

The Kirk News

November 2019



Lest We Forget



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CALENDAR OVERVIEW:

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

(GCH= Gibson Craig Halls)

November	3 Sunday	10 am —All Age Worship Service—BB Dedication with Prayer Tree service following worship
	4 Monday	7 pm —Good Book Group—Lounge, GCH
	5 Tuesday	10 am —Guild—Eric Melvin—George IV Visit to Edinburgh—GCH
	6 Wednesday	11-11.30 —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounge
	9 Saturday	7.30 pm — Trenches Unforgotten —GCH
	10 Sunday	10 am — Remembrance Sunday —Currie Kirk
	13 Wednesday	7—11 pm —Bethany Care Shelter
	17 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk
	19 Tuesday	2 pm —Guild—Golden America Part III—Fred Daniels—GCH
	19 Tuesday	8 pm —Care Van
	24 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship
	26 Tuesday	7.30 pm —Kirk Session—GCH
	29 Friday	2 pm —Messy Church
30 Saturday	2—4 pm —Christmas Fayre—GCH	
December	1 Sunday	10 am —First Sunday in Advent with Prayer Tree service following worship
	2 Monday	7 pm —Good Book Group—Lounge, GCH
	3 Tuesday	10 am —Guild—Voice of Carers across Lothian—Emma Pattinson
	4 Wednesday	11-11.30 am —Prayer Meeting, GCH Lounges
	8 Sunday	10 am —Second Sunday in Advent—Worship Currie Kirk
	14 Saturday	11 am—2 pm —Quiet Time and Reflective Service, Currie Kirk
	15 Sunday	10 am —Third Sunday in Advent—All Age Family Service with Nativity Play, Currie Kirk
	17 Tuesday	1—4 pm —Guild Christmas Party followed by James Cagney—Song & Dance Man
	20 Friday	6.30 pm — Out of the Box Puppet Show—The Three Wise Men , Juniper Green Church
	22 Sunday	10 am —Fourth Sunday in Advent with Lessons and Carols
	24 Tuesday	6 pm —Christingle & Pyjama Service—GCH
24 Tuesday	11.30 pm —Watchnight Service, Refreshments will be served from 11 pm Currie Kirk	
25 Wednesday	10 am —Christmas Day Worship, Currie Kirk	
29 Sunday	10 am —Worship Currie Kirk with informal Sacrament of Communion following worship	



REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Kirk News

The December issue of Kirk News will be available on Sunday 1 December for distribution



A Message from the Manse

Introduction

The Kirk Session recently discussed the implementation of a **Good Shepherding Scheme**. This is not a new idea—it existed in Willis Jones' Ministry and has proved helpful in other Parishes.

Here is why the Session thinks this might be a good idea:

- ◆ Jesus Christ changed a lot of lives by saying hello, and being willing to listen, seeing the needs of others, and creating a sense of community with people.
- ◆ The scheme is a simple way of improving Kirk communications and care within the Parish in a relaxed, neighbourly way.
- ◆ Currie is already a very caring community with networks of neighbourly care but a Good Shepherding scheme is just a little more proactive and pastoral.
- ◆ This year the Guild theme, Companions on the Road, highlights issues of loneliness or isolation and at its simplest, this aims to improve our Christian companionship and neighbourliness.

Background

In 2006, *Elders' Districts* were disbanded because they seemed too formal and time consuming. However this left a gap, and a need to provide better communication so that the Kirk is a visible presence.

One of our commitments in the Local Church Review is to improve pastoral presence and awareness of the needs of the Parish. This scheme is more fluid, relaxed and should not be too time consuming.

In particular, there are two expanding populations in Currie:

- ◆ A large portion of Currie's original residents are growing older, and as a result may have greater needs due to frailties or concerns and many might appreciate a visit; and

- ◆ Many young couples and families are moving into Currie where houses have been sold or where new houses have been built.

Our call, as people of faith, is to reach out to offer care to older folk who may be alone or not in the best of health as well as to welcome new people moving to the area.

How it would work

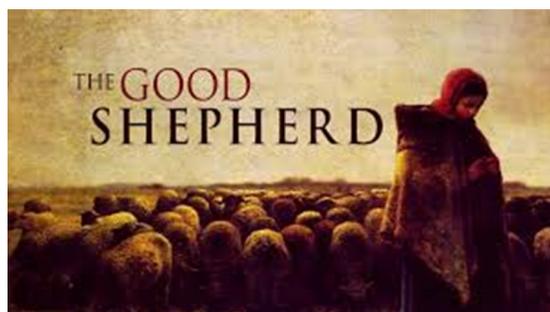
A team from Session has divided the Parish of Currie into several regions (13 in total). The hope is that we will have volunteer **Good Shepherds** in the area near to which they live. The simple role requires being willing to say hello, listen and reach out to new people by knocking on the door or delivering a Kirk Magazine and a welcome leaflet, as well as to note if people have been in hospital, have been bereaved or might appreciate flowers or a visit.

The hope is to have three or four Shepherds in each area who can meet occasionally as team to support one another and share any important pastoral concerns in confidence with the ministry team.

If you consider yourself to be a people person and you are willing to be a volunteer showing Christian welcome and care to your neighbours in your area, please let us know.

God Bless

Easter

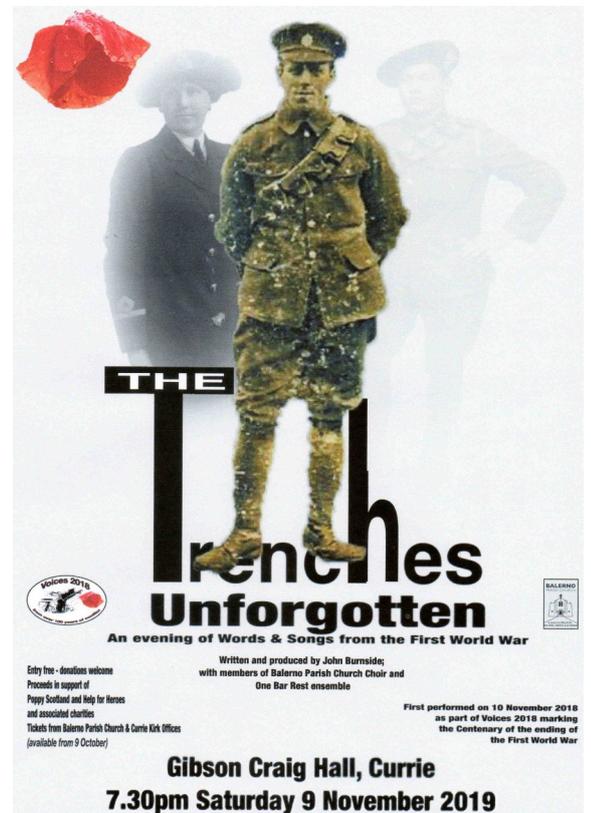


The Trenches Unforgotten

Following on from last year's successful 'The Trenches Unforgotten' event performed at Balerno Parish Church, Currie Kirk has been invited to host the same event but this time in the Gibson Craig Hall. Essentially, it's an evening of Songs and Words from the First World War. The evening's material has been compiled by John Burnside of Balerno Parish Church and he makes use of the first person narratives of soldiers' accounts which were not so readily accessible 50 years ago. There is no charge for this event, but donations welcome in aid of Poppy Scotland, Help for Heroes and associated charities.

Tickets are available from the Kirk Office.

Gordon Clephane
Session Clerk



Barge Trip

Christine very kindly organised a trip on the canal as a treat for the helpers at Mums and Tots and the Mission and Outreach committee. We were very lucky with the weather and everyone enjoyed the journey along the canal and the afternoon tea!

Thanks to Christine and Martin for a great day! We were very blessed with the weather!

Fiona Piggott

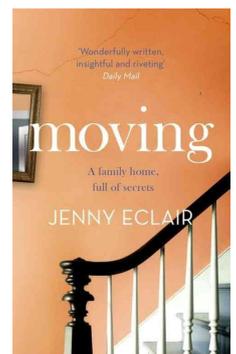
The Good Book Group

The group met on 7 October and, although not many turned up, there was a lively discussion about the "Silent Child" by Sarah Denzil. A small child thought to have drowned in a storm to everyone's surprise turns up years later as a mute teenager. His mother sets out to find what really happened.

It was a very interesting read and once started held the readers interest to the end. We awarded it a high score of 7.5.

The next meeting is on 4 November at 7 for 7.30pm when the book will be "Moving" by Jenny Eclair. We would be very pleased to have anyone interested coming along to join us for coffee, tea, a chat and perhaps think about joining.

Ann Young





The Guild



November can be a very “dreich” month but the Guild is looking forward to welcoming at 10 am on the 5th—Eric Melvin who is speaking on George IV’s Visit to Edinburgh; and on the 19th at 2 pm—Fred Daniels will be sharing his adventures across America part III.

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning. The sum of £509 was raised for Crossreach—the Guild’s project this session.

Please support our Christmas Advent Calendar Appeal—to help brighten up children’s lives. These can be handed in to the Kirk Office or the Kirk on Sunday.

The Guild is open to all and you do not have to join—a copy of the syllabus is available on the Kirk website. You will be made most welcome.

Isobel Webber
451 5112

Advent Calendars

The Guild is collecting Advent Calendars for the Foodbank at Wester Hailes—preferably ones with chocolate!! Christmas can be a sad time for those having to rely on the foodbank and an advent calendar may help to brighten up a child’s December.

Donations can be handed into the Kirk Office or to any Guild member. Last date for donations is Sunday 17 November. Thank you in advance.

Isobel Webber

Christmas Fayre—WE NEED YOU!

The Christmas Fayre this year will be held on Saturday 30 November, 2-4pm. Like last year all the proceeds will be going straight into Currie Kirk funds. Santa is booked and will be appearing on his sleigh in the Gibson Craig Hall car park. The Tinsel Tearoom is back and will be in the Guide hut, serving tea/coffee and home baking. Tickets will be £3 to include refreshments, children free.

The back hall of the Gibson Craig will be full of craft activities, games and competitions for the children, allowing the adults to enjoy their afternoon tea whilst the children are busy. Among the many activities on offer there will be face painting, Splat the Rat, cracker making and the Christmas Wishes tree.

The Crazy Crafters have been busy all year making quality gifts to buy—novelty plaques, cushions, adorable snowmen, tree decorations, jewellery, aprons and calendars to name but a few!

In order to help make it a success we really need YOU!!

There will be the following stalls—if you’re able to help out at a stall or would like to contribute anything please get in touch with anyone in the M&O committee or the Kirk office:

- ◆ Tinsel tearoom—some elves to help serve and wash up. Even 30 minutes would be really appreciated.
- ◆ Tombola and raffle donations.
- ◆ £1 stall—please wrap a present (value £1 or more) and mark it LADY, MAN, BOY or GIRL.
- ◆ Home baking—both to serve and sell.
- ◆ Jams/Chutneys/chocolates.
- ◆ Water or Wine?—Pick a bottle and be lucky (it contains wine!) or unlucky (it’s water!!). Donations of bottles—full or empty please!
- ◆ Other fun activities and stalls for all ages.

Most of all, please spread the word and come along on 30th – it’s sure to be a great afternoon!!

Fiona Pigott
Tel: 466-1459 (mob 07584-678990)

Monday Madness!

“Don’t worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have.” *Philippians 4:6*

That was our memory verse for Monday Madness this month, after we acted out the story of Paul and his journey to Rome. It was a tumultuous voyage for Paul and his shipmates, filled with uncertainty, bad weather and near-death experiences. Yet it was also an adventure of faith and trusting in God—his faithfulness, goodness and promises.

33 excited and enthusiastic children joined us at Juniper Green Church on 21 October for a morning of songs, games, crafts and a boat building challenge! We kicked off the morning crafting floating vessels from recycling material before Fisherman Christine warmed us all up with some aerobics.

Then, as we were stranded on a desert island, we took the opportunity to play some games and make a variety of crafts—fish handprint puppets, melon boats, flip flop keyrings, a communal fishy frieze (on display at Currie Kirk) and practised tying various knots.



We took a break for a snack before hearing Paul’s story. Then we spent time in small groups thinking more about the story and what it’s really like to trust God ourselves. Each of the children were encouraged to imagine they were Paul and write a postcard telling someone about what had happened to them. We shared these together with some of the comments being “We can trust God” and “God is always with you”.



We learnt the memory verse together before venturing out into the chilly garden to test the floatability of our vessels! Thankfully they all survived the paddling pool, although I’m not sure how seaworthy they may have been if they faced the strong winds and storms like Paul did!

We had a fantastic morning together, with children and team leaving with smiles on their faces having not only heard about God’s goodness, but having experienced his love through one another as well.

Heather



New Appointment—Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker

Delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Caretaker for the Gibson Craig Halls. His name is Robert Pryde and he lives in the Currie area. Rob will join us from Monday 4 November 2019.

I know you will want to join me in congratulating Rob on his new appointment and wish him well for the future.

Gordon Clephane
Session Clerk

We all know fundraising is hard. We also know a lot of people run in the opposite direction when asked to go to a fundraiser. That's why we've spent time looking for an easy way for our supporters to help us. Let me introduce easyfundraising.

How does it work?

Well, it's simple. Every time a supporter shops using the site, the 65th receives a donation directly from the retailer. With over 4,000 retailers involved including M&S, Trainline, Argos, Next, Halfords and Sports Direct we are sure you're favourite is there!

It doesn't cost anyone anything extra to shop this way—it's totally free fundraising!

To shop through easyfundraising, please visit the link below and create an account
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/65thedinburgh/>



We'd love if all the congregation who buy items online could purchase through this website. Your help is very much welcomed!

Happy shopping!

Michael

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER
GIBSON CRAIG HALLS



- * Come and meet Santa and his sleigh



- * Stocking Fillers



- * Competitions

- * Games

- * Raffle

- * Cake and Candy

- * Enjoy tea and home baking in the Tinsel Tearoom

- * Christmas Gifts



- * Tombola

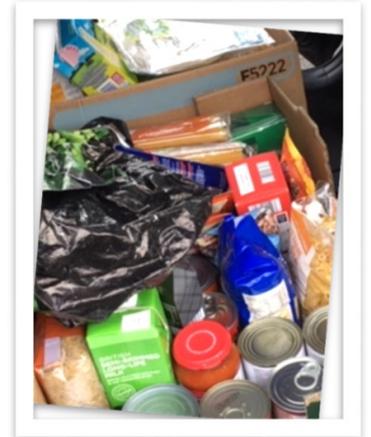
- * Craft activities



Nether Currie Primary School



*Our Donations going to the Food Bank at Wester Hailes from our Harvest Assembly—thanks to all who contributed—Easter’s car was filled with boxes and bags
September 2019*



**Friday 29 November at the Gibson Craig Hall
from 2.00—3.30 pm.**

An opportunity for families to do church together. We'll have refreshments, games, a story, crafts and songs. This month our theme is St Andrew's Day. We'll find out who St Andrew was and why he is the patron saint of Scotland.

For more info contact Heather Merriman:
familyworker_jvp@outlook.com

Memory Lane

Competition—Who is the drummer!!

Photograph taken celebrating the Coronation in 1953

First correct email to arrive in the Editor's inbox will receive a Christmas Selection Box.

(Family and close friends excluded from this competition!!)



Dementia Friendly Pentlands are running monthly “**Drop-in Sessions**” in **Currie Library** on the last Saturday of every month when two of the DFP Team will provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to learn more about dementia, and support available locally, to come along and have a chat. For more information contact:
dementiafriendlypentlands@gmail.com/

Currie Kirk Minibus Fund

Christmas Card Delivery within Currie



Are you ready for Christmas?—we are happy to help. We can deliver your local Christmas cards at a cost of 30p per card. Delivery will be in the area enclosed by Muir Wood Road, Christie Road, Calderhame Road, Newmills Road and Lanark Road West from Newmills Road to Muir Wood Road.

We will be available to accept your cards on:

Tuesday 19th November Gibson Craig Hall 2-4pm
Sunday 24th November at Currie Kirk between 11am and noon
Tuesday 26th November Gibson Craig Hall 7-8pm
Friday 29th November Gibson Craig Hall 2-4pm
Saturday 30th November Gibson Craig Hall (at the Christmas Fayre) 2-4pm
Sunday 1st December at Currie Kirk between 11am and noon



Cards will be stamped and delivered by our Minibus Elves.

This will be used as a fund raising opportunity to keep the wheels on the bus going round and round.

Kirk Flowers

Having taken over the administration of the Kirk Flowers from Erica, I have been touched by the responses from the recipients of the Sunday flowers after the service. They are cheered to know that others are thinking of them whether they have received flowers for a happy occasion, because they are ill, going through a difficult time or have suffered a bereavement. This is all possible thanks to those who give to the flower fund, as well as our two teams of flower arrangers/flower deliverers.



If you would like to suggest someone deserving of flowers, please let myself or the church office know.

Would you like to try your hand at flower arranging (go on)?; join the team of Sunday flower deliverers; or, you might wish to make a donation to the flower fund at a date that is special to you. If so, please get in touch. My contact details are listed below.

Margaret

Tel: 0131 538 5172 or 07519045866

Email: m.matheson@blueyonder.co.uk

Please join us for a

Living Well Event

Find out about activities, support and services for older people living in Currie, Balerno and Juniper Green

Thursday 7th November 2019
Gibson Craig Halls
Currie
1-4pm (drop in)

Advice, information and ideas

Volunteering opportunities

Groups, classes and hobbies

Health and wellbeing

Activities, entertainment, refreshments and much more!
Everyone is welcome

For further information please contact: Caroline Clark clarkc@ericliddell.org
0131 357 1277

The event is delivered by South West Villages Project (delivered by the Eric Liddell Centre, registered charity SC003147) which is funded by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership



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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
Balerno Bridge Club	Sandra Renton	449 3527	Monday
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	449 4349	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Currie Community Council	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Monday of each Month —not July & December
Currie Day Centre	Dorothy Simpson coordinatorCDC@gmx.com	07562 142885	Friday by referral
Dunedin Dance Academy	Claire Robertson	07731 466147	Wednesday
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704	Wednesday
Move It or Lose It	Janet Corbett	07769 345845	Wednesday: 2.30—3.30
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	07743 067588	Friday: 9.30—11.30 am (term time only)
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney Clairomaloney12@yahoo.co.uk	07999 410721	Wednesday
Pilates Class (Fuschia)	Steph Bain	07773 270780	Wednesday: Noon—1 pm
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Sensory Session	Lorna Carr hello@thesensorysessions.com	07525 270427	Thursday: 9.30 am—11.30 am
Shoogly Peg Theatre Company	Zoe McRae	07884 133357	Friday: 6.30—7.30 pm
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday—12 Noon— 1.30 pm
Tea & Tunes	Allister McKillop	449 6394	2nd Tuesday of month
Yoga	Anne Marie Crozier annemariacrozier@blueyonder.co.uk	07887 526116	Monday: 10.30—11.30 am
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986 600432	Tuesday: 8—9 pm
Zumba Class	Lynne Langmead	07927 208134	Tuesday: 7—8 pm
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday: 10.15—11.15 am

**Tuesday's
Tea & Tunes
Dementia Café 2019**

A cafe held at Gibson Craig
On the 2nd Tuesday of every
month
2:30 till 4:00
Fun & Laughter
Singing & Dancing
Tea, Coffee, Snacks
£2 pp
Entertainment is Free!!

11th June/9th July
13th Aug/10th Sept
8th Oct/12th Nov
10th December

Family News

Wedding



Congratulations to Claire and Graham Wright who were married on 14 September 2019 at the Tabernacle—Llantwit Major, South Wales



Congratulations to Norma McCann who celebrated her 80th birthday. Here she is with Moira McDonald, Jean Smith and Jean Wright enjoying her special day.



Kiltwalk Update

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me on the Mighty Stride Kiltwalk. My total given to Bethany Christian Trust is now £506.50!

Fiona Pigott

November Flower List

- 3 Mrs D Brown
Mrs E Smith
- 10 Mrs V MacPhail
Mrs M Preston
Mrs A Williamson



- 17 Mrs J Dick
Mr and Mrs A Goudie
- 24 Mrs D Collins

Should anyone wish information regarding donations to the Flower Fund please contact Margaret Matheson: m.matheson@blueyonder.co.uk; or telephone 075190 45866



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 Administrator: Nina Valvona Email currie_kirk@btconnect.com	Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm	451 5141
Session Clerk	Gordon Clephane Email: gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk		449 2313
Treasurer	Eddie Pigott Email: pigottsef@icloud.com		466 1459
Offerings & Gift Aid Treasurer	Eunice Stewart eunicestewart48@gmail.com		449 6832
Data Protection Officer	Vanessa Martins	vanessa.martins93@yahoo.com	07847 274395
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Halls bookings	Ann Proudfoot	ckgchbooking@gmail.com	449 7739
Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker	Contact Church Office		451 5141
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	Contact Church Office		451 5141
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
Sunday Fun Club	Heather Merriman—Email: familyworker_jvp@outlook.com	Sunday—9.45– 11.20 am	
Messy Church	Contact Heather Email: familyworker_jvp@outlook.com	Last Friday of the month Gibson Craig Halls from 2.00—4.00 pm (term time only)	
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month	466 1115



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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 December/January issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Friday 22 November. Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.**

