

CARNTYNE PARISH NEWS



December 2021

FROM THE MANSE

Last year ‘Christmas is cancelled’ was the cry in the media, as Covid-19 restrictions meant that families were unable to gather to enjoy the festivities together. This morning (in mid-November) I heard on the radio that ‘Christmas is saved’ as the poultry industry considers it now has enough workers to ensure there will be no shortage of turkeys this year.

Yet, can Christmas ever be ‘cancelled’; does it need to be ‘saved’? Even when Christmas has to be pared-back, as it was last year, it is still a celebration – a time of thanksgiving for the coming of the Messiah, of Emmanuel - God with us.

For some, Christmas is a time only for feasting and festivities. A brightness in the dark days of winter, enjoyable but short-lived (and for some not even that). For others, Christmas is a blessing. As someone has written:

Blessed Are They Who Find Christmas.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the age-old story of a babe born in Bethlehem. To them a little child will always mean hope and promise to a troubled world.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the Christmas star. Their lives may ever reflect its beauty and light.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the joy of giving lovingly to others. They shall share the gladness and joy of the shepherds and wise men of old.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the fragrant greens, the cheerful holly and soft flicker of candles. To them shall come bright memories of love and happiness.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the happy music of Christmas time. They shall have a song of joy ever singing in their hearts.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the message of the Prince of Peace. They will ever strive to help him bring peace on earth, goodwill to all. (Author unknown)

May you be richly blessed this Christmas, and in the year ahead. Joan

KIRK SESSION NEWS

Isn't it wonderful to be back to some sort of normality?

Although we were unable to worship for some time, the work of the church continued. We were fortunate that we were able to worship in the church when permitted, even though we were in a building site. Thankfully this has now been completed.

There were many hiccups along the way and a lot of hard work by volunteers to clean the church ready for reopening.

A lot of changes will be taking place within the Church of Scotland Mission Plan and many of the Session are involved in meetings to discuss what the future will hold for us.

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Sadly, we lost three of our long serving elders. Stuart Thomson, Joe Fletcher and Kenneth Harper. All had served their districts

diligently when able, with 150 years' service between them serving God and the church. Their families appreciated that members of the church had gathered in the square to pay their respects as the cortege passed. They will all be sadly missed.

We also lost a good number of our members and friends, and our thoughts and prayers are for their families.

ORDINATION

On Sunday 24th October the Ordination of Elders took place when we welcomed Julie Bell, Karen Scott, Karen Skillen and Catherine Smillie to the Session.

They received the right hand of fellowship and were warmly welcomed by all.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thanks to all who helped Christian Aid raise over 5 million pounds.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

This is being planned at the moment to take place on Saturday 4th December from 10:00 - 12.30. There will be a few stalls and hopefully many of our members will be able to come along and have a cup of tea, a hot filled roll and a good catch up.

At the time of writing, Remembrance Sunday is looming.

The Remembering Service will be on 5th December and we hope to have a Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve.

Hope to see many of you back at church by then.

On behalf of the Kirk Session, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy 2022.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

COMMUNION ROLL

We note the death of the following members and adherents:

May

Joseph Fletcher, Abbeyhill Street
Betty Stalker, Newhaven Street

June

Jon McKendrick, Morningside Street

August

Joan Ferguson, Inverleith Street
Kenneth Harper, 4 Redhill Road,
Cumbernauld
Marion Lappin, 12 Greenbank Road,
Cumbernauld

October

Margaret Greenshields, formerly of
Tanfield Street
Bill Glen, Erskine Home

BUILDINGS UPDATE

Phase 1 of our refurbishment project was complete as of Monday 16th August and we are very grateful to our Contractor W H Kirkwood Ltd. who coordinated the Project for us.

The work started on 21st February and was a major project which covered stripping and repairing of all roof areas, identifying and eliminating Dry and Wet Rot, refurbishment and replacement of rainwater goods and refurbishment and repairs of all windows. The exterior Fabric of the building is now sound as we move into the Winter and we are very grateful for the generous Grant Support we received which, along with our local fundraising, meant that we could go ahead.

In addition to the work mentioned, as part of this phase we took the opportunity to install a CCTV Roof alarm system which is monitored 24 hours a day to protect the building and the new roof and lead work. As always, we ask everyone when passing the building to check

around and report anything which looks out of the ordinary.

Phase 2. Work has started on plans for the interior work to convert the Church building for multipurpose use to include all of the activities we currently hold in our halls as well as our regular acts of Worship.

Rebecca Cadie of ARPL Architects Ltd who headed Phase1 for us has been reengaged to manage this next exciting phase for us and brings extensive experience of this type of work. A small team has been set up, including the Minister, Session Clerk and some Elders, which will be led by Rebecca, to come up with proposals for discussion and approval by the Congregation and the General Trustees.

We hope to have something to share with you over the next few months along with an estimate of the cost so we can start the process of Fundraising and Grant Funding applications.

Our local Fundraising is very important as we have to demonstrate to funders that we have

raised some of the refurbishment cost ourselves. We were very successful with Phase 1 in that regard and although Fundraising activities for Phase 2 will start in earnest from the beginning of next year all donations continue to be greatly appreciated and should be marked for the Refurbishment Fund.

FINANCES

Thanks to all who continued to support our work by regular giving over the course of the pandemic. This was very helpful, particularly on fixed costs which we incurred whether we were open or not, and significantly reduced the amount we had to eat in to from our limited Reserves.

Over the past 18 months a number of folks have taken the opportunity to move to Standing Order Payment for regular giving. This is easy to set up and is very helpful so if you would like to take up this option, please contact The Session Clerk or Treasurer.

ORGANISATIONS

THE GUILD

As most of you will know by now the Guild in Carntyne Church has had to discontinue. The committee met at the beginning of March 2020 and unanimously made the sad decision that we could no longer go on. It had been difficult to get new committee members especially office bearers. Morag Harper had valiantly kept the Guild going by taking on the Convenor and treasurer posts, but this could not continue indefinitely. We had hoped to finish at our AGM in May 2020, but the pandemic meant that this was not possible. We would like to thank our members for their support and all the happy times we have shared over the years. We ask that you keep Morag Harper in your prayers as she goes through this difficult time in her life.

Wishing you all on behalf of the Guild Committee a happy, peaceful Christmas and a new year filled with hope.

Sandra Black & Irene Galloway

A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF GUILD HISTORY



The earliest mention I could find regarding the Woman's Guild in High Carntyne (later to be renamed 'The Guild', so that it included male members, was from the very first Church Newsletter dated April 1932 was as follows:

'Woman's Guild met on Thursday 10 March and had a very interesting lecture by Mrs M Murray, B.D. on ~Work among the Fisher-girls.~ It was hoped that with more accommodation these meetings will become more frequent.'

The Woman's Guild had joint meetings with the Work Party once a month. It wasn't until June 1939 that a meeting of all the ladies' organisations met to launch a new Woman's Guild. Up until this point the congregation had a Work Party and a Guild. It was said that it had always been a weakness for women's work that these two had been separated, so it was decided at this meeting to amalgamate

them and the Guild of Friendship to become an enlarged Guild. This was launched at a meeting held on Monday 18 September 1939. We thank God for all those women who served and kept it going.

In 2016 we were renamed as Carntyne Guild when we had several very welcome members from South Carntyne Church joining us.

The Guild in this form continued during the war years knitting for the troops and carrying on with their usual meetings. By the end of 1939 they had knitted 3 pairs of sea-booted stockings, 104 pairs of socks, 78 pairs of mittens, 139 scarves, 19 helmets and 3 blankets. It wasn't until 1950 that the Guild of Friendship was mentioned as a separate organisation.

The membership of the Woman's Guild in December 1950 was 150. At that time churches were full and indeed in an intimation from that date, even the choir had intimated that they had no room for any new members. The Guild went on to continue throughout the years serving the church. There have been

speakers, entertainers and plays performed by members far too many to mention. Not forgetting the countless 'Bring and Buy' sales and of course in recent years the Wednesday Coffee mornings.

The Guild has had many Presidents, later to be called Convenors, but a very special mention to **Morag Harper** who had served not only as Convenor but treasurer too. This was so appreciated by not only the committee but all Guild members.

Sandra Black

Parent and Toddlers

We have been up and running again since August and have a lovely group of Mums, Dads, and Grannies bringing the tots to us on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We provide healthy snacks of toast and fruit for the children and a welcome cuppa for the parents.

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Boys' Brigade

The new Boys' Brigade session is under way and I'm happy to report that many of the boys that were with us before the pandemic have come back as well as plenty of new members. We currently have around 12 Anchors and 15 Juniors so both sections are close to their maximum capacity for the number of staff we have. Company section (for boys in P7 and above) still has room for more members, so if you know someone who would like to join please invite them to come along on a Monday evening from 7pm.

Finally, if you are interested in helping us out on a Monday night, please get in touch at gary_lappin@yahoo.co.uk

BROWNIES

We're back at 278th Brownies in full swing We have approximately 21 Brownies every week.

We have been working on badges. All of us love getting badges.

We are running on full capacity just now but should be OK after the Festive season to take on new members.

Anne, Gina, Catriona, Angel

RAINBOWS

Hi, my name is Karen and I take the 278th Glasgow rainbows at Carntyne Church. We meet on a Wednesday night at 5.45 until 6.45. Rainbows are the first part of the guiding family. Our girls start when they are 5 and stay with us until they are 7 then they move up to Brownies. We learn about being a rainbow and how much fun we have making

new friends, how to make our promises and be part of the guide family.

Just now we have started our level 1 first aid badge. It covers lot of things e.g., germs and understanding how people feel but it's all about having fun. We currently have 18 rainbows. If you would like to register your daughter for Rainbows, please go online

Karen

GUIDES

All four sections of Girlguiding meet on **Wednesday** evenings in Carntyne Church Halls, offering fun, learning and adventure to girls aged between 5 and 18. All sections of the 278th Guides offer a varied programme involving Skills Builders, Unit Meeting Activities and Interest Badges covering a huge range of subjects within Girlguiding's six programme themes. Girls who complete a number of activities and badges can go on to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Last year our Rainbows and Brownies were unable to meet during the pandemic

lockdown, and only a small number of girls took part in weekly online meetings of the Guides and Rangers combined. We still managed to have fun and enjoy a wide range of activities via Zoom, including an international meeting with Girl Scouts in New York, USA and Guides in Ontario, Canada. From September all our sections have been back in person, and it has been great to see so many girls returning to Guiding in Carntyne.

All sections meet on Wednesday evenings –

- **Rainbows (Ages 5-7): 5.45pm – 6.45pm**
- **Brownies (Ages 7-10): 6.30pm – 8.00pm**
- **Guides (Ages 10-14): 7.15pm – 9.15pm**
- **Rangers (ages 14-18): 7.15pm – 9.15pm**

To join any section or register for the waiting list go to the Girlguiding website [Register your daughter | Girlguiding](#). The unit number for Carntyne is 278th Glasgow, and if you select this as your first choice on the registration page you will be contacted by a local leader.

Carolyn McGrath - Ranger Guide Leader

THE LADIES CLUB

The Ladies Club started back in September. Unfortunately, we are missing quite a few of our members. We would be delighted to see them back and welcome new ladies who would like to join us on Tuesdays at 7pm.

We enjoy bowls and dominoes. None of us are experts so do not let that stop you. Most of all we enjoy each other's company, tea, coffee, cakes, and biscuits.

We now also use the downstairs hall, so no climbing of stairs. Covid has a lot to answer for so don't let it win. Why not give us a try, we are looking forward to seeing you!

Margaret Kelly
Secretary

GROWING TOGETHER

We were very happy to start meeting face to face again in September and around a dozen folks are gathering each week at our new

time of Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm in our new venue in the Crichton Hall. Our voices are gaining strength as we enjoy singing together again, hymns old and new.

We began the session thinking about how important each one of us is to God and that he knows who we are, where we are and why we are and has a purpose for each one of us in His plans. We are now discovering how much God wants to bless us as we look at the words of Jesus in the beatitudes.

We have time for a good chat as we have our tea and coffee together, and we are always happy to have an excuse for a celebration!



There is plenty of room for more folk so why not come along and see what we get up to. Any Tuesday afternoon in school term time

Janet Martin

CHURCH FLOWERS

We hope to have flowers back in the Church from the end of November and we are looking for help to arrange them each week and also help with delivery in our Parish after each service. If you can assist in any way, please contact May Fawns.



OLDER PEOPLES' DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Dear Friends,

I can't quite believe how fast the last few months have gone and how the end of the year is approaching. Some of our groups are back in the hall and have changed a little but because of the size of our hall it is easy to maintain good distances. It has been really lovely to see people face to face.

The Wednesday Walking Group continues with gentle exercise and chat. We meet outside the church gate at 11am.

Film Club is on Thursdays and is in the large hall. We project the film onto the wall beside the kitchen and members are enjoying the large screen. It also goes out on zoom so folk can still choose to stay at home if they prefer. Members are looking forward to watching some Christmas films together.

- 9 Dec We're No Angels
- 16 Dec Holiday Inn

- 23 Dec The Shop Around the Corner
(Please note there is no Film Club on 2nd Dec)

Lunch Club and Ageing Well, both on Friday, have restarted but there is room for new folk at both. Our regular Zoom groups continue; Coffeetime Chat on Tuesday and a short prayer service on Wednesday.

The Zoom links are detailed below:

- Coffeetime Zoom on Tuesdays at 10am
 - Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010
- Wednesday Space at 10am
 - Meeting ID: 884 4248 5052
- Film Club on Thursdays at 1pm
 - Meeting ID: 853 1316 0371

Do phone me on 07734007260 for more information about any of the above or if you'd like support accessing any of the groups.

Kindest regards,

Aileen

LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Collective Architecture and Arcadis are working with Glasgow City Council to develop the first Liveable Neighbourhoods for the City which includes Carntyne and Riddrie. A liveable neighbourhood supports living, working, commerce and culture within its area; encourages sustainable transport to move around it; and has a distinct character.

They are also known as 20-minute neighbourhoods where people can meet their everyday needs within a short walk or cycle. We will be holding an event in Carntyne Parish Church Hall on the 02nd December 11.00 am to 5.00pm to explore how we could develop a Liveable Neighbourhood for Carntyne and Riddrie.

Chris Stewart

PAM

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely gifts, letters,
and cards you sent me via my friend Joan.



It is over 2 years and a Covid pandemic since I last saw you. A lot has happened to us all in that time. Life in northern Ghana is very different to my life in Accra. For one thing, my colleague Yvonne and I and another Dutch lady are the only white people living in the area. This has an unexpected consequence: my nearest hairdresser is 600miles away in Accra, and so my self-styled 'Covid hair' has grown and grown. Antoinette did her best last week, but....

The other thing you might notice is that I have lost weight. The doctor in Accra who did my immigration medical for my residence permit, suggested I try to lose weight as my BMI was too high. With the high temperatures last Spring, an almost entirely unprocessed food diet, a housemate who does not like deserts and cake, and a batch of bad water at a Pastors induction service, my BMI is now stable in the normal range.

So, what have I been doing? Amongst other things I have been supervising some quite extensive renovations at the SIM House to stabilise the ground and stop soil erosion in

the rainy season and repair and redecorate parts of the main house. On Sundays I have visited churches from several different denominations in very different contexts to give a presentation about Malachi Clubs and encourage them to think seriously about their ministry to children and the role of Christian parents in their children's discipling and spiritual development.



Tree of Life AOG meets under a canopy, the local Baptists and two other AOG congregations meet in school classrooms, the Anglican congregation's building had a roof and incomplete walls when I first visited, the GNBC churches in Kalijisa and Bilinsa meet in small purpose-built buildings, while the new AOG Church in Chuchuliga and Christ the King RC church in the centre of Sandema town are very large churches with matching congregations.

Small, vibrant communities of God's people are springing up all over North Builsa. Some are actively engaged in reaching out to children, but some still concentrate mainly on adult members. As part of the Equipping the Church for Mission team, Ps Nicholas, his wife Vivian, and I with others, want to help churches, pastors and parents engage and disciple children in the love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and build a strong Christian foundation for their lives before they reach their teen years. The issue is urgent! Builsa society is rapidly changing. Young people want the lifestyle and goods they see on television, but wages are low and youth

unemployment is high, so some are drawn to illegal means to obtain them. Teenage marriage and pregnancy, theft, drunkenness, and drug use cause concern within the community.

One Sunday, when the truck was out of order, I walked to my nearest church, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, for what was the final service of their Presbytery Youth Conference. The preacher brought out many important themes for the Youth's future ministry particularly in their relationship with their children. 'Ministry is service to God, but it is not complete until it has a positive impact on humanity, so what is done outside church is as important as in church. The Youth, those aged 18-40, will be called on by the church and Christ, to provide leadership to today's children who will succeed them, but *'success without a successor is failure!'*

'You hope your children will grow up to be good, but if you do not sow that into them, they will come to follow your example. If we do not fill our children with the word of God, Satan will fill them with his lies.' Children

watch your lifestyle and learn from you, so they can say with justification, 'If you do it, stop telling us not to do it.'

I could not have said it better!

My annual review in May produced the following future ministry points

- a. Carry on Buli language and culture learning as time allows.
- b. Continue to be aware of teaching materials available for children and families in Ghana
- c. Continue to keep in touch with groups that have started and arrange follow up training as requested
- d. Look at ways to develop parenting training in churches if needed.
- e. Work with organisations which produce audio Bibles, or similar, so that non-reading older ladies will be able to teach the children and grow their faith at the same time.

Researching teaching materials can be done on-line from Sandema through the 4/14 academy. This is a free library of materials produced by 4/14 network, 1for 50, Global

Children's Forum, OneHope and Viva amongst others for children's and youth leaders. However, sometimes it is better to meet face to face.

Whilst I was in Accra, I was able to meet up with Saviour from 1for 50 Ghana to plan for a return visit to Builsaland next February; this time for three days. She and Humphrey will do follow-up visits to clubs that have already started and spread the vision into Builsa South, where the Local Council of Churches have expressed an interest in learning about Malachi Clubs.

While in Accra I also visited Theovision's International Headquarters. This is a Ghanaian based organisation producing audio Bibles in the many different languages of Ghana, Kenya and beyond. As has happened many times in the last two years, God had gone before, and a team from Theovision was already visiting the Sandema area, training leaders for Bible Listening Groups, so non-readers can gather to hear and discuss God's word in, Buli, their own heart language. This will be a great joy to our non-reading older ladies.

Saviour also put me in contact with the regional organiser for Mum's @ Prayer, and through her to, Alice, the local contact in Sandema. SIM's strapline is *By Prayer*, and as we were thinking about Malachi clubs, I realised we needed prayer support to bring them into being. A group of local ladies agreed to come each Thursday night to pray for the children, families, schools, and teachers in our area. Then several of the ladies said, 'We did this before Covid through Mum's @ Prayer.' Again, I found God had gone before, and another part of the network was already in place.

Please give thanks for what has been achieved already in Sandema and pray for the ongoing arrangements for the meetings in February, and preparatory meetings in South Builsa in the coming weeks.

Please pray for pastors and congregations to recognise that children can have a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ from a young age and they are part of the church today, not just the church of tomorrow.

Please continue to pray for Christian parents and families, that they will put Jesus at the centre of their home life. And for pastors to actively encourage them in this.

Please pray for Alice and for there to be Mum's @ Prayer groups in every community in Sandema and District



Praying you all have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. With love and Prayers.

Pam



Christmas Word Search



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For Children

Sunday	Morning	Explorers
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Monday	Morning	- Parent and Toddlers
	Evening	- Anchor Boys/Boys' Brigade
Wednesday	Morning	- Parent and Toddlers
	Evening	- Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
Thursday	Morning	- Parent and Toddlers

For Adults

Sunday	Evening	—	A.A.
Monday	Afternoon		A.A. Sunshine Club
Tuesday	Afternoon		Growing Together
	Evening	-	Ladies Recreation Club
Wednesday	Afternoon	-	A.A.
	Afternoon	-	Men's Recreation Club
	Evening	-	Men's Recreation Club
Thursday	Evening	-	Slimming World
Friday	Morning		Slimming World
	Afternoon	-	Lunch Club
	Afternoon	-	Young at Heart Club

ORGANISATIONS

Parents & Toddlers Mon. Wed. Thurs. 9.30am

Sunshine Club Monday 2.15pm

Anchor Boys Monday 6.30pm

Jnr. & Co. B.B. Monday 6.30pm

Growing Together Tuesday 2pm

Ladies Club Tuesday 7pm

Guides Wednesday 7.15pm

Men's Club Wed. 2.15pm & 7pm

Rainbows Wednesday 5.45pm

Brownies Wednesday 6.30pm

Lunch Club Friday 12 noon

Ageing Well Friday 1:00pm

**WORSHIP AT CARNTYNE
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Sunday

**11am Morning Worship; with
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