

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Chronicles 22: 5-12 David instructs his son Solomon to build the House of the Lord

David said, “My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD should be of great magnificence and fame and splendour in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it.” So David made extensive preparations before his death.

Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel.

David said to Solomon: “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. But this word of the LORD came to me: ‘You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’”

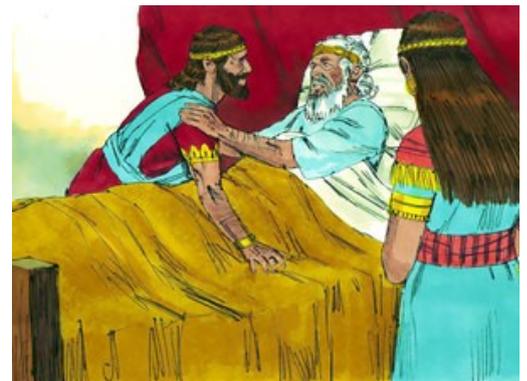


1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12 The Death of King David

When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

“I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go and that the Lord may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’”

Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.





Norma Beattie passed away peacefully in hospital on 7 June. Norma was the leader of our Sunday School, Kidz @ Currie, for many years throughout Lezley Stewart's ministry. Norma brought her own style of enthusiasm, encouragement and commitment to the job and many, both children and those who worked with her, greatly benefitted from that experience. She also collated the Kirk's successful Christmas Shoe Box appeal. She was a great supporter of our BB Company, where her son Christopher gained his Queen's Badge in 2012. Norma helped the Company with its fund raising and taking the Boys to the football. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.



Congratulations to:

Bryce and Irene Eunson who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 4 June 2020.

Bill and Erica Porteous who celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 10 June 2020.



Congratulations to David and Pat Connell who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 18 April 2020.



Mr George Armstrong, Lanark Road West who was 94 on the 23 May.

Anchor Boys & Junior Section Summer Challenge

Sunflowers are bright & beautiful and make people smile.



The Boys have been set a challenge—who can grow the tallest sunflower?

We made up kits containing compost, 2 plant pots and both red and giant sunflower seeds. These were delivered to Boys ensuring that we maintained social distance!

To keep everyone aware of the progress of the sowing, planting and nurturing of the sunflowers—the boys can post their photographs on our WhatsApp group. We'll update you with the results.

Why not have a Currie Kirk Challenge? Get everyone involved!

Do you have any News you would like to share? Please email : isobelwebber@btinternet.com

Stated Annual Meeting for 2019

Normally the Congregational Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) of Currie Kirk takes place by 31st May or at the very latest 30th June, which is the latest date required to show the Annual Accounts to the congregation. However, in these unprecedented times of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have been advised by the Principal Clerk of the Church of Scotland, Rev Dr George Whyte, who has indicated, *“Regarding the SAM my view is that in these exceptional times this can be postponed until the congregation is free to meet and in the meantime the information about last year’s accounts can be made available on your congregation’s website, if you have one”*.

Therefore, we have put the Annual Accounts (approved by Edinburgh Presbytery) on the Kirk’s website along with the Minute of last year’s SAM, for those who are on email. All documentation will also be distributed to those people not on email, along with the Order of Service for this Sunday’s worship, which is delivered to around 40 individuals in the Parish.

Both Eddie Pigott (Treasurer) and I would also like to re-appoint the Auditors, Thomson Cooper for next year and not wait until we have a congregational meeting, whenever it is deemed safe to do so. It would be appreciated if the congregation could give us their approval to do so—else any objections should be made to the Session Clerk by 30th June 2020.

Kind regards,

Gordon Clephane

Session Clerk

At Currie, within the Church, the Stated Annual Meeting took place on Thursday
30th May 2019

1. Constitution

The Chairperson, Rev Dr Easter Smart, constituted the meeting with a Scripture Reading from 1st Corinthians, Ch 12, v 4 and Prayer.

2. Apologies

Rev Dr. Easter Smart and 15 members of the congregation. Apologies were received from Agnes Barr, Jean Dick, Grant Gordon, Liz Gray, Gordon MacKinlay, Shona Moyes and Jim Ure.

3. Minute of the Stated Annual Meeting of 30th May 2018

Approved.

4. Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2018 and Budget for 2019

The Annual Accounts for 2018, having been approved previously by the Trustees, were presented by Eddie Pigott, Treasurer. The report as follows:

Before commenting on the Accounts and Budget, Eddie thanked everyone for their continued financial support.

Accounts 2018

Income

The overall income in 2018 was £3776 (2%) lower than in 2017.

The key factors to this were that:

Donation Income showed a reduction of £3963 (3%) from 2017. The encouraging factor here is that the regular giving is only down by 1.1% from 2017 with this making up 70% of the donation income.

Gift Aid Tax Refunds showed a reduction of £1900 (7%).

Income from Charitable Activities (ie weddings, funerals, hall lets) showed an increase of £303 (0.9%).

Other Income (including a small legacy, monies from the Christmas Fayre and a donation to the Gibson Craig Halls Boiler Fund) showed an increase of 158% from 2017.

Expenditure

The expenditure in 2018 showed an increase of £6876 (3.6%) from 2017.

This can mainly be attributed to:

Increased Salaries and associated costs—with 2018 being the first full year with the Youth & Families Worker and also the new Gibson Craig Halls Caretaker.

Higher Presbytery Dues—this being a full year charge as opposed to an 8 month charge in 2017.

Fabric maintenance—a higher spend through the General Fund of £2420 for the external and some internal painting at the Gibson Craig Halls.

Most other ongoing expenditure funded through the General Fund in 2018 was reasonably controlled.

Fabric Projects achieved in 2018

Repairs to the Kirk Tower and Clock—costing £5640—paid from the legacy monies.

The replacement of the Gibson Craig Halls Boiler—costing £8959—paid from the GCH Boiler Fund.

The installation of the Kirk Alarm Monitoring—costing £1429—paid from the Kirk Development Fund.

The Church of Scotland Loan Repayment

In 2018, after the usual two instalments the Church of Scotland Loan were paid, it was decided to pay off the remainder of this loan in full. This was done using what was left in the Kirk Development Fund (£14630) and a further £3655 from the General Fund. This action saved interest charges of £2282.

The outcome of all this showed that at the end of 2018 the Church Funds totalled £92692 (£108366 in 2017) with the General Fund amounting to £44720 (£34841 in 2017).

The reduction in total funds in 2018 can mostly be attributed to the extra and final repayment of the Church of Scotland Loan (mainly from the Kirk Development Fund) and thus the General Fund shows an increase from 2017.

In 2018 £2000 was transferred to the Gibson Craig Halls Boiler Fund from the Legacy Monies—in line with that authorised in the 2018 Budget.

Budget 2019

The Budget for 2019 forecasts a reduction in total donation income of 2.8%. This significantly lower reduction is a response to the lesser decline of the regular giving in 2018, which was only 1.1% lower than in 2017.

The budgeted expenditure for 2019 shows an overall reduction of 4.7% from that spent in 2018. This reduced expenditure is mostly due to the Church of Scotland Loan having been paid off in full in November 2018.

Areas of increases spending in 2019 will be:

The Ministries & Mission payments to the Church of Scotland (+3.1%).

Salaries—apart from the usual increases due to rises in the National Living Wage and the relevant salary scales the new Church Administrator is now in place.

This means that 2019 is likely to end with a shortfall in the General Fund.

It is hoped that the budgeted income will be exceeded and that the actual expenditure may work out at a lower level than forecast to minimise the effect this will have on the financial reserves.

There being no questions, the Moderator thanked Eddie for his presentation.

5. Reappointment of Auditor

The reappointment of Fiona Haro, C.A. of Thomson Cooper, was approved unanimously.

The meeting closed with the Grace.