



# TIDINGS

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## From the Study

Dear Friends

Recently I was at a meeting in a church building. It was in the evening and it was dark outside. I wasn't really engaged by the topic that was being discussed and so I was looking around me, looking at the windows which I could see were stained glass but of course were just plain black, cold and dull. I couldn't help but think that if I had been sitting in the same spot at another time of the day the light outside would have showed these windows in all their glory, what did they depict, who were they dedicated to? With the light streaming through it would have all been clear but in the darkness of that evening they depicted nothing.

When we fail to see God's presence in our lives all can seem dull and black and cold. But when we see life through Gods presence then all becomes lighter, brighter, clearer. As we journey through Lent we are reminded that Christ's final weeks were not easy, they were full of temptations, isolation and trials. But he trusted in God even in the bleak dark reality of the cross - and death was conquered. Whatever life brings to you at this moment I hope that you may know the illuminating presence of God lighting and guiding your way.

During this time of Lent you might want to have a wee look at the Christian Aid web site (<http://www.christianaid.org.uk>) where they are promoting 'Count your blessings' which helps us to think about counting our blessings this lent. Having thought about this Beryl our Christian Aid representative and I felt that we all might like to think about this for Christian Aid week as a way of giving to this important cause this year. More information about this will be available soon.

May God Bless you and yours

*fiona*

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## Sunday Club

*Alana Johnston*

The Sunday Club's festivities began with a party to celebrate Advent where we had enjoyed party food and played some traditional party games. December continued with lots more festive fun including a visit from someone very special after our super Nativity and Gift Service. Since resuming in January we have been discussing topics such as lawfulness, difference, words and worries.



This term we are looking forward to inviting our mums, grandmas, aunts or other special ladies to join us for a Mothering Sunday celebration as well as learning the Easter story.

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. Remember, Sunday Club is free and you don't even have to book! If you would like any further details, please contact Alana Johnston on 538 8593.

## Kirk Session

*Finlay Buchanan*

At our meeting in January, the Kirk Session thanked Anne Barry and her committee for their hard work in staging the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition. We also looked back on the highly successful set of Christmas services (who could forget 'Abba - the Nativity?'), and were delighted to hear the positive comments from Rev John Bell after he led us in worship and in the Big Sing. The Session confirmed its commitment to split the proceeds from the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary appeal equally between an internal project and external good causes.

We were pleased to see the steady increase in Sunday Club attendance and to hear about the stimulating material in their programme. We also agreed that the extended group of musicians and singers would take part in worship once each month and at special services.

Finally, we heard a suggestion about removing pews from under the organ pipes and agreed to put it out to consultation before making any decision.

### Table Sale

**20th April 10am - 3pm**

*All welcome*

*Food & fun*

The 88<sup>th</sup> Craigmmond Scout Group is holding a Table Sale at our Scout Hall, 81 Broomhall Avenue, EH12 7NW to raise much needed funds.

There will be tea and coffee on sale alongside the bacon rolls and home baking.

As well as the normal items at a table sale, there is also the opportunity to win a brand new tent from Decathlon in the tent pitching challenge!

We will also have face painting for the kids.

If you will like to donate any items for the table sale, please drop them in to the Scout Hall on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April between 12 noon and 2pm.

CKC will be there promoting all their groups and organisations as well as cooking BBQ food. Any offers of help please to Graeme Allan - gfallan@yahoo.co.uk - 334 1024.



## Early Days Members

Rodger Thom

### To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Carrick Knowe Church, the following 16 members have links going back to before the building of the Church in 1953

**Anne Pollock, (nee Cameron)** came to Edinburgh with her parents during the war. She was in the Sunday School, went through the Brownies and Guides and attended Corstorphine Primary School. Her father, Bill Cameron was an elder at Carrick Knowe from 1955.

Anne has a collection of photos taken by her father and some of these were on display at the time of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Pat Hunter (nee Black)** is another member who first became involved at Carrick Knowe during the war. Originally at the Old Parish, her family joined Carrick Knowe Church during the war. She was in the Sunday school and brownies and was also at Corstorphine Primary School.

She was a member of the Church Badminton Club about the time the Church was built in 1953 and is still a member albeit with a break of a number of years.

Her father, Alexander Black was the Church Treasurer from 1955 to 1965 and also an elder from 1950.

**Marion Heatlie (nee Fair)** became involved in Carrick Knowe Church after her parents moved from the Old Parish in October 1951. Until then her Church involvement had been through the Old Parish and she herself joined Carrick Knowe in 1956.

Her father, Jim Fair, became an elder from 1961.

**Connie Alexander (nee Donald)** can trace involvement in Carrick Knowe Church from its earliest days. She joined the Sunday School near the start and her name appears in the register for the Young Worshipers League in January 1938. She was in the Brownies and Guides and became an unofficial secretary using Mr Chalmers portable typewriter to type up minutes. She attended Corstorphine Primary School and remembers during the war being taught in the Dower House when the school was temporarily closed.

She joined the Church before the building of the Church and was the first bride married in the new Church. She left the area thereafter but has now returned as Connie Alexander and has two great grandchildren.

**Ruby Moncur (nee Gray)** was baptised in the Hall Church on 18 September 1938 and is baby number 33. As she lived in Carrick Knowe Hill, she went to Murrayburn as her husband informed me that if you were in the other side of Carrick Knowe, you went to Corstorphine School. Ruby herself joined Carrick Knowe Church in 1956. Her husband (not a member) was brought up in Carrick Knowe and remembers going to the Band of Hope which met in the Church.

**Annie Albiston** is our senior member by length of membership. She joined the Church in 1947 after her marriage and she still lives in the same house! Her daughter and granddaughter were both baptised in the Church and are also members.

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**May Eadie (nee Albiston)** was baptised in the Church Hall on 4 June 1950, baby number 519. She is the daughter of Annie Albiston. She joined the Sunday School in 1954, became a member in 1971 and was married in the Church in 1973. Her daughter, Claire was also christened in Carrick Knowe Church making it three generations (Claire's younger brothers were also christened in the Church). May attended Carrick Knowe Primary and Forrester High School.

**Arthur Manchester** joined the Sunday School in 1945 which met in the Hut which was in use before the Jubilee Hall was built. His teachers included Miss Ramsay and Miss Buchan. He was also a member of the Band of Hope and in due course a member of the Youth Fellowship. He attended Corstorphine Primary School. Arthur became an elder in 1973.

**Margaret Dickson (nee Stirton)** came to Carrick Knowe as a baby during the war. As was not uncommon in these days she was baptised in her Mother's Church in Earlston, partly because of tradition and partly as her father was away on war duty. Margaret went through the Sunday School and was a member of the Brownies and Guides. Margaret subsequently joined the Choir, appeared in plays with the drama group in the sixties (the author of this whole article also appeared in some of them, most notably *Mother is a Darling*). She married George and they have a son, Colin, who is a member of the Church of England clergy. George and her father, Archie Stirton were elders at Carrick Knowe. Her mother, always referred to as Mrs Stirton is warmly remembered for her Church work.

**Doris Fraser (nee Dandie)** Doris goes back to our earliest days having joined the Sunday School when it started at the end of 1938. Her name appears in the list of Young Worshipers from January 1938. Doris' father, John was an elder from 1946. Doris was the last bride to be married in the Hall Church just before the Church itself was opened. She married Tom Fraser who subsequently became an elder in 1975. Doris was president of the Women's Guild for three years.

**Sandra Dea (nee Taylor)** was baptised in the Hall Church and was baby number 432. She subsequently joined the Sunday School and also the Nursery run by Mrs Jessie Thomson wife of our former Session Clerk Jimmy Thomson. She was in the Brownies and Guides and Youth Fellowship. She attended Corstorphine Primary School. She became an elder in 2004 having become Treasurer. Husband John is also an elder.

**Ian Ferguson** was baptised in the Hall Church after the war and is baby number 325. He joined the Sunday School and later the cubs. He attended Corstorphine Primary School. His father was an elder from 1946 and Ian became an elder in 1985, our first son of an elder to become one. Ian is now a volunteer at the Corstorphine Dementia Project (the Jubilee Club).

**Ian Taylor** was baptised in the Hall Church in 1945 and was baby number 301. He joined the Sunday School where one of his teachers was Mrs Stirton. He attended a nursery run by Mrs Jessie Thomson His sister points out that she is right behind Mr Chalmers in the picture taken on the occasion of laying the Foundation Stone of the Church. Ian is an elder.

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**Helen Liddle** was baptised in the Hall Church as baby number 394. She joined the Sunday School and the Brownies although she actually attended the Craigsbank Guides for reasons of Road Safety. She also attended a nursery run by Mrs Jessie Thomson. Her father John Liddle, was the Scout Leader for our own Scout Group and Helen took over the running of the Cubs just before John retired. Helen was in this role for many years.

Her father was an elder from 1963 and Helen serves on the Board of Management and looks after the Church flowers.

**Linda Whytock** joined the Sunday School and later the Brownies and Guides. She attended Moray House School for all her school days. This was known as the Training School. Linda is now a member of the Board of Management which she joined in 1989, currently our longest serving member.

And finally, our senior member of this group in age, **Cathy Macmillan**. The first mention is her daughter Elizabeth's baptism in June 1950 (baby number 515). There is no actual reference of being members until later but in December 1955 twin daughters Margaret and Catherine (babies 726 and 727) were also baptised.

Her husband David became an elder and both Cathy and David were for many years active in the Church. Cathy, now well in to her nineties is a regular at Church on a Sunday morning. She had the privilege of cutting the cake to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Guild in February.

Summing up, this group had 7 fathers who were elders, 4 are currently elders and 2 are members of the Board. There are 13 women and 3 men.

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

We are halfway through the session and some of the activities enjoyed by the girls have been Scottish country dancing, a Jack Frost night and a visit to Timetwisters with the



Thursday evening group. Looking forward to spring, we have even planted flower seeds and hopefully we will see some shoots appearing soon!

Some of our Rainbows have now turned 7 and have left to start their next stage in Guiding with the Brownies, so we have a few spaces available. Girls age 5-7 can participate in Rainbows. If you know of anyone who may be interested contact Aileen Buchanan Tel: 334 7610

## 75 @ 95th

*Aileen Buchanan*

All the units associated with guiding at Carrick Knowe are busy planning events over the next few months to celebrate 75 years of Guiding at Carrick Knowe. All the girls and guiders from the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are looking forward to the celebrations.

One of the events which we hope to hold in June will be an Afternoon Tea, when we would like to invite past and present Guiders to come along to help us both to celebrate and reminisce about their time in the 95<sup>th</sup> and to discover how different Guiding is today.

If you are interested in attending and/or know of anyone who may be interested in coming along please e-mail [aileenbuchanan@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:aileenbuchanan@blueyonder.co.uk) or Tel: 334 7610 or speak to any of the Guiders.

**Jubilee Hall***John Dea*

The Jubilee Hall has served us well for over 50 years, unfortunately over the last 2 to 3 years we have had lots of problems with the roof and particular with water getting into the building causing considerable damage. Our Insurance Company paid for the repair of the roof but unfortunately the roof is still leaking and despite getting the builders back out on several occasions there is water still coming in. Because of the problems we were experiencing we set up a small working group to look at the future of the Jubilee Hall. The first thing we did was to get a structural surveyor to look at the building. The survey said we needed to spend at least £25,000 on a new roof and £25,000 on the walls to bring the building up to a satisfactory standard. The other option was to demolish the building at a cost of about £30,000 and build a new building at cost of £200,000. The survey also recommended that we get an asbestos survey carried out which we did. This survey showed that there was asbestos in the roof and walls but it was not a major problem at this time but it would be a problem if we were to demolish the building.

In discussions with the Corstorphine Dementia Project who are the main users of the Jubilee Hall, they informed us that the hall would not meet the standards required by the Care Commission and to allow the project to continue, alternative premises with suitable facilities may have to be sought. This would mean that we would lose our rental income of £20,000 year and be left with a building in a poor state of repair. The Project has however now approached us saying that an anonymous donor has said they would be willing to pay the costs of demolishing and rebuilding the hall. After discussion with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland it was agreed that the church had a number of options and after detailed discussions it was felt that the best option was to lease the land to the project for 30 years. This should include an entitlement for the church to use the premises and sublet the premises when not used by the project. The General Trustees also advised it would be unreasonable for the project to have to pay rent when they were meeting all other costs provided the church could get an income from the premises when not being used by the project. The General Trustees advised a peppercorn rent of £1 was sufficient provided that the contract was on a full care and maintenance basis with access by the church when not used by the project. This was discussed and agreed by the Board and Kirk Session to be the correct option and as a result the Board and Kirk Session have instructed the General Trustees to arrange the necessary leases which will in due course allow the project to draw up plans for our approval.

The church now looks forward to working with the project to allow dementia sufferers and their carers within the area to continue to benefit from the care afforded by the project and we are pleased to be able to facilitate this development.

**Church and Society Council***Finlay Buchanan*

The Church and Society Council's remit is to engage with national, social and political issues facing Scotland and the world today. This covers a wide range of campaigns and themes ranging from poverty and medical ethics, through to the 2014 Independence Referendum. One of the key topics is Climate Change, and this February the focus was on how churches can take the lead. More information can be found in the Church and Society e-Newsletter (easily found on Google!)



## Guild

*Beryl Liston*

By the time you read this article the Guild will have almost completed another year's syllabus - how time flies when you are having fun and great fellowship.

On 16<sup>th</sup> February the Hall in the church was transformed into a beautiful dining room fit for the Guild's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner celebrations where we had a sumptuous three course meal with wine. Our oldest past member of the Guild, Cathie MacMillan, honoured us by cutting the Anniversary Cake and entertainment followed - we even had a surprise visit from the "Royal Family" !!!

Our celebrations followed on the Sunday with a Dedication Service in the Church with Guild



Members taking part. To finalise our special events on 19<sup>th</sup> February we hosted a Fun Fashion Show by Country Casuals where we raised a fantastic £270.00 in aid of MacMillan Cancer

Care. A good night was had by all.

We have had a great many interesting speakers this session with still a few to come before we break for the "summer". If you feel you would like to come along and experience a taste of what its like at the Guild we meet on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. and all will be welcome.

## Flower Committee

*Helen Liddle*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March I am going on Holiday to Australia and New Zealand and will be away until the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

Pat Gilmour has very kindly agreed to take over the flower fund until I return.

If you wish to donate money for flowers in the church please give the money to Pat or to the church office.

My thanks to all those who donate money throughout the year.



## CHURCH WEB SITE

Have you visited the website recently?

You can find information about forthcoming services and see photographs of recent events.

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

***ckchurch.org.uk***

## Easter Play



## CrossWords

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Princes Street Easter Play Trust SC 035933

**CK Singers**

Fiona Buchanan

Do you enjoy singing and meeting new people? CK Singers is an informal group of singers who contribute to worship at Carrick Knowe. We are now meeting weekly to contribute to services - all are welcome to join us at 10.30am in the church on Sundays to prepare a short introit and help with congregational singing.

We are also contributing to a number of special services between now and June and we will prepare music for these services at weeknight rehearsals as detailed below - please feel free to join us if you are able.

**Weeknight rehearsals (all at 7.45pm)**

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 8th May

Wednesday 12th June

**Dates for performances/special services**

24th March Palm Sunday

31st March Easter Sunday

19th May

23rd June Prizegiving

We look forward to welcoming you - if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Fiona (Director of Music) - [fionaebuchanan@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaebuchanan@hotmail.com) / tel: 337 0307

**Traidcraft**

Suzie Stevenson

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## First Thursday Group *Aileen Buchanan*

There was an excellent turnout for our February meeting when Linten Adie provided us with excellent entertainment - lots of toe-tapping and



singing along too as we listened to a mixture of traditional and modern Scottish music.

Our March meeting is another popular one when we welcome some of the older pupils from Carrick Knowe School to entertain us. The date for that meeting is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the normal time of 2pm.**

### Change of date and time:

**The Easter Lunch** will start at 1pm and will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** which is Maundy Thursday. We look forward to seeing everyone coming along to First Thursday during Easter week - the **last week of March instead of the first week of April.**

This year we will also have a meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

## 95th Guides

*Fiona Buchanan*

In December 2012 we were delighted to present four of our oldest Guides with the Baden Powell Challenge Award, the highest award that a girl in the Guide section can achieve. Alison Henry, Abbie Hunter, Ellie Starkey and Rachel Walls have all worked extremely hard towards this award, completing ten challenges from the programme zones of Discovery, Healthy Lifestyles, Celebrating Diversity, Global Awareness and Skills and Relationships. One of the highlights of the award was completing the Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure, where the girls made friends with other Guides from all over Edinburgh as part of a challenge in Stirling. The girls have decided to continue in Guiding and have moved into the Senior Section as Young Leaders. Congratulations from all at the 95<sup>th</sup> Guides!

We have a busy term planned including celebrating Thinking Day through finding out about Guides in Hawaii, completing our Fitness badge (when the weather is better!), enabling some of the new guides to have their first outdoor camping experience, finding out about fire safety at Sighthill Fire Station, and a visit to the Tartan Gig in August where previous acts have included Pixie Lott, Scouting for Girls, Cher Lloyd and The Wanted. We're not sure if the Guides or the leaders are more excited!

If you are aged 10 or above and are interested in joining Guides please contact Fiona Buchanan for more information - [fionaebuchanan@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaebuchanan@hotmail.com) / tel: 337 0307

## 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.

## Death



It is with regret that we intimate the following death.

James Mack    District 10    10 February 2013    Broombank Terrace



## George Shand - Mission Partner

Carol Finlay

The following was received from Carol:

*Hi Graeme, I am writing this from Galilee. It is 6am and I have just returned to bed following a fire in the Scots Hotel where I am staying! Here is George's blog post. Several folks from Carrick Knowe sent cards and I am one of the group going into Gaza at the weekend.....*

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January was our first opportunity to enter Gaza after the Christmas season. We were taking Christmas greetings to our partner organisations there on behalf of our Church, and Christmas Cards sent from Scotland. This was part of an initiative by the World Mission Council encouraging members of congregations to send cards and greetings to our partners in Gaza.

We had first intended to visit just after our Western Christmas, but delayed it because of the vagaries of the international post. Cards were still coming in around the time of the Orthodox Christmas on 6<sup>th</sup> January. We had to wait till our Israeli permits were renewed, so we even missed the Armenian Christmas of 19<sup>th</sup> January.

You will understand, I am sure, the particularly difficult situation for ordinary people in Gaza, and you may know a little about the Christian community there. Over 1 and three quarter million people live in the crowded Gaza Strip, two thirds of them refugees from the political changes in this region in 1948 and 1967. They are primarily Muslim, and in their midst is a small Christian community numbering about 1,500 people living mainly in Gaza City itself. The majority are of the Eastern Orthodox tradition, and there are a few Episcopalians, and some Baptists and Roman Catholics. But not, as far as we know, any Presbyterians!

Within the general context, this community lives in complete harmony with their Muslim neighbours, but a small minority always has pressures on it, and always feels very vulnerable - and isolated, of course, because it is so difficult to get out of the Gaza Strip.

On our one day visit, we were hosted by the Near East Council of Churches, who run a number of antenatal clinics for mothers and children - including special clinics for malnourished children - and also some vocational training initiatives. All these are open to the whole community, particularly those still classed as refugees. In the morning we also visited the Anglican Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, a 50 bed hospital, again open to everyone, and with a reputation for quality service to the community built up over many years. As we travelled through Gaza City we saw few signs of the devastation of the war last year (it turned out we were not travelling in the areas that were most badly hit) but we heard many personal stories, and Suhaila, the Director of the Hospital, told us she had been at home in her house when a missile landed nearby, blowing in her windows and doors. It is a miracle that she came out of the situation with only minor injuries. But there was significant damage to her home.

In the early afternoon we visited the Atfaluna Society for the Deaf, another long-term partner of the Church. Atfaluna is a Gazan charity, not a Christian organisation, but it shares the same values of concern and work for the most vulnerable people in society - and they would easily relate to Paul's sentiments in Corinthians that we are all part of the same body, and all equally important. It was there we heard about one of the children of a member of staff, who, months after the bombing, still wakes in the middle of the night, crying out and shaking fearfully. What costs in trauma for the young, and the not so young, these conflicts bring, and so sad that this should be part of their experience of growing up.



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Finally we visited the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Porphyrius, an ancient church which traces its roots back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD. Unfortunately we were not able to meet with any of the congregation at that time, but were able to discuss worshipping with them on our next visit.

Wherever we went we were received with great grace, and expectation. It seemed that everyone was looking forward to receiving the cards, and aware of what they signified - a powerful connection between the isolated Christian community there and ordinary people in Scotland. It was a privilege to be the messengers of such connectedness. Our friends at the Near East Council of Churches office said they would share out their cards with the Baptist and Catholic Churches, so that everyone could receive these messages of friendship and prayer that cross so many boundaries and barriers.

While we were there I was also arranging for a longer visit which will take place next month, involving a small group of representative of our Church and organisations from Scotland. When our partners heard this they said, "We have a chapel in the grounds of the Hospital which is not regularly used. Please, when your group comes, will you lead worship in the Chapel, so we can all worship together?" Some Christian staff from the Hospital would participate, and perhaps some other local Christians as well.

This request caused me to meditate on two things:

First of all, in St. Andrew's Church our weekly worship experience gives us a strong sense of the worldwide body of the Church. Our congregation is both local and international, and during the tourist season we meet people from many different countries. It is always an enriching experience as we learn about other people's life and faith journeys. I am sure most congregations have similar encounters during the holiday seasons, and most members of congregations will have visited other churches during their own holidays. Imagine if that experience was lost from our lives - no visitors from faraway places, no students or foreign workers making our congregation their spiritual home for a period of time. And yet that is the weekly experience of the Christian community in Gaza, where there are so few visitors and so few opportunities to go out and visit other places.

And secondly, their heartfelt desire for us to worship together. When Colin and I made our visit we met with people, we shared together about the work that we do and the experiences we have, we learnt from each other, and we also had an opportunity to socialise more informally over a meal. And in many situations in life that would be totally satisfactory. But within the 'body of Christ' there is also a need for us to know each other at a deeper level. One that is not just about our roles in life, our work, or our family life. We need to be able to stand together in all our inner, vulnerable, hopeful humanity, united together in worship, under the gracious love of God, as the 'body of Christ'.... "in order to love one another, we must know one another; in order to know one another, we must go and meet one another."

We have asked the Easter Bunny to make an appearance again at our Annual Egg Roll this year. This fun competition is open to ALL ages and will take place after the 11.00am Family Service on Easter Sunday.

Will the bunny be there? Will there be an egg for you? You will have to come to church to find out!



## 88th Scout Group

Archie Johnston

Since the last Tidings I'm sure you have all been waiting with great expectation to find out what we are going to be up to in 2013! Well wait no longer for the latest instalment.

The whole Group will be working on the Group Environmental badge over the course of 2013. Hopefully we will be able to make Carrick Knowe a greener place.

All the sections up until Easter are spending the majority of their time in the hall. The Beavers have been converting some toy cars with paint and later in the term they will be holding a night in connection with the Chinese New Year.



Our Cub Pack will be turning into budding photographers as they are working on their Photography badge during this term. They will also be having a night of Basketball.

The Scouts spent the first couple of weeks working on their compass skills for the camp next term and they are going out and about by visiting a Mosque and Carrick Knowe Church as part of their Faith badge.

As part of our fund raising efforts we are holding a **Race Night on the 8th of March in Carrick Knowe Bowling Club** it all kicks off at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Scout Leaders or on the evening itself.



We are also collecting the Sainsbury & Tesco vouchers this year which can also be handed into the Church or into the

Scout Hall. Sainsbury's have started their voucher scheme which lasts until the 24th of May. All these vouchers will allow us to purchase more equipment.

As like any volunteer organisation we are always looking for help and we are currently on the look out for more leaders to add to the current team. If you would like to come and join us as a leader or know of someone who needs voluntary experience for their job please contact me on [recruitment@88thcraigalmondscoutgroup.org](mailto:recruitment@88thcraigalmondscoutgroup.org)

All the sections currently have space so if you would like your child to come and join the fun and games at the 88th again please contact me on the above email address .

Our meeting times are:

Beavers (Age 6-8) - Wednesday 6pm-7pm

Cubs (Age 8-10.5) - Tuesday 6.30pm-8pm

Scouts (10.5-14) - Wednesday 7.45pm-9.15pm

### **Stewardship of Talents**

Many thanks to all those who took part in our Stewardship exercise. We now have a huge 'Pool of Talents' that is available to be used for the benefit of the Church. Angus and I are busy creating spreadsheets and collating all the data. Just under 100 people took part and we have a list of over 90 different talents! Amazing!

We will shortly be in a position to take this forward and to invite individuals, through established committees and groups, and maybe some new ones, to share their talents with us all.

Thanks again for your support.

*Graeme Allan.*



## Easter Services

Sunday 24th March	11.00	Palm Sunday Service	Carrick Knowe Church
Monday 25th March	19.00	Joint Holy Week Reflections	Corstorphine Old Parish
Tuesday 26th March	19.00	Joint Holy Week Reflections	Corstorphine Old Parish
Wednesday 27th March	19.00	Joint Holy Week Reflections	Corstorphine Old Parish
Thursday 28th March	18.30	Maundy Thursday Communion	Carrick Knowe Church
Friday 29th March	19.00	Joint Corstorphine Churches Service	St Ninian's Church
Sunday 31st March	09.15	Reflective Service and Communion	Carrick Knowe Church
		<i>Easter Breakfast between Services</i>	
	11.00	Family Service and Communion	Carrick Knowe Church

*Everyone is very welcome to attend.*

## The last laugh

- I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.
- Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.
- My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.
- Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the locality in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.



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