

CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



JUNE 2025

FROM the MANSE

Dates are important, they are part of our every day, we know what day of the week it is, and dates keep us in time. Every year we may buy calendars that have pictures to hang on our walls to remember what day of the week it is. Special dates are often marked in our diary and calendars, for example, a loved one dies, and we mark the anniversary in our diaries, your birthday, or those who you care about, and significant moments in life. And we may also remember dates of world tragedies like Dunblane, September 11th and boxing day tsunami. On the 19th May, that will be a full year (and likely your reading this after its passed) since I came to C and C and preached as sole nominee here, and it will be 1 year on the 27th June since I got in ducted here, how time has flow in the last year. But dates are important, and there are many dates that are in the Christian year that we hold important, Communion that we have, our Advent then into Christmas, with Christmas day a big date we know. The start of lent, leading to Easter Sunday, then the season of easter, and we have Pentecost. The day some describe as the church's birthday, and a day we celebrate. And we should celebrate, as much as we can

during the year, the joy of knowing God, of the birth and death of Jesus, and the spirit being with us following the day of Pentecost. In the church of Scotland, we know it's been a tuff time for us all, with churches moving into unions, linkages, and buildings that were much loved and held deep memories being sold off, has been hard. And we know need to pray, serve, and celebrate, we are still here, in new unions and ways of doing life, but we are still here, because God never got closed down. Yes, we may have to get a bit smaller, but this is an opportunity for Gods church in Scotland to regroup, re plan, re mission, and re love. Lets celebrate that.

Acts 2 Good News Translation

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. 2 Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other language as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Rhona

KIRK SESSION

At the time of writing many people are either going on holiday or planning their summer break and many of the organisations will have stopped meeting until the Autumn.

Kirk Session_ At the last Session meeting Dr. Janet Martin informed the Session that she is returning to Nigeria after 40 years and I am sure you will be reading more about this in the magazine. The Kirk Session congratulated Janet and wished her well

A lot of discussion has taken place at Session meetings about the plans to encourage members of the Church to join various groups that are being set up and we hope that all those with hidden talents will have made them known to the rest of us.

The progress of the building work is always on the agenda at Session meetings and you will be able to read updates in this magazine.

Easter Services They were well attended with 32 attending the Maundy Thursday Communion and approx. 28 on Friday evening. We then had the Baptism of baby Annabel on Easter Sunday.

At 6am Rhona and a good number of
attended the 9am service at Hogganfield Loch.
Thanks to all for their support.

Thanks to all who tied their ribbons to the
Rainbow Tree over the past months,
These are now joined together and draped on the
cross in memory of your
Loved ones.

Events We had our Beetle Drive with pie and
peas/beans and this proved to be a successful
night with much laughter and friendship. Our next
event will be on 7 June when we will have a
fundraising coffee morning with stalls, and
hopefully lots of people attending. Watch out for
other events that are being planned.

Happy Holidays to all.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

COMMUNION ROLL

Correction to spelling in December newsletter for
New Members:

Masoud Bohlooly and Farideh Asari



BUILDINGS UPDATE

The Tender documentation for our Project has been issued and the deadline for applications was 2nd May. A good number have been received from contractors and they will be assessed over the month of May by our Architects.

ORGANISATIONS

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club has just finished for the Summer, but we still have our outing to look forward to. We are going to Callendar then Crieff and having High Tea in Perth. We start back on Tuesday 9th September at 7pm in the downstairs hall. Hoping some new Ladies will join us then Have a lovely Summer break.

Margaret Kelly
Secretary

Growing Together

Could you help?

A couple of years ago at Growing Together we learned about Pastor Albert, an inspirational Pastor in northern Ghana. When his fields of crops were torched by a local group, his first instinct was to take revenge. However, he quickly realised that this was his opportunity to share

God's love and he began looking for ways to help this needy people.



Pastor Albert with his son

A few weeks before Easter, he gathered a group together and they met as a church for the first time ever. He is keen for them to have a church building to meet in before the rainy season begins. He visited and talked with them and he is trying to help with education for their children and a better water supply. At Christmas time he visited with Shoe boxes filled with gifts to the great delight of adults and children alike. His great desire is for them to learn that Jesus loves them and gave His life for them so they could know His forgiveness and his peace and become His followers.

They began to build and worked hard, but an early rainstorm washed away their mud bricks before they could get the roof on. We would like to try to help them as they start building again to get cement and roofing materials. If you would like to help to get a roof on this new church speak to Janet Martin or Janet Hunt.

Janet Martin



Trip to Nigeria

It is just over 40 years since I returned to UK after spending 6 years working as a doctor in a Mission Hospital in Ochadamu, Nigeria with Mission Africa. Having contracted Hepatitis, it took me a lot longer than expected to recover and I wasn't able to go back. Instead of returning to Nigeria I moved to Glasgow and trained in Medicine for the Elderly, working happily in that specialty till I retired.

Recently, the new CEO of Mission Africa, Paul Wright, spoke at a public meeting about the Hospital in Ochadamu, now called Holley Memorial Hospital after the first Doctor who worked there in the early days of its existence in the 1950's. First established for the treatment and care of patients with leprosy, it had developed significantly by the time I worked there to include general outpatient clinics, baby clinics, medical wards and a Maternity Unit, and was staffed primarily by missionary doctors and nurses with the help of teenage interpreters. The administration of the Hospital has since been handed over to the United Evangelical Church and the senior staff are now all Nigerian. Even bigger than before, it has, since 2017, included a School of Nursing.

Paul mentioned that the Mission were looking for someone to go and live at Ochadamu for a while, not primarily in any specific staff role but just to live there, as a Christian, looking out for the current needs and seeing where the mission might be involved in helping the hospital in the 2020's to fulfil the purpose for which it was founded. At once I sensed that this was a role I could fulfil and that God was asking me to do this, and over the course of the last few months God has confirmed clearly that this is indeed what He wants me to do. So it is that I am planning, DV, to fly to Nigeria on 23rd July to spend 6 months in Ochadamu. From what I have gleaned from a couple of folk who have worked there in recent years, I expect some things to have changed out of all recognition and other things to be exactly the same! One thing that hasn't changed a bit, from what I see in a recent photo, is the main road to the Hospital and I clearly recognise the Outpatient Department.

Janet Martin

Roundabouts and Blankets

Between our house and Carntyne and Cranhill Church there are 10 roundabouts, which make for an easy and enjoyable journey. However, at the moment there are five way traffic lights at the third roundabout from home, which can lead to long delays and annoyance! So I've decided to calm down, make time, and enjoy the views.

Surrounded by green trees, hedges and fields I've taken time to wonder at the numerous different shades of green that God has blessed us with! Then the cars start rolling by – all shapes, sizes, ages and colours, but all with their own unique number plate. But what of the people inside the cars? Every one different, even if they happen to be “identical” twins. Each one a marvel of God's creation, and loved by Him.

Our 12 blankets that we've made for the Lodging House Mission, as we celebrate 850 years of Glasgow as a city, are amazing creations when our individual squares are joined together as one. Eight inch squares? In reality they weren't all squares or necessarily eight inches!! This was because we knit with different tensions and dyes can affect the thickness of the wool. Yet when we were presented with random piles of 'squares' we

were able to arrange them so that they came together to form a beautifully patterned warm blanket! This was sometimes surrounded by a crocheted border, which reminded me of how we're surrounded by God's love, and the ever present presence of the Holy Spirit. Different people with different gifts came together to form each beautiful blanket of many colours, and Tron St Mary's Hobbies and Crafts ladies joined in the fun too!

As a congregation we come together with different gifts, and each one has a part to play in making us a warm and welcoming church. Whoever you are God loves you and is making you a blessing to Carntyne and Cranhill and beyond. You are important. You are special.

Under Rhona's guidance we come together in Jesus Name to bless one another and our community.

With love and prayers,

Janet Hunt

ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT **for OLDER PEOPLE**

Dear Friends,

As most of you know I am employed for two and a half days a week to reach out to older people in order to try to relieve some of the loneliness and isolation that we know people struggle with. Part of that involves running or promoting groups and activities and I can only do that with help from volunteers, who either come to help or who keep me informed about groups so I can pass the news along. If that's you, Thank you!

We've received some funding from our friends at Sky so there will be another **Tea Dance on Friday 30th May**. All welcome. We're also planning the Young at Heart summer Outing which will be on Tuesday 26th August this year.

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 for older people in and around the church:

The Sunshine Club, a club for seniors often with musical entertainment from 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. Meet by the church gate at 11am.

A short **afternoon service at the Bield**, Carntyne Gardens happens monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. It is followed by a cuppa.

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.

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

On Friday you'll find **Lunch Club** (12noon), two courses and a cuppa for free at the moment, **Young at Heart social club** (1pm) fun, games, quizzes, music, occasional craft or speaker, and the **Bereavement Group** (1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month) at 3.30-5pm.

Our regular Zoom groups have changed a little: a short **Prayer Service** starts at 9.30am on Tuesday and is followed by **Coffeetime Chat** from 10-11am.

The Zoom ID for both groups is:

Tuesdays from 9.30am

Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010 (no passcode required)

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

Aileen

PAM

Greetings to all at C&C Glasgow, from a not so hot, but still humid Sandema

As Janet Hunt wrote to me recently on WhatsApp, I do have a very varied life here. At the time I was sitting on a plastic chair in the dark, in the middle of a field, under a rather hazy full moon.

waiting..... for 'a Crusade'? As often happens here, I sort of know what is about to happen and maybe when it will happen, but not exactly what to expect.

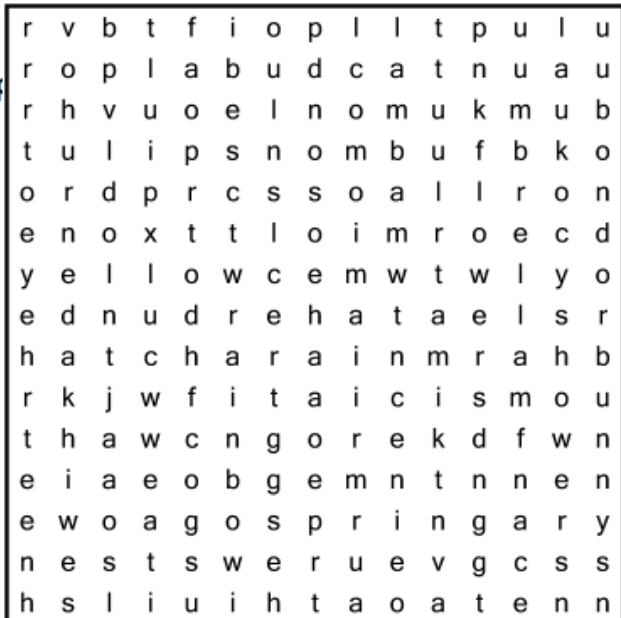
That night, when I arrived, there were already fifty plastic chairs, and several wooden benches neatly set out in the middle of a large open space. Ten or so young men were quietly unloading the sound system, portable generator, computer, screen and lighting poles. They ran the electric cables across the invisible ground with occasional light from a mobile phone. Gradually the seats began to fill up as more dark figures emerged from distant, nearly invisible houses.

After some difficulty the generator fired, the screen lit up, and the first part of 'The Jesus Film', was shown in the local language, Buli. How everyone clapped when Jirus' daughter rose from

her deathbed to the amazement and joy of her parents. When the lights went out again, it was time for singing, and dancing in the moonlight, a slow procession of children moving to the beat of the drums. The lights came back and one of the Elders preached from John 3:16, and other verses, emphasising how much God loves everyone. Then we sang and prayed and took a collection. At the end ten older ladies separated themselves to be prayed for. This is the way the church grows in rural Ghana.
Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Love and prayers
Pam

Spring Word Search



Spring
Showers
Tulips
Hatch
Lamb
Blossom
Yellow
Bud
Rainbow

Clean
Flowers
Thaw
Chick
Bunny
Nests
Warm
Umbrella
Bloom

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 9:30am 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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