

# TIDINGS



## From the Study

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Dear Friends

December 2012

The dark nights and autumn leaves are difficult to face given that in relative terms we have had little warm weather this year. If you are anything like me the dreicht atmosphere makes me want to retreat into the house and not venture very far. Yet on the days when the weather is crisp and the sun is shining the autumn leaves take on a different hue, luminous and bright they lift my spirits and make me feel that life isn't too bad at all.

All of us go through hard times in life where our natural reaction is to want to retreat into our homes and not venture forth. But Gods love is always there for us warming us, cajoling us and making us whole again. So as we look to advent, anticipating the gift of Christmas, remember the gift that God has given to us in the small baby born in Bethlehem. That gift, lovingly given, can transform your lives just as the bright sunshine transforms the leaves of autumn to the rustic opulence which has lifted many a heavy heart after a wet and windy day.

May God bless you and yours,

*fiona*

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## The Big Sing



### December 9th, 3.00pm

Our series of special 75th anniversary services will come to a spectacular conclusion on Sunday December 9.

We are delighted to welcome Rev. John Bell who will lead us in worship at 11.00 and at 3pm we will be hosting one of John's internationally-renowned "Big Sing" events to celebrate Advent.

Make sure that December 9th is free in your diary for this unmissable event!



## Sunday Club

*Alana Johnston*



Since resuming in September the Sunday Club have been very busy! Some of the things we have been discussing include thinking about cleanliness, the importance of asking questions and Harvest.

Each week we have lots of activities organised including a time to talk, games and crafts. This term we are looking forward to some festive related activities and events!

As always, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all children aged 3 to 11 years old to join us on a Sunday in the main hall at 11am. If you would like any further details, please contact Alana Johnston on 538 8593.



## Kirk Session

*Finlay Buchanan*

The Kirk Session and Congregational Board met together on October 8th to hear and discuss the findings from the research into Children and Families work which had been carried out for us by Clare Radford. We were highly impressed by the hard work, enthusiasm and insight she had brought to her research and have set up a small group to look at funding options to employ a Children and Families worker.

At the regular October meeting the Session agreed that our 75th anniversary project should be to install a video projection system in the church. We congratulated the organisers of the recent Uniformed Organisations service which had filled the church with young people and their families and had been both lively and uplifting. We also heard about the work of the Church and Society council which engages on behalf of the Church in the national, political and social issues affecting Scotland and the world today.

## The Strollers

*Ian Kerr*

The Strollers are currently giving some thought to making arrangements for our traditional weekend away in May. We are thinking about returning to Torphins and have contacted the Learney Arms Hotel to see if they could accommodate us over the weekend Friday 17th until Monday 20th May. Everyone has enjoyed our trips to Torphins and we feel that we can come up with another set of varied walks in the area which should please the walkers in the group. As usual, participating in the walks is not compulsory and there are several attractions which people can visit should they so wish. Once we receive a response from the Hotel we will then be in a position to either progress with our plans for Torphins or alternatively seek a different location.

As we enter another Winter it can be difficult to think as far ahead as next Spring but we already have 1 or 2 suggested walks in mind for 2013. Hopefully the weather is better next year than what we have experienced in 2012!





## Scout Group

Archie Johnston

Before I start to tell you what's been happening since the last tidings I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to thank everyone who has helped the 88th over 2012. Whether you be a Leader, Young Leader, Executive Committee member (past and present) a parent helper who comes along when asked or a member of the public, you have all contributed towards the Scout Group moving forward in so many different ways by giving up your free time. Please keep up the hard work as every child involved in the Group can see the effort you are putting in.

It feels like a long time ago but in October we attended the Uniformed Service with the Guides at Carrick Knowe Church. Aileen Thompson (District Commissioner) presented Liz Hepburn with her Wood Badge for completing her Leader Training at the service. The church was rather full on the day and everyone enjoyed the event. It was good to catch up with some familiar faces.

As the end of 2012 fast approaches this means only one thing in Scouting - party season has begun! All three sections have had their Hallowe'en Parties with some very strange but interesting costumes. Next set of parties will be Christmas.



Beavers are having their second Beaver Sleepover of 2012 which brings down the curtain on the camping season in the Group for 2012. At the moment they are busy making their craft items for Carrick Knowe School's craft fair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Then they are off to see Mother Goose at the King's Theatre in December.

The Cubs have become scientists this term and have visited the Observatory as well as creating volcano's and doing science experiments in the hall. There are two more outings planned, one to the Fire Station and another to the Kings also to see Mother Goose.

This is indoor season for the Scouts and they are having a bit of an easy term for a change with an Armed Forces night and a bit of 'clowning around' for their Circus Skills badge. They will also be at Carrick Knowe Church's service of Remembrance. The Scouts have one outing planned which is to go and support the two Ben's (Campbell & Nicholson) from Scouts who are appearing on stage in the Gang Show - break a leg boys!

Our Group is very fortunate to have an excellent Young Leader Team who work with the leaders to deliver the program to the children on a week to week basis. In September one of our Young Leaders, Mary Simmond's was presented with her Young Leader Belt for completing her training. This is a very special moment for the Group as Mary was the first Young Leader in South East Region (Edinburgh, Lothians & Borders) to receive this award since the scheme was introduced in 2001. The Group is hopeful that three more Young Leaders complete their training before June 2013 to allow them to receive their belts as well.

We are holding a number of fund raising events between now and the end of 2013. Our first one is our Family Quiz Night on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November tickets £3 Adult or £1.50 Child, maximum teams of three. Tickets can be purchased on the night or in advanced from any of the leader team. Watch this space for news of other events.

Our hall is also available for use for kid's parties or if you are thinking of starting up a club and you need a venue please contact us on [hallinfo@88thhaymarketscoutgroup.org](mailto:hallinfo@88thhaymarketscoutgroup.org)





## Advent Studies

Fiona Mathieson

**Come all you faithful.....**

### **an Advent journey with the Palestinian people**

As has been our practice we will be running a series of Advent Studies on Monday evenings at St Anne's Parish Church. The four sessions begin at 7.30pm and will run for about an hour and a half. This year there will be no Tuesday morning sessions. This year we will be using a new study *Come all you faithful .....an Advent journey with the Palestinian people*. Compiled jointly by the Church of Scotland, Christian Aid and *ALTERNativity*, this is an invitation to journey during the season of Advent with the Christian community in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) and Israel.

The sessions are as follows:

Week 1: 26 November	Kairos	Led by Fiona Mathieson
Week 2: 3 December	Faith	Led by Moira McDonald
Week3: 10 December	Hope	Led by Fiona Mathieson
Week 4: 17 December	Love	Led by Moira McDonald

There is a beautiful book to accompany this study which we will use as a basis for our study. These cost £5.00 and will be available for participants to purchase each evening.

Moira and I look forward to seeing you and journeying with you.

## CHURCH WEB SITE

Have you visited the church website recently?

You can find information about forthcoming services and see photographs of recent events such as the Uniformed Organisations service .

For all news and items of interest regarding our church, congregation and organisations, please look at our website

***ckchurch.org.uk***

If your group or organisation does not have its own page or a link to the site, and you would like one, please contact Finlay Buchanan [finlay.buchanan@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:finlay.buchanan@blueyonder.co.uk)



### **Smile I**

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.



## First Thursday Group *Aileen Buchanan*



First Thursday members have enjoyed an excellent start to the session. We have been entertained by a very enthusiastic group from Stevenson College, who rounded off the afternoon with some swinging jazz and our latest performer was

another favourite Gordon Inglis from Muckle Ado, who took us to the Wild West when he sang some of the great country and western songs. It was great to see everyone singing along.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Afternoon Tea on Thursday 6th December from 2-4pm. As well as some carol singing there will be a few festive activities for everyone.

## Guild

*Celia Spence*

This is a very busy year for our Guild - it's our 75th Anniversary on 16th February 2013. We are holding an anniversary dinner in the Church Hall and would like to invite along past members to come and join us in our celebrations. Tickets will be £15 to include a three course meal and a glass of wine - not forgetting a slice of the anniversary cake! If you are a past member and would like to join us please contact Celia Spence, our President, on 0131 334 6138.

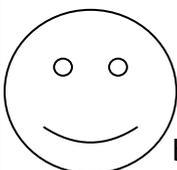
The syllabus this year has started off well and we cannot believe that the Christmas Party will soon be upon us but before that we have a visit planned from Tunnocks so I guess teacakes could be on the menu at the party!

Thanks go to everyone who supported us in purchasing tickets for our Christmas Hamper which was won by June Glen.

## Turnhouse Rainbows 25th Birthday

*Aileen Buchanan*

The youngest group of Guiding in the United Kingdom, the Rainbows, have just been celebrating their 25th birthday. To mark this special event in guiding, the Turnhouse Division, which covers most of the Corstorphine area, got together to have a party. Over 150 Rainbows, in party dresses and the must have party hats along with their guiders, gathered in the hall at Carrick Knowe for an evening of fun and magic. Tricky Ricky mesmerised the Rainbows along with his dog, Bingo and in between the eats and the blowing out of the candles on the cake, the old favourites Pass the Parcel, Musical Statues and Hokey Cokey were all great fun to play. No guiding party is ever complete without the traditional sing-along and all were in full voice as some of the old favourites along with all the actions, brought the party to a close. A great night. Let's hope we have another occasion to celebrate soon!



### Smile 2

I was driving this morning when I saw an AA van parked up. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself - that guy's heading for a breakdown.



## Congregational News

George Goodall

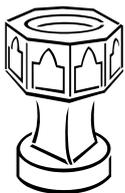
### Death



It is with regret that we intimate the following death.

Postal District    Jean McKenzie    2011 - notified 2012    Woodhall Nursing Home

### Baptism



"Let the children come to me."

Hannah Ellie McDonald    9 September 2012    Parents Fiona and Dougie

Kyla Jessica Lawson    14 October 2012    Parents Lisa and Brian

## 95th/95thA Rainbows *Aileen Buchanan*

After the excitement of our 25th Birthday Party, the Rainbows have settled down to a busy session. We met with the other units in Guiding and all the members of the Scout Association at a uniformed organisation Youth Service to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Carrick Knowe Church.



The unit at the moment is full and the new Rainbows have just made their promise. We have enjoyed many activities on the theme of Autumn, which ended with our Hallowe'en Party. We are now looking forward to a trip to Timetwisters in the next few weeks, followed by our annual visit from Santa at our party!

## 75th Exhibition *Anne Barry*



An exhibition of booklets, documents and photographs from the past 75 years in the life of Carrick Knowe Church will be on display after worship on Sunday 25th November. We

hope you will find this interesting and that it helps you recall many of the people who made their mark on our Church over the years.

### **Smile 3**



Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

### OPEN DOORS

The Church Sanctuary will be open from 10.00 to 12.30 on the last Thursday of every month for visitors or for a time of quiet contemplation.



Carrick Knowe Parish Church



**ADVENT**  
**BIG SING**

With

**JOHN BELL**

Sunday 9th December 2012

at 3pm

*All welcome*



**Smile 4**



A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their picks nicked."

**Rodger's notes***Rodger Thom*

A neighbouring Church, Stenhouse Gorgie Baptist Church has recently celebrated 80 years in Stenhouse. The present building, which has been there all that time is set to be demolished in the near future and a mini shopping mall will be built with the Church being on the first floor. Carrick Know Dynamos visited the Church some 25 years ago.

As part of our 75th anniversary I am putting together a note about those members who go back to before the Church itself was built in 1953. So far I have identified 14 including 4 current elders, 2 Board members and 7 whose fathers were Elders. Two joined the Sunday School in 1937, one was the last person married in the Hall Church and one was the first person married in the new Church. More information in due course.

**Dates for your Diary****November**

25th 75th Exhibition  
26th Advent Study 1

**December**

2nd Lessons and carols  
3rd Advent Study 2  
9th Advent Big Sing  
10th Advent Study 3  
16th Gift Service

**December (continued)**

17th Advent Study 3  
20th School Service  
23rd Sing-a-long-a-nativity  
24th Christingle

**February 2013**

16th Guild Anniversary Dinner

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