

# Autumn in Scotland

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O hushed October morning mild  
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall  
Tomorrow's wind if it be wild  
Should waste them all

*From the poem "October" by  
Robert Frost*

## CLIPBOARD

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# A Letter from The Manse

**Dear All,**

Well, I've finally had to give in and put the central heating on, so soon we'll all be saying "the nights are drawing in", and counting the days to summer again! To be honest, I've been really enjoying the start of autumn with the crunch of the leaves on the ground, and walking Pip each day has been a real pleasure with blue skies and very little rain [so far!]



I suppose it's at this time of year that we really become very grateful, of not only a secure roof over our heads, but warmth too, and these things should never be taken for granted. In terms of our Kirk too, there is an awful lot that goes on in order to keep our buildings ship shape for worship and community use, and our Asset Management Team have quite a job on their hands over-seeing all of that, amongst many other responsibilities. I hope you'll find learning more about their work in this issue of Clipboard of interest.

Looking ahead a little, I wanted to let you know [if you don't already], that in the New Year I'll be taking some extended Study Leave and will be away from the Parish for six weeks from 6 January to 16 February. Arrangements are already in place for pastoral cover and worship services, so you won't notice much difference other than I'll not be around! While most years I've taken one week's Study Leave in May, I've now accumulated 11 weeks of untaken leave, and so I felt after now reaching 15 years full-time service in the Church, it would be a good time for extended reflection.

My Study Leave has been approved by the Ministries Council of the Church of Scotland, and I'll be undertaking some research of those Ordained around the Millennium, to look at experiences and practice under different themes, including General Theory, Conflict Management and Sustaining Spirituality. In addition I'll be looking at how the technology explosion since the Millennium has affected the practice of Ministry, and also whether there is any evidence of gender issues in all of the above. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to read, reflect and engage with my colleagues on these issues, and then to return to the good folk of Currie!

But that's still a while away yet, with much to happen in between, so I'll look forward to all of that too!

God Bless,  
Lezley J. Stewart

## Pip Ponders .....

I've been growing up quite a bit since I last wrote, and when you read this I'll be over five months old. Growing can be quite hard on the joints and paws, and I like nothing better than a great big yawn and a stretch each morning to get me going. Mum's quite impressed with my stretching routine and thinks I could perhaps be good at yoga, but I'm pretty relaxed anyway—it's a dog's life as they say!

I've been growing in stages though, but my legs seemed to grow a bit faster than the rest of me, which meant I looked a bit unbalanced for a while. Now my body is filling out and I'm growing into myself a bit more—it must be all those yummy biscuits I'm eating!

It's quite an interesting time, growing into yourself. I'm learning new tricks and new boundaries, and I'm finding out my place and my potential day by day. I know my place is NOT on the sofa for example, but I know I can run faster than HER....so catch me if you can!! Life is full of discoveries still.

I wonder if it's like that for you human folk as well? Or have you discovered everything already? Have you grown into the person you can be, or have you still some potential to fulfil? Well, it's worth pondering.....!



# Asset Management Committee

The role of the Asset Management Committee is *“to promote the principles of Christian giving and the use of our Halls for Church and community activities”*. In reality this means ensuring the financial viability of our Church and making all our properties as attractive as possible so that people of all ages and opinions will consider that Currie Kirk and its environment is a good place to be.

In the past few months we have been preparing for life after the retirement of our Fabric Convener, Magnus Polson at the end of this year. Magnus has given outstanding service for more years than we can remember, ever willing to deal with any fabric issue no matter how small or large whether in the Church, Gibson Craig Halls or the Manse. In fact, his role has been so wide ranging that we have had to split it into three with Allan Murray taking responsibility for the Manse, Graeme Coventry for the Gibson Craig Halls and shortly Andrew Warren will be assuming responsibility for the Church. While we respect Magnus’ decision to take a well-earned retirement, we are delighted that he will continue his association with the Fabric Committee by providing support as and when required.

Grant Gordon

## Who are they?

The names are: Standing, Left to Right: Meg Watson, Sandra Cranford, Tim Shepherd, Eunice Stewart, Bill Hume and Evelyn Patton. Seated Left to Right: Grant Gordon, Bryce Eunson, Magnus Polson, Jim Webber and Graeme Coventry. Other members not present: Neil Beattie (Convener), Ron Dow, Allan Goudie, Iain Matheson, Ian Moffat, Allan Murray, Janet Steven and Andrew Warren.



## What Do We Do?

One of the various roles of the Deputy Asset Management Convener is ‘Ensuring time-scales are being met’ not unlike the job I had before retirement. In the work situation time-scales were set, deadlines had to be met and all with less and less staff, and so the staff became more and more despondent with the pressures put upon them. But this is not the case with the members of the Fabric Committee who give so willingly of their time and talents to Currie Kirk, frequently going the extra mile. Just see what has been achieved by them in the Gibson Craig Halls alone in the last twelve months.

The entrance hall and corridor has been painted, new notice boards, leaflet display units and chairs provided which seem to be much appreciated by the mums and dads waiting to collect their children from the classes and clubs in the Halls.

The front office has been refurbished, the obsolete sink unit removed, walls plastered and painted and the very old carpet has been replaced. We now have a bright and welcoming office that can also be used for small meetings of up to eight people as all the cabinets are now in the back office now jokingly known as the ‘Cabinet Office’.



It is over ten years since the Back Hall was built and it was starting to look a little the worse for wear with scarring to the walls made by the backs of the chairs so apart from painting it was apparent that there was a need for a dado rail. Now for this one we did need to have a deadline that had to be met because there were bookings in the diary for three weeks’ time. Not much happened until the end of the first week then paint was bought, scaffolding erected and a very enthusiastic Fabric Team with help from four volunteers from the congregation started what was quite a major task. Four days and three coats of paint later the walls were completed. The radiators were painted in no time at all, then the wood for the dado rail varnished and erected. All completed ahead of the deadline. In October



the floor of the back hall will be sanded and three coats of junckers applied!!! (I am learning a lot on this job). Following that we will be able to put up the new 'flame retardant' curtains that we had to purchase to comply with the Public Entertainment Licence.

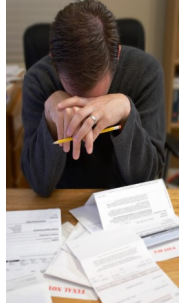
The Ladies and Gents toilets have had plumbing issues which have been sorted and the wash hand basins in the gents which had come away from the wall have been made secure again. The kitchen has been painted and a new fridge freezer, to comply with Health and Hygiene regulations, purchased and installed along with a new wall mounted boiler and microwave. At the back of the Gibson Craig Hall the ground which was very overgrown is now an attractive area of colourful plants.

So what do we need to account for in the 2014 Budget for the Gibson Craig Halls? Well the floor in the large Hall is now over sixty years old and has worn so thin that periodically areas have to be replaced. The Presbytery of Edinburgh will be carrying out its Quinquennial review of our properties this autumn and its Report will give us guidance on whether or not the floor needs immediate replacement or is fit for purpose for another few years. We do know that the cost of replacement would be in the region of £12,000 plus VAT. Then of course we will have to consider painting and decorating!

All our properties are inspected once a year by the Fabric Committee and essential maintenance carried out. In the case of the Manse, this past year has seen the replacement of the floor covering in the kitchen which had been damaged by flooding, and a new washing machine was purchased, the old one being well beyond its serviceable date.

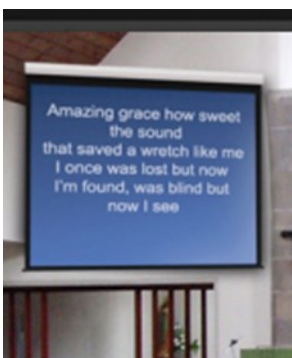
So that is a flavour of the work that has been carried out at the Gibson Craig Halls and the Manse but read on for more information on the work of the Asset Management Committee.

Meg Watson



## Kirk Redevelopment Update

In the March edition of Clipboard we provided a fairly detailed report on the plans for the redevelopment of our church buildings. Since then most of our time has been devoted to administrative and planning matters, a task carried out by a Project Team comprising: Sandra Cranford, Grant Gordon, Allan Goudie, Bill Hume, Magnus Polson and Meg Watson with support, as and when required, from Rosalind Taylor of Tod & Taylor Architects, the firm retained to help with design and planning issues.



At the time of writing in March, we still had to resolve the question of which type of audio visual system would best suit the needs of Currie Kirk. From a technical point of view there are many obstacles to be overcome given the unique shape of the sanctuary and, in this connection, we are grateful to Bill Brandie and Gordon Hughes, two people from the Presbytery of Edinburgh who are experienced in such forms of technology, and who have provided invaluable input and advice. Without going into the detail of how the images get there, worshippers will be looking at flat-screen monitors attached to the facings of the balcony. Because Currie Kirk is a listed



building, approval for the installation of an audio visual system has had to be obtained from the Church of Scotland Committee on Church Art and Architecture and this was obtained in late August.

With the issue of audio visual settled, we are now in a position to put the entire redevelopment plan, including indicative costings for the work and source of funding, to the Presbytery of Edinburgh for its approval. This will be sought at the Presbytery meeting of 5 November.

A Building Warrant has also been applied for and while this can take up to six months we would hope that we have a positive response before the end of the year.

As was said back in March, Kirk Session is confident that the decision it has made is the right one for both the present and the future. The whole ethos underpinning the redevelopment is to create a welcoming and user-friendly environment, used to advantage for the church and the community, an objective which we hope will be shared by our membership at large.

We will provide a further update towards the end of the year and, meantime, if you have any questions on the redevelopment Allan Goudie, Magnus Polson and Grant Gordon will be pleased to speak with you.

Grant Gordon

# Gibson Craig Halls—Upgrade to front car park area

As part of the application process for our Public Entertainment Licence for the Gibson Craig Halls, certain health and safety concerns in connection with the area to the front of the Gibson Craig Halls were brought into sharp focus. Since then we have been actively seeking to address those and, to that end, plans have been drawn up and planning permission has been granted in principle for us to:



- create a new, gated pedestrian path at the extreme west (Balerno) end of the car park, linking up with the slabbed path along the west side of the hall (a right-of-way to the Guide Hall) and also the main hall entrance;
- create a new, ramped emergency exit designed to serve both the main entrance and the front hall;
- widen the vehicle access;
- reposition and increase the number of car park spaces, with designated space for disabled parking; and
- install a cycle rack.

We are currently considering how best to proceed with this work.

Sandra Cranford

## Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS)

The Act enabling this scheme came into effect on 6 April 2013. The aim of the scheme is to allow charities (under specified conditions) to treat small donations as if they were made under the Gift Aid scheme and so claim a top-up of 25% of the donation from Revenue and Customs.

It is a means of giving additional help to charities without the need for the record keeping required for the Gift Aid scheme. It is meant to supplement the Gift Aid Scheme, not replace it. It applies to Currie Kirk, and should provide roughly £1,000 of additional tax refunds each year.

GASDS does not affect those in the Gift Aid scheme or others who give by bank standing order or Free Will Offering envelope and they should carry on giving exactly as they do now. The main points that we need to be aware of for other donations are:

- Each charity can claim under GASDS for no more than £5,000 each tax-year in total, so the maximum benefit at present is £1,250 to each charity each year.
- It applies to individual donations of up to £20 in cash only where the identity of the donor is not known. For us it applies to 'Open Plate' (Offering bag) offerings in the Sunday collection.
- Donations made by cheque, standing order, Free Will Offering Envelope, other envelopes with the donor's name on, or any envelope containing more than £20 which appears to come from a single donor, are not eligible.
- So, for example, anyone not in the Gift Aid scheme wishing to give more than £20 at one time in the Open Plate should use banknotes of no more than £20 denomination and should not put the whole donation in an envelope since it will be excluded from the GASDS claim.

At present our total annual Open Plate offerings are expected to be about £4,500 and so if we were able to claim for all of these under GASDS that would provide a top-up of about £1,125 in a year. The claims I have been able to make since April have averaged just about £100 each month and so we seem to be on track for achieving that amount. It's not often that a change in tax brings that kind of benefit!



Ron Dow

## How is the Offering Income doing?



As we can all understand, the Offering income is a reflection of the makeup of the congregation in terms of age, disposable income and tax position. Many members are pensioners living on constrained incomes and having to cope with the additional costs that go with old age. While many are to be commended for maintaining their offerings, it is understandable that some find it necessary to reduce their giving to the Kirk and of course there is a loss of income when members pass on. Ideally we would like an inflow of new members to make up for the loss of older members, but that is not happening and so the average age of the membership is increasing while the number of members is decreasing. That has been happening for quite a few years and for budgeting purposes we have assumed that the offering income we can expect will reduce by about 3% yearly to 97% of the previous year's level.

The experience so far this year has been in roughly line with this trend. At the time of writing I have figures for the actual income up to the end of July and we can compare 2013 with the corresponding figures in 2012:

	2012	2013	Percentage of 2012
Actual income to 31 July	£95,695	£92,682	96.8%
2012 actual, 2013 estimate			
Offering income for year	£161,071	£156,852	97.4%

The budget figure for total offering income for 2013 was set at £155,725 and the current estimate for the year is approximately £1,100 more than this. It should be borne in mind that the estimate changes monthly to reflect actual income and can be expected to change before the year end. Further, the budget figure was set without taking account of the benefit we might expect from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme since, at that time, the basis was not clear. Without that (approx £900 for 9 months in 2013) we would have a smaller margin over the budget target.

Finally, the HMRC system for claiming Gift Aid tax refunds has changed and I now have to give the name and address to identify each donor where before only the name was needed. However, I now make the monthly claim online over the internet which saves postage and paper and should enable the claim to be paid sooner than before.

Ron Dow



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Clipboard has been available in glorious colour on the Currie Kirk website for a number of months now, and if you wish you can even look back at some earlier editions as they are there as well. In fact, you can see the latest Clipboard on the website six days before it is available for distribution! **If you would like to do this and stop taking the paper version of Clipboard please advise the Church Office.** Each month you will be advised by email that the latest Clipboard is available on the website.

We have set a target of 100 people taking Clipboard in this way, but so far that figure is looking somewhat ambitious. Please, if you have access to the internet, give serious consideration to switching to the electronic version. We would very much encourage you to do so as it reduces paper and printing costs and is good for the environment. **So why not just send an email to the Office requesting the electronic version of Clipboard or phone Val Reid at the Office during office hours?** Email address [currie\\_kirk@btconnect.com](mailto:currie_kirk@btconnect.com) telephone 0131 451 5141.



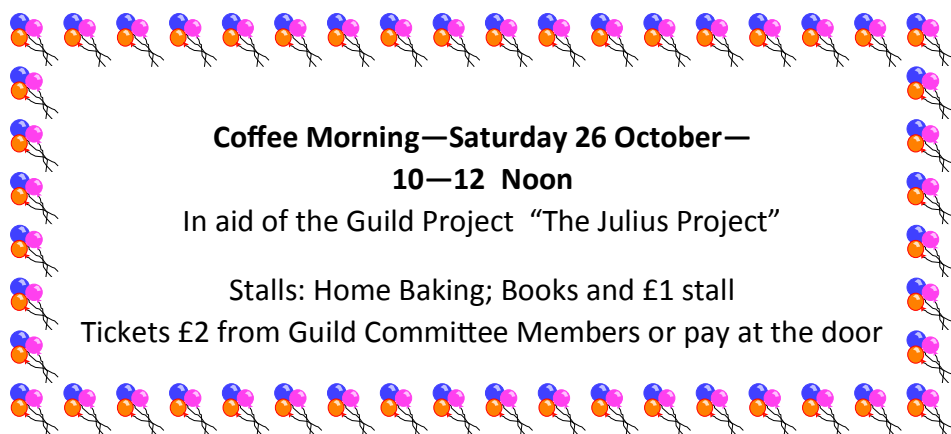
## The Guild

By the time you receive this edition of Clipboard we will have had two meetings. Our Welcome Coffee Morning was well attended when we had Rev James Dewar from Juniper Green Church speaking on our theme 'A Fellowship to Build'. At our meeting on 17 September we had a very interesting talk by Elaine Webster from Scottish Language Dictionaries.

Our first meeting in October is on Tuesday 1st at 10.00 am when Jeremy Balfour from the Scottish Churches Housing Action will speak on the Julius Project. The next meeting in October will be our Coffee Morning in aid of The Julius Project which this year will be on Saturday 26th from 10.00—12.00 noon. Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £2. We hope you will give your usual support to enjoy the home baking and hopefully find something to buy at the stalls - Baking, Books and a £1 stall.

On Tuesday 5 November at 10.00 we will have a talk from Fiona Davies about the Edinburgh Medical Mission.

Mary Thomson  
President



**Coffee Morning—Saturday 26 October—  
10—12 Noon**

In aid of the Guild Project "The Julius Project"

Stalls: Home Baking; Books and £1 stall

Tickets £2 from Guild Committee Members or pay at the door

Scottish Churches  
Housing Action



no room for homelessness!

## The Good Book Group

To celebrate our evening discussing our summer reads, we decided some fizz and strawberries were in order. Sadly it was a cold and rainy night, and a cup of coffee might have been more beneficial! Over the summer we had a number of books to read as we wished—*The Casual Vacancy* by JK Rowling, *Tigers in Red Weather* by Liza Klausmann, *Only the Innocent* by Rachel Abbott, *The Reading Group* by Elizabeth Noble and *The Darling Girls* by Emma Burstall, providing a mixture of intrigue, politics, culture, romance, adventure and crime.

We had all decided not to read *The Casual Vacancy* until it came out in paperback and we could read it together as a group, so it was with some anticipation that we all approached this first non-Harry Potter offering of J.K. Rowling. Unfortunately, we didn't find it all that engaging, and for some quite disappointing, but there was still very much in evidence, Rowling's skill in character development and story construction, even if we weren't all drawn in to enjoy the book.

We each took the opportunity to dip in and out of the other book choices as the summer allowed, and those of the group who are most diligent, managed to read some additional books too. Now our Autumn season is underway we are reading one book a month again together—the book for October is "*The Light Between Oceans*" by H L Stedman, and we look forward to sharing our reflection with you. New members are always welcome on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Gibson Craig Lounge. Coffee and chat from 7pm and "serious" book discussion from 7.30pm. Come along!





# Local Church Review

In the autumn of this year Currie Kirk will be participating in the Presbytery of Edinburgh's Local Church Review. This replaces the old Quinquennial visits which took the form of a team from Presbytery reporting on churches, a system which tended to be regarded by some as being much too inquisitorial. While Local Church Review still involves visits from Presbytery, the Review focuses on helping congregations to assess their purposes, effectiveness, concerns and goals. Areas covered include the story of your church over the last ten years, worship, evangelism, service, discipleship, fellowship, communication, buildings and finance, all brought together in a Report compiled by the local church.

A Presbytery team led by the Revd Dr Derek Browning, Minister of Morningside Parish Church, Margaret Pollock and Norma Henderson, Elders at St Cuthbert's and Craiglockhart respectively and Mark Evans, Deacon, Head of Spiritual Care, NHS, Fife will be working with us in reviewing our Report and discussing the health and future planning of our Kirk.



To prepare an initial draft Report a team representing the Committees of Currie Kirk has been brought together. Membership comprises: Gordon Clephane (Mission and Outreach), Sandra Cranford (Pastoral Care), Grant Gordon (Communication), Carolyn Steven (Hospitality), Rev Lezley Stewart (Worship and Education) and Meg Watson (Asset Management). Our draft Report, which runs to 35 pages, has been submitted to the Presbytery Review Team and we meet with them on Thursday 26 September for an initial discussion. Kirk Session will review our Report on 10 October and later in the autumn the Presbytery Team will meet with the Session for a detailed discussion on the life and

work of Currie Kirk as evidenced in our Report and agree the Congregational Action Plan which we ourselves will have developed. The Report is then considered by the Presbytery's Superintendence Committee and ultimately by the Presbytery itself, probably early in the New Year.

These are early days in our work with Presbytery but Local Church Review provides a great opportunity for airing our thoughts, concerns, hopes and aspirations. More on this once we are further along the road.

Grant Gordon

## Kidz@Currie

Kidz@Currie is a Sunday Club for Primary and Secondary school age. There is also a crèche for babies and pre-schoolers. The children enjoy stories, arts, crafts and games. New members always welcome! Children join the start of the Church service at 10am and then leave part way for Kidz@Currie.

### The Man with Two Sons

One story Jesus told was about a man who had two sons. He asked both his sons if they could help him pick grapes in his vineyard. The first son grumbled to his dad and said he didn't want to help. The second son when asked said no problem he would come and help. However he the second son didn't help. He stayed indoors and read a book. Meanwhile the first son had changed his mind and went out to help his Dad pick grapes.

Which son did as his Dad asked?

Which son said sounded helpful?

Which son actually was helpful?

There is a well know saying which is that '**actions speak louder than words**'. This is what Jesus is telling us in the story about the two sons. It is better to do something helpful than just to say you will but never to do it.

What was the last helpful thing you did for your mum or dad?







## Go, share! 2013



Freda, Meg and Evelyn, plus two thousand other members of the Church of Scotland Guild, took the road and the miles to Dundee on Saturday, 7 September for this year's Annual Conference at the Caird Hall. Marjorie Paton the National Convener welcomed us and opened worship with two hymns, specially written last year for the 125th celebrations of the Guild. 'Inspire Us Lord' and 'Lord of Our Past' sounded amazing sung by two thousand people and led by Stuart Muir, Dundee City Organist and also organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral.



The Rt Rev. Lorna Hood, this year's Moderator of the General Assembly, began her career in the Church as a probationer at St Ninian's Church, Corstorphine and was called in 1979 to Renfrew North Parish Church where she has served for the last 33 years. She greatly amused us by recalling her time in the Church as a young female minister and also said that throughout her ministry she had always found the women of the Guild were prepared to work hard, to take risks and raise funds for the more vulnerable

people in our society. Her message to us was 'Keep Challenging'.

The Guest Speaker was Olivia Giles who runs the Charity '500 Miles' (Yes, it was named after the Proclaimers famous song—'I will walk 500 miles'). The charity plays a vital role supporting disabled people in Malawi, Zambia, and Zanzibar by delivering prosthetic and orthotic devices and giving the children and adults in some of the world's poorest areas a chance of a new life. Olivia is a courageous lady who herself lost limbs when she contracted the blood poisoning form of meningitis in 2002. It was a very moving talk.



We were entertained by the Celtic Carrillon Handbell Ensemble as they played six pieces of beautiful music, especially 'My Heart Will Go On' from the film Titanic.

We heard about the work of Buckhaven Guild called 'The Prayer Shawl Ministry' which they would like to encourage other Guilds to take up. It consists of knitting or crocheting shawls which are then delivered along with a prayer to people in care homes and also for premature babies. They also make small prayer mats to send to our troupes in Afghanistan.

Lorimer Gray, chair of 'More Than Gold 2014', an interdenominational organisation mobilising the Churches in Scotland to serve in some way during the Commonwealth Games next summer, told us of many innovative ideas that religious groups had brought forward for this event.

The meeting closed with prayer and a wonderful day was had by ALL.



## 65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company

The Boys have returned invigorated after their summer break and looking forward to the new Session. A new class has been added to the Company Section's activities hence the later finish to 9.30. We are also offering for those who do not want to go home at 9.30—Badminton; Piping; and Chess. For those taking part in the National Masterteam competition (two teams have been entered this year) this will be their time for study. The Company will hope to end at around 10.15 or whoever is exhausted first the Officers or the Boys!!

Anchors (P2 & P3) meet on Thursday at 6 pm; and Juniors (P4—P6) also on Thursday at 7 pm. The Company meets on a Friday from 7 pm.

# Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is 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	Ken Brown	449 5314	Monday
Blue Sky Pilates	Claire McDonald	07872 349073	Thursday
Cafe Church 'Chat n Chill'	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Friday
Children's Dance	Carol Campbell	339 2315	Friday
Currie and District Local History Society	Peter Cowlshaw	449-2520	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Day Care Centre	Elspeth Frame	449 3603	Friday by referral
Highland Dancing	Michelle Marshall	339 4704.	Wednesday & Thursday
Judo	Jo Imrie	01506 884633	Tuesday 4-6 pm
Octagon Club	Alastair Hardie Iain Grant	453 3556 332 3413	Wednesday
Parents & Toddlers	Hazel Lumsdaine	449 7798	Friday
'Play to Learn' preschool Gym Club	Shane McCreevy	07952147577	Tuesday
Sequence Dance	Tom Masson	449 2561	Thursday
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday

## *And Finally thoughts penned on Church Singing ...*

### *All people that on earth do dwell.*



These are the opening words of one of the best known Psalms, Psalm 100, Hymn 63 in CH4. The tune is known as Old 100th. If we continue with the words, we find **“sing to the Lord with cheerful voice”**. Is that your experience? There is, in the Hymn Book, another version of Psalm 100. The very next Hymn says **“Sing all creation, sing to God in gladness; joyously serve him etc.”** The words are relatively recent but the tune Christe Sanctorum dates back to 1681, and is used for several Hymns.

The singing we do in church is mostly to praise, **‘glorify’** God as part of our worship, **‘adoration’** and that surely should not be done with long faces. However, in many churches this seems to be the case. If you don’t believe me just watch ‘Songs of Praise’. To find animated, joyous worship it seems that this is mainly the prerogative of evangelical Christians. Why should this be? Why can’t the rest of us be happy in our faith? Are we so weighed down by the knowledge of our sinfulness? We shouldn’t be. Jesus died to free us from our sins. We all read from the same Bible, maybe different versions, but the same Good News nevertheless.

So let’s make Currie Kirk a good singing Kirk again. If we are happy in our worship we may attract others, perhaps young families—wouldn’t that be great?

Lastly, look at Hymn 764, the tune is called ‘Laughter’ and the words say **“God has made laughter for me. Is anything impossible for God?”**

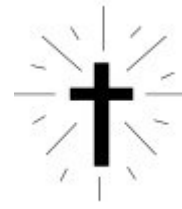
Come on, let’s give it a go!

Helen Clayton

# Family News

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

Winnie Milligan, 62 Crosswood Crescent  
Please pray for the family



**Wedding:**

7 September Lauren Berry & Tariq Ejaouani



**Baptisms:**

8 September Phoebe Grace Auld

15 September Freya Elizabeth Abbott



## Coffee Morning with the Balerno Theatre Group

It was a treat for everyone who came along to the coffee morning to be entertained by the Balerno Theatre Group. Their choice of songs, their singing and the expressions on their faces were amazing, especially when they had to get up early on a Saturday morning to perform for us. We are lucky to have such talent within our community and we wish them every success in their pantomime.

Carolyn Steven



## October Flower List



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|-----|---|-----|--|
| 6   | Mrs J Blair, 17 Currievale Drive<br>Mrs A Wood, 24 Barnton Park Gardens<br>Alan & George Forsyth, 71 Forthview Crescent | 20. | Mrs M Muirhead, 47 Highland Park, Barbaraville<br>Mrs M McDonald, 1 Featherhall Crescent South<br>Mrs E Stewart, 35 Dolphin Road<br>Mrs I Young, 9 Rowantree Grove |
| 13. | Mrs C Daun, 4 Currievale Park<br>Mrs S Gordon, 105 Lanark Road West<br>Mr I Massie, Erskine House                       | 27  | Mrs I Blyth, 1 Bryce Place<br>Mrs C Inglis, 14 Riccarton Crescent<br>Mrs J Smith, 8 Thomson Road<br>Mrs M Thomson, 34 Forthview Crescent                           |

Donations for flowers may be sent to Mrs Erica Porteous, 2 Pentland View, Currie, or left at the Church Office or in the Elder's Box of Bill Porteous in the Link Building, and any cheques made payable to Currie Kirk Flower Fund. Erica can be contacted on 449 6894 for any further information regarding donations.





# WHO'S WHO



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Minister	Rev Lezley J Stewart, The Manse 43 Lanark Road West lezleystewart@btinternet.com		449 4719
Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554)	Gibson Craig Hall, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Secretary: Val Reid e-mail currie_kirk@btconnect.com	Monday 12 Noon—2.30 pm Friday 9.00—11.30 am Saturday 9.00—11.15 am	451 5141
Session Clerk	Grant Gordon email: gggordon@btinternet.com		449 2554
Treasurer	Neil Beattie 38 Newmills Crescent e-mail N31LBT@blueyonder.co.uk		449 2792
Gift Aid & Offerings Treasurer	Ron Dow 48 Thomson Drive ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk		538 2313
Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper 16 Pentland View		449 4258
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
Gibson Craig Hall Caretakers & Bookings	May and Bill Sutherland 56 Thomson Crescent		449 7747
Hospital Transport Coordinator Deputy Coordinator	Elizabeth Wood Jim Ure		538 0363 449 6498
Kirk House Bookings	Val Reid		07505 134506
Life and Work	Eileen Chadwick		449 2559
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		449 6374
Boys' Brigade Captain	Jim Webber : Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Friday 7.00-9.30	451 5112
Mini Bus Sunday lift organiser	Jean Pringle		449 7716
Mini Bus Bookings	Isobel Webber		451 5112
Banner Group	Janet Robertson	Thursday	441 1499
Care Van	Fiona Pigott	Once a month	466 1459
Pastoral Visitors	Sandra Cranford		449 4639
Currie Kirk Singers	Tom Masson	Various	449 2561
Guild	Mary Thomson	Tuesday	449 5919
Kidz@Currie	Norma Beattie	Sunday	449 2792
Messy Church	Contact Church Office	Last Friday of each month Gibson Craig Hall from 2.00 pm—3.30 pm except June, July, August & December	451 5141
Walking Group	Rena Milligan	Third Sunday of each month	449 2017

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