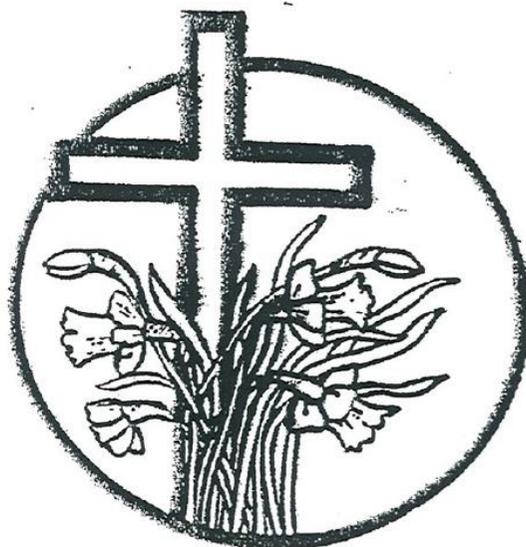


CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



March 2026



FROM the MANSE

Spring Article 2026

I heard a wee story recently about how we can live life with God, and it was centred around a gold fish bowl.

The idea is that we are the gold fish bowl, and the water in it is our life, and there are times in our lives that bad things get in our water, health, loss, broken relationships, job losses, and that is in the water like ink. The ink changes the water, colour taste, but it's still water, just changed.

Sometimes, we can be in that place, and stay there, with the ink slowly changing, but what if we tried to change the water, or add to it. Some fresh water, or a filter.

For me the fresh water is caring for ourselves, doing tasks, maybe seeing a friend or spend time with family. The filter, is our faith. In everything we do, we have our faith to see us through. God is with us in all we do, personally, and in here in the church, and the next year will see change. By January 2027, we will be different people, and our

space we worship in will be different, but the constant will be God, the Spirit, and Jesus. We need to keep topping up the fresh water of prayer, bible reading, and acts of faith. And keep the filter of God in our lives. For we don't do this alone, we do it with God.

Matthew 28:20 "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Rhona



KIRK SESSION

The Kirk Session was pleased to welcome Marie Claire MDS, originally for a few month and we are pleased that she will be with us for the next 9-12 month. She has been a good help around the church and we look forward to having her with us in the future.

At the end of January, we welcomed our new MDS Didi who is Aileen's replacement. Didi has been getting involved and finding her way about, there is always work to be done and we are glad she chose to come to us.

At the time of writing, we are planning for our future as there is much to be done, and hopefully soon. When we move from the church to the halls and vice versa then much help will be needed by all who are able.

Easter

There will be services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7pm.

On Easter Sunday 5th April there will be a 6am Dawn service and 11am service to which all are invited.

AGM

Will be held on Sunday 1st March in the Crichton Hall following the church service.

Fundraising Events

The committee are planning a Play your Cards Right on 20th February
Show of Fashion on 14th April,
Coffee Morning 16 May,
Beetle Drive 12 June.

Thanks to all who have supported us in the past and helped raise funds. Watch this space for other events. If you have any fundraising ideas, please let us know.

Thursday Café

Open for breakfast and lunches. This is followed by the film club if you care to stay on.

Lunch Club

Continues on Fridays at 12 noon. Meals are provided by the council and a two course lunch costs £4.20.

Ageing Well Fridays 1-3 pm

This follows on from lunch club, or come along just for the afternoon and play dominoes, have a quiz, followed by tea, cake and a game of bingo.

News from the organisations can be found later in the magazine.

Looking forward to seeing you at some if not all events.

Wishing you all a “Happy Easter”

May Fawns
Session Clerk



DIDI – New MDS

My name is Didi, and I'm originally from Cumbernauld. I lived abroad for almost twenty years in the United States, Australia, Indonesia, Italy, and Spain before returning to Scotland in 2020.

After spending so much time overseas, it's been meaningful to come home, and I'm excited to be living locally and becoming more involved in the community. I have a varied professional background, including work in hospitality, dentistry, home care nursing, and nannying. Having the opportunity to work in so many fields around the world has made me aware of what I find fulfilling and rewarding.

As this is my first role in a church, I look forward to learning and growing in a new environment. In my spare time, I'm a writer and an artist. Recently, I've collaborated with The GoMA and local community groups, which has been a rewarding way to combine creativity and community engagement. This year, one of my goals is to write a book.

When I'm not working or creating, you'll usually find me cooking, enjoying a wide variety of films and music, or relaxing at home with my husband and our cats. Travelling remains my biggest passion and continues to inspire much of my life and creative work
Thanks - Didi

CHURCH LIFE

Funerals

Vivienne and Maurice Crossley
David Boiling
Linda Bonner
Morag Harper*

*Denotes member



BUILDINGS UPDATE

In the December newsletter we said that we were waiting to hear from The National Lottery Fund about our final Grant. Unfortunately, they declined our application but we are delighted to report that The Church of Scotland awarded us a further grant to cover the gap.

Next step is to agree any final cost adjustments with our contractor as it has been some time since they completed their Tender, and agree on a start date. The date is not set yet but we can confirm that the time we will be out of the Church and in the halls for the building work will be 8 to 9 months. As soon as we have more information, we will share it.

In the meantime, work can start on clearing space in the halls for all the items we will need to move out of the Church. All organisations will be asked to help and the Project Team will be in touch.

ORGANISATIONS

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club has started back after the festive break.

We had our Christmas Night at the Springcroft. It was a lovely night; 17 ladies enjoyed a lovely meal. We played music, had a quiz and a poem. Santa left us a little gift too.

We started back on 13th January with 19 members. We enjoy bowls, darts, dominoes and line dancing. Of course, tea, coffee, and cakes follow with a catch-up chat.

We would love to welcome some new members, so why not join us on a Tuesday night at 7pm. No skills are required, just play for fun.

See you there

Margaret Kelly

Secretary

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.

PAMS PAGES

Dear Family, Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and WhatsApp messages. It was great to meet up with so many of you during my home assignment in July and August. I am sorry that my time was so limited I could not meet everyone. It was good to be back in Glasgow for the first month, thought the cool damp weather was not at all Ghanaian, but the welcome at Carntyne an Cranhill church was very warm. Thank you, Rev. Rhona and Layla and Nanook for making me feel so welcome and at home in the manse. The holiday club in August was fun, and it was lovely to be back working with old friends and children.

In between I travelled easily by train to Bebington, Stowmarket/Cambridge, St Helen's, Southport, Falkirk, Polmont, Edinburgh and then on to Duns in the Scottish Borders. Thank you to all who hosted, fed, encouraged, and shared your lives with me for a few short hours or longer.

It took a long time for me to get back to Sandema after landing in Accra. I picked up a new to me

Toyota Hilux truck. I was hesitant to drive an automatic vehicle, but without the constant gear changes on potholed roads, my right shoulder and left foot are now pain free. My first stop was our Spiritual Life Conference in Kumasi. It was good to meet up with the rest of the team, and our speakers our former Director, Phil Bauman, and Andrea his wife. Phil is now SIM International Director. I then spent a few days in Tamale, for a clinic visit and shop for stationary. That just left the last 200 miles drive back to Sandema to a great welcome from Jubilee, Nikki and Stormzy, the three dogs, who have recently been joined by two very vocal kittens, Tommy, a ginger tom, and Tux a female tuxedo.

It took me a while to readjust to rhythm of Sandema life. The rains had started late, but then came, long and strong, so people were busy farming when I got back. Now, crops have been gathered in, and despite the late start it seems to have been a good harvest, particularly for rice and ground nuts. Meanwhile, a neighbour, church friend and young mother, had a motorbike accident and suffered a serious head injury. The church, family, community, SIM and friends contributed to her care, and transfer to the neurosurgical unit in Tamale. After a successful operation and much

prayer, she returned to her family home a month later to finish her recovery. Thank you to those who prayed for Olivia.

I have been a frequent visitor to Tamale recently. Near the end of September, I went to help celebrate the 50th birthday of one of our Sports Friends trainers and join the northern team for their monthly prayer meeting. A month later I returned with two Sandema pastors who were attending the GNBC board meetings while I worked with Beki on digitalising our health records. I rejoined the pastors on Wednesday for the first 3-day GNBC Missions conference. It was a great time as church pastors and leaders considered ways the church could, 'Reignite its Passion for Mission in Our Generation' (Matt.24:14) It was a challenging and encouraging three days.

Three weeks later I was back to Tamale, joining all the SIM Ghana team members for a ministry review meeting. Team members had made short videos of their lives in Ghana. It was good to see the variety of ways the Team reach out to communities where Christ is least known. Some are reached through sports training, training children's leaders, or tutoring exam candidates. Some befriend cattle

herders and their families, others visit widows and vulnerable girls and encourage them to learn God's word, live it, and share it with their friends. Others are involved in encouraging church leaders in discipleship training, prayer and evangelism, youth leader training, and encouraging and supporting congregations with a missional world view to take the next step forward into mission. This work is supported by a director, and leadership and services team who look after the team's finances, buildings, and the legalities which allows the team to remain in country.

While I was in Tamale, rather than returning north, I decided to fly to Accra early and start the renewal process for my residence permit. I soon completed my medical and was free to arrange my flight back. It was delayed until the Monday. This freed me to have a quiet weekend, do some orientation and shopping with a newly arrived couple. It was good to get to know them.

Praise God

For the four retired teacher who are willing to be local 1 for 50 trainers
For a wonderful GNBC Missions conference
For the new truck and safe travels up and down to Tamale
Thanks for a new church in Sandema planning to hold 1for50 trainings
in the New Year

Pray for

The members of SIM Ghana as they adjust to new roles and new members

Wisdom to know where and when to do 1for50 trainings
Parents, pastors, church leaders, and members to know that children
are loved and cared about by God and can have a true personal
relationship with Jesus from an early age.

Church members to be brave and take on the challenge of telling
others about Jesus.

With love and prayers

Pam



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
Explorers**

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