

CARNTYNE PARISH NEWS



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THE MANSE

Dear Friends,

In a few weeks' time I will retire and step down from Parish ministry. It is hard to believe that it is almost 23 years since I entered parish ministry and I have served in Carntyne for nearly 17 years; doesn't time pass quickly!

At present I am in the process of decluttering, and I have come across photographs that trigger memories: Ryan's baptism at the end of the year Moyna and Jimmy spent at High Carntyne; the church family outing to Blair Drummond Safari Park (remember the zip-wire?); Sutherson and his wife attending worship during their visit from India; the tea (and the cake) after my induction as Minister of Carntyne Parish church and Father Cairns, standing outside the church as St Bernadette's arrived for the Good Friday service. All 'snapshots' of a particular occasion but all sparking other memories.

I have also been reminded of, and am deeply grateful for, the encouragement and support I have received from you day by day, week by week and for your kindnesses and compassion which helped me through times of bereavement and illness. It has been a privilege for me to travel with you during the last 16+ years. But now it is time for me to step down and for you, as a congregation, to move forward.

The Rev Monica Michelin-Salomon, Minister at Causeway (Tollcross) has been appointed as Interim Moderator and she will be working with you during the vacancy and with the Kirk Session as they discuss the way forward for the congregation.

These are important times for the Church, and whatever happens it will mean change at national and local levels. Yet, though this might seem threatening, being open to change is part of being the church.

In the Reformed tradition there is a core principle; *Reformata et semper reformanda*, "reformed and always reforming", and it is within the process of reforming, within the process of change, that God is able to do something new.

As you go forward into the future:

*God's blessing be yours
on your road
on your journey
guiding you, cherishing you
disturbing you, encouraging you
challenging you, guarding you
leading you in the way that is everlasting*

Joan



KIRK SESSION NEWS

I don't know about you, but I feel this year has flown in. Maybe because of lock-down we have all been busier than usual or perhaps it's an age thing.

At the time of writing Joan our minister is preparing for retirement. As Joan has holidays to take and to give herself time in her house move, she will preach on Sunday 12th June, Communion Sunday for the last time although she does not officially retire until the end of the month.

Tickets are available on Sundays 22nd and 29th May for the Presentation Dinner in the Crichton Hall on Friday 24th June.

I do hope that many of the congregation will be able to attend when we will wish Joan a Happy Healthy Retirement. If you would like a ticket and cannot get to the church, please call me on 774 4250 and I will arrange to get it to you.

You will read elsewhere in the magazine of changes that are about to take place. The Kirk Session have met with Cranhill Kirk Session and look forward to the union of the two churches. Many of us have been involved with Cranhill when we were part of the Edinburgh Road grouping and look forward to welcoming them in the near future.

Transport

Unfortunately, we no longer have our minibus. There is just not the number of users to justify the expenditure at this time, but we do hope that in due course we can look at investing in one again. We have now been given permission to car share, with instructions re cleanliness and mask wearing in the car. There are one or two people who require transport to church on Sunday mornings, so we would be grateful to hear from anyone who would be willing to pick up and take these members home.

Parent and Toddlers

We meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Could you spare a couple of hours on any of these mornings? We arrive at **9am** and put out the toys. We make the tea, toast and fruit at **10am** and clear up the halls at **11am**. Two of our helpers are 80+ and we are struggling, especially at holiday times. Your help would be much appreciated.

Lunch Club

Again, help would be appreciated as it is the same people who are having to do everything, and a pair of extra hands to help in the kitchen, or serve meals would mean a lot. We continue in the afternoon with the Ageing Well, and many from the lunch club stay on for the afternoon. Why not give it a try?

Organisations

All of our organisations have been visited by the elders recently and are all doing well with large numbers of youngsters attending the Youth Organisations.

Parent and Toddlers meet three times a week. The Sunshine Club, Ladies Club, Men's Club, Lunch Club and Ageing Well, as well as the Growing Together are all for older people.

Hall lets include two dance classes each week, with another occasionally, three AA groups and two slimming classes.

Our MDS Aileen is responsible for the Tuesday coffee on Zoom, Walking group, Film club amongst others. If you are interested, you would be made welcome.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

COMMUNION ROLL

Baptism

17th April Blaine Ian Mathieson
 81 Skye Wynd Hamilton

We note the death of the following members:

March

Mrs. Cathy White formerly of Abbeyhill Street

Miss Anna McAlpine of Warriston Street



ORGANISATIONS

Growing Together

It has been great to be able to continue to meet face to face and on average around 9 of us have gathered each week. Our theme earlier in the year was the subject of prayer and more recently we have been having a careful look at what Jesus meant when he said we were to 'Love one another.'

We had a special Lent afternoon with readings about the life and death of our Lord from a booklet produced by one of our number interspersed with seasonal hymns. We have spent some time learning 2 helpful new songs – one which reminds us that 'God is good all the time' and the other which points out that whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, 'For this we have Jesus.'

We have enjoyed 3 DVD afternoons (with popcorn and ice cream of course)! The films we watched were all based on true life

stories and helped us see the difference that faith and prayer make in real life situations.

Enjoying a DVD and celebrating a significant birthday!

Happy 80th Mary!



The chance to chat and share over tea and coffee remains an important part of our afternoon together. We continue on to the end of June before we break for the summer. Come and join in anytime! Tuesday afternoon 2 – 4 pm in the Crichton Hall.

Janet Martin

ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT **FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

Dear Friends,

I'm writing in this letter to you during Mental Health Awareness week and it is apparent to me that much of the outreach we do as a church and that I do on your behalf is an attempt to help people look after their mental health.

I hear often in the media that more and more people are lonely. How can I/we address this? What do the people of Carntyne want from the Church? If you have ideas or would like to speak to me about mental health or loneliness my phone number is 07734 007260. I send out a weekly email with information about what's on in and around Carntyne, if you'd like to receive it let me know:
amacdonaldhaak@churchofscotland.org.uk

In the meantime, the following activities continue:

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.

Lunch Club and Ageing Well, both on Friday. Recently we have started monthly art sessions at Ageing Well and we continue to enjoy visits from a community podiatrist and two tech experts.

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

If you would like to know more or would like
help accessing any of the above groups, my
phone number is 07734 007260.

With my best wishes,

Aileen

PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN

During the last few months, the Presbytery Mission Plan Creation Group and congregations within Presbytery have begun working towards a new Glasgow Presbytery Mission Plan. Congregations have been encouraged to form 'clusters' which will work together to form a Mission plan for their area. **Carntyne** and **Shettleston New** have come together as a cluster which will also include **Cranhill**.

Carntyne and **Shettleston New** have activities that complement each other; **Carntyne** with a ministry to Older People and **Shettleston New** with a youth and family programme. The two congregations will be able to learn from one another, support one another and share resources. The situation with **Cranhill** is a little different. It is a small congregation and, after conversations between the elders of **Cranhill** and **Carntyne** and with Presbytery it is proposed that the two congregations unite.

Both Kirk Sessions are in agreement with this proposal and both congregations will have the opportunity to vote on the draft Basis of Union. Uniting the two congregations does call for a new name and it is proposed that the new congregation be called '**Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church**'. As the Cranhill building is soon to be transferred to the Cranhill Community Trust, the **Carntyne** building will be the place of worship for the united congregation. Each congregation will be asked to vote on the Draft Basis of Union after worship on 12th June. As I am retiring the union will be processed as being between two vacant congregations, which will simplify the process a little, and will not formally take place until after the end of June. In the meantime, over the next few months, there will be conversations ongoing between the three congregations to develop a Mission Plan for the cluster which will build on the work currently being done by the three congregations. Please give your support and encouragement to those involved in the process and keep them in your prayers.

Joan Ross - Minister

NEWS FROM PAM

Dear Friends at Carntyne,

As I look out of my office window each day, I can see the colour of the land slowly change from a dusky salmon pink to pale sage green. The season is changing as we receive the first small rains for six months. There are other signs too. The flamboyant tree at our gate has flowered and then shed its vibrant orange-red flowers, the feathery tree whose leaves and golden crescent pods sustain the cattle, sheep and goats throughout the dry season has shed its leaves and again looks dry and dead, while the massive baobab trees are sending out their leaves from their apparently dead trunks. Our local mango tree has given up all its golden fruit, much to the delight of the local children who have had a regular supply for the last month, while the grafted tree is reluctantly dropping its larger green fruit whenever there is a high wind. Already the farmers are clearing their land, and some have started ploughing by hand. Others will have to wait for the tractor

ploughs to come up from Northern Region where the rains start earlier.

But what happens in the dry season when people have nothing to do on their farms? It seems that a year's worth of church and other activities get packed into the months from November to May.

This year people have been especially busy catching up with funerals after Covid restrictions were lifted. No more people have died this year, than usual, but 2 years of Covid regulations preventing outdoor gatherings of over 50 people meant that families delayed the traditional funerals where ALL family members and friends and neighbours are expected to attend.

Traditionally the body is buried within hours, but the funeral can be held days, weeks, months or even years later, at a time when the family can afford to host its members from all over Ghana and beyond.

The dry season is also when churches have their national conventions, youth camps, Women's Week's, and teaching programmes. With the relaxing of covid restrictions the four Sandema GNBC churches had three nights of joint services leading up to Christmas Day. Last year I

was puzzled that the Christmas story was hardly mentioned, but this year I found out that Christmas is a time when people are free to receive concentrated teaching. This year it was about LGBTQI+ issues; a topic of concern for churches as the government introduces new legislation. Members considered the material seriously and asked relevant questions. Then at midnight on Christmas Eve the joyful singing, dancing, and praising the new-born Saviour began. The following week, GNBC held its National Youth Conference in Navrongo. I and two SIM colleagues attended, along with many of the Youth. Rev. Boniface's biblical teaching was impressive in its challenge to the lives of the young people. Their fervent singing, of 'I surrender all', closed the meetings.

Since then, I have attended the Sandema Easter convention held in school premises deep in the countryside south of Sandema, and conveniently near a large Dam(lake) for the baptism of new believers. Then two weeks later the 3-day GNBC National Women's conference was held in a school in Kori, Sandema.



Since the New Year, Children's Ministry trainings have been my primary focus. Saviour and Humphrey Hooper led the initial 1for50 training in Fumbisi on February 10th and I have done 7 weeks of trainings in three centres, Fumbisi, Wiaga and Sandema since then. The remedial ground works we did during the year seem to have worked and have also provided small beds for growing our own vegetables. My truck is slowly being rebuilt one component at a time. Praise God for the people who turn up to help when bits fall off and that repairs have been done swiftly and at reasonable cost. Amazingly, I have never been prevented from going to where I needed to be, and it has given me many

lessons in trust, faith, and the power of prayer.

Training in Sandema

Give thanks for our new puppy, Stormzy, born to Jubilee, in the middle of our first big storm of the year. He came as a complete surprise as we had been told both our dogs had been spayed, and we saw no signs she was pregnant! Jubilee has been an amazing mother, and he is a delight. I am making plans for a short Home Assignment/ holiday from the end of July until mid- September, so I am looking forward to seeing you all then.



With love and prayers – Pam

THE
WORD SEARCH BATTLE

Summer

Difficulty: Hard



Play this puzzle online at: <https://www.wordsearchbattle.io/topic/summer>

BEACH	HAPPY	OCEAN	SWIMMING
CAMP	HAT	OUTDOORS	WARM
CANOEING	HEAT	SANDCASTLES	WATER
COOL	HOLIDAY	SUMMER	WAVES
FLOWERS	HOT	SUNGLASSES	
FRIENDS	LOTION	SUNNY	

WHATS ON AT CARNTYNE PARISH

For Young People

Sunday	11:00 am	Explorers
Monday	9:30 am	Parents & Toddlers
	6:30 pm	Anchor Boys
	7:00 pm	Junior Section BB
	7:30 pm	Company Sect BB
Wednesday	9:30 am	Parent & Toddlers
	5:45 pm	Rainbows
	6:00 pm	Brownies
	7:15 pm	Guides & Rangers
Thursday	9:30 am	Parent & Toddlers

For Adults

Sunday	7:00 pm	AA
Monday	12:00 pm 1:00 pm	AA Sunshine Club
Tuesday	10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00pm	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 5:00 pm	Film Club Slimming World
Friday	8:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	Slimming World Lunch Club Young at Heart

**WORSHIP AT CARNTYNE
PARISH CHURCH**

Sunday

**11am Morning Worship; with
Explorers**

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