

CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



December 2022

FROM OUR DEACON

Dear friends,

It has been quite a journey over the last few months. For the congregation of Cranhill the time of vacancy has been much longer than that of Carntyne, but you have journeyed together and have come together for the next part of the journey. That journey marked a turning point when the congregations were united in a service that people felt was emotional and appropriate. I admire the way you have worked together to become one, and for the many times people have kept me on the right path when I did not know how you normally did things! And we can focus on the next part of the life of the church with confidence that even now God is preparing someone to come and be your minister.

I feel I have got to know you very quickly and that is testament to the way in which you have included me. This has meant that I have been able to quickly identify areas to focus on for the future direction of the congregation, and we are well on the way to

getting the parish profile ready so that when the green light is given a Nominating Committee can be formed and the process of seeking a minister can begin. We are not sure yet when this will happen, but I feel there will be ministers who are ready to move and I would hope the process would not take too long. However, don't quote me on a timeline! There are hurdles to clear before that work can begin but I felt that after the service of union there was a renewed determination to do whatever is necessary to move forward as one church. Over the next wee while the shape of the future should become more clear and I hope everyone can feel excited about what lies ahead.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported me to be your Deacon in these months. It was a blessing on Remembrance Sunday to see the church full with people and colour, and didn't the young people do everyone proud? When they came forward for a poppy every one of them said thank you, and the way they handled what would have seemed a long service was absolutely marvellous. It gives me hope for the future,

and I hope it gladdened your hearts that day too. There are signs of new growth everywhere, even in the least expected places. As we turn our attention to Christmas at what is a very challenging time for us all, I pray you will know the blessing of the Christ child coming into your hearts and homes in a new way. I pray that our nation will step back from the mania that normally surrounds Christmas and focus once again on giving thanks for our togetherness. They say that Christmas is for the weans, but it's not. God's gift is for all of us.

There will be lots to get excited about as we approach Christmas. Our services in December will build towards the celebration of Christmas Day, and with the day itself being a Sunday this year we will gather for worship. It is always a good one for me because I get to see what the children got, and often the adults bring their presents too! Let us, as we move through the time of Advent, reflect on where we see Jesus at work in our lives. Be still and allow him to speak to you as he leads you into a new adventure together.
Every blessing, Paul

KIRK SESSION NEWS

They say that time flies when you are enjoying yourself, well we must have been having a whale of a time, as it is nearly Christmas already.

Paul Cathcart

Paul has been with us for a good few months now and is appreciated by the congregation.

During the vacancy he has had his work cut out, between looking after us and his work with the Presbytery Plan, and we are grateful for all that he does for us. Having continuity during a vacancy makes life so much easier. Thanks Paul.

Union

On Thursday the 10th November the Service of Union of Carntyne and Cranhill Churches took place. There was a very moving service and the singing was amazing. Members of Presbytery joined us afterwards in the Crichton Hall, where there was a lovely fellowship between both churches. Thanks to all who helped set up the hall, made sandwiches and baked and to those who served the tea and cleared up afterwards.

There is now a new noticeboard erected with the new name of the church, Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church. Parent and Toddlers have also renewed their banners and changed their name to Tiny Tots.

The Kirk Session have been busy with meetings as there are so many changes and decisions to be made. At present we are busy preparing a Parish Profile in the hope that we will get the right to call a minister and we want to be prepared if we do. We are feeling optimistic about this, so please remember us in your prayers. The manse

has been decorated in preparation for a minister to move in, if and when.

Christmas Fayre

At the time of writing our Christmas Fayre is only two weeks away on 26th November 10am -12pm. Hope to see you there, and as usual Santa will be in his Grotto and our youngsters will be entertaining us before he comes.

Remembering Service

There will be a short Remembering Service at 2pm in the Church on Sunday 4th December.

This is for anyone who has been bereaved, but it is open to everyone.

Watchnight Service

For the first time since before Covid we are able to have our Watchnight Service on Saturday 24th December at 11.30pm. Please spread the word to those in the

community as many non-church goers used to turn up at this service every year and it is important that they know that it will happen this year.

Offering Envelopes

Free Will and Gift Aid Envelopes will be delivered to homes soon. This year all envelopes are white, so please don't think you have been given the wrong ones. Thank you for continuing to support the Church with your givings.

Help

I am not going to list the things that people could help with, but if you have free time even if it only means picking up litter or pulling out a few weeds as you pass your help would be gratefully received.

On behalf of the Kirk Session, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2023.

May Fawns, Session Clerk

THE SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION OF ANCIENT
BUILDINGS (SPAB) HERITAGE
AWARDS
NOVEMBER 2022

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) believes old buildings have a future. Founded in London by William Morris in 1877, the SPAB was established in response to the work of Victorian architects whose enthusiasm for harmful restoration often caused irreparable damage.

From cottages to castles and from churches to cathedrals they exist to help buildings and the people who care for them. Members of the SPAB living and working in Scotland formed their own semi-autonomous group in 1995 as Scotland has its own building traditions, architectural language and property laws, all of which are best dealt with locally.

The society held its first Heritage Awards Ceremony in London on 4th November and

we were delighted to win The John Betjeman Award for Phase 1 of our Church Refurbishment Project.

The award celebrates excellence in the repair of places of worship of all denominations and faiths in the UK and Ireland and was established in 1990 and named in honour of writer, conservation campaigner and SPAB Committee member (1952-1977) Sir John Betjeman.

The award is given for projects of repair or conservation at historic faith buildings (such as churches, chapels, meeting houses, synagogues, mosques, temples) which remain in use for worship. Projects can be of any scale, but must be for a specific part of the building's fabric (e.g., tower, wall, roof, floor) or a significant element of its fittings or furnishings (e.g., monument, screen, tomb, seating), rather than a general programme of works.

Projects must have been carried out within the previous two years. Importantly, the award is always made to the building rather than to any individual, so this is a chance for a whole community to celebrate the quality of work completed in its building.

Projects Shortlisted in Scotland for 2022 were:

- Shore Chapel, Isle of Bute;
- Bishopton, West Glasgow;
- Carntyne, Glasgow;
- St Aloysius, Glasgow

We were represented by Rebecca Cadie of ARPL Architects at the Awards ceremony at Conway Hall in London on 4th November 2022 and the Tweet and photo show Rebecca picking up the award on our behalf.





Thread



SPAB
@SPAB1877



The Scottish John Betjeman award went to Carntyne Parish Church, Glasgow for its comprehensive repair programme.



Tweet your reply



ORGANISATIONS

It was so good to have representatives from all the uniformed organisations at the Remembrance Sunday Service on November 13th.



As it was our first service as Carntyne and Cranhill Church, we were especially happy to welcome Officers and girls from the 63rd Girls' Brigade Company which meets regularly in Cranhill. We look forward to seeing you again.

The Ladies Club

The 'Ladies Club' started back in September. Initially there weren't very many ladies, but now our numbers are rising. We usually play bowls, dominoes and a little line dancing, tea and a chat, but one Tuesday we went as a group to a fashion show in Shettleston Church.

We all got some bargains and a nice night out. Now we are thinking of our Christmas night and Santa bringing us a small gift. We would welcome any ladies who would like to join us on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Margaret Kelly, Secretary

Growing Together

What is 'the Church' anyway? And what does it really mean to 'follow Jesus', especially when the going gets tough? Just 2 of the questions we have thought about since we started back in September.

It was great that Pam was able to give us an update on her busy life in Ghana before she returned; and we enjoyed looking back and seeing how the work of Children for Christ in Romania has grown and developed since the first summer camp was held in 1993, with 24 children attending. Last summer 576 children attended summer camps and a good number understood for the first time the good news about Jesus and made a commitment to follow Him.

One afternoon we enjoyed singing one another's favourite hymns and on another we thought about the challenging times in which we live.

Of one thing we are sure – Jesus wants us to reach out to those around us and those we meet with His love. But 'What does love look like in this situation?' A question we can

take away with us into all our everyday situations.

Maybe you have a question you'd like to ask... Come and join us on Tuesday afternoons in the Crichton Hall, 2-4pm. You'll enjoy the chat over tea and coffee for sure!

Janet Martin



ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT **FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

Dear Friends,

We have had a busy time with our regular activities and some one off events.

Partnership work

The Faith in Community 'Scotland Shaping the Future' Programme provided a grant of £2820 which was used for a delivered afternoon tea while the hall was not in use, funding for a tea dance (attended by 40 people) when the hall was re-opened, litter picking equipment for the walking group, hall hire for the film club and monthly arts and crafts sessions for Ageing Well.

Thursday Film Club A highlight for the group this year was a group outing to the Glasgow Film Theatre and lunch afterwards paid for by a grant from Arnold Clark.

Ageing Well. A summer outing was organised to Kirkintilloch for a canal boat trip with fish and chips, a walk on Croy Hill and afternoon tea at Auchinstarry. Two tech experts from Glasgow's Golden Generation visit fortnightly. A podiatrist also runs a clinic every two months and there are month art sessions.

Coming up:

I'd like to invite folk to a Service of Remembering on Sunday 4th December at 2pm in the church. With tea and coffee afterwards. If you know of anyone who is bereaved and would like to opportunity to remember a loved one, please invite them.

Also, I have applied for some funding to run a Community Cafe on a Thursday morning from December to March. I will need some volunteers who could help with this. If you'd like to know more, please speak to me.

In the meantime, the following activities continue:

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 serve tea and coffee at the break. Unfortunately, it has proved impossible to beam out on Zoom recently.

Lunch Club (12noon) and Ageing Well (1pm), both on Friday. We still have monthly art sessions and bi-monthly tech sessions and we expect the community podiatrist sometime in December.

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

If you would like to know more or would like help accessing any of the above groups, my phone number is 07734 007260. My email address is: amacdonald-haak@churchofscotland.org.uk

With my best wishes, Aileen



PAMS PAGES

It was really good to spend some time in the UK over the summer, catching up with friends and family and the usual routine health checks. Thank you to all who hosted me, fed me, and ferried me to my next destination. We had some amazing conversations, good laughs, and great testimonies to the goodness of God, in Ghana and in the UK. I am sorry that there were some of you I did not get to meet. It was a short trip, but you are in my prayers.

I left Sandema on July 18th for holiday/home assignment and spent a few days in Accra before flying to Glasgow. The rest of July was taken up with medical, dental and optician's checks, and a short trip to the Scottish Borders to meet with some praying friends.

In Glasgow I found my home church was vacant and uniting with a neighbouring parish to become part of a 'cluster' of three parishes working together. Despite all the changes, I detected a new sense of hope in the congregation and was glad to be able to

contribute some of my previous outreach experience to the discussions. The rest of August was taken up with visits to family and friends in England and catching up with supporters and friends in Scotland, including the Scottish SIM prayer group in Livingston. It was good to meet up again with June Beveridge our Scottish mobiliser, and old and new faces in SIM Scotland and hear their stories.

September started in the Scottish Borders, spending time with friends and churches I first met three years ago while I waited to get back to Ghana. It was good to be able to relax, go for walks in the beautiful countryside and share good food and something of God's work in Ghana and, share in His activities in rural Scotland.



*At 'the Kelpies' near
Falkirk., Scotland*



*Betty (left) my
Glasgow host and
Janet (right) my
Church Mentor.*

I was in Dun when Queen Elizabeth¹¹ died and shared in the national sadness of her passing but was also reminded of her lifelong witness to God's faithfulness and guidance during the 70 years of her reign. After leaving Duns I met several friends in Edinburgh and then led the Growing Together prayer and Bible study group at my church in Glasgow, before flying back to Accra on September 22nd. Since coming back, much of the harvest has been gathered in and I have been very busy with various trainings, meetings, and future planning

Please Pray

Continue to pray for the three-day 1 for 50 trainings for the school vacations in December and January, that accommodation would be available, and good bi-lingual trainers will be identified. Give thanks for a local pastor who is interested in Malachi clubs, church in the home, and 1for 50 training. Pray for wisdom in how to proceed with this congregation.

Give thanks for a truck which had problems in December which allowed me to meet Inusa. Pray that he will continue to grow in Christ as he reads his Bible and tells others about Jesus and that he finds a good church.

Most have been on-line including, crisis management training, hearing of new research into young people's attitudes to the Bible and justice, global prayer events and cafes and discovering new 1 for 50 children's material.

Recently, the SIM Ghana leadership team all met together in Tamale for two days of reports and prayerfully considering God's plans for SIM Ghana in the coming months. Travel to Tamale allowed me to meet one of my 'angels' _who helped when my truck broke down near Walewale, last December. As we talked then, I realised Inusa was seriously searching for God and was reading the Bible as well as the Quran. I reassured him that all who truly seek God will find Him (1Chr.28:9). We have kept in touch with occasional phone calls, and greetings when passing. This time he had been watching the 'Jesus Film' on You tube and told me with a big smile 'you see, Jesus

died to take away our sins', and 'Jesus is the Bread of Life'. Please pray for him as he reads his Bible each day and grows in understanding and willingness to share what he finds out with others.

October has been a month of settling in and catching up. November will be a time to spend with local pastors working to plan three-day 1for50 trainings for the school vacations in December and January. Please pray that they will bring much fruit: fruit that will last. (John 15:16)

With love thanks and wishing you many blessings, Pam



The Christmas Story

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Myrrh

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Mary

Immanuel

gold

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Magi

Frankincense

manger

angel

Jesus

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shepherd

Joseph

baby

WHATS ON AT CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH

For Young People

Sunday	11:00 am	Explorers
Monday	9:30 am	Tiny Tots
	6:30 pm	Anchor Boys
	7:00 pm	Junior Section BB
	7:30 pm	Company Sect BB
Tuesday		<u>Girls' Brigade</u>
	6.15 pm	Explorers
	7.15 pm	Juniors /Brigaders
Wednesday		
	9:30 am	Tiny Tots
	5:45 pm	Rainbows
	6:00 pm	Brownies
	7:15 pm	Guides & Rangers
Thursday	9:30 am	Tiny Tots

For Adults

Sunday	7:00 pm	AA
Monday	12:00 pm 1:00 pm	AA Sunshine Club
Tuesday	10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Coffee Time Growing Together Ladies Club
Wednesday	10:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Prayers Health Walk AA Men's Club
Thursday	1:00 pm 7.00 pm	Film Club Choir Practice
Friday	8:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	Slimming World Lunch Club Young at Heart

WORSHIP AT CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH

Sunday

**11am Morning Worship; with
Explorers**

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