

CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



June 2026

FROM the MANSE

Tis the season to be Jolly!!

No, I am not going bonkers, or think it's Christmas, but it is a season to be Jolly, with the works beginning (as you read this, it will already be started) on the church building to make it a space that is used on a Sunday to worship our God, but also a space the tiny tots can meet, the BB, the AA, the sunshine club, I could go on and on, but your get the picture.

When I was exploring the call to come here, one of the many things that spiked my interest was your vision for your church space, your patience (though I know it's been well tested) and your prayers that have been said and poured over the church. Folks can say 'oh it's just a building' but the brutal truth of it, is we need a place to gather, we need a place that we come to, and if we all turned up at the manse, well, Layla and Nanook might just get a few treats, but it's not big enough for us, and our prayers. The church will be fuller, fitter, and full of friends with the refurbishment. Easter Sunday, we ran out of Hymn books, tis the season to be Jolly!!!! The last service (for now) we had in the building was a joyful one, but I know

it had tears too, think about when you moved maybe out the family home, you get attached to the bricks, the church buildings that make this Congregation can all feel it: South Carntyne and Cranhill are still there, and people still gather, and even prayers still said, but no longer the congregations but us, the Carntyne and Cranhill church, this is our church. This is our space. This will be where we gather. So, thank you to all for getting us there.

Rhona 😊



KIRK SESSION

Easter Services

I was unable to attend the Easter Services, however, I have heard that there had been a very good turnout for the Maundy Thursday Communion Service.

Friday had been a quieter night and well done for those who made the Sunday 6am Service.

Last Church Service

On Sunday 26th April we had our last service in the Church as we moved into the halls during the renovations. We had a lovely service when many a tear was shed. We are of course delighted that we are at last getting somewhere.

However, for many who have attended the Church for many, many years there were mixed emotions. We now look forward to the future but will still have our memories of very happy times from High Carntyne, to Carntyne to Carntyne and Cranhill. **What a journey we have been on.**

It was lovely to have the bagpipes lead us from the Church followed by leaders of the organisations carrying the colours and various items from the church being carried out. So many people who had moved away came back for the service and we were also privileged to have one of our own boys Stephen Ashfield playing the organ and singing to us during the offering.

A lot of work has taken place over the past few weeks as we moved from the church to the halls, grateful thanks to all who helped move and dispose of the furniture etc.

There have been many changes, with a new key pad, letter box and cigarette box all at the entrance of what is now our main door. The bins had to be moved and the defibrillator too. This is a temporary measure, and it will not be too long before we move back into our newly refurbished church.

Summer Club

Plans are in hand for the Summer Club on 4th, 5th and 6th August for Primary school children.

Kirk Session Teams

All teams continue to work on their ideas and report back at Session their plans on how we go forward.

Some people go on holiday soon, so we wish you Happy Holidays.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

CHURCH LIFE

Weddings

Deborah Bannan and Mark Glodek 19th March

Anne Mannion and James Gray 24th April

Joan McIntyre and Alan Duncan 9th May

Baptisms

Jidenna Jason Ikenna - 15th March

Max Robert James Rafferty 5th April

Funeral

Helena Wallace 15th February



BUILDINGS UPDATE

Our Contractors, Redpath Construction, start work on our Church Building on Monday 11th May and we expect it to take around 9 months to complete.

All activities currently held in our halls will move to the new building on completion where it will serve as a modern Church and Community Hub all under one roof.

The project involves the creation of an updated Sanctuary with new sound system and screens, new meeting rooms, kitchen, offices, toilets and a cafe area. There will be a heating upgrade and insulation refresh and a full rewire. All facilities will be accessible with a new external ramp access and the work will be done while carefully protecting our much-loved B Listed property.

This has been a long time in the making and is a really exciting time for us all!

The new Temple will be more splendid than the old one, and there I will give my people prosperity

*and peace.” The LORD Almighty has spoken.
Haggi 2:9 GNT*

ORGANISATIONS

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club finished for the summer on Tuesday 28th April. Our summer outing was on 2nd May.

We went to Pitlochry then to Castle Menzies for a guided tour, finishing with high tea at Perth. We had a lovely day.

We start back on Tuesday 8th September and would love to see some new ladies join us.

We play bowls, dominoes, line dancing and darts. We finish with tea, coffee, cakes and a chat.

Hope to see you there.

Margaret Kelly

Secretary

Growing Together

We are enjoying a good year with new people attending and new people taking a lead at our meetings. We have been learning about God as our Father, about the prayer Jesus taught us, about temptation, about ways of reaching out and praying for others and about what eternal life means in the here and now. We continue to enjoy the film series 'The Chosen' about Jesus and His disciples, set in the life and times in which they lived; and we had a wee look at life in a Mission Hospital in Nigeria.

No previous Bible knowledge is needed to come and join in. Our aim as we share is to help one another to grow in the understanding of our faith and how to put it into practice. And our tea, coffee and cake time at the end remains popular! Why not come and give it a try?

Tuesdays 2-4pm in Room 2 in the Church Halls, on every week till Tuesday 23rd June.

Janet Martin

ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT **for OLDER PEOPLE**

Monday:

Sunshine Club from 1.30-3.30pm. A cup of tea or coffee, 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 Douglas 07984 213214 for details.

Tuesday:

Coffeetime Chat 10- 11.30am. Meeting on Zoom for a blether and some puzzles.

Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010 - No passcode required.

Strength & Balance Class 12.30-1.30 in the church hall 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 7-9pm for fun and friendship.

Wednesday:

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.

Monthly short afternoon service at the Bield last Wednesday of the month at 2pm followed by a cuppa and chat. All welcome.

Men's Recreation Club -Meets from 6.40-9pm 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:

Lunch club - at 12 noon a two-course meal in company followed by tea and coffee. This costs £4.10.

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.

Bereavement Group monthly on the first and third Fridays of the month from 3.30-5pm.

JANET'S PRAYER LETTER

Dear family and friends,

Some of you have been following my adventures over the past 8 months and if you have been supporting me and praying for me, I am very grateful.

Ten days before I left Nigeria my Amnesty Certificate came through allowing me to stay! so it was good to get the 6 months I had planned and to leave the country with my visa in order. An unexpected blessing at the airport was the arrival of my house help's twin sister, who just happens to be an Airport Security Policewoman. She made herself known to us and escorted me personally through the whole process of getting to the departure lounge, even allowing my friends to come into the airport with us up to the very last point. (Unheard of! and was a great start to a straightforward journey home.) Grateful to be met at the airport by Agnes, Katy, Star the dog and warm clothes!



I'm now two and a half months back in UK and still hearing from Nigeria every day - so definitely living in 2 worlds. This is made a little easier by the clock change as it puts us in the same time zone. The news I'm getting has been encouraging. A grant from Mission Africa to help with maintenance improvements reached Holley Memorial Hospital just as I left and I am now receiving regular photos - new sinks, new mattresses, lovely new tiling on the walkway between wards, fresh paint inside and outside. This comes as a great encouragement to the Administrator and those staff who have worked away steadily and faithfully over 20 or 30 years. The 100 bibles I brought to the hospital from Jos went on sale on a Monday morning in January. By lunchtime they were gone! We are working on

supplying some more! Morning devotions for the staff and words of outreach and encouragement for the patients are now taking place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Here I have enjoyed playing the keyboard for the choir as they have practised to sing at the Maundy Thursday Service this week. As a church we are preparing for a major interior redevelopment starting 11th May, and so sort out, throw out and move what is left is well underway. My role and great delight has been to look through hundreds of books, especially children's books, some of which are now designated for Nigeria...

After Easter I'm booked to travel to N. Ireland, first for a few days' holiday with my friend Hazel, then to catch up with a few other folks, have time with Paul Wright, CEO of Mission Africa and finally to report back to the folks in the Coleraine MA Prayer Group. Back to Glasgow for a quick turn around and then off south to visit family first, and then on to All Nations Christian College for a five day intensive course, to update my cross cultural understanding towards what I hope will be a return visit to Nigeria later in the year.

It has been lovely to watch Spring unfolding once more. Star and I have enjoyed many good walks great for keeping us both fit!



The transformation of the world as new life springs up all around us at this time of year is such a vivid picture of what the same Creator can do in the life of anyone given over to Him, bringing new hope, new beauty and new purpose, because of the wonderful message of Easter which we celebrate this week.

This letter comes with my very best wishes for a blessed and meaningful Easter. Rejoice with me at the wonder of a risen Saviour who was willing to die to give us abundant life.

With my love and prayers,
Janet

PAMS PAGES



***GNBC Theme for 2026: And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.
2 Timothy 2:2***

Dear Friends, Family and Supporters,

I want to tell you about the amazing time we had at the GNBC Balsa North DCC Easter Convention, and how God's Church grows in unexpected places.

I really wasn't sure if I should go to the Convention this year. It was being held at a distant village which I had never visited, but no one seemed to be sure

what accommodation was available. With the weather getting hotter I did not want a repeat of two years ago when I had heat stroke and had to leave early.

This year the Convention was being held in another outlying village in a partially built church with no roof and incomplete walls. A nearby school provided the sleeping accommodation for the delegates and classrooms for the Children's Ministry. The afternoon before I was sent a video of the senior pastor sweeping out the area and chopping down trees to support the tarpaulins which roofed the 'auditorium'. Where were his helpers? It did not look hopeful.

That evening, Ps. Nicholas phoned to assured me I could stay with one of the church Elder's in a house with a working bathroom! He had gone ahead to help set up and said most of the early arrivals were children and no programme had been planned for them!

But God had it all in hand!

Before I left next morning I collected paper, pens, and coloured pencils, a basic lesson book from my

time with J-Team, and the AWANA games equipment we were planning to use in the afternoons. Five adults and two babies, with mattresses, bags, mats, buckets, cups and water all packed into my truck. It took an hour to drive to Kadema. Breakfast was waiting!

We think about 400 children under 13 and several teachers went to the school over the two days for their programme. Some of the children we knew, others came from the local community. Ps Nicholas took the lead with the older children, and I was with the under 8s with Vivian and Agnes and teachers from other branches.

It went well, and the children all got to hear the Easter story, about Jesus' victory over death and evil on the cross. Ps. Nicholas commented afterwards that the children were calmer than they had been in previous years.

I worked out there was seating for at least 750 in the main 'auditorium' for the teaching and workshops during the day, while older children and young people joined the adults for the evening sessions of worship, praise and teaching. Amazingly, we had no strong winds to disturb the

tarpaulin roof, or any early rain, like the previous week.

We were all well fed with three hot meals and morning snacks each day, thanks to a team of great cooks, on site. My room was 5star, with the softest bed I had ever slept in!

For me it was another experience of listening to and trusting God in unexpected situations.

Blessings

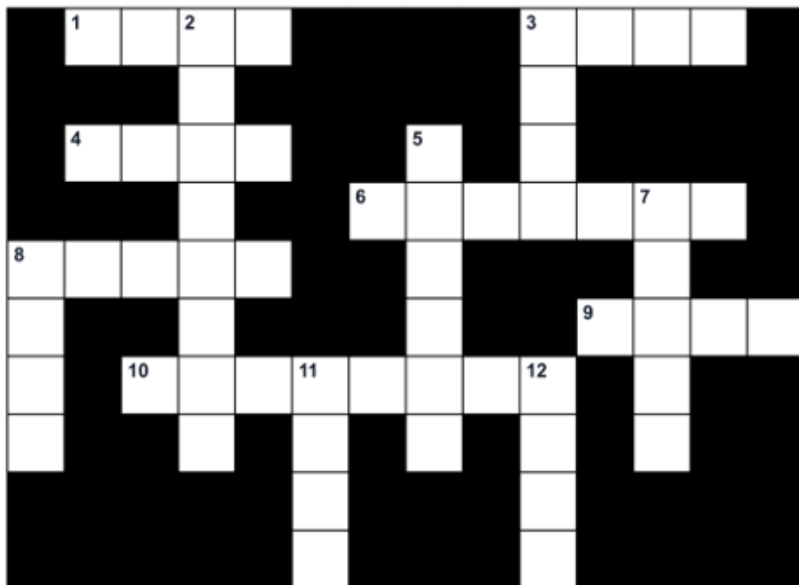
Pam

The original Church at Kadema





Summer Time ☆



Across

1. Lives in water (4)
3. Fizzy drink (4)
4. Camping shelter (4)
6. Sun comes up (7)
8. Found on beach (5)
9. Ocean water moves (4)
10. Cold sweet treat (8)

Down

2. Protects skin (8)
3. Shines at night (4)
5. Sun goes down (6)
7. Cool spot (5)
8. Covers foot (4)
11. Sleep outside (4)
12. Night light (4)



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	9.30am 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
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