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I stare out at the cherry blossoms  
In marvel and joy I watch them bloom  
Then they burst out with their effloresces  
As though awaking from mother nature's womb,  
And there I watch awestruck and in wonder  
As though GOD splashed paint upon each branch  
Through beauty, and only for beauty I cry a tear  
As the blossoms explode in a pink and red avalanche.

*Randy McClave*

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# A message from our Locum Minister— John Munro

*Dear Friends,*

I am nearly at the end of my time with you in Currie Kirk. Pat and I want to thank you again for letting us walk a part of the Way with you. A few weeks ago, one of the Elders asked me, “What have you learned from your time in Currie Kirk?” I have learned from you, dear friends, what I knew deep down all along, that isolated on our own, each of us can struggle at times, but together we can cope with anything in life and death. I have been with some of you in times of pain and challenge, and I have seen how you lovingly support one another in this community.

But to be together as a community, we need to be open not only to one another but to the shadow side of ourselves. Scott Peck, the American psychiatrist and writer was well known thirty years ago for his book, *The Road Less Travelled*, subtitled, ‘the unending journey towards spiritual growth.’ In a later book, *The Different Drum*, all about how to form ‘true’ communities, he talked of how some communities ‘fake it’. ‘The members attempt to be an instant community by being extremely pleasant towards one another and avoiding all disagreement.’ They are what Peck called a ‘pseudo-community’, in which the ‘basic pretence is the denial of individual differences.’ Now, I have observed that Currie Kirk is not like that! It is clear that there are differences among you. Scott Peck says that when the pretence of harmony breaks down, communities can go through a period of ‘chaos’ and then what he calls, ‘emptiness’ when we ask, what’s the point of all this? And if you can get through all of that, you can find yourself entering a new experience of ‘true’ community, in which people find they can look into each other’s eyes without fear, or the need to hide what they are really thinking or feeling.

In Currie over these past ten months I have been aware of the above, including what Peck calls the signs of ‘true’ community. I have seen signs of genuine, loving openheartedness within the congregation, enabling differences to be overcome creatively. May you nurture that spirit as you prepare for the arrival of a new Minister.

Every good wish to you,.

John and Pat

## Evening Prayer

Give me this night O Father, the peace of mind which is truly rest.  
Take from me all envy of anyone else,  
All resentment from anything that has been withheld from me,  
All bitterness against anyone who has hurt or wronged me,  
All anger against the apparent injustices of life,  
All foolish worry about the future,  
And all futile regret about the past.  
Help me to be at peace with myself,  
At peace with my fellow human beings,  
At peace with you.  
So, indeed, may I lay myself down to rest in peace this night,  
Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen

# Church Walking Group



Earlier this month 12 ladies from the Church Walking Group enjoyed a weekend away in Northumberland (men stayed at home!). We set off on Friday morning in lovely sunshine and started our weekend in the coffee shop at Grantshouse! We were blessed with good weather all the way and enjoyed a lovely walk along the beautiful sands at Bamburgh on Friday.



Saturday took us on a visit to The Holy Isle and Lindisfarne castle and although it was a bit 'breezy' some enjoyed a good walk round the castle and along the coast while others climbed up to the castle and spent some time exploring and enjoying the lovely views, others spent time sampling the "Lindisfarne mead" and checking out the coffee shops!

We managed to fit in some indoor socialising and there was much talking, laughing, eating (too much) and drinking (tea and coffee of course!!). We rounded off our weekend at the local church in Belford and finally on our way home we stopped at the Hirsell for lunch and managed a walk round the walled garden.

We all agreed that our weekend was a great success and are already planning and looking forward to next year! So if anyone feels they would like to join us please feel free to come along to any of our walks during the year. We normally meet on the third Sunday of the month and any new members, male or female, would be most welcome.

During one evening get together, one of our ladies read a poem to us which belonged to her late husband and we had such a laugh (at ourselves) as we could relate to it.

## The Walker's Prayer

Lord bless all walkers that they may live long and healthy lives, especially our leaders for they are all powerful and lead us through the wilderness,

Yea, though they lead us down the valleys and over the hills, we shall feel no pain, for our hearts, minds and muscles are numb!

Let them know their North from their South and East from West and Lord let the sun shine so that they may have a faint idea in which direction we are heading.

Grant O Lord that they curb their tongues, and not tell that we have walked 7 miles when we know it was 10.

Also, let them know the difference between a gentle slope and a steep cliff. Give them the ability to count in order that they know the number walking so that none shall go astray.

Make them prevent the leaders from starting the walk the minute everyone has caught up. Curse those walkers who overtake the leaders. May their sticks break, laces come undone and flasks leak!

Curse all those who disappear into the woods without telling the back markers. Grant, O Lord, sunshine at all times, but not too hot; cooling breezes, not strong winds. Give us shade and incomparable views when we are resting.

Spare us from brambles, nettles and other obstructions. Lead us not down the wrong paths.

Finally, Lord, let us arrive back at our cars safe and sound for we are children of the wilderness. The blind leading the blind, and we are shattered! Give us the strength to turn up for the next walk, for we are of the tribe stupid and know no better.

We ask all this with tongue in cheek ever conscious that many a true word is spoken in jest!

(Do you recognise yourself?)



# The Guild



The Guild held its AGM and Cheese and Wine evening on Tuesday 21 April which was the last meeting of this session. The Summer Outing is on Saturday 16 May to Glamis Castle and Gardens, stopping on the way at the Scottish Antique and Arts Centre at Abernyste for coffee, tea and scones.

On Saturday 20 June, as previously intimated, we plan to have a Strawberry Tea in aid of Olivia Giles' charity '500 Miles' which helps people with disabilities in Malawi and Zambia and, to a limited extent, in Zanzibar. Tickets will be available nearer the time but please put a note in your diaries and support this very worthwhile charity—see page 5.

I retired as President at the AGM and Freda Robertson took over as the Guild's new President. The next session of the Guild will begin on Tuesday 1 September at 10.00 am when all old and new members will be made very welcome.

Mary Thomson  
President



## 65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company (Registered Charity No. SCO34640)

### National Badminton Final—Heriot Watt—Saturday 18 April 2015

Mel Young, Vice Chair, **sportscotland**, presented the National Trophy to the Boys of the 65th. The final was between the 65th and the 4th Newtownabbey. The team were unbeaten in all their games throughout the competition—congratulations. Thank you to Rev Dr John Munro for conducting the service prior to the competition commencing. The Kent Company joined the Boys for a meal in the Gibson Craig in the evening.



Lesley, Ross & Jeanette

From Anchor Boy to Royal Marine. Ross was married to Katie Bainbridge on Saturday 28 March 2015 at Pinhoe Road Baptist Church, Exeter. The Company sends its congratulations.



David, Mel Young, Neil, Andrew, Peter & Jason

# Kidz@Currie

We operate 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 10 am and then leave part way for Kidz@Currie. Kidz@Currie enjoy stories, arts, crafts and games.

All welcome—please come along and join us!

Happy Birthday!

At the end of May, the 24<sup>th</sup> to be precise, we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter and is when the Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which is the way Christians understand God. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the church and as the start of the Church's mission to bring the message of Christianity to the world. Pentecost is a time to celebrate. In previous years we have been asked to wear red to church on Pentecost Sunday to mark the celebration. The red symbolises the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth.



**Saturday 20 June**  
**Strawberry Cream Tea**  
**Gibson Craig Hall @ 2.30 pm**



**Date for your Diary**



## Night Shelter

On Monday 6 April, Currie Kirk were the volunteer cooks for the night shelter, organised and staffed overnight by Bethany. We cooked and served 55 people with sausages, mash and beans, followed by dumpling and custard!! All this was much appreciated by the users who came to eat and then leave, and also by those who slept in the Community church, Newington.

Thanks very much to everyone who made a donation. The care van still continues to go out every night of the year. If you are spring-cleaning and find jackets, coats, jeans etc. no longer wearable please consider donating them to this great cause.

Best wishes,

Fiona Pigott.  
07584 678990

# 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	Elsbeth 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 Terry Maloney	453 3556 0751 466 4292	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

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**INDUCTION OF REV DR EASTER SMART**

**Easter's induction is likely to take place in Currie Kirk on the evening of Friday 5 June.**

Please put the date in your diary.



# Family News

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

Mary Jack, Woodlands Nursing Home

Catherine Stirling, 35 Bryce Road

Please pray for the families



## Baptisms:

*Jesus said: "Let the children come to me"*  
(Luke 18:16)

Thomas James Ralph, son of Fiona and Stuart

Jude Forbes Robinson, son of Gillian and Ross



## Christian Aid—10-16 May 2015

This year, the house to house collection will take place between the 10 and 16 May. During that period, an envelope will be put through your door and later in the week, someone will call back to collect the envelope should you wish to support this marvellous cause. It would be helpful to the collectors and cause less disturbance to yourself, if you could perhaps have the envelope ready and handy when they come to your door.

Thank you.



## Flower List

3	Mrs J Bannister, 94 Lanark Road West	17	Mr T Gatenby, 50 Riccarton Mains Road
	Mrs I Greig, 109 Dolphin Road	24	Mrs V McPhail, 2 Glenbrook Road, Balerno
	Mrs F Thomson, 111 Muirwood Road		Mrs A Smith, 1 Pentland Place
10	Mrs S Ramsay, 47 Corslet Road	31	Mrs A Haston, 99 South Middleton, Uphall

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.



# 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	Hilary Leal, <a href="mailto:hilaryjleal@hotmail.co.uk">hilaryjleal@hotmail.co.uk</a>		449 3288
Gift Aid & Offerings Treasurer	Ron Dow 48 Thomson Drive <a href="mailto:ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk">ronedow@blueyonder.co.uk</a>		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	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	Friday	449 4664
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	Freda Robertson	Tuesday	449 2593
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

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