

CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



December 2024

FROM the MANSE

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Four months down

I am just back from the church on Remembrance Sunday, having forgotten to get my article done on Friday, but I read the notice out at church that the deadline for articles is today, so here I am!!

A week or so ago, I was reflecting on the first four months here, by making a TikTok video for social media. Not everyone uses social media, however it's something that I do, and enjoy it as a pass time. TikTok is a place where you put small videos, and they can be yours that you make yourself, or something that other people make, and you share them out of interest. I use it to promote our community work at the church, and share stuff about my dogs Layla and Nanook, who some of you have met, and if you haven't you know I go on about them a bit too much!!

Today at the church I shared with the kids the St. Francis Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words", and I can do

that so easy with my dogs. They know they are loved cause I hug and kiss them all the time, walk them, feed them, don't go out at night as much to make sure they are ok, take them on holiday most of the time for them, give them treats, and have a basket full of toys just for them but, would my next door neighbour know that Jesus calls me to love her? Would she know that Jesus calls me to preach the gospel to her, just as much as we do on the Sunday? and to do it with actions rather than words? There are so many little ways we can do it, and ways we are already doing it now, that help us share and preach the gospel, but there is always room for us to do better, do more, and be effective.

In our last magazine, I said that I would share how I got into the ministry, and it was a gradual story, but one where I was shown love in action not words, and whilst its maybe a bit more than a few paragraphs of our magazine, there was a part of my story that happened when I was 16, and full of nonsense. I ended up in hospital having drank too much vodka on the way to the Christmas school disco, and I collapsed as I reached the school gates.

The following morning, around 6am, I was sent home with my parents, and did not know what had

happened. I woke at lunchtime, to be told what I had done. My punishment, grounded for a month, and had to attend church for 3 months (I had stopped going) and I dreaded it. I thought I was going to be judged, but nope, I got love, and it was the start of how 29 years later, I am typing in a study of a manse for an East End Church.

“Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words”² Thessalonians 3:3

Finally, our friends, pray for us that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honour, just as it was among you.

Rhona 😊

PRAYER for CHRISTMAS

Gracious God we come to this time of year as we think ahead to the start of Advent and the coming of Christ into our lives.

Allow us heavenly father to think back to the time of Remembrance, may we stop and remember those who died or served in conflicts gone by and the fallout these wars have on those affected. We pray for the current conflicts in Ukraine and in Israel and Palestine at this time. We can only imagine what those caught up in these wars are going through, we see the sadness on our televisions and newspapers each day of the atrocities which are happening on the very land that our Saviour once walked more than 2000 years go.

As we enter this time of advent may we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. We can confess at times we can get tied up in the busyness of the season and spend more money than we can afford to. Allow us to be thankful for what we have and appreciate and reflect on those in our city and further afield who may get nothing, and the time of Christmas is just another day.

Gracious God hear our cries, hear our confessions and hear our thanksgivings in your heavenly name we ask it.

Amen.



Bereavement service

Sunday 1st December 2024 at 6pm

In the dark moments of life, we can lean to the
light of Christ.

This Service is open to anyone who has lost a
loved one, this year or beyond.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 1st December 2024 at 7pm

Sing in the light, love in the light, Live in the light
of God.

Watchnight Service

Christmas eve 24th December 1130pm, with
Carols being sung in the church from 11pm, all
welcome

Day time Disco

Friday 6th December at 1-3pm

Join in the celebration of

Holy Communion

On Sunday 8th December 11am

This fellowship meal is open to all.

*“I am the Bread of Life: whoever comes to me will
never be hungry and whoever believes in me will
never be thirsty.”*

KIRK SESSION NEWS

The past months have been like a whirlwind. Rhona has so many plans that we are kept on our toes, and I don't know how she sleeps at night as she has so many ideas for us that keep us going. We look forward to what plans she has next.

I am sure you will remember Paul Cathcart who was with us during the vacancy for quite some time and was very popular with the congregation. Please keep Paul in your prayers as he has had bad news recently about his health and has undergone surgery and is about to begin treatment.

Christmas Fayre

At the time of writing, we are planning our Christmas Fayre which is on 23rd November. This is our main fundraiser of the year, so we are praying for a good result. So much preparation has to be done beforehand and it is over in a couple of hours, but to see so many people in our halls at the one time is a wonderful sight. Again, we look forward to the Anchor Boys singing and to our visit from Santa.

New Members

We have been blessed to have a number of new members join us and we look forward to them worshipping with us on Sunday mornings.

It was so good to see Massoud back in the church when he and Farideh became members and were baptised. Massoud has had a difficult few years and our thoughts and prayers are with him.

MDS

Aileen MacDonald-Haak joined us at our last Kirk Session meeting and gave a report on all that goes on for older people. There is something for everyone and we hope to see some of you at the Community café, Film Club, Lunch Club or Ageing Well, and much more. Aileen sends out news to 150 people each week, so if you would like to know more, please let us know.

Christmas Party

The minister is planning a Christmas party on 21st December. Details to follow.

Watch Night Service

I am delighted to say we will have Carol singing at 11pm on Christmas Eve followed by our Watchnight Service at 1130pm. Unfortunately,

covid had caused this to stop for a while, however we were able to have this service a couple of years ago, but were unable to do so last year. We always have a lot of people who don't attend church but do come to the Watchnight service. Please spread the word that this will happen again this year.

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

May Fawns
Session Clerk



COMMUNION ROLL

We welcome the following to our membership.

By profession of faith:

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| Dieness Chabala: | 374 Carntyne Road, G32 6ET |
| Masoud Bohloo: | 0/1 9 Forbes Street, G40 2AZ |
| Farideh Azeri: | 0/1 9 Forbes Street, G40 2AZ |
| Franklin Igala: | 282 Ruchazie Road, G32 6PJ |
| Oluwat Mustapha: | 282 Ruchazie Road G32 6PJ |

By certificate:

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| Linda Grant: | 311 Gartcraig Road, G33 2TA (TBC) |
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By loss of member transfer:

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| Mrs Elizabeth Black: | 14 Glen Avenue to Shettleston New Church |
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STEWARDSHIP - FINANCE

We plan to hold a Stewardship campaign next year and one of the important areas we will look at is Finance. In the meantime, here is a reminder for everyone of the options we have available now for givings.

Free Will Offering Envelopes

These are valuable to plan weekly cash offerings and are available for everyone. They can be obtained through Gwen Robison.

Standing Order Givings

A growing number of folks find it easier to set up a standing order from their bank to the Church each month to avoid the need for cash. This is another great way of planning givings and if you would like to explore this option please contact Robert Fernie.

Gift Aid

If you pay income tax the Church can reclaim a further 25% on your giving from the Government. This a great source of income for us and means that for every £1 you give regularly we can claim a further £0.25 at no cost to you. All you need to do

is fill in a simple form saying that you pay tax and authorise us to claim Gift Aid. The agreement can be cancelled at any time if circumstances change. Please give this some thought if you do pay Income Tax and if you wish to discuss please contact Robert Fernie.

BUILDINGS UPDATE

After a number of delays we finally received Planning Permission on our Project at the end of October. Next steps are to firm up on costs and funding and this will take until early next year to work through. We expect to have a detailed update and plans to share with the congregation in April 2025.

ORGANISATIONS

The 278th Girl Guides

We have had a great winter term! Our numbers have nearly doubled and we now have 22 girls joining us every week!

We have been doing a lot of badge work on our theme award “take action”. We have been learning about our rights as women, our right to protest and our right to have our voices heard. Some of our girls also formed the guard of honour at the Remembrance day service in George square - a great honour to be asked.

We are looking forward to going to the Pantomime at the start of December and then having our biggest promise ceremony yet with 12 girls all ready to make the guide promise.

Our ceremony will take place on the 11th of December at 8:20pm. Please feel free to come along if you would like.

Shona Mathieson
Captain

Ladies Club

The Club is growing in numbers with all enjoying the bowls, darts, dominoes and line dancing. Not forgetting our chats over tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. We are looking forward to our Christmas night out. Something a little different this year, we are going to a “Murder Mystery Night” and of course Christmas dinner is included. We meet on Tuesday nights at 7pm in the downstairs hall. New faces always welcome

Margaret Kelly
Secretary

Growing Together

Our activities at Growing Together are aimed at encouraging one another to keep on trusting God and keep on living out our faith.

At one recent meeting we took time to remind ourselves that GOD KNOWS. He knows all about us, all about what we are dealing with, all about the stuff we do that no-one else sees, the stuff we get wrong but also the stuff we faithfully do, again and again as we try to reach out in love to those around us. We learned that He loves to hear from

us, has a plan for us, forgives us and sends us blessings and encouragements along the way. And just occasionally, He gives us a glimpse of what He has been doing as we have tried to faithfully worship and serve Him.

The next week we were able to share the following true story:

A Scottish Christian, reaching retiring age, was recently winding up his café, gift shop and photographic business after 6 quite gruelling years during which time he had done his best to provide a relaxing, positive space where people could enjoy eating out and benefit from the display of local crafts. He wasn't sure how successful he had been but he had tried. Here, in his own words, is the story of his last day.

'Yesterday was our last day... In the middle of yesterday's happy chaos a guy walks in... I asked him if he was local and he said, ' No, I came especially today to see you!' He played me along for a few minutes and then revealed he had been at primary and secondary school with me. About 15 yrs ago he connected with me on FB through a mutual friend. He told me then that my faithful testimony at school had

played a part in him coming to faith several years later.

Well yesterday he drove from Dundee (114 miles) and said, 'I came to give you this.'

"This" was a Timex watch. He said, 'I stole your watch at primary school so I want you to have this to replace it!' That must be at least 55 years ago. Godsmacked would be a good description.

Be encouraged that the Lord has all our lives safely 'in his hands' and through all the ups and downs His timing is perfect.'

God sees, God knows and He doesn't forget. So keep on keeping on!'

The other thing we are continuing to enjoy at Growing Together, every few weeks, is episodes of 'The Chosen', a fascinating, informative and challenging series of films about the life and times of Jesus and His disciples (available online).

Growing Together meets each Tuesday in school term time, 2 - 4pm in Room 2 in the church Halls. We have been happy to welcome a couple of new folk recently and would love you to join us too. Why not come along to our Christmas Special on Tuesday 17th December?

Janet Martin

COSY KNIT

Our city of Glasgow celebrates its 850th year in 2025.

To make this year special, Glasgow Presbytery is inviting all the churches in the Glasgow area to knit squares to make blankets.

When all squares are sown together we are hoping to have 850 blankets. These blankets will be put on display and then given to the Lodging House Mission.

We need your help with donations of wool and knitting needles. We need any double knitting or Arran wool you can spare and require No 10 and No 8 needles respectively.

The pattern is: Cast on 40 stitches. Every row is plain knitting until the square measures 8 inches, then cast off.

You can leave supplies and squares in the baskets at the front of the church.



ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT for OLDER PEOPLE

Here are the details (all groups are in the church halls unless otherwise stated) and Zoom links.

Monday

Sunshine Club - from 1.30-3.30pm. A cuppa, a chat and some entertainment (There is a charge of £4).

Come and Sing Café - at Shettleston New Church meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month - 2.00 - 3.30pm. Live music with tea/coffee and cakes served from 2.00 p.m. The Come and Sing cafe is open to anyone living with dementia and their family/friends. 679 Old Shettleston Road (next to Aldi) G32 7JG. Contact: Margaret Watson 07719 293 353.

Tuesday

Coffeetime Chat - We meet on Zoom for a blether and some puzzles. If you have difficulty getting online please let me know.

Time: Tuesday at 10am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86553882010>

Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010

No passcode required.

Strength & Balance Class - 12.30-1.30 for people with reduced mobility.

Growing Together - 2-4pm, A chance to explore with others the relevance of faith in today's world. Often includes singing, Bible discussion, prayer time, tea, coffee and chat. All welcome!

Ladies Recreation Club - from 7-9 pm for fun and friendship.

Wednesday

Prayers On Zoom -Half an hour of readings, prayers and reflection.

(If you would like us to pray for you or someone else please let Aileen know).

Time: Wednesday at 10am

Join Wednesday Space

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88442485052>

Meeting ID: 884 4248 5052

No passcode required

Health Walk - Meets at the Church gate at 11.00am for about an hour's gentle exercise and company. Followed by a cuppa in the hall. New members always welcome. No need to book- just turn up.

Service at the Bield - last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. All are welcome to join us at Carntyne Gardens for a short service with songs followed by a cuppa. Next one 27th November.

Men's Recreation Club - Meets from 6.40-9 in the church hall for fun and friendship.

Thursday

Community Café - 9.30-12.30 Drop in for a hot drink and something to eat. Pay only what you can afford. Meet a friend, make a friend. Speak to Parkhead Citizen Advice Bureau advisors every second week or Bill our technology volunteer every other week.

Film Club - at 1pm in the hall.

Friday

Bereavement Group - monthly on the first Friday of the month from 10:15-11:45am. Ask Aileen for details

Lunch club - (at 12 noon) a two-course meal in company followed by tea and coffee. There is a small charge of £3.90.

Young at Heart - 1-3pm in the hall with dominoes, quizzes, some gentle exercise, a cuppa and bingo. Occasionally craft or a visit from a speaker.

Not sure where to start with digital skills? Drop in to Cranhill Development Trust for a chat, or let them know which skills you'd like to explore, and they'll tailor a 1-to-1 session just for you!

Call: 0141 774 3344

Email: matthew@cranhilldt.org.uk

Visit: Cranhill Development Trust, 109 Bellrock Street, Glasgow

With best wishes.

Aileen

PAMS PAGES

Wishing everyone at C&C a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and Every Blessing in 2025

I am thoroughly enjoying being part of the C&C WhatsApp group and hearing about what is happening in the church, and especially the Christmas plans.

There are changes ahead:

In Me: In September, I signed up for an eight week on-line “Listening to God course”, It was led by Neil Miller and based on his book, “What if Listening to God was easy”. In our small group we explored the many ways God spoke to people throughout the Bible, in dreams and visions, direct revelation, and prophecy. Believing that God still communicates with people directly, Neil shared through personal experiences how God had spoken to him and other people with important questions, believers and non-believers, which often resulting in healing and changed lives. During and after each session we were encouraged to practice listening to God, recording our dreams, and sharing our visions with others in

the group. It takes time to listen, but I am hearing God's voice more clearly.

In Ministry: After a successful 3-day training in Sandema, the Children and Families team met and decided that it is now time to develop courses for parents to help them disciple their children in the home. Eventually we hope to revive the vision of Malachi clubs in church and home.

In Housing: At the end of October Yvonne left Sandema to return to the UK. I am changing my office and accommodation to work better for me in the house.

Prayers

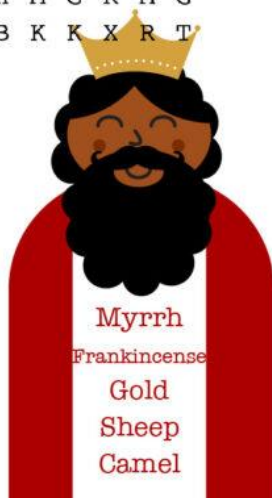
Help me to listen well to what God has to say to me.

Give thanks for local friends who help and keep me safe as I adjust to a new way of living in Sandema.

Pam

A Savior is Born!

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WHATS on at CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH

For Young People

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| 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

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| 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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