

**Worship at Home—11 October 2020—David Fergusson,  
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It is with great sadness that we have to intimate the death of

Mrs Lynne Carson, 23 Riccarton Mains Road, Currie

Please pray for the family

### **Opening Prayer**

**A**s we gather in this hour in our homes in different parts of the city and across the country, let us remember that we belong to the whole family of God in heaven and on earth. Eternal God, unite us in our worship with people everywhere who are lifting up their hands and hearts to you. With your whole church and all its generations, we offer up our praise and thanksgiving.

Let us recall the manifold gifts of God in our lives – the companionship of family, friends and other creatures, the health and strength afforded us, the steady rhythms of nature reminding us of God’s constancy. Most merciful God, we praise you for your goodness to us at all times. May we turn our grumbling into gratitude, our doubts into trust, our fears into hope.

As our minds are filled with memories and concerns, so we rejoice in your word of forgiveness and place our trust in your ever-renewing spirit. Lord Jesus Christ, friend of the lost and fallen, raise us up today by your example and presence in our midst. Lord have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, you have taught us that true worship is in spirit and in truth. Grant that we may draw near today neither casually nor half-heartedly; instead, let all that is within us exalt your name and listen for your call. These prayers we offer in Christ’s name as we pray together saying...

### **Prayer before sermon.**

Lord, your Holy Word is before us. Let it be for us today a word in season. May your grace and truth guide and direct us down all our ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the body constantly breathes, may the Church, the body of Christ, constantly pray, breathing God’s life into all its members and activities.

In God alone we trust.

As a new week begins in our world may wrong priorities be challenged and adjusted, may our societies reflect God’s concern for true justice and responsive love, and may all our leaders grow in wisdom and humility, attentive to the needs of those they serve.

In God alone we trust.

As we call to mind our friends and loved ones, all who depend on us, and those on whom we depend, all with whom we have laughed or cried, worked or played, we ask God to cleanse and renew our relationships, and give us greater understanding and deepened affection.

In God alone we trust.

As our society continues to face the multiple challenges of the pandemic, so we remember again those who are locked up and isolated – students in halls of residence, those shielding at home, prisoners and those who care for them, hospital patients and those who seek to cure them. We remember those whose livelihoods are at stake, those who have lost their jobs, and those caring for the young and the old.

In God alone we trust.

Finally, a prayer of dedication. Eternal and ever-faithful God, as your servant Moses led your people through the wilderness, so we ask you to guide our steps and direct our path. Let us set aside the false gods that imprison us, and find our freedom and delight in serving you alone. These prayers we offer in Christ’s name. Amen.

## Peace of mind

These resources are designed to help you explore the Bible as a family together at home while we can't go to church. Be as creative as you want to be and enjoy spending time with each other and with God.

### Prepare yourself...

Lord God, faithful and loving,  
we do not always feel like rejoicing.  
Even as we gather to worship you,  
our minds are sometimes  
distracted and elsewhere,  
weighed down by the burdens of  
our lives.

Help us, in this moment, to find it  
within our hearts  
to REJOICE in your constancy and  
loving care for us.

People of God, let us rejoice.

**Amen.**



### Question...

What places, people or activities help  
you to have peace?



### Praise together...

God wants us to break free from the things that worry us and  
celebrate what he has done for us. He wants to give us peace. This  
song is a reminder to do that. *Bring it all to me*, Fischy music: [https://  
www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHplLBIMjxk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHplLBIMjxk)



### Read the Bible...

Today's verses are found in Philippians 4:1-9. You can read them in a  
Bible or find them here: [https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%204%  
3A1-9&version=NIRV](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians%204%3A1-9&version=NIRV)

You could try reading the verses in different versions to see if it adds to your understanding of  
the passage.





## Talk together...

Paul ends his letter to the church in Philippi telling them to rejoice and not to worry but to bring everything to God in prayer. He might never see them again but he is full of encouragement for them.

When was the last time you wrote a letter to someone? What was it about?

What do you worry about?

What can you do if you're worried or anxious about something?

Paul says instead of worrying, make a conscious decision to REJOICE!

What makes you want to rejoice? What can we celebrate?

What do you think we need to do to follow Paul's advice?

We should rejoice over all that God gives us, has done for us and that he is always with us. Look for anything that is worthy of praise and celebrate it!



## Play together...

Inflate some balloons and try to keep them in the air for as long as possible. Each time you hit it up say something you can be thankful for.

To make it more of a challenge only use one hand, or sit/stand frozen in one place, or use your head to bat the balloon.

## Do something...

Each day this week, write a note of encouragement and place it where someone else will find it – at home, school, work, or somewhere outside. Or be intentional and write an encouraging letter for someone you care about then give it to them.

## Make and pray together...

Make some playdough together (recipe below) and then make a model of something that worries you. Put all the models together into a basket or bowl. Pray for each other, asking God to help you with your worries. Repeat the activity but this time with something that makes you rejoice!

Playdough recipe:

2 cups plain flour (256g)

2 tbsp vegetable oil

½ cup salt (150g)

2 tbsp cream of tartar

1-1½ cups boiling water (237-355ml)

food colouring (gel works best)

Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a bowl.

Add food colouring to the water and stir.

Add the water to the flour mix little by little and stir continuously until it becomes a sticky dough. (You might not need all the water)

Allow to cool then remove from bowl and knead until the stickiness has gone. Keep going until it's the right consistency! Add a touch more flour if it's too sticky.

This can be stored in an airtight container for at least 6 months in the fridge.

## News from the Kirk

The office is now open on Tuesday mornings from 9.30—12.30 (Tuesdays only) which will allow you to collect wool and bring along your knitting, milk bottle tops or stamps. Also any items you may have for Fresh Start.

The electronic doors will be open and boxes will be placed on a table in front of the swing doors to accommodate any deliveries. Hand Gels will be available. You must wear masks when entering and exiting the Hall. Entry beyond the swing doors is not allowed.

You can make a donation to Currie Kirk Funds in light of reduced income from our Sunday morning services and no income from our Halls. If you wish to donate, please contact our Treasurer, Eddie Pigott on 0131 466 1459, email pigottsef@icloud.com or alternatively Nina in the office.

Lastly, if you are in a position to donate money to the Currie Benevolent Fund which is an independent fund to help people and families in distressing circumstances—please send a cheque to the Currie Benevolent Fund, c/o Kirk Office. Any moneys are given out at the discretion of the minister. Please contact The Manse (0131 449 4719) or email: Esmart@churchofscotland.org.uk. All donations you might give for people at this time of wage loss and uncertainty are greatly appreciated.

Please get in touch with the Kirk Office (451 5141) if you need anything. We have friends willing to listen, shop, walk a dog, fix a garden.

## Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

### Checklist

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

**ESSENTIAL ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):**  
Include the following items highlighted in the top box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and Toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Hat, scarf, gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Soap <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Toy for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls. Please only include new shop-bought toys. <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best before' date no earlier than 31 March next year. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.
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Tear along the perforation to detach this panel and secure to the outside of your shoebox

**Do not include** used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should also not be included.

<p><b>Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/Shower gel <input type="checkbox"/> Face cloth/ Moist wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> Moisturising Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Products <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving foam/Razors <input type="checkbox"/> Socks/Tights	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Candles <input type="checkbox"/> Screwdrivers/Pliers <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Utensils <p><b>Stationery</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pens/Pencils/Sharpener <input type="checkbox"/> Notepads/Colouring books <input type="checkbox"/> Rulers/Rubbers <p><b>Clothes and other Items</b> (T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/ Shirts) etc</p> <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> .....
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**Miscellaneous**

 New Make-up  
 Sewing Equipment
 

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you have filled this box for:



The 65th Edinburgh (Currie) Company—The Boys' Brigade will meet in the Currie Community Centre venue and times temporary until it can reconvene in the Gibson Craig Hall.



Boys in P2-P6—Thursday 6.00—7.00 pm



Boys in P7- S6—Sunday 7.00-8.30pm

<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/company/65th-edinburgh/>

Website: <https://www.curriekirk.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/CurrieKirk/>

You can also find the sermon on YouTube—search Currie Kirk.