



TIDINGS

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From the Study

Dear Friends

The Ministries Council of our Church has a new initiative to get people's views as to what the main issues are for the Church at this time. This summer two pews will tour Scotland's iconic locations to host vital conversations about the future of the Church. Invited guests and the public will 'take a pew' with a Church Minister to discuss topics such as how the Church needs to change and euthanasia. The video of the first discussion from the Kelpies is available on-line.

It's an interesting concept and it got me to thinking, what do you think are the challenges facing the Church nationally and locally here in Carrick Knowe? In the next few months we will be holding our own event to allow the congregation and the Kirk Session to think about the issues that matter to us. Are there other activities which we could encourage and sustain, are there programmes which no longer work for us? Look out for details about this Sunday afternoon event which will be probably held in September.

As we enter the Summer months I hope that the weather is kind to us. Whatever your plans I hope that you have some good weeks of rest and relaxation.

May God Bless You and Yours,

fiona

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Congregational News

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Deaths

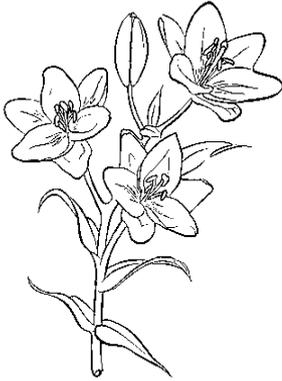
Maureen Crombie	February 2016	Braeside House
Ian Taylor	March 2016	Clerwood Loan
Cathy Macmillan	May 2016	Blenham House

Funerals Conducted

Maureen Crombie	7 March 2016	Member	Fiona Mathieson
Ian Taylor	30 March 2016	Member	Fiona Mathieson
Cathy Macmillan	31 May 2016	Member	Fiona Mathieson

Baptism

Darcy Paton Young	6 March 2016	Parents: Jason and Jennifer
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September Weekend

Malcolm Clark & Finlay Buchanan

We have booked to go back to the Royal Dunkeld Hotel from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th September.

This weekend is a fantastic opportunity to get away for a friendly, social and chilled out weekend with a lot of fun thrown in. The hotel offers a great deal with comfortable accommodation, lovely food and attentive staff. The weekend is open to everyone - members of the congregation, friends and family members from the young to the 'not so young'.

This year we are asking for a deposit of only £50 per adult to ensure a place. If you are interested, or want more information please, contact Malcolm Clark or Finlay Buchanan.



Church Gardens

Have you ever stopped for a few minutes to admire the gardens as you walk into the church or strolled round the back to sit on the seat on a lovely sunny day? The extensive grounds are kept tidy by a very small group of volunteers, who meet once a month to ensure the area is kept in good condition. A big thank you has to go to the organiser of this small group Christine Cowe and her team who enthusiastically beaver away to make the grounds so attractive. Well done!

The team are always on the lookout for new volunteers to help so if you are interested in helping out please let them know!



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**Children and Families**

Wanda Clark

Thanks to everyone who helped with events towards the end of last year. We all had a great and busy time. In January and February this year we have been working behind the scenes on funding bids to ensure we can continue the work from last year. We should know the outcomes of these bids soon. Below are dates for your diary for the next few months, if you haven't volunteered to support any events as yet and wish to do so, please let me know. I have a new work number - 07562300048.

Thank you.

**May 2016**

- Friday 20th - Gardening with Children 1-3pm - Come along and help us with our gardens, create pots to take home and other gardening activities.
- Friday 27th - Gardening with Children 1-3pm- Come along and help us with our gardens, create pots to take home and other gardening activities.
- Saturday 28th - Dinner and a Movie 5-6.30pm - Come along and join us for dinner and a movie for all the family.

June 2016

- Friday 3rd - Gardening with Children 1-3pm- Come along and help us with our gardens, create pots to take home and other gardening activities.
- Saturday 18th Fathers Day Arts and Crafts 2.30-3.30pm - Come along and make something special for Dad or Grandad or your Uncle either with them or another adult and keep it as a surprise.
- Saturday 25th June - Dinner and a Movie 5-6.30pm - Come along and join us for dinner and a movie for all the family.

Look out for our new leaflet giving all the information for the Summer activities which will be published soon.

95th / 95A Rainbows

Aileen Buchanan

Wednesday Night Rainbows.

As we begin to look towards the Summer break, the Rainbows are looking forward to planting seeds, baking edible animals and having fun out of doors as we remember to look, learn, love and have fun exploring!

The unit is full at the moment but parents interested in finding out all about Rainbows can look up the Join Us section in the Guiding website - www.girlguiding.org.uk



Church Flowers

Fiona Mathieson

As you all know, after the service the church flowers are removed from the pedestals, made into bunches, and taken by volunteers to people who are connected with Carrick Knowe Parish Church.

Some go to people who are ill or who have had a bereavement. I would also like to be told about any special anniversaries, birthdays, babies being born and graduations etc. If you can think of anyone who should receive flowers from the church, please inform Heather in the office on 334 1505 and leave a message or send an email to ckchurch@talktalk.net. Heather works on a Tuesday and Thursday morning unless otherwise stated in the order of service. Your help with this will be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

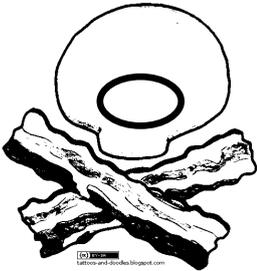
Eco-Congregation

Finlay Buchanan

We've been an Eco-Congregation for a year, and so far our main involvement has been with the Climate Change baton relay. I attended the Eco-Congregation annual gathering at Perth in April along with around 100 representatives from around Scotland and heard about the breadth of environmental activities covered by the movement. This year's meeting focussed on nature, with sessions from the RSPB and other groups giving advice on how churches can help by, for example, making their gardens more wildlife-friendly.



Easter Breakfast



Huge thanks to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast served between our two Communion services on Easter Sunday. The smell of bacon and eggs wafting through the halls and church will stay with me for a long time.

Many thanks to Chas Wilson, butcher, and McArthur's, bakers, from whom we got the bacon and rolls.

First Thursday Club

Aileen Buchanan

At our Strawberry Tea in May, it was lovely to have a visit once more from Rose McBeth who entertained us with a great variety of songs, from a Scottish medley to Chubby Checker - even encouraging some to dance the Twist! Afterwards everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea. A big thank you has to go to all the volunteers for the cooking and baking that is provided over the session.

The club resumes the first Thursday in October. A Happy Summer to all!

A thousand thanks

Kenny and Lesley Goodall would like to thank everyone for their donations to the raffle, silent auction and home baking towards our event. Everyone had a great time. It was nice to hear a 'buzz' in the hall in the afternoon.

We have raised over £1200 which will be split between Alzheimer Scotland and St Andrews Court Care Facility, Uphall. Thanks again.



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Guild

Helen Liddle

I'm delighted to tell all the members of the Guild our all day outing to Alnwick Castle is well underway, as you read this article our 49 seater coach is filled. If any of you are still interested in going we would like one or two people on standby encase anyone becomes ill at the last minute. It would be good if we could return their money. Let's pray for good weather.

Sue Hope came to my house and picked up 3 charity bags full of squares, vests and hats for the babies out in Malawi and Kenya. Here are two of the patterns, one for the squares and the other for the hats. I'm looking for the patterns for the vests.

Any member of the church can help the Guild members out and knit these articles for us. You don't need to sew the squares together as Sue told us at the Guild that the girls like to pick their own colours and sew them together themselves.

Pattern for Squares

48 required for a cot blanket

Wool: Double knitting

Needles: Size 8

Cast on 1 stitch

1st row, knit into front, back and front again of 1st stitch - 3 stitches.

Next row, increase 1 stitch at the beginning of every row by knitting into the front and the back of the 1st stitch until there are 44 stitches on the needle.

Next Row, knit to last 3 stitches, knit 2 together. Knit. Continue in this manner decreasing 1 stitch at the end of every row until 1 stitch remains. Fasten off.

Pattern for the Hat

Wool: Double knitting

Needles: Size 8 and 10

Step one. Using number 8 needles, cast on 20 stitches = 4 inches in stockinette stitches . 1 row purl and 1 row plain. The babies are very small so this is a test to make sure the hats are the right size.

Step two. With the size 8 needles cast on 48 stitches. Work in K1 P1 for one and a half inches.

Step three. Row 1, (right side) change to number 10 needles, knit one row. Row 2, purl repeat 1st and 2nd rows until work measures 5 inches from cast on edge ending with a wrong side.

Step four. Row 1, knit 2 together then knit 2 repeat till there is 36 stitches. Row 2, purl. Row 3, knit 2 together knit 2 repeat until there are 27 stitches. Row 4, purl. Row 5, knit 2 together knit 1, repeat until there is 18 stitches. Row 6, purl. Row 7, knit 2 together until you have 9 stitches . Thread the remaining stitches together and draw together and sew up hat. Turn up cuff.



Q: Who is the bees favourite pop group?
A: The bee gees!

Q: What kind of bee can't be understood?
A: A mumble bee!

Q: What did the bee say to the naughty bee?
A: Bee-hive yourself!

Q: What bee is good for your health?
A: Vitamin bee!



**From my Notebook**

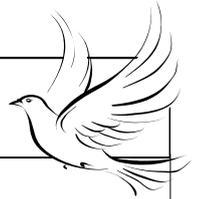
Rodger Thom

A continuation of the series 'Extracts from the Session Clerk's notebook'. The year 1990.

- At the January Session meeting, two new elders, Alison Wye and Mary Lakie were introduced.
- It was agreed to start using 'Songs of God's People' with Betty Ramsay helping with the cost from money left over from the waste paper collection which had now ceased. Finlay Buchanan was thanked for looking after Emmanuel Shamatutu and Rev Harris Silishebo who were pursuing their studies at New College.
- The Sunday School was doing well with the JASS group being large in numbers.
- Membership had reduced from 1075 to 1064 with new members, 41 being just short of the 52 who were no longer members. 435 members lived in the parish with 584 outwith. 22 elders lived in the parish and 24 outwith. Average size of a district was 22.
- 13 reports from organisation visits were made.
- The table in the vestry and small chairs from the Church were to be sent for auction.
- At the adjourned meeting, it was intimated that 381 members had taken communion, a decrease of 20 on the previous year.
- At the March meeting, Vicky Goodall was congratulated on getting her Baden Powell Trefoil
- There was to be another Friendship Sunday on 1 April
- The Sunday School picnic would now be on the same day as its closing service. The picnic was to be at Beveridge Park in Kirkcaldy.
- The residual amount in the Jubilee Fund was to be donated to Bristo Memorial congregation. Carrick Knowe had been to Bristo for its Quinquennial.
- At the adjourned meeting, the new sound system was commented on but the microphone under the table had been live and had picked up extraneous sounds!
- At the May meeting, George McCaskill was appointed Assistant Minister.
- As Easter and communion had been on the same Sunday, it was suggested that this may be better to avoided this in the future.
- At the August meeting, our organist, Ian Cochrane was congratulated on 25 years service.
- The General Assembly that year was reported as having been rather dull.
- At the October meeting, Bill Laing, John Light and Charlie Simpson were congratulated on completion of 25 years as elders.
- It was agreed that the annual renewal service should be for all members and not just organisation members.
- The occasional male voice choir would take part in a November service.

**Annual Bowling Competition**

The big competitive event of the year will be held on Saturday 13th August at Carrick Knowe Bowling Club. This competition has proved to be very popular over the years so make sure you're free to come along to either compete or just watch the action on the green.



Sunday Club

Wanda Clark

Sunday Club has as always been very busy since the last issue. The children have been celebrating Easter and learning about the gifts we have and events from the Bible which happened after Easter. Please see the displays in the hall, which will be added to as the weeks go on. As you know Sunday Club (for children aged 3 upwards) now runs every week of the year from 11am, so please feel free to join us.



A few dates for your diary

- 22nd May - Sunday Club Trip to Heart and Soul in town.
- 12th June - Prize Giving
- 19th June - Fathers Day - on leaving the service we shall be asking all 'father figures' (dads grandads uncles etc) to come with us and join in with activities, games and a BBQ.

Church Census

Fiona Mathieson

A big thank you to all who took part in the Census last Sunday. Despite the fact that it looked like a fairly 'thin' Sunday due to holidays (I would have estimated 80 people in church!) the results are interesting:

- There were 108 people attending our service, 12 children and 96 adults.
- 41% of those attending were under the age of 65.
- 65% who attended were female, 35% were male.
- 83% attend on a weekly basis.
- 62% have been involved in our congregation for over 20 years, with 25% joining us in the past 5 years.
- 95% of our worshipping community live within 3 miles of the church.

Thought-provoking figures - maybe a wee bit different than you would have thought?

Kirk Session

Finlay Buchanan

At the Kirk Session meeting in May we talked about the high cost of funerals, and were reminded that the Church of Scotland will never charge for conducting funerals for people from the local parish, regardless of whether they were members of the church or not.

There had been a very positive response to the joint Holy Week services which were all held in Carrick Knowe this year, with particular praise for the music.

The Easter Sunday family communion had attracted record numbers, with the unprecedented sight of the Session Clerks slipping out to pour extra trays of wine in case we ran out!



**Scout Group**

Kenny Goodall

88th Craigalmond Scout Group - The 'Carrick Knowe Scouts'

Since the last edition of 'Tidings' all the sections have been extremely busy with various camps, a trip to the observatory and Geocaching to name just a few activities.

Beavers have covered a lot of Badge work this term, on their first night back they taught the Leaders new games, as the saying goes 'you learn something new every day'. As part of this term they have also been working on their creative side with clay modelling and planning a sleepover at the end of term. Both of our colonies have practised rolling their neckies, tying their laces and have gained their Stage 1 First Aid Badge. Well done to all.



This year marks a big milestone for Cubs worldwide, as they celebrate their 100th Birthday! Happy birthday cubs! As part of the celebrations Craigalmond District organised a Cub Centenary Camp at Bonaly. Nineteen Cubs from our two Cubs packs joined with two hundred and fifty other Cubs from our District at the campsite over the weekend in May. The weather was fantastic and they covered a number of activities including climbing and learning about the history of Cubs which involved using some

skills from the past.

The Cameron Cub pack managed to squeeze in a trip to the Observatory before camp as part of their Astronomer Badge. While the Anderson Cub Pack headed to the Mosque as part of their World Issues badge.

The Scouts entered the Scout District Camping Competition which was held down in Borthwick, Midlothian. Standards were very high and a team of four from the 88th finished second out of six groups. Huge congratulations to them!

The 4th May (May the 4th be with you!) saw a Star Wars themed night with the Scouts and Cubs at Bonaly. On the evening they had to complete various challenges to help them on their way to blow up the death star. The kids had a ball (as did some of the leaders). There is a video clip of some of the evening on our facebook page, be sure to have a look.

Explorers 'explored' their driving skills with a trip to Go Karting just before the Easter holidays. Even with the exams being on this term they have had a night of homemade mini golf followed by their practice hike and camp for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Five Explorers gained their stage 5 swimming badge and they are all working towards their Media Relations badge in between studying for their exams.



The Group will be participating in Corstorphine Fair on 4th June. We will be running a sweet shop similar to two years ago and the Graeme Allan Explorers will be having a Fruit Stall. Pop in and say hello (and buy something while you are there!!!)

Look forward to seeing you.

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We run a number of sections in the Group which are open to both boys & girls of all age groups. Our section details are shown below:

Beavers (Age 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ - 7 $\frac{3}{4}$)

MacKenzie River Beavers	Wednesday	6.30pm-7.30pm
Fraser River Beavers	Friday	6.30pm-7.30pm

Cubs (Age 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ - 10)

Anderson Pack	Monday	6.30pm - 8pm
Cameron Pack	Tuesday	6.30pm-8pm

Scouts (Age 10 - 14)

Scouts	Wednesday	7.45pm-9.15pm
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Explorers (Age 14 - 18)

Graeme Allan Explorers	Sunday	7.15pm-9.15pm
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If you would like to get your child involved, or know someone who would, please contact recruitment@88thcraigalmondscoutgroup.org or pop along on a section night and speak to one of our Leaders.

Please  our Facebook page @88Th Craigalmond Scout Group to keep up to date with our Group

Property Update

Finlay Buchanan

It's not on the scale of painting the Forth Bridge, but as you can imagine, our church premises and equipment need regular maintenance and occasional upgrading.

The last few months have seen the replacement of the Jubilee Hall fuse box and repairs to the exterior and interior lights. We've had repairs to the harling on the outside of the main hall, and all of the gas appliances, electrical items, fire extinguishers and alarm systems have been tested and serviced. All of this is essential expenditure, and without it we couldn't open our doors to serve our community - so thank you for your weekly offerings which make it possible!



Publicity Committee

Graeme Allan



A wee reminder to all organisers of events to make full use of the Publicity Committee. We are ready, able and more than willing to create posters, flyers, tickets and help you with all the other aspects of publicity you may desire. Let us help you to get your message 'out there' into the Carrick Knowe community and wider afield if necessary. Feel free to contact me (gandfallan@gmail.com) in the first instance.