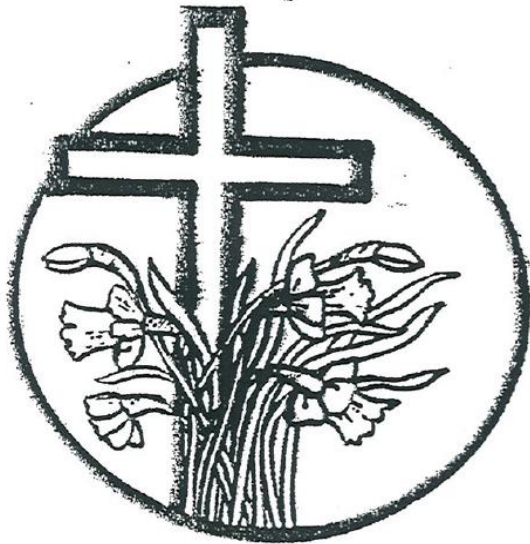


CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



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FROM the MANSE

How times files when you're having fun.

Did you know that it takes more muscles to smile than it does to frown? And did you know that your wrinkles on your face are from laughter, not stern looks? Not even sure if that is true, but it sure feels like a good fact if it is.

I have recently come back from a week's holiday. On my first day back, we had a Kirk Session meeting which I gave an apology at the start to warn the elders of my mood that night, not a bad one, but a hyper mood!! I was excited to be back, and that is true. It's been a fast 7 months so far, and a very enjoyable one.

With the planned refurb coming soon (we have delays, which is normal for this size of project) it means we will together have a time of change with our physical worship space, which is both exciting and scary. In all of it, we do it together. When we have to decant to the hall, we do it together, when we have to look at what we keep, recycle and bin, we will do it together. When we have that first

service in the refurb sanctuary, we will do it together.

My first 7 months have been fun, what will the next 7 months, years, decades bring!

Hebrews 10:24-25 New International Version

24 and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Rhona 😊

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CHURCH STRUCTURE

The Church of Scotland have been moving Church governance structures to a Unitary Model. This simply means you have a Kirk Session, no Church board, and have teams that support the work that is needed for us to serve each other and the community, for God, in an organised way, well that's the theory!!

The Kirk Session took some time last year to look at what this means for us, and we have come up with the following teams:

Mission, Outreach and Communications

This covers social media, Communication, Newsletter, Web site Review, Connection with current groups/users, Leaflet Drop, Summer Mission, Develop Cluster Relationships, and Relationships with local schools.

Worship

This covers Different styles/Types of hymns/Music, Better IT, Printed notices, Better Sound, Band, increase choir numbers, CCLI music licences, Varied Worship styles, Be open to

new ways, Tea Squad, Welcome Squads, worship cover, and Rota of Readers

Fabric

This covers Building Grounds, Safety Check lists, Garden, Meter Reading, Access and Ongoing schedule of Maintenance.

Finance and Fundraising

This covers Counts, Recordings Accounts, Gift aid, Donations, Events – social and fund raising, Source Funding, Knowledge of what available, Squads, Stewardship and Letting of Halls

Church Family and Pastoral

This covers Family Contact for House bound, Elders visiting Organisation, Link person for groups who used church, follow up people baptised / children, Visiting and giving flowers, follow up after a funeral, Finding the talents of the church, Prayer chain, Prayer box, Information, Visit – House Bound/Hospital, newsletter delivery, Celebration Book, Prayer Requests, GDPR and Pastoral visit team.

MODERATOR

Dear Everyone at Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church,

I'm grateful to your Minister, Rhona, for inviting me to contribute something to your church magazine. It hardly seems any time at all since the Service of Induction in June when we inducted and welcomed Rhona as Minister of this newly united congregation. It has been almost eight months though, believe it or not! I hope that during this time you have all begun to settle into your new identity and into new relationships as the people of God in Carntyne and Cranhill led by your not so new Minister!

I read recently there has been a poll carried out which shows that adults start behaving like their parents at age 43. Apparently, this means they begin to moan about the weather, fall asleep on the sofa during the evening and head to bed before 10pm. It is also at age 43 that they will have a favourite chair and take up gardening (but not both at the same time!)

I wonder if any of this sounds like you, whatever age you are?

And I wonder if you see any other things in yourself that remind you of your parents or those adults you grew up with?

Maybe it is the things you say or the things you like – or don't like; the routines you fall into or the choices you make about everything from clothes (comfort fitting and not so high heels); purchases in the supermarket or how you spend your leisure time.

All this led me to wondering about whether as the people of God and followers of our Lord Jesus Christ we show others the likeness of Christ. When others look at or listen to us; when they see the kind of lives we lead, the actions we take and the choices we make – do they see something of Christ in us?

I think that as Christian people this is something for which we should be striving. We are called to be Christ-like showing the love of God to others round about and to those further away. Of course, that's quite a challenge. It's not always easy.

However, the more we come together to look to and learn from Christ our Lord the more of a habit living Christ-like lives becomes for each of us. Being together in worship; joining in the fellowship of God's people and taking part in work and service together means that the way of Christ; something of the image of God rubs off on each of us – so perhaps even without fully realizing it we begin, at any age, to be like our Lord.

I'm so pleased that many of you in Carntyne and Cranhill are getting involved with the Glasgow Close Knit project and have already produced so many beautiful blankets. These will be distributed (after being displayed) by Lodging House Mission to individuals and families who need them to keep warm and who also need to know they are cared for and valued by us whose Lord, Jesus Christ, also loved and cared for the most vulnerable in society.

Well done to you all!

I understand knitting needles are still clicking away; crochet hooks are hard at work and sewers are being kept busy - so keep going! Keep going too as you witness to the goodness, grace and love of God by being the church here, loving and serving in the name of Christ.

I'm sure that the more we all behave like Christ and the more we live like him, the more we, ourselves are blessed and the more we bring to others the blessing of God's love, joy and peace. May you, each and all know that same blessing of God as you build up God's church here and play your part in creating God's kingdom on earth. Good wishes and blessings to you all

Rev Janet S Mathieson

Moderator of the Presbytery of Glasgow



KIRK SESSION

At the time of writing, it is early February and Christmas seems a distant memory. For those who were unable to attend some of the events, some things are listed below.

We had our Christmas Fayre on 23rd November and had a wonderful turnout, thanks to all who supported this event and helped raise money for the soon to be refurbished church.

On 21st December we had a Christmas party with games, dancing, food, and a visit from Santa. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to the organisers and all who came along.

On 22nd December we had our Nativity Service, different from anything we have ever had. Elders and members were invited to dress as Superheroes, what sights we had that day, and it was a Super Service.

On 24th December it was our Watchnight Service at 11.30pm with Carols beforehand at 11pm and the church was as usual beautifully decorated and in candlelight.

It was lovely to see so many people, many of them visitors to the church, some of whom only come to this service every year.

Annual Business Meeting

Will take place on 2nd March when we hope to have some updates on the building plans. This has involved a lot of work and planning, and thankfully we are moving in the right direction.

Easter Services

17th April Maundy Thursday 7pm communion

18th April Good Friday 7pm

20th April 6am in the church garden

20th April 11am family Easter service

Events

We are planning to have a number of events during the year to help with fundraising. Ideas at the time of writing are a Beetle Drive and Fish Supper night, a Spring Fayre, possibly a Show of Fashion and more. At the spring fayre we hope to have a gardening stall. However, we need the help of those that have green houses, or gardens and who could grow some plants that we can sell on the day, probably late May early June.

Please support the committee with your donations.

If possible, please let us know in advance so that we can decide whether it is possible or not to have such a stall. Please support the committee by attending events.

Organisations

At the last Session Meeting the Elders reported on the Youth Organisations. All are growing in number, and we are so lucky to have so many young people attending.

Tiny Tots

Parent and Toddlers are very busy most days Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. One morning recently we had 18 children all three years and under. It was very noisy and a wonderful sight.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible around the church and attending some of the events.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

COMMUNION ROLL

Correction to spelling in December newsletter for
New Members:

Masoud Bohlooly and Farideh Asari



ORGANISATIONS

Explorers

We have a problem! It's a good problem but a problem none the less. We have been blessed with many children coming to Explorers (Sunday school) and would love to have a few people who are able to help, following being PVG, to assist with the team on leading our beautiful young ones. This would look like once-a-month support and may also help the ladies come into worship from time to time.

Please speak to Margaret or Irene for more information, thanks.

Ladies Club

We started back after the Christmas break with 16 members and one new lady. What an encouraging start to the year.

At the club we play bowls, darts, dominoes and line dancing. We play for fun, so no skills are required. Why not drop in some Tuesday night and give us a try. You will be made very welcome. You can try all the activities or only the one you fancy. After the strain of a game, you will enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits. There is also a chat to finish.

Hope to see you on a Tuesday at 7pm in the downstairs hall. No stairs. See you there.

Margaret Kelly
Secretary

Growing Together

On Tuesday afternoons we continue to enjoy exploring together how our faith works out in everyday life and encouraging one another to keep on keeping on!

In December we had a Christingle Celebration when we remembered that Jesus came as the Light of the World, and that His light still shines in the darkness.



At New Year we discovered, with the help of a lovely Advent Book by Philippa Ruth Wilson called 'Brightest and Best', that God makes resolutions! The great thing is that He never fails to carry out His resolutions, the promises He makes to us. He says He will always love us, always be there for us and that He will forgive us when we confess, we have been wrong. He is always willing to help us and wants us to rest in the assurance of His love.

We had a great afternoon recently with Elizabeth McDowall of Scripture Union Scotland, hearing about the many ways SU is helping children and young people to find out about the Bible and the relevance of Jesus to their lives. Many youngsters, having come to faith in Jesus, are participating in training events and then, taking part in school SU groups, camps and missions, are glad to be helping other youngsters learn about Jesus too.

The film series 'The chosen' continues to be very popular giving us interesting insights into the life and times of Jesus and His disciples.

Why not join us on a Tuesday afternoon, 2-4pm in the Church Halls.

Janet Martin

The 63rd Girls Brigade

We would like to thank the members of Carntyne and Cranhill Church and their friends for their support at our fund-raising evening on Friday 7 February 2025 which was a great success. We raised £1,120.00.

A note for your diaries. The leaders and girls of the 63rd Girls Brigade company intend to hold a coffee morning in aid of Marie Curie on Saturday morning 29th March, between 10.30 and 12.30 in the Carntyne and Cranhill Church hall. Your support for the worthy cause would be appreciated.

The company is doing well and now has two new trainee leaders who we hope in the future will become commissioned leaders.

The Officers and girls of 63rd Girls Brigade company would appreciate your continued support and prayers. Thank you.

Karen Scott
Leader in Charge

KNIT TOGETHER

Thank you to all those who have knitted squares and sewn them together to make blankets for The Lodging House Mission! We have at least four finished blankets so far with others on the way.

The project has been initiated by Glasgow Presbytery to celebrate the 850th Anniversary of Glasgow becoming a city.

The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev Janet Mathieson, along with Rev Peter Gardener, Minister to The Visual Arts Community, and Deacon Claire Herbert, Chaplain to The Lodging House Mission, have invited everyone in Glasgow to take part in “Glasgow Close Knit” to show our care for others, as the finished blankets will be used to help the homeless in our community.

Our knitters at Carntyne and Cranhill Parish church have been joined by others, including our Community Cafe folk and ladies from the Hobbies and Crafts Group at Tron St Mary’s Parish Church (Rhona’s previous charge) and it’s good to be working together with one aim:

“In this way in its 850 Anniversary year we continue and mark the heritage of Glasgow as a

city that cares for all, supports the most vulnerable and knows all people in Glasgow and beyond are Knit Together in the love that is the gift of God to us.” Presbytery, January 2025

All the finished blankets will be displayed as pieces of art in Glasgow and the surrounding areas from the middle of 2025, so we ask that all squares be handed in by the end of April to give us time to sew and finish our contributions.

Well done Carntyne and Cranhill knitters and friends, you’re doing a wonderful job! If you would like to knit and chat with others, join us at St George’s Tron on Saturday February 22nd between 11am and 4pm.

Janet Hunt



ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT for OLDER PEOPLE

Dear Friends,

Carntyne and Cranhill Parish Church is the place to be! As well as all the fun on Sunday there are lots of things happening during the week. 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!

Look out for information about the **Tea Dances on Fridays 28th Feb and 21st March**. We are able to host these thanks to an Area Partnership grant.

The Community Cafe

Thursday mornings is getting busier and busier, and we could do with some new volunteers to help either front of house or in the kitchen. If that

sounds like something you'd enjoy, please get in touch.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Lightburn Hospital tea-room, which has now closed, we are able to offer lunch at the Lunch Club on Fridays at 12noon for free, at the moment.

We serve a two-course meal delivered from Cranhill Primary.

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 outside the church gate at 11am.

Afternoon Service Bield

Happens monthly at Carntyne Gardens on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. It is followed by a cuppa.

Community Café

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

Thursdays at 1pm. Tea and coffee are served in the break.

Bereavement Group

On Friday you'll find the monthly (first Friday of the Month) at 10:15-11:45.

Lunch Club

two courses and a cuppa for free at the moment
12 noon

Young at Heart Social Club

Fun, games, quizzes, music, occasional craft or speaker. 1pm

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 are:

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

PAMS PAGES

Greetings to all at C&C Glasgow, from a hot and humid Accra,

As I write this, I am back at the Guest House in Accra enjoying a two-week holiday with my



friend from the Borders and re-discovering the joys and convenience of living in the city. It has been a good time of relaxing and sight-seeing, with a lot of reflection and catching up. I should return to Sandema on Wednesday 12th February. My planned Home Assignment has been delayed until June and July so we can fit in more dry season trainings. I hope to be able to spend some time with you all in the Carntyne area.

I do thank the session at C&C for the personal gift they sent me which paid for my flight to Accra and the new picture for my living-room in Sandema. Christmas was busy. The Children's Ministry leaders from the four Sandema GNBC churches arranged a parade through the town and market on Christmas Eve, led by the youth brass band.

On Christmas Day nearly 300 church children and their friends enjoyed a party at Town Church, with films, stories, singing, games, crafts and everyone's favourite meal, Jolof rice. It was a blessed Christmas!

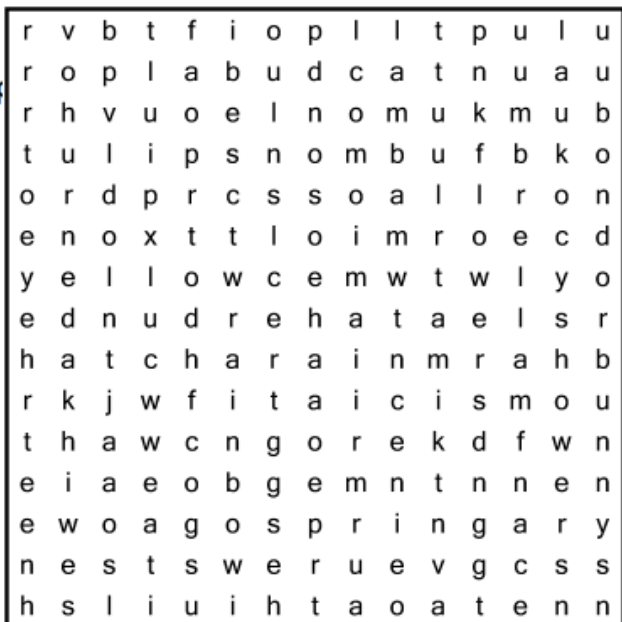
The Good News Bible Church, which was started by SIM, had their Pastors and Leaders conference early in January. My neighbour and co-worker, Ps Nicholas was set-apart as the national Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator last year, and it was wonderful to see the network of children's ministry workers that has formed from all over Ghana within the year. I will use the money the church donated to extend our interdenominational training programmes into new areas in northern Ghana which we have identified.

Prayer points

Help me to listen well to what God has to say to me and the training team about the way forward in the children's ministry. We see several opportunities. Give thanks for local friends who help and keep me safe as I adjust to a new way of living in Sandema.

With love and prayers
Pam Boothman

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 9:30 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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