

**CARNTYNE and CRANHILL
PARISH NEWS**



June 2023

KIRK SESSION NEWS

Resignation

Mrs. Diane Smillie who joined the Kirk Session from Cranhill at the time of the Union of both churches in November has resigned due to family commitments. The Kirk Session thanked her for all she had done as Treasurer at Cranhill and sent best wishes.

Vacancy

So much has happened over the past months. We had thought that Paul Cathcart, Deacon would be with us for some time. However, Paul was given another job to do within the Presbytery and we were appointed Eddie Mubengo in April and he will be with us until July, possibly longer. The congregation were pleased to have both Paul and Eddie leading us in Worship, and during holidays we had a few preachers helping to fill in, so we have been very fortunate compared to other churches who are struggling to find cover in these difficult times. We are also grateful for our Interim Moderator, Rev. Monica Michelin-

Salomon for her leadership and guidance during the vacancy.

We had Ian Greenshields, Moderator of the Church of Scotland lead us in worship and were delighted to see him present The King with the Bible during the Coronation Service.

The Session have been busy making plans for the future. At the time of writing, we are about to appoint our Nominating Committee. There will be a lot of work to be done and hopefully we will have ministers applying for the vacant position. Exciting and busy times lie ahead.

Please keep the Kirk Session and the Nominating Committee in your prayers. I'm sure God has wonderful plans for us.

New Communicants

On Sunday the 14th May, we were delighted to welcome four New Communicants.

Mr. Jim Little, Miss Atena Sayyad, Mrs. Shona Mathieson and Mr. Andrew Smillie.

They received the right hand of fellowship from the Interim Moderator and Kirk Session. They

were presented with Bibles by some of the youngsters in the Congregation.

It is good to see some young blood coming into the congregation and we wish them every Blessing.

Missionary Partner

Please continue to pray for Pam as she continues to be very busy in Ghana. She has been given a three-year residency permit and has been given many opportunities to preach.

63rd Girls' Brigade

The Brigade celebrated their 70th Anniversary in the church on Sunday 7th May. It was great to see so many people attend a lovely service. Soup, tea, sandwiches, and cakes were enjoyed by a very large crowd in the halls afterwards followed by a short display and it was obvious the girls have great fun on Tuesday evenings. This was followed by awards being presented to children and staff. Congratulations and well-done girls.

Community Cafe

Aileen our MDS has received a further grant to keep the café open. Thursday mornings see many people coming into the halls where they can have filled rolls, soup, tea and cakes and somewhere warm with some company and pay by donation. The numbers are growing and there are often groups from the Citizen's advice, Housing etc. on hand to help and give advice.

Lunch Club

All are welcome to join us on Friday at 12 noon. The cost of a two-course meal followed by tea/coffee and biscuits is £3.75. The meals come from the local dinner school and all money goes to the council.

Ageing Well

Following on from the Lunch Club and those who come along at 1pm can join in the tabletop games, quizzes, and a game of bingo.

Tea and Cakes are appreciated as we gather round the table and have a laugh.

Message to all Hall users and Organisations

Please be aware that when you are finished using the halls, someone else may be coming in to use them.

Chairs in upstairs back hall should be stacked in fours and all floors should be swept after everyone is gone.

These halls are used by Tiny Tots three days a week. They are very young, many just beginning to walk and others crawling.

We often come in to find biscuit or crisp crumbs on the floors, bottle tops or tiny sweets.

These youngsters put everything in their mouth so care has to be taken and as we are in the halls at 9am, with parents arriving before 9.30, we don't have time to clean the halls before putting out the toys.

Chairs in the downstairs hall should be placed singly around the hall.

Most hall users do make sure they leave the hall as they find it, but there are others who don't.

There were a good number of children at the service on 14th May and the gents toilet was flooded as someone had stuffed paper in the drain, left the plug in and the water running flooding the floor having to clear up.

It would be much appreciated if everyone did a little bit to help, instead of the same people always having to clear up.

Communion Linen

Session News would not be complete without me asking for help with something. Mrs Helen Grant, now deceased, at the age of 101 washed and ironed the table linen for more years than I can remember.

When she was forced to give up Miss Christine Kerr has taken over the job of washing the linen and I will be eternally grateful for her help. Unfortunately she is no longer able to help. At the moment there are three of us who take it in turn to iron the linen on the Friday before Communion however, I am now asking if anyone in the congregation would be willing to help with this. The tablecloth and a number of small cloths need to be taken home, washed and returned to the church,

and if enough people helped then it would only be an occasional task. I would appreciate any offers.

As one minister told me, nobody was willing to take this on in her church and she told the congregation that it was ok but that the table would be left bare for Communion. Nobody offered but the table was never left bare again.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

COMMUNION ROLL

Baptism

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Mission Possible

Glasgow Presbytery is planning a 'Mission Possible' Conference on Saturday 9th September 2023 10.30 – 3pm (coffee available from 10am). The event is free and open to anyone in the congregation.

Following the creation of the Presbytery Mission Plan the aim is to encourage and assist congregations to turn plans into action. There will be general sessions and seminars, time for reflection and discussion, ideas shared and advice available. The keynote speaker is Very Rev Dr Martin Fair, a recent Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

If you are keen to be involved in helping this church to reach out into the communities around us with the love of God, put the date in your diary now and watch out for more details nearer the time.

Janet Martin

ORGANISATIONS

Explorers

We meet every Sunday at 11am and go over to the halls, where we enjoy Bible stories about Jesus, whilst having lots of fun. We play games, sing songs and enjoy our weekly activities through our Roots worksheets. If you are of school age and would like to come along to join in the fun you would be made to feel most welcome.

Irene McKay Leader

Tiny Tots

Our Parent and Toddlers group meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9.30. They certainly are Tiny Tots as they move onto Nursery at 3 years old, some even younger.

When the group began approx. 32 years ago, we had children up to the age of 5 before going to school, now the nurseries are taking children in early.

We have a large variety of toys, which are used on a rota basis so that different toys are set out

each day. We have a healthy eating plan and provide fruit, toast and milk for the children and tea and toast for the mums. The children are often found sitting at the tables waiting on us coming upstairs they seem to have inbuilt clocks and know when it is snack time. If you know of any young children in your area, why not point them in our direction.

May Fawns

Boys' Brigade

The 162nd Boys' Brigade meet each Monday, we have the following sections:

Anchors (6.30-7.30pm P1-3)

Junior Section (7-8.30pm P4-7)

Company Section (7-9pm)

Anchors have around twelve boys (four of which are new starts) The boys love to play games, sing songs and enjoy weekly crafts, whilst learning about Jesus.

Junior Section have around fifteen boys who enjoy badge work, quizzes, marching, all whilst meeting new friends.

Company Section have around eight dedicated older boys who have been working hard towards certain achievements and have also been fund raising extremely hard to purchase a defibrillator for our community, which they have managed to do - Great work boys!!

We are always on the lookout for new boys. So, if you or anyone you know, would like to come along, and join us on a Monday evening, you would be most welcome.

Julie Bell O.I.C Anchor Boys

Girls' Brigade

The 63rd Company of the Girls' Brigade celebrated its 70th Anniversary on Sunday 7th May 2023. This was indeed a special day as Kirsty Montgomery was commissioned as a Brigade Officer. Congratulations to Mrs Karen Scott who was awarded with her 40year Officer Service award. A great achievement. Our thanks to Jo Love for an amazing service. It was lovely to see the church so full.

Our thanks also go to all who helped in any way on the day and especially to those who made and served the lunch and cleaned up afterwards.

We followed the lunch with our annual display and thanks to all our invited guests, parents, friends and members of the congregation who came to join our celebration.

We finish our year with the Explorers going to Adventure Planet and the Juniors and Brigaders going to Dalguise for an activity weekend at the end of May.

Mary Hastie
Captain

Girl Guides and Rangers

The 278th Guides and Rangers have had a great session!

The guides (10-14 year olds) have been working hard on completing their "Know myself" Theme award which saw them explore themselves by thinking about, their personality, how others perceive them, their beliefs and how they can make a difference to their community.

They completed 4 Skill Builder tasks, their Guiding History interest badge and 4 hours' worth of unit meeting activities. They were presented with their Theme award at our awards night at the end of May. A great achievement!

On top of this, we also had four new girls move up from the Brownies to join us. We held a promise ceremony and welcomed them into our unit, they have settled in brilliantly! To celebrate all of this great work we had a sleepover at Flip Out (a trampoline park). The girls had a great time even though not much sleeping was done!

The Rangers (14-18 year olds) have also been working hard on their own theme awards which has seen them doing activities such as Tin Can cooking, creating Land Art and having a movie night.

The Rangers also celebrated their new member with a promise ceremony at Blair Drummond Safari Park right next to the Giraffes - not an experience they will forget in a hurry!

Guides and Rangers are now finished for our summer break but will resume again on the 6th of September at 7:15pm and every Wednesday thereafter.

Carolyn McGrath Captain

The Ladies Club

Our Session has just finished and we had a closing night in town. Very enjoyable. Our numbers are slowly rising and this means we can do more things.

We play bowls, dominoes, line dancing and are bringing back Darts. So there is something for everyone. There is of course tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and a chance for a natter. An intimation will be in the Order of Service giving details of when we start back after summer. Come along and raise our numbers even more. You will be made very welcome. No stairs to climb, downstairs hall Tuesdays at 7pm. See you there.

Margaret Kelly, Secretary

The Mens Club

The Mens Club meets every Wednesday evening from 7-9pm. We have members across all age groups, from 16-80 and enjoy carpet bowls, pool, darts and dominoes as well as a cup of tea, biscuits and the company of a friendly and welcoming membership. We also have an annual outing in June each year which is enjoyed by members and their friends.

We would be delighted to welcome new members to our group and we are sure you would enjoy our activities as much as we do! You do not need to be a church member to join, so why don't you come along and see for yourself!

James McGuire Treasurer

Growing Together

If there is one thing we have learned at Growing Together since the beginning of this year it is that God's presence with us is what makes the difference when we face challenging times.

And these have been challenging times as, in the church and in the group, folk have faced the loss of loved ones, changing circumstances and challenging health issues. In our church we are building new relationships and looking forward to a new ministry; our country has faced political upheaval and our world continues to struggle with earthquakes, wars, food shortages...

So, how has Growing Together helped us? First, we have looked at the Bible in different ways and been reminded of God's promises to us and the blessings he gives us every day. And we have discovered that when everything around us seems to be changing: God does not change.

He has a plan and His plan has a timetable. He is always at work and He knows what He is doing. He has a purpose for each one of us and can provide everything we need. He is Holy, just and merciful and He is the ROCK on which we can depend. Then we encourage one another as we enjoy singing together – old stuff and new!

Sometimes very old like:

O Jesus is a rock in a weary land
A shelter in the time of storm.

Not quite so old like:
The storm may roar without me
My heart may low be laid
But God is round about me
And can I be dismayed?

And our new benediction from Argentina
(CH4 256)

May the God of hope go with us every day
filling all our lives with love and joy and
peace

May the God of justice speed us on our way
bringing light and hope to every land and
race...

Finally we support one another as we share
our concerns for prayer and then chat over a
cup of tea or coffee – not forgetting the
cakes!

There's often a birthday to celebrate!
We thought of you Pam even though we
couldn't share the cake!



We plan to continue through to June 20th when we will break for the summer. Tuesday afternoons 2- 4pm in the church Halls. We thank God for the fellowship we enjoy together and we would love you to come and join us.

Janet Martin

ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Dear Friends,

I have some lovely news about the Community Cafe which happens on Thursday mornings from 9.30am-12.30. Thanks to grants from the Area Partnership, Stewardship and very, very probably from the Church of Scotland small grants scheme, the cafe is fully funded until **April 2024**. Hot and cold drinks and food have been served to 110 individual people since the cafe started in December and we're totally grateful to our regulars for their patronage. I am also really happy that the Parkhead Citizens Advice Bureau send along Scott and Linda each week to the cafe to advise anyone who pops in. Get in touch if you'd like to help out or simply come along and be a customer.

Do let me know if you'd like to get my weekly email with news of what is going on in the church and local area for older people. Give me an email address and I'll add you to my mailing list.

These are our regular activities in and around the hall:

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

Community Cafe is on Thursdays from 9.30-12.30. Drinks, food and company. Speak to an advisor from the Parkhead Citizen's Advice between 10.30 and 12noon.

Film Club is on Thursdays at 1pm and is in the large hall. We project the film onto the wall beside the kitchen and serve tea and coffee at the break.

Lunch Club (12noon) and **Ageing Well** (1pm), both on Friday. The next visit from Kevin the community podiatrist will be Friday 7th July.

Our regular Zoom groups continue: **Coffeetime Chat** on Tuesday and a short **Prayer Service** on Wednesday. I can also help you access Zoom on a computer or tablet.

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 is:

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With my best wishes,

Aileen

PAMS PAGES

Greetings from Ghana,

The beginning of 2023 has been incredibly full and joyful, mixed with moments of frustration and sadness. In early January, the GNBC Pastors and Leaders Conference in Navrongo gave me an opportunity to meet with church leaders and share the vision of 1 for 50 trainings. Immediately afterwards I flew to Accra to renew my residence permit and was unexpectedly granted one for three years. I took this as confirmation that the work here is ongoing and will flourish in the future.

In early February I travelled two hours north to the village of Kayoro, near the Burkina Faso border, to encourage the children's ministry leaders there. It was fun interacting directly with the children for the full hour and then having a short time to talk to the congregation about children's ministry. Their Pastor leads the Local Churches Council and has asked for trainings in their area. We hope to go in June. The following Friday, Ghanaian friends from Fumbisi, an hour

South of Sandema, invited us to a meal in their shady garden, to meet friends visiting from England. Chief Solomon is a master mason, so our lunch was followed by his apprentice masons (builders) passing out ceremony at the church where he is pastor. The following weekend Bev, our personnel co-ordinator, brought fellow missionary Esther to experience “the North” for the first time. As frequently happens, plans for Tuesday changed when Ps. John from Kalijisa church died overnight. He had been unwell for a long time, but it was still unexpected. Within hours we were sitting under the canopies erected by the church ‘Youth’ beside the grave they had dug. The coffin was obtained locally, and ladies brought foodstuffs and began cooking. By 11.30am, pastors, church leaders and family had gathered and were ready to say goodbye to an honoured and much-loved husband, father, and pastor. It was a moving ceremony full of joy in the sadness and great dignity.

The following day, Bev, Esther, Yvonne, and I drove three hours west to visit team members in Tumu. We give thanks for safe

and uneventful journeys both ways on a very potholed road, great hospitality, opportunities to pray together as a team, and discuss future ministry plans. We even had time to take Esther to see the Paga Crocodile ponds and the famous RC 'Mud Cathedral' in Navrongo on the way home.

Early March was catch-up time for administration and on-line courses, before for two three-day 1 for 50 trainings at Fumbisi and Chuchuliga at the end of the month. Trying to fit both courses into the one week 'Easter' school break was challenging, and both trainings were learning events for the organisers and leaders as well as participants. While these trainings days remain a good model, we realise more leaders need to be trained if the work is to continue and expand. Thank you for your continued prayers, and for the C&C WhatsApp group which keeps me in touch with what is happening in Carntyne and Cranhill Church. I am praying for you as you move forward together to call a new Minister.

Love and Prayers, Pam Boothman

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	Girls' Brigade	
	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 9.30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	Slimming World Slimming World Lunch Club Young at Heart

**WORSHIP AT CARNTYNE and
CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH**

Sunday

**11am Morning Worship; with
Explorers**

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