CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



September 2026

FROM the MANSE

From the Manse desk

It is 2026. For some reason, it does not feel like we are over a quarter of a century into the 21st century.
In our life time, and this is for the over 25s, we are the last generation to grow up without the internet in our childhoods. In the early 80's we had the radio, cassette tapes and vinyls to listen to, then it became CD's then its streaming and I don't own a CD now.
My first TV in my bedroom was a black and white with an arial I had to point to the window. Now its iPad and flat screen TV. When you walked into people homes to visit, it was shall I put the TV off? Now it's can I have your WIFI?
How life has change. No more 10p mix ups, or if you do, it would probably be just two sweets, and a first class stamp in 1979 when I was born was 9p, now its £1.80
And in the 46 years since (though by time you get this, might be 47 😉) the Christian faith in

Scotland might feel like it has shrunk, the Church has changed, the building we worship in has change, yet God is constant. The Church might close and reopen, but the message from God through the teachings of Jesus, and the gift of the Spirit, stays with us.
We are in a season of change now, but maybe we are always in a season of change, maybe we are called to keep moving, keep reading, keep praying and keep asking. So as we move through the last 5 months of this year, keep our eyes on the cross, keep our hearts filled with the spirit and keep out listening for God.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

Rhona



KIRK SESSION

One of our elders Dr Janet Martin is shortly returning to Nigeria or may already be there by the time you read this. We wish Janet every Blessing as she continues to do God's work.

At the time of writing, I have just returned from my summer holiday. There is so much trouble in the world today, yet people, black, white, all nationalities, mixed and had a laugh with each other, and despite the different languages people were polite and friendly towards each other.

Refurbishment

When we moved out of the church it seemed that we had such a long way to go before moving back in to the newly refurbished building, yet time has gone so quickly and the work is progressing nicely.
Being in the hall for Sunday Worship seemed strange at first, now we have settled in and it has

been good to see a number of new people join us each week.
Many of the Organisations will soon begin their new session and we look forward to welcoming them back.

The work of the Session continues and we will be meeting up shortly for our away day conference when we will discuss our future plans.

Summer Mission

This was a great success with over 30 youngsters coming along singing, playing games and doing crafts. There was a lot of noise coming from the halls.

Events

On Friday 18th September we are having a Fun Night in St. Rollox Bowling Club to help raise funds for the church. There will be dancing, games. raffles and a chance to enjoy ourselves while supporting a good cause.

On 23rd October we will have a Night of Music with the City of Glasgow Wind Orchestra.

Our Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 21st November, all welcome.
Meanwhile enjoy the rest of the summer.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

CHURCH LIFE

Weddings

18th June
Jessica Kermack and Reece MacQuarrie
15th August
Christine Horan and Robert Young

Baptisms

12th July
Rose Gambel and Corvan Edwards

Funerals

Mary 'May' Neil	4th May
*Jean Murphey	7th May
*Alistair Munro	8th May
Mary Toal	27th May

Funerals

*Alexander 'Alex' Donnan	14th June
James 'Jim' Graham	16th June
Grace Walker	7th July
Gillain Eadie	29th July

* Denotes Member



BUILDINGS UPDATE

As you will have seen and heard. work is well underway on our Church Building and the contractors confirm they are still on track to finish the Project at the end of January 2027.

The building team are doing a great job and have been very considerate to us and our neighbours in their work. Thank you all for your support in managing our Worship and all other activities in the halls for the time being. It is planned to have some progress photos on display in the Halls at the end of August.

At the time of printing the internal work is complete on the strip out of the old Vestry, Toilets, Kitchen and Safe room and the removal of associated internal walls The major job of lowering of the Chancel floor is also complete and the Boiler house readied for installation of new equipment. Work is ongoing on the strip out of old

wiring and heating systems and the first of the new internal walls have been installed for the new Kitchen, Meeting Rooms, Office and Storage areas.

Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”



HEATHER

A year ago, I turned my life upside down. I left my job to train as a minister in the Church of Scotland, going back to start university in my 40s the same week as my teenage daughter (although she's relieved that she's at a different Uni!) I was bumping into young people that not so long ago I had been teaching to sit their Higher English in school and wondering if my brain would cope and keep up with the rest. It felt strange, but hopeful,

both challenging and exciting. I felt like I had been handed a gift and I wanted to make the most of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
Training to be a minister in the Church of Scotland is also about placements in a church or ministry setting, and I had taken my first six month placement at Erskine Parish Church with the Rev. David Nicolson before I came here to Carntyne and Cranhill for the summer. Both churches have been so lovely and filled with incredible people and I have felt very encouraged, blessed and loved by them. I don't know if people realise that their encouragement about what a student is doing in ministry placement is really valuable, but it is very meaningful and I appreciate the thoughtfulness of each one.
I hope to have a ministry that is full of encouraging others and while challenge will always be a part of life, I want people to be hopeful and excited about the faith in Jesus that I share. It has completely transformed my life beyond what I could hope or imagine, and given me confidence and peace. My next six month placement begins in October at Uddingston Viewpark, after I have been back at uni for a couple of weeks. A huge thank you to all of you who have supported me in my training, and

I will carry this experience forward with me as I go into further ministry.

Heather Thorp
Candidate in Training, Presbytery of Glasgow

ORGANISATIONS

The 162nd Boys' Brigade

The new session begins on Monday 7th September with Anchors at 6:30pm and both Junior and Company sections from 7pm. New and existing members welcome."

Gary Lappin. Captain

The 63rd Girls Brigade

We will re-start on Tuesday 1 September 2026 in the Cranhill Development Trust building,109 Bellrock Street, Cranhill, G33 3HE
Explorers P1, 2 and P3 - 6.15pm - 7.15pm
Juniors P4,5,6 and P7 - 7.15pm - 8.30pm
Brigaders S1 to S6 - 7.15pm - 8.30pm - 8.30pm

All girls will be made very welcome

Karen Scott
Leader in Charge

Girlguiding - 278th Glasgow

All four sections of the 278th Company have had a brilliant year and are very much looking forward to the next;

Rainbows

Last term was a fantastic one for rainbows! We worked towards two theme awards and completed loads of exciting activities. We also held out very first Rainbow camp day, which was a huge success! At our awards ceremony, we celebrated the girls' achievements by handing out over 100 badges including our special bronze, silver and gold awards.

This term, we have 33 rainbows ready for another adventure. We will be working on the take action theme, discovering how we can help others and make a difference in our community. We already have an exciting trip to the local fire station planned, with lots more adventures and badge earning opportunities to come 

Brownies

It has been a busy and exciting year for our Brownies! They have been keeping busy throughout the summer with lots of fun activities, adventures and opportunities to learn new skills. One of the highlights was a fantastic sleepover at **Flip Out**, where the girls enjoyed plenty of

bouncing and fun. More recently, they headed to **Golf It** for an afternoon of games and activities. It's been lovely to see the Brownies enjoying themselves, trying new things and making memories together, and we look forward to seeing what adventures the next year brings!

Guides

It has been another busy and exciting year for our Guide unit! The girls have worked hard on a variety of theme awards, achieving an amazing **7 Bronze, 7 Silver and 3 Gold awards**. We also enjoyed a fantastic visit from an owl handler, where the girls got up close to some beautiful birds of prey. Eight of our Guides took part in County Camp weekend, enjoying a fun-filled weekend of camping and activities. We finished the term with a very special sleepover at

SEA LIFE Loch Lomond in Balloch, which was a brilliant way to end a fantastic year.

We are also looking forward to the year ahead and welcoming **13 new Brownies as they move up to Guides**. We can't wait to see them settle in,

make new friends and join us for another year of fun, adventure and new experiences!

Rangers

In the summer term we were joined by 4 girls coming up from Guides which boosted our numbers. We completed Girlguiding Scotlands "Get on Board " challenge pack and learned lots about travel and transport in Scotland. To finish the challenge, we went on a day trip to Millport where 3 of the new Rangers made their promise on the famous crocodile rock.

The new term starts on Wednesday 2nd September. Rainbows 5:45 - 6:45, Brownies 6:30 - 8, Guides and Rangers 7:15 - 9:15.

We would welcome girls of all ages to join us then.

Ladies Club

The Ladies Club starts back on Tuesday 8th September.

We meet in the downstairs hall at 7pm

We play bowls, darts, dominoes and line dance. We finish as usual with tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits.

We would love to see some new faces so come along and give us a try.

Margaret Kelly

Secretary

Zoom Meetings

The Zoom meetings began during the Covid lockdown by Aileen MacDonald- Haak and consisted of a Tuesday Coffee Time meeting with lots of chat, quizzes etc., Wednesday Refection with a short service from the Iona Community, Thursday Film Club and a Friday Young at Heart meeting with a variety of chat quizzes and keep fit exercises.
These were very well supported at a time when most people were confined to their own home. Over time when people returned to a more normal life and when Aileen left to continue her ministerial studies we are down to just the Tuesday Coffee Time meetings.

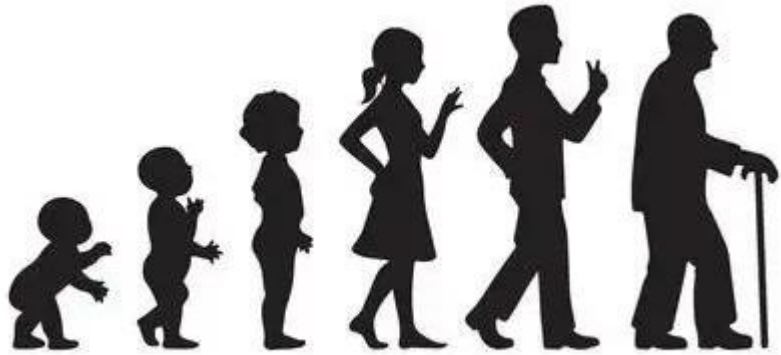
If you or someone you know, especially during the winter months would like to join us here is the link:

Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010
No passcode required.

Please speak to me if you would like more information.

Sandra Black

Growing Together



Growing Together starts back on Tuesday 1st September. This is a friendly group. We are trying to share things from the Bible and learn what it is saying to us for our day to day living situations. No one needs to feel any pressure. Just come and enjoy the fellowship on a Tuesday at 2pm in room 2.
Everyone is welcome. We sing a few hymns learn a wee bit about the Bible and support each other. Myself, Rhona and Fiona are taking on the organisation of Growing Together from Tuesday 1st September.

Agnes Malcolmson (Aggie)

ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT for OLDER PEOPLE

Monday:

Sunshine Club from 1.30-3.30pm. A cup of tea, 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.

AILEEN MACDONALD-HAAK

Dear Friends,

Rhona asked me to write and tell you what I've been up to. So here goes:

When I left you I was a third of the way through a Masters degree in Ministry, Theology and Practice at Glasgow University. I've now finished all the taught classes and have to complete a dissertation over the next academic year. I'll also be able to brush up my knowledge of Scottish Church history at the University.

Over the year I have met regularly for worship with the other candidates studying at Glasgow. I've got to know Heather and was delighted she's been with you over the summer on placement. In Spring we were both able to participate in a trip to Switzerland to find out more about Calvin, John Knox and the Reformed Church in Switzerland. The trip was for students from both Trinity and New College and we're hoping there will be another next year.

Ministry-wise I've completed the first of three placements. I spent almost every Sunday and about 10 hours per week between October and May with Bellshill and Bothwell Parish Church. This was a fantastic experience. I got loads of

experience of leading worship, both at the regular Sunday morning service and the more informal Sunday evening service. I visited all the groups associated with the church, introduced Posada (a sort of travelling nativity activity) in Advent, led a day of prayer and took two funerals. My supervisor was very supportive and challenged me to try new ways of doing things and I learned so much.

My second placement will start in October with Wishaw New Parish Church. This is a fairly new union of three churches and I'm sure it will also provide much learning. I'll do another placement summer 2027 and will, all going well, be ready to start my probationary time in September.

In addition to all the learning, Torsten, the kids and I had a wonderful holiday to Japan in May, discovering new places and seeing some old friends. I also got to Iona for Community Week this year and we're planning a trip to Germany in September, to see Torsten's Mum and attend a German speaking Iona Community event.

So far, the process of becoming a Minister has been a joyous and blessed one. I have found so

many more kind people who have encouraged and welcomed me along the way. I'm sending you all love and joy in your lives and patience for the rest of the church building project. I can't wait to see the new church ready to be used to do God's important work.

Aileen



BOOKS of the BIBLE

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. A certain Luke kept people looking so

hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating little moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now for there are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph.

Can you find them all?

WHAT'S 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	Zoom Coffee Time
	12:30 pm	Strength & Balance
	2:00 pm	Growing Together
	7:00 pm	Ladies Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Zoom Prayers
	11:00 am	Health Walk
	12:30 pm	AA
	7:00 pm	Men's Club
Thursday	9.30 am	Community Café
	1:00 pm	Film Club
	6:40 pm	Clubbercise
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	8:00 am	Slimming World
	9:30am	Slimming World
	12:00 pm	Lunch Club
	1:00 pm	Young at Heart

WORSHIP AT CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH

Sunday

11am Morning Worship; with Explorers

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