

THE KIRK NEWS

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2023



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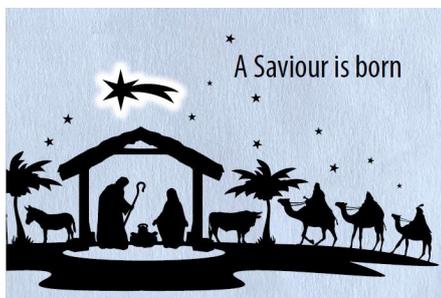
Calendar Overview

December

4	Sunday	Advent Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
4	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm
6	Tuesday	The Guild—10 am—Gibson Craig Halls
8	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
8	Thursday	BB Anchor and Junior Section 6 pm—7.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
9	Friday	BB Company Section games night 7.15—9 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
10	Saturday	Messy Church—Gibson Craig Hall—10am—12 Noon—see page 9.
10	Saturday	Bereavement Vigil Service—Currie Kirk—12—2 pm
11	Sunday	Lessons and Carols—Currie Kirk at 10 am
11	Sunday	Singalong-a-Christmas—Gibson Craig Hall—2-4 pm
11	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm
15	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
16	Friday	BB Company Section games night 7.00—8.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
18	Sunday	Advent Worship Currie Kirk—All Age Family Service at 10 am
18	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm
20	Tuesday	The Guild—2 pm—Christmas Party
22	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
24	Saturday	Christmas Eve—Gibson Craig Halls—Christingles 5.30; Service 6.00 pm
24	Saturday	Watchnight Service—11.30—Currie Kirk
25	Sunday	Christmas Day Family Service in Currie Kirk at 10 am
28	Wednesday	Reflective Service in Currie Kirk at 2 pm
29	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls

January

1	Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
5	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
5	Thursday	BB Anchor and Junior Section—6 pm-7.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
6	Friday	BB Company Section club games night—7.00-8.30 pm—Gibson Craig Hall
8	Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10.30 am
8	Sunday	Afternoon Worship—Gibson Craig Halls—4-5 pm. Refreshments served from 3.30 pm
8	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm
12	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
12	Thursday	BB Anchor and Junior Section—6 pm-7.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
13	Friday	BB Company Section club games night—7.00-8.30 pm—Gibson Craig Hall
15	Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10.30 am
15	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm
17	Tuesday	Guild Meeting—2 pm—Gibson Craig Halls—A Nicht wi' Burns
19	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
19	Thursday	BB Anchor and Junior Section—6 pm-7.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
20	Friday	BB Company Section club games night—7.00-8.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
20	Friday	Articles for Kirk News Deadline
22	Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10.30 am
22	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm
25	Wednesday	Reflective Service in Currie Kirk at 2 pm
26	Thursday	Heat & Meet—2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
26	Thursday	BB Anchor and Junior Section—6 pm-7.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
27	Friday	BB Company Section club games night—7.00-8.30 pm—Gibson Craig Halls
29	Sunday	Joint Service with Balerno—Balerno Parish Church at 10 am
29	Sunday	BB Company night—Gibson Craig Halls—6.30-8.30 pm



Christmas Blessings

Greetings! A few of us from Currie Kirk joined Balerno Church members and their choirs to enter into the spirit of Advent as we listened to the Christmas story through humorous readings and song at the Balerno Bowling Club.

We also shared our first advent worship service this year together as Balerno church members joined us in Currie for a “Quality Street” themed advent service.

When the Presbytery Plan was approved in November, it was agreed that Currie will work and minister both missionally and socially together in a deferred union with Balerno.

(Presbytery Plan explained on page 4) It brings me pleasure to enjoy fellowship and voices and song together. I very much look forward to hearing our Kirk Singers perform on 11 December. Our Messy Church for families as well as the Remembrance reflective service will take place the day before on the 10th. Please do cut out the calendar overview enclosed and place it on your fridge!

Advent is an invitation to have an “*Advent-ure*” as we journey together towards the birth of a baby, our Saviour. These days the winter and darkness make it hard to imagine outdoor adventures. But we can venture within. I hope you may join us as we light candles to brighten the dark nights and sing songs to cheer up the cold winter—but most of all listen to the wondrous story of hope peace, and love.

In Currie Kirk we will have services and prayer times so that you can step away a bit from the chaos of commercial clamour and allow the deep spiritual significance of the Christ’s birth story to penetrate—to rouse your soul from tiredness, stress or distraction and create in this Advent season, moments for you to draw closer to God.

However you travel this journey to Christmas and into a New Year, I know as I pray, that God will surprise you with blessings of comfort and joy.

Easter



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Update on Presbytery Plan 2022-25

In October, Currie Kirk Session voted to request that The Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian place us in a Linkage with Balerno Parish Church which would mean each church retained its own Kirk Session and committees such as Finance.

However, in the latest version of the Draft Presbytery Plan we were placed in a Deferred Union with Balerno Church. We requested an explanation of what this means and why we could not have our preference for Linkage.

Dr Stewart Weaver, Convener of the Deployment Group, responsible for implementing The Presbytery Plan, said:

“With regards to Linkages, the national church is very much resistant to these because they are not ‘resource light’. Indeed, the national church has asked us to alter all of the linkages that were proposed in the previous working document in order to ensure that their concerns are met. So, it would be extremely unlikely that a proposed linkage between Currie and Balerno would be accepted by the national church.”

(Note: Resource Light means one Minister for two separate churches would have to attend/moderate two separate Session Meetings, two finance Meetings etc which is a heavier time commitment for a Minister)

We at Currie Kirk Session also asked for a definition of Deferred Union ie does it mean that under a Deferred Union, both churches retain their own Kirk Sessions and control of their finances? When ultimately would this lead to a full Union?

Dr Weaver responded:

“With regards to a Deferred Union, I understand that, until the actual Union itself proceeds, the congregations would retain their own structures. For the point of a Union is one Kirk Session and, until a Union is actually implemented, it would follow that such areas as finance remain independent.

Having said that, if there is greater cooperation on the horizon, it may smooth transitions in the future if there were shared information or initiatives in pastoral care or worship or other mission activities. Some congregations have had their finance or property teams meet together in order to assure some kind mutual understanding and knowledge. I do hope that this provides a bit of helpful information.”

It being obvious that Linkage would not be allowed, Currie Kirk decided to accept Presbytery’s decision to place us in Deferred Union with Balerno in the Draft Plan. A deferred union means that when one of our ministers moves on, a vacancy committee from **both** churches calls a new minister to that church. Only when the other minister moves on do the churches unite under the existing minister, who of course was called by both churches.

All churches in The Presbytery voted on the Draft Plan on 15th November 2022 and agreed by majority to adopt The Presbytery Mission Plan for implementation from January 2023.

Currie and Balerno churches will continue to build on our good relationships to find additional and different ways of joining together to meet the needs of people in our area and beyond.



The Guild

October and November have both been very busy months for the Guild. We have learnt about all that is involved in becoming a Wimbledon Umpire—not just a case of sitting up in the big chair or being positioned around the court. Many facts about Pontius Pilate and his time in the Holy Land were revealed to us. Towards the end of October we held our first proper Coffee Morning since 2019. It was marvellous to see the hall filled with people talking and chatting whilst enjoying the home baking provided by the Guild. Many thanks to all those who baked, supplied books and items for the tombola as well as those who attended. We raised £590 which is a marvellous sum to go to “Starchild”.

Into November and we had two fantastic speakers. In a change of topic Tom Kelly took us back to the “Forgotten Fifties” with many pictures, videos and anecdotes. True to form we all enjoyed recognising and singing along with many of the artists of the time. Just did not like to realise it was 70 years ago! Keith Walker then took us on a wander round Edinburgh reminding us of cinemas we may have visited or ones we had never heard of. Nobody admitted to getting in using jam jars but there were a few giggles when he mentioned the chummie seats. November also saw our Rededication Service in Currie Kirk. It was a very uplifting occasion and Ernest, Easter’s father, spoke movingly on “Hope” and tied it in beautifully with “Starchild”.

So what is next? Unfortunately our last speaker of the year has just emailed to cancel, but I am hoping to find a replacement. So no chance of stocking up with Grace Chocolates just before Christmas. Our Christmas Party is on 20 December and we are all looking forward to that. I will be delivering many Advent Calendars to the Holy Trinity Foodbank for the start of the Advent Season. In January we will be having a Scottish afternoon meeting with “A Nicht wi’ Burns”.

Sadly Catherine Crawford died after a short stay in hospital. A long standing member of the Guild we will all miss her at our meetings and social gatherings. Catherine was also a Kirk Elder.

Finally I just want to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year.

Louise Lamont
Currie Kirk Guild President



Meet and Heat and a Chat Every Thursday—Gibson Craig Hall 2-4 pm

We are presently small in numbers but not small on “chat”. Cosy afternoons can be found in the Gibson Craig Back Hall where we are open every Thursday from 2-4 pm.

Enjoy a chat over a cup of tea/coffee with biscuits and Christmas goodies.

This afternoon meeting point will continue in the New Year—by special request.

Monday Madness!

On Monday 24 October we welcomed 32 children to Juniper Green Church Hall for Monday Madness! It truly lives up to its name! For two and a half hours we did a variety of activities, played games, acted out a story from the Bible, learned a memory verse, sang songs, made crafts, ate snacks, talked together and had fun ... there was a lot going on!



which can be seen both in the Gibson Craig Hall and in the church building). Lots of our programme was led by our fantastic younger leaders, including the memory verse, the games, and song actions. We are so grateful for them and to them.

At the end of the morning we invited the children and their families to stay for a celebration lunch—putting into practice what we had heard in the morning about welcoming people. We were thrilled that around 16 of the

Our theme for the morning was celebration and our Bible story was the woman who washed Jesus' feet at the dinner party. We discovered what it meant to welcome someone into your home during Jesus' day, and how Simon the Pharisee and the woman treated Jesus very differently. We were reminded that the forgiveness offered to each of us by Jesus is a gift we need to choose to accept; that Jesus loves us no matter what, and that we can come to him at any time. Our song reflected on the words found in Psalm 30:11-12 and Psalm 34:8 and was one

that got stuck in all our heads for the afternoon.



Our crafts involved getting messy! We had marshmallow dipping, scent making and footprint painting (a display of

families stayed for lunch, a total of almost 60 people! It was lovely to see families chatting together, children having fun and to have a chance to speak to the adults who came.

A very big thanks must go out to the wonderful team of people who helped make it all happen, I couldn't have done it without them. I'm especially grateful to those who cleaned up the mess left after the craft sessions! A big thanks to Petra, Kathryn, Liz and Martin who helped set up the hall for our celebration lunch and served us delicious food. The faces on the children as they entered the hall were filled with joy and delight at what they saw. We had such a wonderful time and if you weren't there you really missed out!

Maybe you can join us next time....

Light Party

After the success of last year's Light Party we decided to try it again. And so on Saturday 12 November we welcomed eight families, roughly 25 people, to the Gibson Craig Hall. We decorated with lots of fairy lights and had glow sticks galore!

As families arrived they could create something out of glowsticks, or try out some glowstick hoopla or bowling. We played some games then spoke about Jesus being the light of the world. We shared from Psalm 23 where David writes:

“even though I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid”



because God is with him. We spoke about how even in the more difficult circumstances of life Jesus is with us. Jesus also calls us to be the “light of the world”. We should reflect God’s light to those around us and help them when they face times of darkness.

by emailing familyworker_ivp@outlook.com
Hope to see you there!

Heather Merriman, Family Worker

There were four crafts they could then choose to make—edible glowsticks made out of breadsticks dipped in chocolate spread and sprinkles, tealight holders made with a CD and lots of sparkly things, scratch art stars, and a paint splatter craft onto black card (this can be seen in the main hall at the Gibson Craig).

We played a game of Pictionary then ate pizza and made smores. We were treated to some dancing displays from several of the children, which was a lovely experience that made me feel like we were at a family party. Everyone helped to tidy up at the end and we left with smiles on our faces.

A massive thanks to Fiona, Christine, June and Catherine for helping to plan, set up and run the evening. And to Martin who helped put up lots of fairy lights, took them down again at the end and made a hoopla board for us! I’m so thankful to God for each of you.

Our next family event is on Saturday 10 December when we’ll have a drop-in Messy Christmas Craft session from 10-12. Everyone is welcome to pop along, get creative and enjoy some refreshments with us. Can’t wait to see you there!



Nativity service

As we head towards Christmas there’s lots of opportunities to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas—the birth of Jesus. Everyone is welcome at our Nativity Service in Currie Kirk on Sunday 18 December at 10 am.

Come along to listen or to get involved. If you’d like to be involved in retelling the Christmas story during our service, please get in touch with me



The 65th Boys are currently small in number but make up for it in their enthusiasm.

The Anchor and Junior Sections continue to meet together in the Gibson Craig Hall (GCH) on Thursdays from 6—7.30pm. In the build up to Christmas the Boys will join with others from across the Battalion on 10 December to attend the pantomime at the Churchill Theatre.

The Company Section meet on Sundays in the GCH from 6.30—8.30 pm. There is also a games night each Friday from 7.00—8.30pm.

The Boys (and staff) are currently enjoying the return of professional photographer Peter Tuffy as he continues to enlighten them on the versatility of their mobile phone cameras. This is a follow up to the very successful class last session and for anyone interested there is a poster with some of last years' pictures on the GCH wall.

The Company has entered three National competitions. Master team and badminton which we have previously won and table tennis. Unfortunately due to transport and then IT technical difficulties we had to withdraw from the Masterteam. Hopefully we will get a bit further in the other two but it is taking part that counts.

Like the Anchors and Juniors the Company section are also joining with others from the Battalion on 19th December. This time it is an all you can eat Christmas buffet at Cosmos Restaurant in the town....could be messy!

Together the 65th collected chocolate Advent calendars for the local food bank. To date we have some 50+ so well done Boys, staff and friends of the 65th, great effort.

Bill Brown
Captain

Transport Fund

With the minibus having been sold, we are faced with a number of people who would like to come to church on a Sunday morning but are unable to do so for a variety of reasons.



However, we do have some money from the sale of the minibus which has been set aside for providing transport. At present we have been unable to find enough volunteers for a car rota.

In the meantime, if you require transport on a Sunday morning, please telephone a taxi (229 2468), ask for a receipt, and the fare will be refunded from the Transport Fund. The receipt can be handed to one of the Session Clerks at the Kirk on Sunday and refunded.

Thank you for your forbearance at this time of transition.

Saturday 10th December

10am-12noon

Gibson Craig Hall

Drop in anytime between 10-12 and get creative doing some Christmassy crafts. We'll provide the crafts and refreshments, you provide the people!

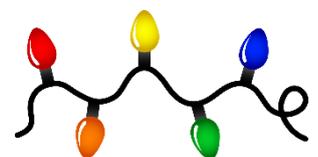
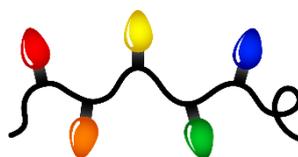
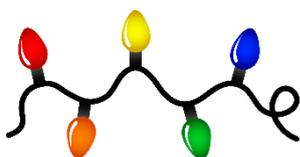
We'll also give you a bag to take your crafts home in along with some extra goodies! Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!



Community for Food

Please help, if you can, and any donations please hand into the Church Office.

Custard; Jam; Sweetcorn; Tomatoes; Tomato puree; Biscuits; Hot chocolate; Tinned meat/fish; Casserole Sauces; Crackers; Sugar; Flour; Coffee; UHT Milk; Condensed milk; Jelly; Ketchup; Toothpaste; Cereal; and Cereal Bars.



Variety Performance

The Mission, Outreach and Fellowship Committee is delighted to be promoting a charity that provides support and opportunity for adults with learning disabilities and Autism across Edinburgh and the Lothians by hosting a Variety Performance.

The students who attend Upward Mobility (Upmo) will showcase a Variety Performance of dancing, drama and music on **Thursday 8th December at 7pm at the Gibson Craig Halls** where refreshments will also be served.

There is a raffle and tombola, and UpMo retail items may be purchased on the evening. There will be buckets available for donations which will be gratefully appreciated.

Tickets are free and are limited due to demand—please reserve a seat by contacting:
Shona Moyes, 0131 449 2845.

Please come along and enjoy a wonderful evening while supporting a fabulous organisation.

Shona Moyes

Knitting 2022



This is the seventh year that the knitters and friends of the Guild have been busy knitting hats, scarves, mittens and jumpers for the Syrian refugees in Lebanon. When Sheena and I arrived at Edinburgh Direct Aid's depot at Granton we were literally welcomed with open arms by the volunteers. So pleased were they to see us with a car full of knitting as donations to them haven't been so good this year. They said the knitting may not be going to Syria but may be going to Bosnia or Ukraine.

The donation of baby wool has been knitted into 1st size cardigans and hats for the new babies at Simpsons taken by Janis and gratefully received by them.

Next week Margaret and I will be meeting with Pauline Robertson, Chaplain to the Sailors Society covering the Forth Estuary and handing over hats, neck warmers and fingerless gloves for her to distribute to the sailors far from home at this time of the year.

All this would not be possible without the wonderful donations of wool which we receive. If you have wool in the attic or cupboards and you know you won't be using it please hand in to the Church Office, Tuesday to Friday mornings and the knitters will be able to **KEEP ... KNITTING.**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS YEAR'S SUCCESS.

Margaret Watson

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG
Gibson Craig Hall—Sunday 11 December 2-4 pm

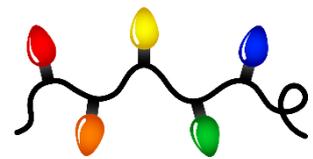
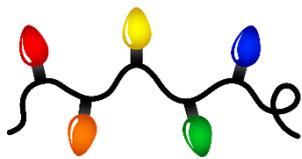


ENTERTAINMENT BY THE CURRIE KIRK SINGERS
FOLLOWED BY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Tickets - £5 to include refreshments.
Tickets available from Kirk Office

RAFFLE AND A HAMPER TO BE WON!

Christmas Cakes for Sale



All profits go to Bethany Christian Trust and the Care Van.
Please contact Fiona Pigott on 07874 282480.

Thanks for your support.

Fresh Start
helping people make a home for themselves

2022 COOKERS FOR CHRISTMAS

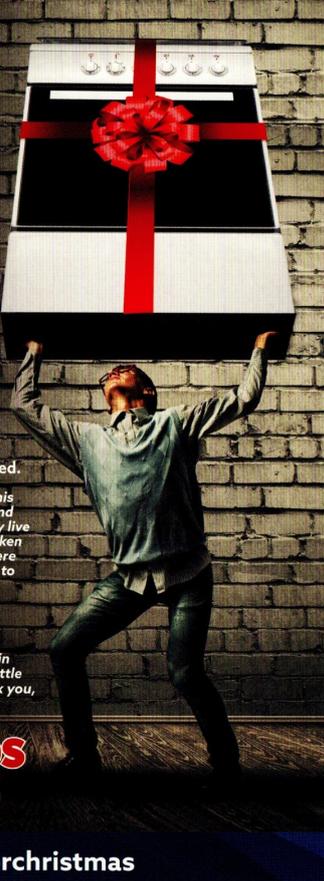
Imagine the excitement of moving into a new property then the harsh reality hitting of realising you have nothing to cook on, wash your clothes in or safely store your food. Or on the run up to Christmas, one of your major appliances breaking down, already on a tight budget, this is now seen as a luxury that cannot be replaced.

This is the reality facing too many people this year as they move on from homelessness and go into their new tenancy, or as they as they live day to day, trying to make ends meet, a broken appliance may be the last straw. This is where YOU and Fresh Start can help. By donating to our Cookers for Christmas appeal, we can continue to provide white goods to people moving on from homelessness, or to those who are living in abject poverty.

Let's not allow someone's Christmas or life in the new year to feel this bleak, let's give a little light and hope with this vital service. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

**RAISING FUNDS
RAISING HOPE**

#cookersforchristmas



Homelessness is not a final destination—Starter Packs

Starter Packs are packs of essential household items that allow someone to make a home for themselves and more likely to sustain their tenancy. These are required all year round. Below are listed some of the items and donations which can be dropped off at the church office or contact Christine on 538 2567.

Pots & Pans	Toasters
Frying Pans	Microwaves
Dishes	Lamps
Spoons	Towels
Cutlery	Blankets
Mugs and Cups	Bed Linen
Dinner Plates	Toiletries
Tumblers	Toilet Cleaner
Kettles	Cleaning items

For more information about the charity or to find out how you can support Fresh Start, contact:

admin@freshstartweb.org.uk; www.freshstartweb.org.uk

Tel: 0131 476 7741

22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh EH4 4BR



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Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh for Ukraine

Music and Entertainment by
Iain MacPhail & Friends

Saturday 31 December 2022

Gibson Craig Hall, Currie

8pm to 12.45am

£15

BYOB+Glass

Raffle

Tickets £15 from Viola 07806 806920 or 449 4664

A Sentimental Journey

Through song titles

by

Bill Wood

When I was a *"Tiny Little Baby"* born and reared in the Honest Town of Musselburgh among the *"Dear Hearts and Gentle People"* of *"Neighbours"*, family and *"Pal"*s, it's *"Little Wonder"* that *"As Time Goes By"* and *"When I Dream"*, *"Precious Memories"* come flooding back and *"It is no Secret"* *"I Know"* that *"After All"* *"It's been a Long, Long Time"* but *"Life's Been Good to Me"*.

"Playing Around" in Fisherrow Harbour as a boy, seeing the many fishing boats namely *"The Evening Prayer"*, *"The Bread of Life"*, *"The Morning Light"*, the *"Iona"*, *"Whispering Hope"* and many *"More"*, the fleet returning with their catches tied up along the *"Harbour Wall"*, the wives and *"Sweethearts Hurry on Down"* to *"Welcome"* their menfolk back from the fishing grounds; the men who although *"So Tired"* after their hard labours and complaining that they *"Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night"*, glad to see *"The Harbour Lights"* knowing the truth of the words *"You'd be so Nice to Come Home to"* and longing to be *"Near You"* as they greeted their womenfolk.

The sad wartime *"Memories"* of my father in uniform *"Off to War"* were not *"Without a Song"* as *"Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover"*, *"I'll be Seeing You"* and *"Let the People Sing"* were among many songs played on the wireless – if not *"Always"* almost *"Constantly"*.

After the *"Surrender"* of the Axis in 1945, the *"Promises and Dreaming"* were almost brought to reality from *"Beyond the Sunset"* and after taking *"One day at a Time"*, the nation could *"Start Living Again"* and return to the *"Way we Were"*.

Growing up so close to the sea, it's little wonder that *"Deep in My Heart"* I had a *"Dream"* and spent four years in *"Bell Bottom Blues"* visiting a lot of those *"Far Away Places"* which I had *"Longed For"*. I then completed two years National Service in the RAF with *"Those Amazing Men in their Flying Machines"*. This was followed by a four-year tour with Parachute Regiment Volunteers – *"Waltzing in the Clouds"* – during which time I donned another uniform and learned that on occasions *"A Policeman's Lot is not a Happy One"* – not for all the 30 years!

Despite all of my uniform background, I was not *"A Man Alone"* and meantime *"I Found a Friend"* in Jesus. I invited him to *"Abide with Me"* and know that His *"Love's been Good to Me"*. So when *"My Heart and I"* ask *"Who can I Turn To?"*, I remember my spiritual visit to *"The Old Rugged Cross"* when I came *"Closer My God to Thee"* and promised *"I'll Walk with God"*.

After my illness last year *"I know"* *"There are Such Things"* as forgiveness and faith in Christ so *"Its Impossible"* not to feel the Holy Spirit *"Close to You"* in *"My Time of Need"*. I can now fully understand the wording of *"Count Your Blessings"*. I've counted them. Have you? *"Amazing Grace"*.

[Bill is a member of Currie Kirk and Elder]

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
Art Class	Katie Hunter	07815 506520 katiehunter85@hotmail.com	Wednesday 5.45—7.15 pm Thursday 9.45—11.15 am
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	douglaslowe51@btinternet.com	Monday 7.30—9 pm twice monthly from 3/10/22- 20/3/23
Currie Community Council		curriecouncil@gmail.com	2nd Monday of each month 7.30-9.00 pm—not July or December
EH Fitness Classes	Emma	emma@eh-fitness.co.uk 0771 333 5900	Monday 10.30—11.30 am Monday 5.50—6.50 pm Tuesday 6.45—8.15 pm Friday 5.30-6.30 pm Saturday 8.00—9.30 am
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	07743 067588	Friday: 9.30 am—11.30 am (term time only)
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney	07999 410721	Wednesday 7—9 pm from 7 September
Pentland Ladies Probus	Barbara Hannaford	0131 453 3012	4th Tuesday of Month from September to May
Pilates	Ellen Foster	07983 863143	Saturday 10.30—11.30 am
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	tomlowe69@hotmail.co.uk	Thursday: 10.15 am—11.15 am



This is the MBE awarded to the Care Van for the service it provides to the homeless. The care van goes out every night of the year apart from Hogmanay due to the logistics. Currie Kirk go out with the care van on the 3rd Tuesday every month, January to November. If you would like more information or come out with us to learn more please contact Fiona Pigott on 07874 282480.

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Family News

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

George Ballantyne, Currie
Catherine Crawford, Balerno
Georgina (Ina) Dawson, Currie
John Watters, Currie



Please pray for the families

Remembrance Sunday



Wreaths were placed at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday after the service in Currie Kirk by Jim Webber on behalf of Currie Kirk; Douglas Munro on behalf of Lodge Colinton and Currie 1029; and Sue Webber MSP on behalf of the Scottish Parliament.

The 65th Edinburgh BB Company provided the Guard of Honour and the Piper—Duncan Cameron.



December/January Flower List

December

- 4 Mrs S Law
- 11 Mrs C Lindsay
- 18 Mrs E Wood
- 25 Flower Fund
- 31 Flower Fund



January

- 7 Mrs E Porteous
- 14 Mrs J McColl
- 21 Mrs E Smith
- 28 Mr R Bradly

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.



WHO'S WHO



NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL CONTACT/TIMES	TELEPHONE NO
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