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From the Study

Dear Friends,

These are changing times for the church. Last month the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland met here in Edinburgh and passed a number of reports which will mean that the church will run in a very different way in the future. Now you may think that the way in which the church operates at a National level has little to do with us here in Carrick Knowe but in fact that is not the case. Over the years we have had a lot of support from those who work in the church offices from the General Trustees who have given us advice on and grants for property work to the Ministries Council who have supported the students who have come to work with us. And of course safeguarding and the treasurers department have ensured that we have kept our children and young people safe and our financial records correct. These are difficult days for those who work in the offices and the new Assembly Trustees the fourteen people who have been tasked with designing new structures fit for our current times. Please remember all those involved in your prayers.

Here in Carrick Knowe we too need to look to the future and reflect on the past. In the Autumn a team from presbytery will meet with us to enable us to set goals for the next five years. Life moves on it changes and develops and that is exciting. It keeps us alive and vital, it keeps us relevant. As a Christian Community is that not as it should be?

May God Bless You and Yours

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**Hall Closure***Fiona Mathieson***22nd July 2019 until 19th August**

The Church Hall Complex will be closed from 22nd July 2019 until 19th August as the toilet provision will be being upgraded and increased during this time. This means that no one can have access to the site during this period. The back corridor, primary room, session room, kitchen, Fraser lounge, toilets, stage and hall toilet will not be accessible for the duration of the work.

The office will be open on a Thursday morning and the cloisters will be accessible. On a Sunday there will be access to the toilet in the vestry if necessary.

Regretfully, during this time there will be no tea and coffee time after the Sunday Service.

Although there will be a bit of disruption, the new toilets will make our halls an even better facility, so your understanding and patience is appreciated.

Congregational News*George Goodall***Funerals Conducted**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Member/non-member</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Joyce Baillie	06 May 2019	Non-member	Fiona Mathieson
Edward McFadden	20 May 2019	Member	Fiona Mathieson

Deaths

District 26	Edward McFadden	May 2019
District 13	Mrs Mullen	Notified May 2019

**Thank you**

Betty McFadden, her sons David and Iain, her daughter-in-law Gillian and Granddaughters Jess and Evie, would like to say thank you. Thank you to everyone who supported Eddie over the years especially in these last months. The cards, phone calls and flowers received after Eddie's death were really appreciated, as was the large numbers of people who attended the service at the church. The family would particularly like to thank all who worked so hard to ensure that the service went so smoothly. The kindness shown meant so much and brought comfort at the loss of a treasured husband, Dad, Father-in-law and Granddad.



Children and Families

Elinor Denholm

We are coming to the end of the first year of our Three Year Go For It Main Grant and what an amazing year it has been. We have baked, watched movies, played games, painted, crafted, sung, read stories, made music and HAD FUN! This has only been possible through the funding we have received over the past year and we would like to thank all our funders, as we could not do what we do without their support.

However, it is not just outside bodies who have made this year the success it has been. You, as a church have made this happen. You have opened your doors to the community and welcomed them in. You have washed dishes, swept floors, arranged tables and chairs, put tables and chairs away, helped bakers bake, encouraged



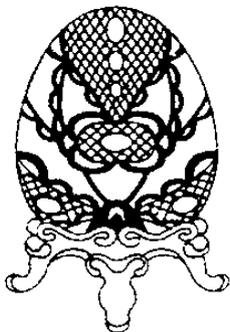
painters to add more paint, crafters to craft, tidied the books, put heating on (or off), handed out leaflets, welcomed people as they arrive, cleared up the chaos I create along the way and a great deal more that I may not even be aware of! I applaud you all for investing on the youngsters in your community.

And so to the year ahead? We are hopeful that the matched funding to the Go For It grant will be in place soon and so we can begin to plan activities for over the next year. We will be offering more of the same but also some additions.... and some twists.

The Guild

Beryl Liston

The Guild is open to both ladies and gentlemen and meets in the Main Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. (October - March). New members are always welcome and if you would like to come along and just "try it out for size" - don't be shy we will welcome you with open arms!



I am currently pulling together the syllabus for the next session with varied speakers including a talk on Faberge Eggs and another telling stories of The Royal Yacht Britannia.

By the time you read this article The Guild has been on its Summer Outing to Cragside House and Gardens and from all the photos I have seen a good day out was had by all . The Afternoon Outing is scheduled for Tuesday 20th August.

Our 2019/2020 sessions commence on 1st October finishing with the Christmas Party on 3rd December and restarting on 7th January until 31st March. Our Coffee Mornings are on 2nd November and 8th February.

Please mark all the dates in your diary - think about bringing a friend along when we start up in October.

In the meantime have a great summer.

**Norrie McLaren***Fiona Mathieson*

Norman James McLaren, known as 'Norrie' to all of us, was a big part of the life of the Carrick Knowe Congregation for many years. He was born at Edinburgh's Royal Maternity Hospital on the 26th April 1934, the first child of James and Mary McLaren. Schooldays for Norrie were spent at Tollcross Primary and Boroughmuir High - and at both he worked hard and finished with good knowledge that was well used over the years.

After school Norrie served his apprenticeship as a Compositor, setting the pages with the Darien Press, and in particular the 'Evening Dispatch' until in 1967 it merged into the 'Edinburgh Evening News'. Norrie worked in the publishing world until 1988 when he took early retirement.

But Norrie was not a man to sit idle in retirement. He soon found a 'caring and befriending' role at the St. Helen's Adult Training Centre of Edinburgh Social Work - and once he settled in this new role he talked of having found his 'calling in life'. With his understanding nature Norrie quickly built up positive relationships - some that lasted for many years.

When he was called up for National Service, Norrie served with the RAF Signals at Cambridge and at Eindhoven.

Norman met Margaret Stewart Peebles through their work at the Darien Press, and for their first date he invited her to the cinema. In due course they were married in Greyfriars' Church on the 22 March 1958. For Margaret Norrie was always Norman.

Norman and Margaret had three boys - Fraser, Craig and Martin, his sons speak warmly of a father who was always there to guide them in the right direction. They recall too a warm family home ... with their Mum preparing meals she knew their father would like every day of the week, other than for the night when she knew Norrie would be out at teatime. That was when the hot dogs, and the hamburgers, and the other dishes the boys liked would be served!

As years passed by Norrie was delighted to see the family grow:

Fraser and Margaret with Nadine and Michael

Craig and Diane with Louise and Holly

Martin and Vicki with Katie

and then great-grandchildren - Luna, Stewart, Amy and Craig

Norrie was in his element with his family and he was proud of them all.

When Margaret died in May 2005, Norrie was devastated at her passing. It is said that he took a long time to move forward, and his family rallied round to support him.

In due course Norrie met Jan, and this meeting opened the door to the next stage of life for him. The friendship began with exchanging books here at church, and when they attended the Book Festival together six years ago they just 'hit it off'.

Norrie lived his life to the full - no moment was ever wasted - and the list of his interests is considerable:

At Carrick Knowe Church, he was an Elder for over 50 years, receiving a Long-Service Certificate in December last year. He served as a Board Member and as Property Convener - both maintaining our lovely building but also taking forward new initiatives such as the building of our disabled ramp access. With his family he participated fully in church outings and weekends away. Norrie was good with children and so there is little surprise that he served as Sunday School Superintendent, and that he started the Anchor Boys' section of the Boys Brigade. If Norrie saw something that needed done, he would just get his sleeves rolled up and get on with it -from

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negotiating grants from the Neighbourhood Partnership ... to volunteering at the Jubilee Club ... to dimming the lights at Watchnight Services. In community life he also showed a willingness to be involved - through paired reading in the local Primary School, and by playing Santa in church and school.

On a personal note Norrie was a supportive guide and a wise counsel to me. I remember his sense of humour shining through on the night of my induction - he asked if the service could really go ahead since my husband, Angus, was a Hibs supporter! (*Could a Hibs supporter be allowed to stay in Carrick Knowe Manse?*) For me in many ways he was 'Mr Carrick Knowe'.

Another lifetime involvement for Norrie was the Masonic Lodge. He was a Member of the Lodge of Edinburgh St Andrews No 48 and an Honorary Member of the Lodge Meridian 1609. He joined 'Lodge 48' in 1961, and over the years fulfilled many roles.

No tribute to the life of Norrie McLaren would be complete without mention of Heart of Midlothian Football Club. He attended his first game at Tynecastle in 1939, age 5, and at times he was heard to comment that though many things had changed in the world ... the turnstiles at Tynecastle remained the same.

There was surely an appropriateness that Norrie suffered a heart attack at Tynecastle, with one regret being that it was before he knew that his team had won!

Other interests of Norrie included:

- Public speaking - he was a popular contributor at Burns' Suppers and church groups with his rendition of 'Holy Willie's Prayer', and with his portrayal of Rikki Fulton playing 'Rev. I. Am. Jolly'.
- Gardening - such as planting out hanging baskets and growing fruit and vegetables.
- Golf - which he played at the Merchants' Course - and these were the Tuesday evenings when hot dogs and hamburgers were served at home!
- Bowling - which in retirement he played at Stenhouse Bowling Club.
- Reading - and doing the crossword in his paper each day.
- Going to concerts and the theatre.
- and I've heard that he made an excellent tablet, which as well as sharing he also enjoyed himself!

Norrie is missed by all who knew and loved him. But we give thanks to God for all that he shared with us and all he has left as a legacy in the memories we have. For that and for all that Norrie was we give thanks to God.

95th/95A Rainbows

Aileen Buchanan

Wednesday night Rainbows

The Summer term has come to an end with evenings of exploring the out of doors - getting to know the area better, laying trails, finding our way about using compasses and of course the annual BBQ and sing-a-long!

We resume in September and with a few of our Rainbows moving on to Brownies we will have some spaces.

The Rainbows are the youngest section in Girlguiding for girls between the ages of 5 and 7. For information please email: 95arainbows@gmail.com or aileenbbuchanan@gmail.com





Carrick Knowe Guides - Beth's Adventures

Last year one of our Young Leaders, Beth Starkey who joined Carrick Knowe Guiding as a Rainbow when she was 5, went to South Africa for a year as a volunteer with Project Trust, a charity which sends young people overseas to volunteer in teaching, social care and outward bound projects. We did some fundraising for Beth before she left and many in the congregation came along to support her. The Guiders thought you would like to hear some of Beth's adventures so far -

"That's us over half way through our year in South Africa and I can't believe that's been 6 months already. We have learned and seen so much already. I work at Mitchel House Enrichment Centre and I also work in the main school. The Enrichment Centre is for children with disabilities from the ages of 3-18. The main disabilities range from autism to Down syndrome to cerebral palsy and epilepsy. Autism is the most common disability in the Enrichment Centre. Megan, Beth, Jelly and I are the 4 volunteers at this project and we rotate between jobs. In the enrichment centre there are children from ages 3-9 in the junior class, 9-14 in senior class and 14-18 in life skills. We also help in the pre-school which is the grade 00's up to 4 years of age. We all do a week in each class then rotate. I began in grade 00's when we first arrived at Mitchell House which was lovely although I was dying to meet the children in the EC. We had work for 2 weeks then a holiday so we stayed in the one class to settle in for those 2 weeks! I loved my time with 00's and I love working with children so young. We work from 7.15am until 12.30pm in our set class for that week and then 1.00pm until 5.00pm in aftercare. This is where basically all the children come before they are picked up by their parents throughout the whole afternoon. This is where we watch over the playground and also help with activities such as homework club. This can be very stressful because there are such a large number of children and it is where it can be challenging at times, although it's also great to get to know the children in the main school all the way up to grade 3 really well. They see us as a friend and someone to go to if they need something.

When I started in junior class I loved it too. The children are all so amazing and they make me love my job so much. They are so special and they are all so loving. We help with their everyday activities such as morning ring and inclusion (where the children join in with the main school for classes). We also go outdoors with them a lot into the playground and play with them and watch that they are playing well with each other. I have become so close to some of the children at this school it already breaks my heart thinking about coming home in a few months! I enjoy being in senior class a lot too as the children there are at such a sociable age and working at life skills with people near to my age has been interesting. We work very long days sometimes!

As the months have gone by, we have got into the full swing of work and got to know our job so much better. We really enjoy what we do and we feel so privileged to have this project where we get a mix of social care and teaching work. The children are always happy and their smiles make my day. Right now I am really enjoying the work and I feel like I'm getting better at working with disabilities and learning how to communicate non-verbally. These skills are so essential and will be with me for life. They have shown me that I definitely do want a career in occupational therapy when I return home".





Edward McFadden

Fiona Mathieson

Edward McFadden, our senior elder died peacefully on 7th May 2019.

Eddie as we all fondly know him was born here in Edinburgh on the 19th of December 1921. Brought up with his younger sister Betty in Stockbridge he attended Flora Stevenson's School for all his Education, leaving school in 1935 at the age of fourteen to start his apprenticeship with Plucknetts in George Street as an electrician.

Plucknetts did a lot of work with the Air Ministry which was responsible for the affairs of the Royal Air Force, so Eddie began working with Radars which meant that when the war broke out he found he was in a reserved occupation, something which he wasn't too happy about because like many men of his generation he saw serving his country as his duty.

However, he actually did serve his country working with radars, an important tool for wartime. After the war Eddie came back to Edinburgh returning to work with Plucknetts until they went into liquidation. However his knowledge of radars was such that he was employed by the Air Ministry working at Kirknewton and Turnhouse until about 1965. He then moved to work with Herriot Watt University department of Electrical Engineering which at that time was based in the Grassmarket, becoming in charge of all the department technicians as Laboratory Superintendent. It was from this role that he retired in 1991, returning for a couple of years as a part-time Training Officer to teach young people on one of the government training schemes of the time as technicians.

Eddie met Betty MacDonald at the Plaza dance hall in Morningside. They became engaged in 1955 and married in Betty's families church St Andrews and St Georges in George Street on the 25th of August 1956. Eddie and Betty shared sixty two years of marriage together, I say shared because that is what they did, they shared each other's lives, supporting each other with love and respect - they were partners in the true sense of the word.

Bet and Eddie moved into 184 Carrick Knowe Road which was to be a happy family home for them and then their sons David and Iain.

When Iain married Gillian Eddie, Betty gladly welcomed her into the family. Their granddaughters Jess and Eve brought so much pleasure to their Grandpa who just doted on them.

He was thrilled to have granddaughters after having two sons and immensely proud of all that they achieved.

Here in Carrick Knowe Church Eddie was just part of us, part of the worshipping community for over sixty two years. He was ordained as an Elder fifty six years ago in 1963 by the first Minister of this Church McArthur Chalmers. Eddie was a diligent, caring Elder visiting his district in Carrick Knowe Loan and Carrick Knowe Parkway and until a couple of years ago he was at every meeting of the Session. He was also on the property committee for many years originally with Bill Logan and Jim Fair. Latterly he and Andrew Liston and the late Norrie McLaren painted, mended and cared for our Church every Tuesday morning.

A couple of years later Eddie, Andrew and Norrie told the Board that they would be painting the windows of the church. 'That's all very well' I said 'and thank you for doing that, but I don't want to see anyone up a ladder painting the big window above the parapet' (at the front of the church). 'Well' said Eddie with a twinkle in his eye 'can I suggest that you keep away from the church at around lunchtime tomorrow.'

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Eddie loved seeing children in the church and was so encouraging of any innovations introduced. He loved helping with the school services here and often the Christmas one would land on his Birthday which gave us the opportunity to have a birthday cake with candles when all the helpers had a cup of tea after these services. We had to do it surreptitiously of course because Eddie was at heart a modest man who hated a fuss! - but I think secretly he was quite chuffed.

Sunday by Sunday, Eddie and Betty worshipped at Carrick Knowe which was a big part of their lives and their faith.

They had a really happy married life with lots of laughs. Betty told me they used to say to one another 'Thank goodness we still have our minds and our sense of humour. If you have your health and your sense of humour that's all that matters.' Wise words indeed.

Eddie's greatest wish was to live at home with Betty till the end of his days and I am so glad he got to do that with minimum intervention from carers and nurses. He lived his life to the full for as long as he could and today we give thanks to God for that. Faith was at the centre of Eddie's life and an integral part of who and what he was. I am so grateful that I had the chance to know him and to learn from him and I am sure you are too.

Parting is difficult but I think Eddie would want us to give thanks for all that we shared. He is at peace now with God who says to him well done good and trusted servant come now and find your rest. Thanks be to God.

Crochet Friends

Mary Kerr

These past couple of months we have been crocheting and knitting small animals for Tots Music. A bit different from poppies but it keeps us on our toes. Following patterns keeps the brain functioning!

Some ladies have been making other things like cushion covers and bunting. We vary what we make according to difficulty and what we want. Some of us haven't quite come to terms with crocheting and find knitting easier so this is what we do.

We continue to meet at The Terrace where we are made welcome. Even if there is a big football game on in one side of the pub we can find a quieter corner for a blether and maybe even get needles out.

If you would like to join us, even on a temporary basis, we continue to meet throughout the summer on first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Why not give it a try?

95th Guides

Fiona Buchanan

Baden-Powell Award



This year we were delighted to present six of our oldest Guides with the Baden-Powell Challenge Award, the highest award that a girl in the Guide

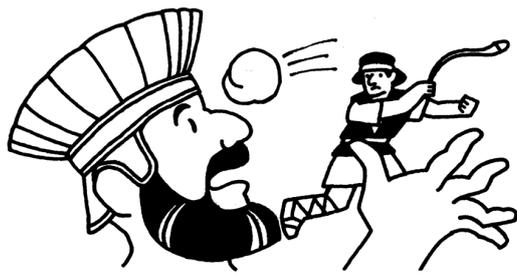
section can achieve. Congratulations to Keira Mather, Ellie Eunson, Suprita Gajulapalle, Megan Walker, Leyla Gallagher and Leah Tedford - all six young women have worked extremely hard towards this award, completing challenges and developing leadership, teamwork and communication skills. As Girlguiding is transitioning to a new programme, these are the last awards to be made - a total of 43 young women from the Carrick Knowe community have received this prestigious award in the last 20 years.



Sunday Club

Elinor Denholm

As we come to the end of the summer term, we look back over the year in Sunday Club and what a busy year it has been! Although our numbers have not grown greatly, it is wonderful that we have such regular attenders and my goodness, how well the older children care for the younger ones.



Over the past year, we have looked at stories from the Old and New Testament, exploring Daniel, Goliath and Moses, learning about the stories Jesus told and about the miracles he performed. To help children understand these stories, we have used props and games, ranging from a magic trick, to a real sling and to a small bible that is over 100 years old. We played hopscotch to help learn the Ten Commandments, visited the park to try out the slingshots we had made and created chicken hats to

celebrate the arrival of spring. Children love to be active and our Sunday sessions are certainly that. They can also be very unpredictable as sometimes you think there will only be two or three children but you end up with ten, you think a story is going to capture their imagination.....but it does not or you get side-tracked by the questions the children ask. This is what makes coming to Sunday Club such a joy! WE HAVE FUN!

Sunday Club will not be running this summer due to the building work that will be taking place but there will always be resources to keep children busy when in church. The table under the organ pipes will be well stocked for the holiday time. And we are planning a Sunday Club trip on Sunday 25th August so watch out for information about our plans.

Sunday Club meets about 10 minutes before the start of the service, in the Primary Room. Any visiting children are welcome to join us. Rumour has it that Jaffa Cakes are the big attraction but we like to think it is about the fun that the children have when they meet up together in the Church.

Rainbows at Carrick Knowe

Fiona Buchanan



Although Guiding at Carrick Knowe has been a large part of the community for over 80 years, it was not until 1989 that the youngest group for 5-7 year old girls was introduced. The Rainbows first began meeting in the main hall of the church on a Wednesday evening when a group of young mums was encouraged to open up the 95th Rainbow Unit. Rainbows have gone from strength to strength with 2 full units continuing to meet on a

Wednesday and Thursday evening. Two of the mums involved from the beginning, Aileen Buchanan and Dorothy Johnston, continue to run Rainbow units at Carrick Knowe, and at the Girlguiding Annual Gathering held in the Playfair Library this month both Aileen and Dorothy were recognised for their commitment to Girlguiding through the presentation of 30-year service awards.

Congratulations to Aileen and Dorothy from all at Carrick Knowe - and thank you for your years of service to the community and supporting so many young women through Girlguiding.



Christian Aid Week 2019

Beryl Liston

This year Bill Brown, who was our visiting preacher, launched our Service with a "dripping water tap" which continued throughout the service. I don't think I was the only one affected by it both meaningfully and mentally - I am sure if we had charges in place in The Ladies and Gents at the end of the service we might have made a fortune!! Seriously tho' Bill brought the message home to us all on why we need to support Christian Aid. Carrick Knowe Church raised the sum of £562 and together with Gift Aid of £96.50 means that Christian Aid will gain the sum of £658.50 to support young women in Sierra Leone to give birth in a safe environment.

Many thanks to all who gave generously through the "little red envelope", by using our lending library - leaving your donations, no matter how large or small, and also by enjoying a friendly chat over tea and coffee in the main hall after the service.



First Thursday

Aileen Buchanan



For the last meeting of the session, the children from Carrick Knowe School came over to entertain us. The two comperes introduced singing, dancing, musicians, a comedian, magician and gymnasts. A wonderful afternoon and a big thank you must go to the staff from the school who organised all the entertainment. A wonderful strawberry tea was provided afterwards, and a big thank you must go to all the volunteers, who help in any way throughout the year.

The first session after the summer break will be on Thursday 5th October at 2pm.

Guides Fundraiser

Fiona Buchanan

We would like to pass on our thanks to all those who supported our fundraiser in May and for all the donations of raffle prizes and home baking we received. We had a great night and raised over £500 which will go towards supporting young women in our community to develop skills and take part in activities through Girlguiding.

To find out more about Guides at Carrick Knowe contact Fiona Buchanan - ckguides@outlook.com



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**95thB Rainbows***Eileen Donoghue*

Thursday night Rainbows

We have been continuing to work hard and have fun exploring the new Rainbow Programme. We have managed to complete one of the new Skills Builder Badges and are now working on a second one.

Hannah, one of our older Rainbows has completed the Rainbow Gold award. This is the highest award in the new Rainbow programme and Hannah is the first of our girls to achieve it. Well done Hannah!

We had a lovely visit to Krispy Kreme doughnuts where we all had to put on blue hairnets before going behind the scenes to learn how the doughnuts are made. The highlight of the visit was when we each dipped a doughnut in melted chocolate and coloured sprinkles and then we got to eat them. Delicious!

Our trip to Almond Valley was cancelled because of heavy rain and winds but we have rescheduled for later this month so fingers crossed for a lovely sunny day on 23rd June.

Several girls will be moving to Brownies over the next 6 months so we are now taking names for our waiting list. If you know of any family member, friend or neighbour (girls age 4-7) years old who would like to join us, please ask them to call 07799870735 for more information. It is a great way to make new friends, build self-confidence and most importantly, to have fun.

The Rainbow leaders would like to thank the parents for their support this year and hope everyone has a lovely summer break.

**Pilgrimage June 2019***Finlay Buchanan*

Our local ecumenical group, Corstorphine Churches Together, has started to develop a series of joint events which will appeal to members of all eleven local congregations. The next event is a pilgrimage (by coach, not on foot!) to Glasgow on Saturday September 24th. Leaving at 12.00 noon, the day will include a tour of Glasgow Cathedral and the Museum of Religious Life, and a visit to Provand's Lordship, one of the oldest houses in Glasgow. The all-in price of £25 per person also includes an evening meal at the Broadwood Farm Carvery in Cumbernauld on the way home. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please see Finlay Buchanan or put your name on the list in the Cloisters.

Edinburgh Foodbank

The Edinburgh Foodbank are urgently in need of 11 key items namely UHT milk, long life fruit juice, coffee, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, curry or pasta sauce, confectionery or biscuits, tinned rice or custard, tinned potatoes, breakfast cereal and rice. If you can help, please contact the Edinburgh Foodbank on 444 0030 or leave items in the basket in the Cloisters.

