

**CARNTYNE and CRANHILL
PARISH NEWS**



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FROM the MANSE

Two months down

So, as I type this in the study at the Manse, it's about 8pm at night, and the sun is starting to go down now a little earlier each night, and my favourite season, autumn will start to roll in as you have this magazine at your fingertips!! I will have been with you all for nearly two months by then.

It's been a real privilege starting the process of getting to know you all, meeting new people, being around the community, and settling into a new home at the very top of the Parish. Most nights I go to bed tired, but cheery, having spent time with folks, and often attending the community café and lunch club! The food you guys offer to the community from a Sunday service to all the functions during the week with the project is just grand, as I like food!!!

I have also enjoyed meeting people walking around the community with my dogs Layla and Nanook (though I get sciatica which has meant I have not walked as far as I liked)

seeing all the streets and the new area. So, I thought I would share for this magazine a little about me...

I am 44 (though maybe 45 by the time you read this) a middle child of two brothers who are both married with kids. I am a step Mum to Eilidh, who I met through my marriage to her Dad, which sadly came to an end but have been blessed to still have my relationship with her. My favourite pastime is cuddles from Layla 8 and Nanook 7, watching bad TV, and in winter, cosy nights in reading a James Patterson book. I am dyslexic, which means I read very slowly and struggle with some of the big place names in the bible! I like chocolate but should really cut back. My favourite food is either a square slice and tattie scone on a Glasgow roll or home-made lasagne. My work history before being a Minister was I worked as a compliance manager for Tesco, and trained as a Reader for the church being set apart in 2006. In the next magazine, I'll share a little of how I got into the ministry.

I love going to new places, especially with the dogs, in and around Scotland, and discovered Wales this year, very beautiful.

So, for now that's me. I hope to learn all your names as quick as I can, have lots of coffee, and work with you all in sharing the good news everywhere!

Isaiah 41:

10: - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Rhona 😊



Prayer for Autumn and Harvest:

Our God, your creation is seen and felt with our senses, and the change in the plants, trees, weather and season. Moving us into Autumn, means we give thanks for the harvests that are about to sprout. God, the food we have in the world is plenty, yet we know through the news, chat, social media, that many go hungry in the world, including those around us.

We pray that food is available for every human, and no one goes hungry, and we give thanks and hold in prayer those who do what they can to ensure that those who have none get their share. We give thanks for the growers, the planter, the reapers, and the harvest that is coming, from all the care and attention given to farmlands, allotments, church gardens, community projects and our own back garden, for every created fruit, vegetable, grain gown, we give thanks, in your name we pray, amen.

KIRK SESSION NEWS

Welcome back to the new session for all organisations.

In the last newsletter, I said I was praying that we would have our new minister by the time the next newsletter came out. My prayers were answered.

After two years without a minister, we were delighted when Rev. Rhona McDonald accepted the invitation of the Nominating Committee to be our minister.

Although we have been fortunate that we had a number of good preachers during the vacancy, there is nothing quite like having your own minister at the helm, and what a pleasure it was to welcome Rhona into our church.

I am sure there is no one in the congregation that hasn't spoken to her yet as she makes a point of including everyone on Sunday mornings.

The elders have all met at the manse and have got to know her and Nanook, and Layla her two friendly dogs. We are so lucky to have Rhona, many changes will happen, and we need to change with the times, we can't live in the past.

I already see the congregation growing, and I am sure once Rhona visits our Youth Organisations, we will see more of the young people on occasion. If you haven't been to church for a while, why not come along and find out for yourself.

By the time you read this the Kirk Session will have had their first meeting with Rhona as Moderator, and we look forward to this.

Organisations

At the time of writing, the organisations are due to start their new session and we wish them well. I would like to remind the leaders of organisations that the halls need to be left clean and tidy for the next people who come in. Chairs should be returned to original

place as the cleaners do not have the time to do so.

The upstairs halls are used by many including the Parent and Toddlers and it is important that the halls are swept before leaving as we have many babies and toddlers crawling about the floor and anything lying around goes in their mouths.

Lunch Club/Young at Heart Club

If you know of anyone who is in need of company, please encourage them to come along at 12 noon on Fridays when the council provide us with a two-course meal at a cost of £3.90. At 1 o'clock, some people stay on and are joined by others who come for a game of dominoes, quizzes, bingo, and occasionally guest speakers and of course tea and cake. This is a good opportunity to meet people and also make new friends.

Future Events

This year has flown in and much work goes on in the background with our plans for the renovation of the church building. These things take time, and we have to be patient

until the powers that be give permission for various things.

Plans will soon be made for our Christmas Fayre, frightening to think it won't be that long.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer?????

May Fawns
Session Clerk



ORGANISATIONS

278th Glasgow Guides and Ranger Guides

We are looking forward to starting the new session on Wednesday 4th September. Guides for girls aged 10 –14 and Ranger Guides for 14 -18-year-olds meet in the halls upstairs from 7.15pm to 9.15pm every Wednesday. New members will be made very welcome – join us for our programme of fun, challenges, games and outings, and make some new friends.

Rainbows and Brownies also run on Wednesday evenings. Rainbows for 4 - 6 year olds from 5.45pm - 6.45pm and Brownies for 7 - 10 year olds from 6.30pm - 8pm

Carolyn McGrath
Ranger Guide Leader

Ladies Club

On Tuesday 10th September the Ladies Club starts back. We look forward to welcoming back our regular members and would love if some new ladies would give us a try.

We play bowls, dominoes, darts and some line dancing. Absolutely no skills required as we play for fun.

You can try all or some or none of the games, just join us for our tea cakes and a chat. We meet at 7pm in the Crichton hall. No stairs. See you there.

Margaret Kelly
Secretary

Growing Together

Meets on Tuesdays 2 – 4pm in Room 2 in the Church Halls

Parents (and grandparents) love to see their children growing and developing; the first steps, the first words, starting school, playing in their first football match, learning to take care of themselves and becoming aware of and beginning to

care for the world around them - all steps towards becoming mature responsible adults. And it's no different in God's family.

Our Heavenly Father loves to see us growing in our understanding of who He is and what He is like, and what it means to live and love like Him in our everyday lives.

At Growing Together our aim is to help each other to keep growing. Come and learn with us as we look at the Bible together, sing together old songs and new, and share our concerns and our questions together so we can support and pray for one another. And of course, have a right good blether over tea/coffee and cakes! All welcome. Hope to see you there!

Janet Martin



BUILDINGS UPDATE

Work continues on securing Grants for our work although some funders have said they will not accept applications until we have Planning Permission in place. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in getting that permission as Glasgow City Council had some further questions on how we are to install external ramps and they also requested a detailed plan of the trees we want to remove from our Listed Building grounds.

These plans have been resubmitted so we will have to wait a bit longer on them going through the process again.

Building Warrants for the internal works have been submitted and are in the process of being approved. We have had no issues fed back so far on this aspect of the work. We will submit final costings and funding reports to Presbytery in October for their final approval and hope to have dates for kicking off the work to share with you in the next Newsletter.

ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT for **OLDER PEOPLE**

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it's nearly September. Where has this year gone? It's lovely that the church now has Rhona at the helm, it's been great to see her at quite a few of the Young at Heart groups which have continued on through the summer thanks to loads of fantastic volunteers.

I am pleased to tell you that our numbers continue to grow at the Thursday Community Cafe. The fortnightly Citizens Advice service and an advertising leaflet drop done for us by a group of Police youth volunteers are pulling in folk who have never been in the church and it's great to see new faces. We've also got some new volunteers so if you're around do drop by and say, "hello"!

Numbers at the Friday lunch club are small but fairly constant. There is always room for more folk, so if you know of anyone who

would like to eat a two-course meal in company, maybe followed by the fun of the Young at Heart Club do bring them along or pass on their details (with their permission, of course) and I can be in touch.

Do let me know if you'd like to get the weekly email with news of what is going on in the church and local area for older people. Send your email address to amacdonald-haak@churchofscotland.org.uk and I'll add you to my mailing list. If you know of anyone who would benefit from some company let me know and we can work out how to involve them in something.

These are the regular activities in and around the hall:

The Sunshine Club, run for many years by Jean Menzies was in risk of closing but I gather they have some new help and will be starting back on Monday 12th September at the new time of 1.30-3.30.

The Strength & Balance Class provided by Erin from Glasgow Life on Tuesday at

12.30. This is designed for folk with reduced mobility.

The Wednesday Walking Group continues with about an hour of walking and chat followed by a cuppa in Room 2. We meet outside the church gate at 11am.

Community Cafe on Thursdays from 9.30-12.30. Speak to an advisor from the Citizen's Advice Bureau every second week between 10.30 and 12noon. Every other week a local retired tech guru is there to solve all your tech issues.

Film Club is on Thursdays at 1pm and is in the large hall. Tea and coffee are served in the break.

On Friday you'll find the Lunch Club (12noon), two courses and a cuppa for £3.90 and Young at Heart social club (1pm) fun, games, quizzes, music, occasional craft or speaker.

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: amacdonald-haak@churchofscotland.org.uk

I also wish to bring to your attention the Helpline provided by Age Scotland, the Scottish Charity for Older People. This is a free, confidential phone service for older people, their carers and families in Scotland. The skilled advisers provide information and advice on a range of topics from money matters and benefits entitlements, to social care, housing, energy and legal issues. They also provide friendship for when you just need a chat. It's free to call and

available Monday-Friday, 9-5pm. The number is:**0800 12 44 222**

With my best wishes,

Aileen



PAMS PAGES

Dear Friends,

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2Cor4:18

As I look back over the last four years, I see signs of hope in the church for the next generation. At the end of April, Ps Nicholas, GNBC children's ministry co-ordinator, Rev Joseph Ateng, and I led a three-day 1for50 training at SIM Chiana house. Sixteen children's ministry leaders from Chiana churches enjoyed a time of learning through games, Bible study, discussions, and demonstrations. Ideas were shared and new ways of doing ministry were explored.

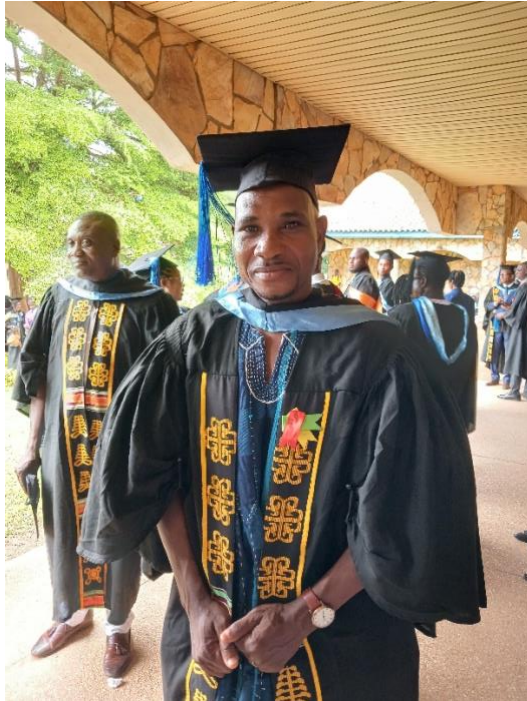
Chiana house was a great centre for training, and participants were asking for more at the end. As I write, Ps Nicholas is meeting with GNBC leaders in a large northern town to encourage them to take advantage of the children's ministry training opportunities they are offered. His plan

eventually is to visit all eight GNBC districts in Ghana.

At our most recent team meeting, we gave thanks for the invitation to hold a 3-day 1for50 Twelve training in a place where there had been some resistance. It required diplomacy and persistence from the team as they spoke to the local pastors, but we are planning the course for early August. We have other leaders in Sandema waiting for training, and we hope to hold one here in late August.

With most of our trainers being teachers and school holidays not always coinciding, to carry the vision forward we needed to expand the team. After prayer and some, 'out of the box' thinking, the team came up with the names of seven retired teachers who have a love for the Lord and for children. We pray they will catch the vision and join the team.

In May I went to Accra for dental and eye check-ups and a holiday. I was also able to attend Sylvester's college graduation.



Back in Sandema, on Sunday 2nd June, I was invited to the dedication of TWO newly built Baptist churches. What joy, singing, dancing and praising God there was for two 'Shelters for Worship' in very rural communities.



They had been well built with cement blocks to replace smaller mud-brick buildings. The donations came from a Ghanaian church in Accra who will also support some ministry costs. At the first church I visited the Sunday school and was delighted to find it being led by a graduate from our first 1for50 training in Sinesi.



Speak Lord, for your servant is Listening (1Samuel 3:10)

Recently I was challenged by a Wednesday night Bible studies at church and my SU daily notes. The memory verse for both was the same. Proverbs 11:24-25.

*One person gives freely, yet gains even more;
whilst another withholds unduly, but comes to
poverty.*

*A generous person will prosper; whoever
refreshes will be refreshed.*

God is speaking, so I am praying for much wisdom, open ears and an open heart!

God has also been speaking clearly to Yvonne who shares the house with me. Recently, she felt her time in Ghana was coming to an end and had been asking God to show her the time when she is to leave. The answer came unexpectedly through morning devotions at the SIM office when she was in Accra. She plans to leave sometime this Autumn.

Prayer time

Please pray for the new members of the 1for50 training team, that they will catch the vision, and many more children will be reached, disciplined, and empowered in local churches through them.

Pray that the church leaders will realise that discipling children is an important ministry in the church and encourage their children's leaders to come to the trainings and develop their ministry to children.

Pray for Ps Nicholas as he spreads that message in GNBC, Pray for Yvonne's remaining time in Ghana will be fruitful and she will leave well. Pray for me as I adjust to changes circumstances.

Pam

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WHATS on at CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH

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	at CDT	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	Narcotics
Monday	1:00 pm	Sunshine Club
Tuesday	10:00 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Zoom Coffee Time Strength & Balance 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	9.30 am 1:00 pm 6:40 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Community Café Film Club Clubbercise Choir Practice AA
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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