

THE KIRK NEWS

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THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

CURRIE KIRK

WHERE FAITH AND LIFE CROSS PATHS

Calendar Overview

May

May	1 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	7 Saturday	Coffee Stop—Kirk—2-4 pm—tea, coffee and cakes
	8 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am—Kirkin of the Community Council
	8 Sunday	Afternoon Worship—Gibson Craig Halls—4-5 pm. Refreshments served from 3.30 pm.
	12 Thursday	Guild Summer Outing
	14 Saturday	Coffee Stop—Kirk—2-4 pm—tea, coffee and cakes
	15 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	22 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	27 Friday	The 65th Edinburgh Company—The Boys' Brigade Display—GCH—7 pm
	28 Saturday	Coffee Stop—Kirk—2-4 pm—tea, coffee and cakes
	29 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	29 Sunday	All Age Family Worship—Gibson Craig Halls—4-5 pm. Refreshments served from 3.30 pm.

June

June	3 Friday	2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls—Tricky Ricky—see page 5 for details
	4 Saturday	2-4 pm—Gibson Craig Halls—Afternoon Tea and Entertainment to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II—See page 4 for details
	5 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am—Pentecost—HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee
	7 Tuesday	Session Meeting—Session House—7 pm
	11 Saturday	Coffee Stop—Kirk—2-4 pm—tea, coffee and cakes
	12 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	12 Sunday	Afternoon Communion—Gibson Craig Halls—4-5 pm. Refreshments served from 3.30 pm
	18 Saturday	Coffee Stop—Kirk—2-4 pm—tea, coffee and cakes
	19 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	25 Saturday	Wedding in Kirk—no Coffee Stop
	26 Sunday	Worship Currie Kirk at 10 am
	26 Sunday	All Age Family Worship—Gibson Craig Halls—4-5 pm. Refreshments served from 3.30 pm.





A Message from the Manse

Celebrating the Healing Ministry

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 2 John 1:2

Dear Friends,

Gordon, our pastoral care convener, Shirley our prayer covenant coordinator and I recently took part in a four-week online course entitled, *"Introduction to the Healing Ministry."* The course was run by the Guild of St Raphael and was very inspiring. We were invited to re-explore the healing ministry biblically and historically and to learn ways to help our churches learn from one another, from the wisdom and teachings of our predecessors and the healing ministry of Jesus for today's times.

I was also listening on BBC Radio 4 to Devi Sridhar's book *Preventable* which provides both scientific and human reflections on the pandemic. In her book she mentioned predicting that for many people, the winter lockdown of 2020-2021 would be one of the hardest times in many people's lives. And yet, her book keeps a very optimistic outlook because she knew, even then, that it would eventually pass. She explains that it is healthy to acknowledge what was lost, whether financially, emotionally or in terms of health.

The Guild of St. Raphael has a marvellous article called, *Resilience Trauma and Pastoral Recovery after Covid* and soon I hope to attend a course on this in May entitled, *"Health and Flourishing in Light of Covid 19: Healing and Mission."* Feel free to google it!

The Guild of St. Raphael promotes many ways in which churches can partner with GP's, therapists, counsellors, mental health experts and other Spiritual leaders to promote wellbeing for people of all ages. The scriptures are a marvellous toolkit for good mental health and a positive outlook in and of themselves.

The Celtic Church and the Iona tradition use healing prayers and liturgies routinely. And so, as we begin to resume some sense of joyful community and celebrate togetherness again, I feel emboldened that Gordon, Shirley and I may draw upon some of the skills we have gained and share them together in Currie.

In the meantime, may you keep well and keep the faith!

God bless, Easter



Come and Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



**Afternoon Tea and Entertainment
by our very own Kirk Singers**



**Saturday—4 June 2022,
2-4pm, Gibson Craig Hall, Currie**

**Tickets £5 each, available from the
Kirk Office 451-5141
or
email currie_kirk@btconnect.com**



Wear your best Afternoon Tea Dress and Hat!

Tricky Ricky

**Come and be spellbound by the multi-award-winning entertainer
Tricky Ricky.**

**He will be performing magic on Friday 3 June 2022, 2—4pm at
Gibson Craig Hall.**

A show suitable for children of all ages.

Refreshments on sale

Tickets are £3 per person (child or adult)



**Contact Fiona in the office on 0131 451 4151 or
email currie_kirk@btconnect.com to book your seats.**



The Company will hold its first Display and Presentation of Awards and Prizes for two years on Friday 27 May, 2022.

This will take place in the Gibson Craig Hall commencing 7.00pm with the chief guests being Mr and Mrs J Sawkins.

All friends of the Company are cordially invited to attend and it is hoped that a good number Queen's Badge holders will be present to congratulate our latest Queen's Men in the normal fashion.

Bill Brown
Captain
65th Edinburgh Company
The Boys' Brigade



The Guild

We are coming to the end of our 2021/22 session which, again, was very successful and enjoyable. Finally we were able to meet in person once more with only the Christmas Party and the first meeting in January which had to be cancelled. That was replaced by a zoom coffee and chat and the party became the Supper Evening which was held on Tuesday 19 April. Twenty five members shared a meal prepared by MacKenzies and entertained by Dekoy. Unfortunately I was not very successful in getting people up to dance and Dekoy didn't know the words to "You'll never walk alone" (my favourite!) – they have promised to learn them.

Our Guild outing is on Thursday 12 May when we travel to Alnwick via Berwick then return to Eyemouth for our evening meal. At present the bus appears to be full so we are looking forward to an enjoyable day out. A delightful way to round off this session. This is our third attempt to go on this outing so, hopefully, nothing will prevent us doing so.

So thanks to my wonderful committee who have supported me through another difficult year getting used to restrictions placed on face-to-face meetings. Let's just pray that 2022/23 will be uneventful in that respect. Also thanks to all members who bravely returned wearing masks and socially distancing from each other. It was marvellous to see so many of you.

If you are not a Guild member, please consider joining us. The Guild is open to both women and men and you do not have to be able to bake or wear a hat! For further information contact me on 466-3472 or elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk

Louise Lamont, Guild President

Heather's Update

The past few weeks have been pretty busy! Over the Easter school holidays I spent a week at SU camp near Aviemore where we had a fabulous time with 23 young people. We did lots of activities, off-site trips, and games. We also spent time looking at parts of Genesis in small groups and focused in on Joseph's story in our main evening teaching time. After two years of not being able to do residential holidays it was such a delight to be back there again. I also had the joy of taking two local young people with me, and one of the Currie High School S6 pupils I've been working with came along as a trainee leader. It is wonderful to see young people growing in their faith and having a desire to share that with others. Looking forward to the next one!

Prior to the Easter holidays I also had the pleasure of welcoming the three P4 classes from Currie Primary to the Kirk. Again, after not being able to host things like this for two years there was great excitement and joy (as well as some nerves!) about being able to welcome them once more. For the 88 children who came along there was excitement too as this was their first trip since pre-COVID! We began by thinking about why church is a special place for Christians and looked at some of the features and furniture in a church building that make it different from other places they might go. That was a learning experience for all of us as the children pointed out and asked questions about things I hadn't noticed before! We then told the Easter story using clues, items such as a donkey, a bag of coins, a rock, bread and wine etc. We wondered what they had to do with the Easter story and the children listened really well as we went through some of the key events of the first Easter. Finally, we headed outside to do an Easter trail. Around the building we had put trail sheets, produced by 10 Must know Bible stories, that the children were to find. On each was a true or false question about the Easter story and a letter they had to collect. Once they collected all the letters they were able to complete a sentence which was something the angel said to Mary at the tomb (can you guess what it was?!) Thankfully the weather stayed dry and we didn't get wet feet and soggy paper which we were outside! It was a wonderful day for all involved and hopefully it is just the beginning of visits like this once again.

Now a new school term is beginning and I'm looking forward to returning to Nether Currie Primary as well. Beginning on Wednesday 27 April I'll be going into the P7 class there to teach Bible Alive. Bible Alive is an 8 week course that teaches children the whole storyline of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in an interactive way. There's lots of opportunities for the pupils to get involved in acting out stories, taking part in quizzes, wearing costumes and props; alongside storytelling, Bible character monologues, videos etc. It is held together by Rhyme and Sign, a set of ten rhyming couplets which recap the story of the Bible and which are accompanied by British Sign Language signs. Each lesson lasts about an hour and is always enjoyed by everyone who takes part. There's also Monday Madness on 2 May to look forward to, SU groups with both primary and secondary pupils and all age services running throughout this term too. If you would like more regular updates on what I'm doing, and would like to pray for the work that's happening in the area, then you are very welcome to join my monthly prayer meetings which are held in Currie Community Church. The next one is taking place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 May and everyone is welcome. I'll leave you with some pictures from the school visit to the Kirk, taken and shared with permission.





Christian Aid Week—15-21 May

**Help Jessica
turn hunger
into hope**

'It pains me to
send my children
to bed hungry.'

**Give today to help this
loving mum provide
for her family.**

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May

The poster features a photograph of Jessica Mwedzi, a smiling woman in a green shirt, sitting on the floor with three children. One child is lying in her lap, while two others sit beside her. The background is a textured, grey wall. The poster has a red border and includes the Christian Aid logo in the bottom left corner.

Jessica Mwedzi is a kind and loving mum. Like you, she only wants what's best for her family. But in rural Zimbabwe, drought makes every day a struggle for survival.

'The scorching sun burnt my crops' she says. 'My children crave a decent meal, but I can't provide'.

You can help this loving mum provide food for her family.

Please give £5 today to help her grow seeds that will survive in this harsh climate. She'll have the chance to grow fresh food so her children can live full and happy lives, free from hunger.

To donate—envelopes will be available at the Gibson Craig Hall and Kirk during the month of May.

Flower Coordinator

The flower ministry is very important to the community and it is looking for a Coordinator to liaise with the flower arrangers to ensure that each Sunday the Kirk is looking its best.

If you are able to help with this please get in touch with Isobel Webber—who is standing in at present. Mobile 07702 784186 or email isobelwebber@btinternet.com.



HOLY TRINITY

The following is an extract from a letter received from the Foodbank of Holy Trinity Church.

Dear Donors

Thank you so much for the ongoing donations to the work of the Foodbank here in Wester Hailes. It is very much appreciated.

The Foodbank is wholly funded by donations from the congregation of Holy Trinity Church and by generous financial and good donations from local Churches in the west of Edinburgh, individuals, Trusts and by local supermarkets.

In 2021 we distributed a total of 2486 basic food parcels to a mix of individuals, couples and families from the area. Some clients only needed support on a few occasions, others required ongoing help due to their particular contexts.

During the year we met a total of 292 individual clients, equating to touching the lives of 824 adults and children through the service we offer. Unfortunately, changes in benefits, cost of living and fuel price increases are resulting in more people needing to access the foodbank—an average of approaching 60 clients are served each week at present.

As well as food poverty, many are experiencing fuel poverty with no electricity or gas to heat their homes or cook the food offered to them. In exceptional emergencies, we are able to top up individual's power cards. Volunteers also offer advice and direct people to suitable help which can address some of the issues which led to the crisis. This may be informing them of the Warm Home scheme through energy providers, the work of Christians against Poverty (for debt issues), counselling services or local services that can be useful.

Moving forward, working with the Holy Trinity Bridge Café manager and cook we will be offering clients a choice of café-prepared frozen take-away meals each week.

We are also looking to increase collaborative working with other groups and agencies in the area, and to expand our links with local schools through providing supplies for distribution to children coming to school with no breakfast or snacks.

Thank you for partnering with us in this vital service. It is so very much appreciated.

Warm regards,

(Signed) Rita

Rev Dr Rita Welsh, Foodbank Coordinator

Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is available to hire. The Booking Co-ordinator is Viola MacPhail

Contact Details: gibsoncraigbooking@gmail.com
Tel: 07806 806920

	Contact name	Tel/email	Day
Balerno Bridge Club	Sandra Renton	449 3527	Monday 1.30-4.30
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	douglaslowe51@btinternet.com	Monday 7-9 pm twice monthly from 3/10/22-20/3/23
Currie Country Dance Club	Sylvia Dalgleish	449 6262	Wednesday fortnightly 7.30-9.30 from 15/3-25/5
Nether Currie Baby and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	07743 067588	Friday: 9.30 am—11.30 am (term time only)
F45 Fitness	Grant Gibson	07791 327777	Taster sessions to 4/6/22
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	tomlowe69@hotmail.co.uk	Thursday: 10.15 am—11.15 am
Pilates	Ellen Foster	07752698425 ellenfosterphysio@outlook.com	Saturday 10.30-11.30

The Meeting Place

The meeting place is held every Monday for the over 65's and their carers, in the Scout Hall Forth View Crescent, Currie, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Lunch is served for a modest £4.00.

Our main focus is offering a place to all our residents looking for companionship in a safe friendly environment where they can enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

For more information phone 07711 046041 or just call in.

Allan Murray.

Family News

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

Mrs Margaret Greig, Currie

Please pray for the family



As all restrictions have been lifted Shona is now returning to the previous arrangements for the magazines to be collected either at the church or from the Kirk office.



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

On 10 April—Rose Elizabeth Fleming and Rebecca Jane Fleming daughters of Robbie and Annie Fleming and sisters to Izzy.



May/June Flower List

May

- 1 Mrs I Greig
- 8 Mrs J Bannister
- 15 Mrs S Ramsay
Mr A Forsyth
Mrs D Nixon
Mr T Gatenby

- 22 Mrs A Smith
- 29 Mrs A Haston
Mrs V Macphail

June

- 5 Mr B Eunson
Mrs M McDonald
- 12 Mrs M Watson
- 19 Flower Fund
- 26 Flower Fund

The flowers are enjoyed and appreciated by so many. If you are attending Church on any given Sunday can you let me know if you are able to deliver flowers after the service. Thank you.

Should anyone wish information regarding donations to the Flower Fund please contact Isobel Webber or the office.



WHO'S WHO



NAME	CONTACT	EMAIL CONTACT/TIMES	TELEPHONE NO
Minister	Rev Dr Easter Smart		449 4719
Currie Kirk Church Office (Scottish Charity No. SC001554)	Gibson Craig Halls, Lanark Road West, Currie, EH14 5NY Email currie_kirk@btconnect.com	Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am— 12.30 pm	451 5141
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Weddings/Funeral Officer	Sandy Harper		451 5141
Organist	Contact Church Office		451 5141
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Hospital Transport Coordinator	Liz Potter	lizpotter66@virginmedia.com	07769 684029
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Life and Work	Shona Moyes	shona.moyes@btopenworld.com	
Magazine Distributor	Jean Dick		451 5141
Boys' Brigade Captain	Bill Brown Anchors Juniors Company/Seniors	Thursday 6.00-7.00 pm Thursday 7.00-8.30 pm Friday & Sunday 6.30-8.30	449 4905 07878377897
Banner Group	Janet Robertson	Tuesday	
Care Van	Fiona Pigott	Once a month	
Pastoral Visitors	Gordon Clephane	Gordon.clephane@blueyonder.co.uk	449 2313
Currie Kirk Singers	Gordon Cranford	Various	
Guild	Louise Lamont	Tuesday/ elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk	466 3472
Family Worker	Heather Merriman	familyworker_jvp@outlook.com	
Walking Group	Moira McDonald	Third Sunday of each month	466 1115



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Can now be found on the Currie Kirk Website with one click to <http://www.curriekirk.org/>
Kirknews—why not mark it as a favourite. **Articles for the July/August issue should be sent—
using a Word attachment—by email to isobelwebber@btinternet.com before or by Friday 24 June.**
Please insert the words “Kirk News” into the subject.