

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CURRIE KIRK
WHERE FAITH AND LIFE CROSS PATHS

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The Magazine of Currie

February 2015



A message from our Locum Minister—John Munro



Dear Friends,

Sydney Carter, the song writer best known for his Christian hymn, 'The Lord of the Dance', wrote another hymn that fits with the life of Currie Kirk just now, as we return to the Kirk after four months in the Gibson Craig Hall:

*One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you.*

The hymn reminds me that however much we plan for the future in the renovated church, we are not just a group of well-kent friends but we are travelling companions of Jesus.

The hymn continues, 'Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough; leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you.' Whatever may happen in the future, let us keep faith. But let it not be second-hand faith. One of Sydney Carter's poems, *The Present Tense*, has the lines:

*Your holy hearsay is not evidence
Give me the good news in the present tense ...
The living truth is what I long to see;
I cannot lean upon what used to be.
So shut the Bible up and show me how
The Christ you talk about is living now.*

That is the call to us, to live in such a way that we show the life of Christ, now.

Thirty years before his death in 2004, aged 88, Sydney Carter wrote his own epitaph:

*Coming and going by the dance, I see
That what I am not is a part of me.
Dancing is all that I can ever trust,
The dance is all I am, the rest is dust.
I will believe my bones and live by what
Will go on dancing when my bones are not.*

I have a first-hand faith; like Carter I feel it in my bones. I love the vision of the dance going on, long after I am not here, and what we call the present has become a distant past. 'They cut me down, and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die. I'll live in you if you live in me. I am the Lord of the Dance said he.'

So, let us enjoy the newness of the church, joining in the dance with the Lord of the Dance, the Lord of Life and the Defeater of death.

Kind regards

John

A Word from the Interim Moderator



Soon you will receive an invitation to a stewardship social in the church, to celebrate the life of the church, enjoy the new interior and think about the part we play in the life and work of Currie Kirk. Cheese and wine will be served on the Friday night, and coffee and shortbread on the Saturday morning. There will be good company and a lot of laughter and your presence is very important.

Please put the date in your diary, and join us on one of these two days.



Lenten Studies—Led by John Munro

Lent is a time for a review of our life in the light of Christ's journey to Jerusalem. We will track the journey of Jesus in five discussion sessions, leading up to Holy Week.

Where? **Currie Kirk**
When? **Thursdays at 7pm**

You are very welcome to attend as you are able. Each session stands on its own, but they do form a sequence.

26 February	Home, starting out
5 March	On the road, following the Way
12 March	In the wilderness, exposed to temptation
19 March	By the sea, braving the storm
26 March	In the city, facing up to power.

New Minister—Vacancy Progress

Closing date for nominations for new Minister of Currie Kirk closed at the end of November 2014. The Nominating Committee is in the progress of conducting interviews and hopes to have more to report in next month's Clipboard. Wish there was more to say, but progress is being made.

Regards,
Gordon Clephane

Convener, Nominating Committee

Church Redevelopment

Not everyone has access to our website and I thought you might like to read the diary of the redevelopment, compiled by Allan Goudie and Ishbel Massie to whom we are indebted, which gives an excellent outline of what has been taking place.



The 'story' at 8th October 2014

Renovations at the Church started three weeks ago and although there is currently no sign of change to the exterior, things are happening inside the Session House.

Later this week the contractor hopes to pour the concrete forming the floor and edge beam of the extension. The old safe which used to house our valuables has gone, and in due course this will be replaced by a couple of secure display cabinets to 'show off' our historic Communion Cups and Decanters. Work will shortly start inside the church when some alterations will be done to heating pipework which will allow for a couple of pews to be removed to better accommodate worshippers in wheelchairs.

.....and at 28 October 2014

During the last 3 weeks things have been advancing at quite a pace. The overall shape of the 'new look' building can now be seen as the supporting steel work is now in position. The glass walls will be next and then the roof timbers will be put in position. When the enclosed area is made watertight, the 'inside trades' will be able to start work on the electrical and plumbing work.

Within the sanctuary, the new light positions and type of fittings have now been finalised and will be fitted after the decoration of the walls and ceiling has been completed. This will have the effect of improving the illumination of the whole area.

The visual appearance at 13 November 2014



....an update at 4 December 2014

The glass walls on the extension are now erected and the plasterboard on the new ceilings and the pantry is being done. Externally at the rear of the Session House the damp proofing is being repaired which together with the addition of insulation being added to the roof space internally, the finished building should feel much warmer.

Within the sanctuary, the ceiling and walls above the gallery have been painted and already look good. Soon, the new light fittings will be put in which will add a lot of lustre to the space. A new Memorial Board will be positioned on the front of the centre gallery with the names of those from Currie who have died in the service of their country since 1945. We only have three names at present, but should you know of anyone who perhaps falls into this category, please advise the secretary at the church office so that we can investigate.

We made reference earlier to the removal of a couple of pews to better accommodate wheelchair worshippers - these pews are being used to make a new console which will house the audio visual equipment that is being installed which will enable worshippers to have a better view of some of the activities. The cabling for the Audio Visual will take place on the 9 and 10 December with the installation of the equipment following in mid-January.

The last leg.....

.....the hoarding has been taken down and the glass walls and doorway are now visible and look very nice. The gas boiler is in position and will be kindled in the next few days - this will help dry out the area to accommodate the decoration. Inside the sanctuary is now free of scaffolding, the new lights have been fitted, and now that the cabling for the audio visual equipment has been completed, the gallery floor will be reinstated. The festive break means the builders will be on holiday and during that period with the heating on the new plaster in the

link and pantry area should dry out, to ensure the forthcoming decoration will be successful. The next 'report' early in the new year should be the final one, at which time we will let you know what finishing touches are taking place and the date on which we hope to start worshipping again in the church.

We're nearly there (13 January).

The festive period was used to test the heating and dry out the plaster and since then the decoration of the actual church has been taking place and is now almost complete. The new Memorial Board has been positioned and with the improved lighting now fully in place apparently the whole lot is 'looking swell'!!

Two new toilets are now fully tiled and are expected to be operational in the next few days after they have their furniture fitted.

With the damp proofing of the wall to the rear of the old Link Building having been completed the path has now been re-instated and the new footpath leading to the church has also been laid. This has tidied up the whole of the approach ready for our anticipated re-opening on 1 February.

You will notice many changes, the first being that you enter the church through the new glassed reception area. I will not spoil your anticipation by saying more, except that the redevelopment would not have been possible without the work of many people. While we have had a dedicated Project Team of Allan Goudie, Sandra Cranford, Grant Gordon, Bill Hume, Magnus Polson and Meg Watson a great many people helped in clearing the church buildings before the work started and in "putting it all back together again". Too many to mention individually, but the Kirk Session is indebted to everyone who helped not only on the church side of things but in ensuring that worship in the Gibson Craig Halls was a memorable experience. A real team effort (TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More). Many, many thanks.

Much planning has gone into the Church Redevelopment and we hope that the end product realises the vision of a welcoming and user-friendly environment, to be used to advantage for the church and the community.

Grant Gordon, Session Clerk

General Assembly of The Church of Scotland 16 to 22 May 2015: Can You Help?

Stewards play a significantly important role to ensure that many of the backup services, in support of the General Assembly, operate in a highly efficient, welcoming and friendly manner. Throughout the week of the General Assembly some 300 stewards help to cover over 1,000 different duties. Each 'shift' generally lasts for about two hours and it is up to each steward as to how often they wish to help—some only have time to help on one occasion, whereas others travel considerable distances to help as often as they can.

With so many tasks to undertake we are always seeking new volunteers and we are still short of our required target for 2015.

If you think you might like to help us then please get in touch for more information. Your help would be very greatly appreciated.

Current stewards who have not received the usual communication by now are also encouraged to contact me.

William Mearns, Chief Steward

Phone: 0131 667 1522 or 0780 801 1234

Email: william@mearns.me

Kidz@Currie

Kidz@Currie operates a Creche catering for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and a Sunday Club for Primary and Secondary school age. Children are invited to join the congregation for the start of the Church service at 10am and then leave part way for Kidz@Currie. Kidz@Currie enjoy stories, arts, crafts and games.

All welcome—please come along and join us!

February is a short month but in 2015 it is a busy month. The Chinese are celebrating their New Year and for all romantics the 14th is an important date. For all Christians February this year sees the start of Lent and the journey to Easter. We all enjoy Shrove Tuesday and tossing pancakes at the beginning of Lent. Then follows 40 days of fasting until Easter.

People still fast today to mirror Jesus and his 40 days in the wilderness when he faced temptation from the devil. Today we can try to emulate Jesus by fasting from something that we find difficult to abstain from. Chocolate is often a popular choice and the idea is you choose something that you normally like to eat or drink. Forty days is a long time, see if you can manage the challenge. Rev John Munro has been helping us with how to pray. Use his advice and pray to God to ask him to help you do it.



Cleaning Teams in refurbished Church

This is a time of change in many ways for all of us. One of these being the cleaning of the Church. This is now going to be undertaken by a team of volunteers. Each week, we hope to have four people sharing the task. In order to make this less onerous for everyone, the more people we have, the less often a turn comes around. Can you spare about two hours once every few weeks? The more the merrier—so don't be shy about volunteering.

If you feel you would like further information before committing yourself, please don't hesitate to phone 449 2468 and speak to Margaret Innes.



**2015 Heriot-Watt University Chaplaincy Annual Lecture
"GOD, SCIENCE & FAITH: RICHARD DAWKINS VS C S LEWIS
ON THE MEANING OF LIFE"**

**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY at 6.30pm, James Watt Centre, Edinburgh Campus
Professor Alister McGrath (Oxford University)**

Tickets from Tillie Boulogne at m.boulogne@hw.ac.uk or phone 0131 451 4508



The Guild

The Guild has two meetings in February. The first is on **Tuesday 3rd at 10.00 am** when once again we have Eric Melvin as the speaker, who will give a talk on his Visit to Japan.

On **Tuesday 17th at 7.30 pm** the speaker will be Alyson Bathgate giving at talk on Street Pastors.

On Tuesday 3rd March at 10.00 am our speaker will be Anne Mulligan who recently retired as a Hospital Chaplain. On Tuesday 17th March we will be holding our every popular Daffodil Tea in aid of CrossReach 'Heart for Art' Project.

Members and visitors are welcome to attend any of our meetings which are held in the Gibson Craig Hall.

Mary Thomson
President



65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company

(Registered Charity No. SCO34640)

Congratulations to Scott and Jason who won both Junior and Open event at the Battalion's Musicians Competition for the Company. Scott played the "Maple Leaf Rag" on the piano; and Jason played a classical piece on his violin.

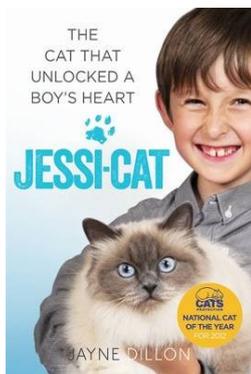
Success was also had in the Battalion PE Competition with Peter scoring the highest mark over all the disciplines.

As this edition of Clipboard goes to press the Company is still in the National Badminton championships—waiting to play a company from Coatbridge.



Scott & Jason

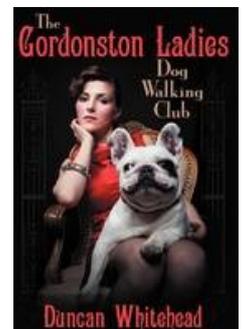
The postponed Dedication Service will now be held in the Kirk on Sunday 1 March at 10 am.



The Good Book Group

The January meeting of the Book Group was sparsely attended but that didn't stop us from enjoying chocolate biscuits and a cuppa while having a good natter about the various books we have been reading over the past month or so, and books we had acquired over Christmas. What a varied lot they were! Some strange titles too: "The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August" by Claire North and "The Gordonston Ladies Dog Walking Club" by Duncan Whitehead! As there were only five of us, we decided to choose books for the next two months and leave the May and June selection to a meeting when there are more people present. The book for February is "Jessi-cat—the cat that unlocked a boy's heart" by Jayne Dillon, a real life story of a boy who suffers from autism and selective mutism and how his life was changed by the arrival of a pet kitten.

The March book is the one by Duncan Whitehead mentioned above. The dates for our meetings are 2 February, 2 March, 4 May and 1 June (no April meeting) all in the Gibson Craig Lounge at 7 for 7.30pm. Do come and join us for a read, a blether and a cuppa!





ST. LUKE'S LEPROSARIUM

St Luke's Leprosarium is located at Peikulam, Tamil Nadu in the Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese of the Church of South India. When the new Hall at the Gibson Craig was opened all these years ago we took a collection and donated the money to the Leprosarium. Imagine the leprosy patients and children are still being fed from that money. Unbelievable! And look at their diet.

The email below was received recently.

To: The Church of Currie Kirk, Scotland, UK.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Congregation of Currie Kirk, With your kind gift, we hosted a special meal for our leprosy patients and children on 17th January 2015, the day of dedication of New Church Hall in your Church. Our staff, patients and children prayed especially for you and your Church members. On behalf of our Leprosariums' patients and the children, we thank you once again for your kindness.

May God bless you all.

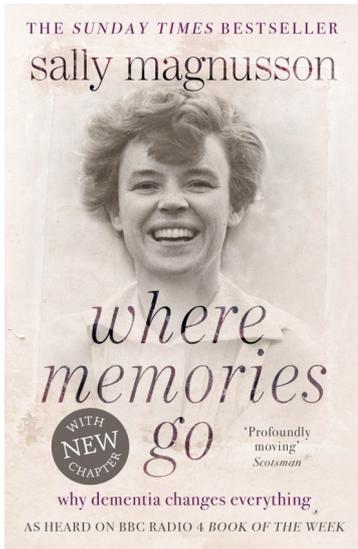
Yours sincerely,

Haebus S. Vethabothagam,
Medical Superintendent.

PS: As per the new regulations, a fixed menu, balanced diet as below is served to our patients and children from 1 January 2014.

FIXED MENU BALANCED DIET

DAY	Early Morning 6:00	Breakfast 07:30	Midmorning 10.00	Lunch 13:00	Evening 17:00	Dinner 19:30
Mon	Coffee	Lemon Rice, Chutney.	Coffee Rusk	Rice. Vegetables, Sambar,	Coffee, Sundal.	Rice, Sambar, Vege- tables, Chicken 65.
Tue	Coffee	Pongal, Vadai, Chutney.	Coffee Biscuit	Rice, Pulikulambu and boiled egg	Coffee, Mixture	Idly, Sambar
Wed	Coffee	Tamarind Rice, Chutney.	Coffee Rusk	Rice, Rasam, Veg Mutton Gravy.	Coffee, Brown Grams	Lime rice, Chutney
Thurs	Coffee	Idly, Sambar	Coffee Biscuit	Rice, Sambar and Veg	Coffee, Mixture	Rice, Rasam, Veg, Chicken curry.
Fri	Coffee	Tomato Rice, Chutney.	Coffee Rusk	Rice, Pulikulambu, Vegetables	Coffee, Sundal	Porridge, Pickles, Vegetables.
Sat	Coffee	Uppuma, Banana.	Coffee Biscuit	Rice, Rasam, Veg Chicken fry	Coffee, Mixture	Rice, Boiled egg, Sambar, Vegetables
Sun	Coffee	Idly, Sambar	Coffee Rusk	Rice, Sambar, Mutton fry./ Veg	Coffee, Onion- Bonda.	Tamarind Rice, Chutney



An Evening with Sally Magnusson

To mark the launch of the paperback publication of her book “Where Memories Go—Why Dementia Changes Everything” Sally Magnusson will read from and discuss the book, the story behind it and the reaction she has had to it, “This book began as an attempt to hold on to my witty, storytelling mother. Then, as the enormity of the social crisis we were part of began to dawn, I wrote with the thought that other forgotten lives might be nudged into the light along with hers. Dementia is one of the greatest challenges of our times. I am a reporter. It became the biggest story of my life.”

Regarded as one of the finest journalists of her generation, Mamie Baird Magnusson’s whole life was a celebration of words—words that she fought to retain in the teeth of a disease which is fast becoming the scourge of the 21st century.

WHERE MEMORIES GO is Sally’s words to Mamie: in exquisite prose, both moving and funny, a daughter attempts to keep her mother’s spirit alive by talking to her as dementia begins to overwhelm both their lives.

Palmerston Place Church—Tuesday 24 February 2015—6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
 Tickets £5—from: www.palmerstonplacechurch.com

Currie Kirk Christmas Quiz—Answers

(Islands of the World)

Congratulations to Sandra Cranford who won the Christmas Quiz. Instead of taking the bottle of champagne she has given the cost of the prize towards the amount raised by this quiz. Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz, £116 was raised.



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| 1. Jumper | JERSEY | 17. Napoleon was born here | CORSICA |
| 2. A type of Cake? | MADERIA | 18. A meaty breed of sheep | TEXEL |
| 3. Currie Kirk’s Quiz | CHRISTMAS | 19. Cider made here? | SOMERSET |
| 4. Owned by Turkey and Greece | CYPRUS | 20. Carbon, Uranium, Barium | CUBA |
| 5. Lemur Chaos | MADAGASCAR | 21. In Livingston garden | TONGA |
| 6. Not Celyon now | SRI LANKA | 22. Black, Brown, Spectacled, etc. | BEAR |
| 7. The Misty Isle | SKYE | 23. Mount Fuji Lake Biwa | HONSHU |
| 8. Three Legs | ISLE OF MAN | 24. ‘Cool Running’ | JAMACIA |
| 9. Largest in Asia | BORNEO | 25. Second in line to the throne when he is crowned? | KING WILLIAM |
| 10. Brodick is the Capital | ARRAN | 26. Bounty mutineers | PITCAIRN |
| 11. When did Jesus Rise? | EASTER | 27. Krakatoa East of where? | JAVA |
| 12. Centre of Minoan Civilisation | CRETE | 28. British Association of Landscape Industries | BALI |
| 13. Dr Doolittle’s Parrot | POLYNESIA | 29. 2010 Winter Olympics Venue | VANCOUVER |
| 14. Morse’s Sidekick | LEWIS | 30. ‘The Spice Island’ | GRENADA |
| 15. Frozen Area | ICELAND | | |
| 16. Great backwards before part of a fish | BAFFIN | | |

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	Brian Rose	449 5335	Monday
Blue Sky Pilates	Claire McDonald	07872 349073	Thursday
Boxercise	Grant Newlands	07525632039	Thursday: 9.00-10.00
Children's Dance	Carol Campbell	339 2315	Friday
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	449-4349	Monday Evenings twice monthly October to March
Currie Community Council	Madge Barker	449 3450	
Currie SWRI	Lucy Airs	449 2565	Second Tuesday each month (except July/August) at 7.15 pm
Currie Day 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	Dawn Thomson	478 1106	Friday
Sequence Dance	Tom Masson	449 2561	Thursday
Senior Citizens	Jean Smith	449 5596	Monday
Snack Lunches	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Tuesday
Yoga	Monica Evans	07986600432	Tuesday: 20.00-21.00
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	07980 692929	Thursday

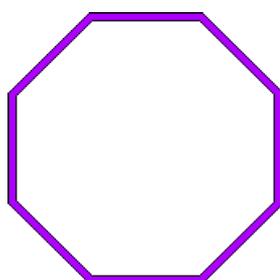
Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh

The magnificent sum of £1,378.15 was raised for Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland at the Hogmanay Charity Ceilidh in the Gibson Craig Hall. A huge thank you to all who attended, helped serve the supper, donated money or raffle prizes or cleared up at the end of a very successful night. A great time was had by all!



Viola MacPhail

Octagon Club



The Octagon Club is indebted to Kevin Donaldson and all involved in the Water of Leith Pram Race 2014 for a generous contribution of £200 to our funds. Thank you!

We had a grand Christmas party in mid-December with Santa in attendance to distribute gifts to our members—this was followed by a successful outing to the Theatre in January to see the Aladdin pantomime.

Alastair Hardie on behalf of the Club members and Committee

Family News

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

Margaret Fraser, Bleinham House (ex 358 Lanark Road West)

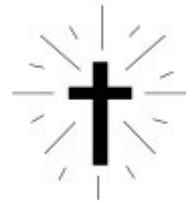
Elizabeth Lonie, Pentland Hills Nursing Home

June Murray, 12 Pentland Place

William Purves, 33 Palmer Place

Jean Sandilands, 21 Rowantree Avenue

John Vass, Aaron Care Home



Please pray for the families

Baptisms

7 December Jonathan Alfred Galway, son of Helen and Stephen



Transfer in by Certificate

Mrs Moira E Whyte, 4 Baberton Mains Lea



Flower List February 2015



February,

1 Alan and George Forsyth, 71 Forthview Crescent
Mr. & Mrs. I Matheson, 64 Riccarton Mains Road

8 Mrs. B. Chambers, 14 Nether Currie Road
15 Mrs. A. Donald, 60 Weaversknowe Crescent
22 Mrs. G. Simpson, 27 Riccarton Avenue

Donations for flowers may be sent to Mrs Erica Porteous, 2 Pentland View, Currie, or left at the Church Office and cheques made payable to Currie Kirk Flower Fund. Erica can be contacted on 449 6894.



New timings for Intimation Updates

Due to the introduction of the audio visual equipment and the fact that we are having to change computer and software, we are going to have to ask that anything to be included in the Update, should be with the church office by **9.00am on the Wednesday** before the Sunday in question. (This is because the intimations will appear on the screen).



WHO'S WHO



NAME	CONTACT	MEETING DAY	TELEPHONE NO
Locum Minister	Rev Dr John Munro		623 0198
Interim Moderator	Rev Moira McDonald		476 5893
Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554)	Gibson Craig Hall, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Secretary: Ishbel Massie e-mail currie_kirk@btconnect.com	Tuesday—9.30am—12noon Wednesday—9.30am—12noon Thursday—9.30am—12noon Friday—9.30am – 11.45am.	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	Elizabeth Wood		538 0363
Deputy Coordinator	Jim Ure		449 6498
Kirk House Bookings	Isobel Paterson		449 6182
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 pm	451 5112
Teen Café	Viola MacPhail	449 4664	Friday
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	Elaine Rae	Sunday	451 5384
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

Clipboard

Clipboard can now be found on the Currie Kirk Website with one click to <http://www.curriekirk.org/clipboard/> - why not mark it as a favourite. **Articles for the March 2015 issue should be sent using a Word attachment by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com by Wednesday 18 February 2015.**