, by appearing in the Kirk News or the website. For these, consent will be requested by the Kirk News Editor or the Kirk Secretary.

If you would like further information please contact me.

Ron Dow  
Data Protection Officer

# 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 <a href="mailto:coordinatorCDC@gmx.com">coordinatorCDC@gmx.com</a>	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	Friday: 9.30—11.30 am (term time only)
Move It or Lose It (from 13 June)	Jan Corbett	07769 345845	Wednesday: 2.30—3.30
Pilates Class (Fuschia)	Steph Bain	445 3690	Wednesday: Noon—1 pm
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
The Sensory Session	Lorna Carr	07525 270427	Thursday: 10—10.50 am
Learn to Meditate	Jackie Balfour	07846 155694	Thursday: 1.30—2.30 pm
Snack Lunches Summer Pop Up Café	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday: 12 Noon From 22 May—10.30—12 Noon
Taekwon Do—Ninjas	Susan	07729 502111	Saturday
Tea & Tunes	Marge	449 3450	2nd Tuesday of month
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



## !Summer POP-UP Cafe!

Gibson Craig Hall

Every Tuesday 10.30—12 Noon

Coffee—Tea—Home Baking

All proceeds to Christian Aid SC039150

Contact Viola MacPhail—07806 806920

# Family News

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

Isobel Currie, 55 Forthview Crescent  
Bill Finlay, Curriehill Road  
Elsbeth Frame, 1 Bryce Place  
Elizabeth Hogg, Lorimer Nursing Home  
James Walker, Lorimer Nursing Home



Please pray for the families

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

Philippa Rose Jansson, daughter of Rebecca and Robert



## Royal Bank of Scotland Tuesday Banking Times

Stop	Location	Time
Balerno	Scotmid	11.50 am—12.20 pm
Currie	Library	1.35 pm—2.05 pm
Juniper Green	Iceland	2.20 pm—2.50 pm

## June Flower List

3    Mr & Mrs B Eunson  
      Mrs M McDonald

10   Donations for Flower Fund



17   Mrs M Watson

27   Donations to Flower Fund

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 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 <a href="mailto:currie_kirk@btconnect.com">currie_kirk@btconnect.com</a>	Tuesday—9.30am—12noon Wednesday—9.30am—12noon Thursday—9.30am—12noon Friday—9.30am – 11.45am.	451 5141
Session Clerk	Gordon Clephane Email: <a href="mailto:gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk">gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk</a>		449 2313
Treasurer	Eddie Pigott Email: <a href="mailto:pigottsef@icloud.com">pigottsef@icloud.com</a>		466 1459
Offerings & Gift Aid Treasurer	Eunice Stewart <a href="mailto:eunicestewart48@gmail.com">eunicestewart48@gmail.com</a>		449 6832
Data Protection Officer	Ron Dow Email: <a href="mailto:ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk">ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk</a>		538 2313
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Halls bookings	Ann Proudfoot	<a href="mailto:ckgchbooking@gmail.com">ckgchbooking@gmail.com</a>	449 7739
Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker	Jim Ness		07504 420671
Hospital Transport Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood		538 0363
Deputy Coordinator	Jim Ure		449 6498
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	Second and last Friday of each month Gibson Craig Halls from 2.00—4.00 pm (term time only)	466 3472
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month	467 0682



## 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 July/August issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to [isobelwebber@btinternet.com](mailto:isobelwebber@btinternet.com) before or by Friday 25 June 2018. Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.**

