

THE KIRK NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024



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Rev Anne Logan writes a weekly letter—if you'd like to receive this, please send your email request to admin@curriekirk.co.uk to register.

Calendar Overview

Church Services in Currie Kirk

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 1 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway,
- 8 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway, followed by a Prayer Tree Service
- 15 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by John Sawkins
- 22 Joint Service with Balerno at Currie Kirk at 10.30 am—Rev Susan Galloway
- 29 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway, followed by Informal Communion

Other dates to remember in September

- 3 Guild first meeting at 10 am—Gibson Craig Hall—Rev Dr Anne T Logan—”Breaking the Stained Glass Ceiling”
- 5 Anchor Boys and Junior Section—The Boys’ Brigade resume—Gibson Craig Halls— 6-7.30pm
- 7 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 8 Company Section—The Boys’ Brigade resumes—Gibson Craig Halls 6.30—8.30pm
- 12 Anchors & Junior Section—Gibson Craig Halls—6—7.30 pm
- 14 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 15 Company Section—The Boys’ Brigade—Gibson Craig Halls 6.30—8.30pm
- 17 Guild Meeting at 2 pm—Gibson Craig Hall—Robert Alexander—”The Vine Trust”
- 19 Anchors & Junior Section—Gibson Craig Halls—6—7.30 pm
- 20 **DEADLINE FOR KIRK NEWS ARTICLES to fpigott19@gmail.com**
- 21 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk
- 22 Company Section—The Boys’ Brigade—Gibson Craig Halls 6.30—8.30pm
- 26 Anchors & Junior Section—Gibson Craig Halls—6—7.30 pm
- 28 Coffee Stop! 2—4pm, Currie Kirk. This is the final Coffee Stop! for 2024.
- 29 Company Section—The Boys’ Brigade—Gibson Craig Halls 6.30—8.30pm
- 29 **Please hand in your crochet/knitted poppies to the church office.**



Letter from Anne (our Interim Moderator):

Dear Friends,

The school holidays have passed, teachers and children have headed back into school again. After a great weekend Celebrating Currie Kirk, now, as this edition will show, all our usual activities are about to start up again. It is with great pleasure, that I am able to tell you that Rev Susan Galloway, Ordained Local Minister, is being deployed by the Presbytery as locum in Currie. I am sure that Susan's ministry will be a great blessing for the congregation and community.

There are also new challenges and opportunities ahead, not least as we all try to get to grips with the Presbytery Plan and fleshing out what the changes mean for us all in the communities of Currie and Balerno.

The Psalmist wrote about God's steadfast love '*Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.*' (Ps 63) or Ps 118 which speaks of the steadfast love of the Lord enduring forever. That steadfast love, 'chesed' (or hesed in the Romanised version) is not simply an emotion but an action.

God doesn't just feel love for us, God lives love for us. As we face this new session in the life of Currie Kirk, we draw on that steadfast love and go forward.

Blessings!

Anne

Introducing Rev Susan Galloway, our Locum Minister:

Where to begin, well at the beginning I suppose.

I was born in Edinburgh, a long time ago, around the time Nelson was a cabin boy!

I was educated in Edinburgh but was never a fan of the girlie subjects, no cooking, sewing or typing for me, I was always much more interested in science and artistic things. Although having said that, I love cooking and baking, and I can and do sew.

After studying Biology at Edinburgh University, I began working with the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, and boy was I in my element. It was one of the most satisfying things I could ever have imagined doing.

I was later very fortunate to move into the diagnostic manufacturing industry where I had responsibility for technical support and conducting clinical trials of new products which gave me the opportunity to work with many wonderful people across a wide range of countries and regulatory agencies.

But it was never a case of all work and no joy as I have a great love of music and have been very lucky to enjoy performing with many operatic and musical companies over the years, as well as just sitting in an audience appreciating music and drama. I also love reading, photography and walking, especially with my two dogs, Brodie and Storm.

My Christian faith has always been very important to me, and I slowly came to a realisation that I was being called to do more in the service of God although I had never imagined that he would call me to enter ministry in any way! I felt drawn however, to share God's love and so I eventually summoned the courage, with a lot of prayerful support, to enquire about training for Ordained Local Ministry and the rest, as they say is history. I have now found a passion that has given me an opportunity to turn my faith into action. I feel extremely blessed to have been given the opportunity of working within the church and the community to share with others, something of the love of God.



Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church TOWARDS OUR UNION—11th August 2024.

Representatives of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian have met with the Kirk Sessions of both Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church.

As Interim Moderators of the congregations we wish to offer to both congregations and communities updates when appropriate on the steps being taken to ensure a harmonious union of the congregations of Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church, and this is the first of these.

The Presbytery suggests that in the first instance the congregations of Currie and Balerno will be linked to allow for the formation of a strong union. This represents an alteration to the current Presbytery Plan and will need to be agreed at National level.

In the meantime two part-time Locums will have responsibility for the conduct of worship and pastoral care—one for Currie Kirk and one for Balerno Parish Church. The Rev. Derek Munn, an Ordained Local Minister, will begin his service at Balerno Parish Church on 1st August 2024, and Rev Susan Galloway, Ordained Local Minister, will begin as locum at Currie on 1st September.

We are together looking positively to the steps necessary to ensure a union of the two congregations, and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either of us or the Session Clerks of the congregations.

We trust that you are enjoying this Summer season,

Rev. Dr Anne Logan. Interim Moderator, Currie Kirk
annetlogan@sky.com

Rev. Douglas Nicol, Interim Moderator, Balerno Parish Church Douglas.Nicol@churchofscotland.org.uk



THE PRAYER COVENANT

In the last Kirk News different opportunities for prayer were highlighted.

Refreshing and updating of the Prayer Covenant has now taken place. It has been agreed that members of the Prayer Covenant meet twice yearly as support for each other and encouragement in their commitment to prayer.

If you, or someone you know needs prayer, whether it is a health matter or the circumstances of life, members of the Prayer Covenant will be ready and willing to pray in confidence for that person. If prayer is being requested for a third party please obtain their permission. Requests for such prayers are made to the Minister, currently our Interim Moderator, Rev Dr Anne Logan (Tel No:0131 663 9550 or email: Annetlogan@sky.com).

If you would like to join the team of 'Prayers' please contact Rev Dr Anne Logan.

It seems hardly anytime since our Parents evening and we are preparing for the start of a new session.

Anchor Boys (P2 & 3) and the Junior Section (P4—6) will resume on Thursday, 5th September 2024 from 6.00—7.30pm at the Gibson Craig Hall. It will be good to see the boys back and hopefully plenty new boys will come along to join in the fun.

The Company Section (P7—18 years) will resume on Sunday, 8th September, 2024 from 6.30—8.30pm in the Gibson Craig Hall. The Company will again enter the National Competitions in chess, badminton and table tennis and again we look forward to welcoming boys old and new for another great year.

Games night for Company Boys will resume on Fridays at the Gibson Craig Hall from 7—8.30pm, date to be confirmed.

It is also hoped to have an adventure weekend at Craggan, Loch Tay in May, 2025 for all Junior and Company Boys.

Bill Brown
Captain
65th Edinburgh



The Currie Kirk Guild

The Guild will start up again on Tuesday 3rd September at 10 am when we welcome our Interim Moderator, Rev Dr Anne T Logan, who will be speaking on “Breaking the Stained Glass Ceiling”. As it is our first meeting we will be enjoying some scones to go with our tea/coffee. A varied and interesting syllabus has been drawn up and there should be something in there which will appeal to you.

Although annual subscriptions have risen to £16, we have decided to stick at £15 with the Guild covering the extra pound. Members joining for the first time this session will not have to pay any subscription for this session, but will pay only the meeting charge of £3. Visitors pay £4. So if you are looking for something new this September, why don't you come along and join us.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10am and the third Tuesday at 2pm from September to April. You will be made very welcome.

If you require any further information, please contact me on 0131-466-3472 or elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk.

Louise Lamont Currie Kirk Guild President

August Fun Weekend



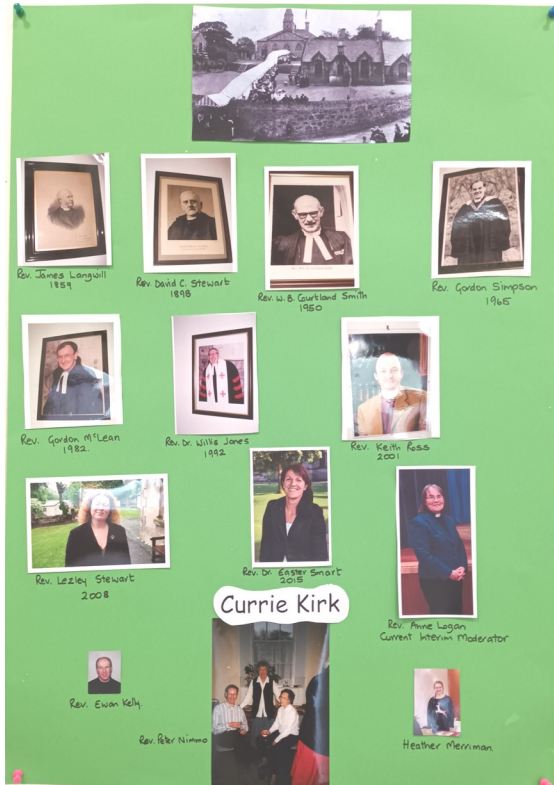
Farooq in action! Our fun Scientist.



Don't know how these girls managed to keep going! They learnt some new ceilidh dances too!



Wonderful caterers.



Currie Kirk's ministers.



Bill Wood cutting our Celebration cake.



Families enjoying the day



This quiz is hard!



Iain MacPhail leading the ceilidh, Marjorie doing an excellent job as caller.

Gibson Craig Halls

Contact details on all events held in the Halls can be found on Page 10

Currie Community Council

Currie Community Council is the most local tier of representation we have and provides informed opinion so that the City of Edinburgh Council can make decisions in the public interest. Our successes include fixing roads and pavements, influencing planning decisions and campaigning for the new high school. CCC is not political, rather it's a group of volunteers who care about their community and work to represent all people in the area without prejudice. Our meetings are open to the public and residents are welcome to come along to share concerns, promote local initiatives or simply find out what's happening in the community.

Balerno Bridge Club

We are a small social Bridge Club, which has been running for very many years. As time has gone on, we are all getting older and our numbers have decreased, but we still have a reasonable number of players who are enjoying our Monday afternoon social bridge. If you are a bridge player, and have an interest in playing, please contact me on 07504 306062 and we can have a chat to see if you would like to join us, and if you have a partner, even better. We look forward to hearing from you.



Currie & District Local History Society

The Society has been in existence for more than 50 years and has a collection of photographs and books of the area, along with a website curriehistory.org available to browse for all.

Talks are held in the Gibson-Craig Halls every second Monday from October to March and all are welcome. Non-members (£5) or a membership (£35).

douglaslowe51@btinternet.com



Currie Toll dating from 1890-ish

The Gibson Craig Halls are situated at the heart of Currie on the main Lanark Road West. The No. 44 bus stops outside. When not used by Currie Kirk organisations the halls can be let to community and commercial groups, and one-off social events. We have a large hall, a smaller hall, a lounge, kitchen, accessible toilets and ramps for wheelchair users.

For enquiries and bookings, please contact Viola MacPhail, our Booking Co-ordinator, on 07806 806920 or email gibsoncraigbooking@gmail.com. Or check out more details on our website— www.curriekirk.org



Shoebox Appeal—A new way to donate!

Rather than asking for completed boxes this year we're suggesting a different item each month—it may seem a little easier putting an extra item in the shopping basket. In 2024 our suggestion is for the following items to be handed in each month:

September: Deodorant

October: Sweets (not chocolates)

Please remember it all needs to fit into a shoebox so small is good!

These can be left in the Kirk on a Sunday or dropped off at the Gibson Craig Hall.

Final date to drop off will be 15th October to allow the team to complete and wrap the shoeboxes.

Fresh Start will be celebrating 25 years of providing new tenants, who have been homeless, with basic “starter packs” of essential household items. Volunteers also help to decorate one or two rooms, giving people the best possible start in their new home.

FreshStart
helping people make a home for themselves

Elizabeth Wood has been involved with Fresh Start from the very beginning of the Charity, initially collecting donated household items from our church members and delivering them to the warehouse in Ferry Road Drive. Jean Smith has also been a volunteer for over twenty years, both ladies still continue to help by preparing the starter packs. We thank them for their commitment to a very worthy cause. Starter packs contain kitchen utensils, crockery, bed linen and towels.

Toiletries and cleaning materials are always in demand as well as small electric items including alarm clocks, hairdryers and hand blenders. No ornaments or bric a brac, duvets or pillows please.

Any donations can be left on the stage at the Gibson Graig Hall when the halls are open (office hours are on the back page).

Thank you, Christine Wilson

Armistice Display of Poppies

Thank you to all the knitters who have volunteered. Please hand in all your beautifully crochet/knitted poppies by the end of September to the Kirk office or any member of the MOF committee.

Saturday Café @ The Kirk—now open—2-4 pm Coffee/Tea/home baking



Our Saturday café will close on 28 September, 2—4pm (last orders at 3.30pm).

If you're looking for a chat and friendship on a Saturday afternoon or a cuppa at the end of a walk then please come and join us. This year we're adding in a craft table for any children.

Our final Coffee Stop! Will be on 28th September.

The Kirk Walking Group

Walking Group Summer Outing to Aberdour



Walks take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month, leaving after the service.

We would love to welcome new walkers. We never go over 4 miles and try always to have a coffee stop at the end of the walk (sometimes a picnic in the summer months!)

For more information please contact Moira McDonald (07853 228751)

Tuesday Pop-Up café in the Gibson Craig Hall is now Closed.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time or talents to help run the café.

A special mention on thanks go to Mick and Linda for their regular help on a Tuesday.

The sum of over £500 has been given to the Kirk. Thanks, Viola MacPhail

Fair Trade Fortnight: 9 September—22 September



It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves. This year's campaign will highlight that however big or small a purchase this Fairtrade Fortnight, you have the power to #BeTheChange.

Transport Fund



Are you a previous user of the minibus? Do you have difficulty getting to church due to mobility issues or lack of transport? Then the transport fund is for you.

When the minibus was sold and the charity wound up, a great deal of money was released part of which was given to Currie Kirk to set up a Transport Fund. Please make use of the fund. The money is there to assist you. All that is required is a receipt from the driver which you can hand to any Elder on duty and the money will be refunded to you. For journeys home from church just bring the receipt the following week or whenever you are next in church. You can also use it if you have difficulty getting to and from the Guild. Again just obtain a receipt and hand it to a committee member. Church postcode is EH14 6AL.

Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is available to hire. The Booking Co-ordinator is Viola MacPhail

Contact Details: gibsoncraigbooking@gmail.com
Tel: 07806 806920

	Contact name	Tel/email	Day
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	douglaslowe51@btinternet.com	Monday 7.30—9 pm twice monthly, October to March.
Currie Community Council		curriecouncil@gmail.com	2nd Wed of the month 7.30—9 pm, except July & December.
Currie Creatives (Music)	Shona Moyes	07752 459203	Tuesday 6.30—8.30 pm.
Parent and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	Margaret0205@hotmail.co.uk 07743 067588	Friday 9.30 am—11.30 am (term time only).
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney	07999 410721	Wednesday 7.00 —9.00 pm, September to June.
Pentland Ladies Probus	Marion Wallace	wmkwallace@aol.com	4th Tuesday of month, 10am—12, from Sept to May.
Pilates	Ellen Foster	07983 863143	Saturday 10.30—11.30 am
Steady Steps	By referral		Thursday 9.30—11.00 am and 2.30—4.00 pm
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	tomlowe69@hotmail.co.uk	Thursday 10.15 —11.15 am.

Coffee and Conversation

Currie Library every Friday from 11 am



The Meeting Place

The meeting place is held every Monday for the over 65's and their carers, in the Scout Hall Forth View Crescent, Currie, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Lunch is served for a modest £5.00.

Our main focus is offering a place to all our residents looking for companionship in a safe friendly environment where they can enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

For more information phone 07523 805853 or just call in.

Family News

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

Bryan Hemmings, Lochgelly
Margaret Lunn, Currie
Isobel McGinley, Currie
Ann Smith, Currie
Dorothy Cuthbertson, Currie



Please pray for the families



Congratulations to Helen Heggie who will be
100 on the 11 September.

Many Happy Returns from the Congregation at
Currie Kirk—have a lovely day with grateful thanks
for everything you did for the Kirk.

September Flower List

September

1 Mrs J Robertson
Mrs M Lamb

8 Mrs M Falconer
Mrs S Heron
Mrs H Heggie



15 Mrs Madge Gray

22 Mr A Forsyth
Mrs M Anderson

29 Mrs C Lindsay
Mrs I Webber

The flowers are enjoyed and appreciated by so many. Thank you to those who have donated. If you wish to dedicate flowers on a particular Sunday please get in touch with Isobel Webber or the office
admin@curriekirk.co.uk



WHO'S WHO

NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL CONTACT/TIMES	TELEPHONE NO
Interim Moderator	Rev Dr Anne T Logan	annetlogan@sky.com	
Locum Minister	Rev Susan Galloway	SGalloway@churchofscotland.org.uk	07881 093480
Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554)	Gibson Craig Halls, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Email: Admin@curriekirk.co.uk	Tuesday 9.30 am—12.30 pm Friday 9.30 am—12.30 pm Saturday 9.30 am—12.30 pm	451 5141
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Weddings/Funerals	Contact Church Office	Admin@curriekirk.co.uk	451 5141
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Life and Work	Shona Moyes	shona.moyes@btopenworld.com	
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		451 5141
Boys' Brigade Captain	Bill Brown Anchors/Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.30 pm Friday 7.00—8.30 pm Sunday 6.30-8.30 pm	449 4905 07878377897
Fresh Start	Christine Wilson		538 2567
Pastoral Visitors	Contact church office		451 5141
Currie Kirk Singers	Gordon Cranford	Various	07572 861123
Guild	Louise Lamont	1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.	466 3472
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month.	07853 228751



The Kirk News

Can now be found on the Currie Kirk Website with one click to <http://www.curriekirk.org/Kirknews>.
Articles for the October/November issue should be sent—using a Word attachment—by email to Fiona Pigott: fpigott19@gmail.com by Friday 20 September 2024.



Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.