

CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH NEWS



September 2025

FROM the MANSE

Man flu, well I have had it this week.

It started on Friday the 8th August in the morning with a sore throat, then by the time Saturday came, it was a chesty cough, not made worse at all by attending an Oasis gig in Edinburgh, of course. By Wednesday, it was a full-blown cold, well, felt like man flu, and it was pretty hot on Wednesday too, so I had a big moan, and took the couch and bed for the day. Thankfully not covid as I tested, but a good old fashioned Scottish summer cold, and it's come to my ears that many of you this week have had something similar. It meant I pulled out of attending some of the events at Cadder church to mark their building being 200 years old. I did make the special worship service on the Tuesday night. You sometimes just must rest when under the weather!! And this week I have had some more time on my hands to pray, and took the opportunity on Wednesday, and read aloud in my prayers all the names of the church roll, so, in my man flu moment, I got some prayer with God, a

good win. Seeing Cadder celebrate, got me thinking of how we will do it, and that year is 2031 for the building we are in. But our story is made up of different paths, and part of our building is the building of Cranhill from 1953 and South Carntyne building completed in 1936. Last century brought three places for us all to worship, this century we have one, and that one we are fund raising the now to make it a place that will last for another 100 years to host worship, community groups, and our mission through our Young at heart and beyond. Yes, a church is more than a building, but we also need a place to gather, thrive, and grow. Please keep in your prayers Robert and the team who have done a tremendous amount of work to get us where we are. It's a big project, but Gods a big project, and I pray for the opportunity to have a great building, for a great congregation, for our Great God.

Rhona 😊

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends

all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

KIRK SESSION

At the time of witing I have just been back a few days from my holiday, so I am just catching up with what has been happening around the church. I attended church in Canada for the 3 weeks I was away and was made very welcome, but there is nothing like being back in your own church amongst your ain folk.

Les McGregor

I was devastated not to be able to attend Les's funeral. I found it hard going into church on Sunday and he wasn't there. Les and I normally arrived together at the church early on Sunday mornings, he sometimes sat in his car listening to the radio while smoking his pipe. He would then have his cup of tea and we would have a good catch-up before he began his rehearsals and I'm sure you all remember how much he liked to get into a conversation with you, and he often had a joke to tell (often a rubbish one,) when I

would tell him to keep his day job. I miss hearing the organ playing when he rehearsed in the morning and he often played tunes to me on the phone when we were discussing hymns. We were blessed to have had Les with us for so long, and I am pleased to say that his wife Margaret will continue to join us on Sunday mornings, and as time passes she will lend a hand whenever needed. "Rest in Peace Les."

Summer Club

I also missed this, but have been told that all went well and was well supported.
Well done to all of the helpers.

Kirk Session

We have not met during the Summer months, however, groups have been meeting and will report back at the first meeting in September.

I hope you have all had a happy holiday whether at home or away.

May Fawns
Session Clerk

CHURCH LIFE

Funerals

*Leslie 'Les' MacGregor

*Margaret Graham

Alexander 'Alex' Clark

Jemima 'Mima' Hammond

Samuel 'Sam' Lawson

Edith 'Edie' Foley

**Denotes member*

Baptisms:

6th July 2025: Joshua Thomas Paterson

3rd Aug 2025: Rosie Isabella McKay

Weddings:

20th March 2025: Michelle Cassiday and Thomas Robert MacDonald

19th April 2025: Lauren Katie Caldwell and Martin Andrew Laing



BUILDINGS UPDATE

August 2025

In June we reported that good progress was being made on the costings and plans and that tenders for the Project had been requested. We can now confirm that we have a short list of preferred contractors.

We cannot engage any of them until we can show that all funding is in place, and we are awaiting feedback in September from our final Grant Application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF) which we hope will be successful.

Positive support from NHLF would have meant that we had all funding in place and could have set a start date for the work. Unfortunately, we have had a setback in that the UK Government has effectively removed the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, where until now, Churches could reclaim 100% of the VAT on a Project like ours. We did this with Phase 1, and it

made a huge difference to the funding we had to put in place.

Unfortunately, this means that we now have a significant unexpected shortfall in funding to find. Over the past few months along with others, we have lobbied our MSP and MPs who have raised this issue with the London and Scottish Governments, and it was highlighted and discussed at this year's General Assembly as it affects all Churches like ours with significant projects on the go. So far there has been no movement or indication of changes to the policy. To keep momentum going we met with the Presbytery Property Team and with their support have prepared a detailed request for a Grant from the General Trustees of The Church of Scotland in Edinburgh to help us fill the gap. They are due to meet at the end of August and we will update you all as soon possible after that.

Another delay is disappointing as we have been working on this for several years, sometimes it has felt like forever, but we are nearly there and if we must 'cut our cloth' to suit, we will, as the Project is essential to future proof our presence in Carntyne and Cranhill.

We hope that the final pieces of the plan will fit in to place over the next couple of months. In the meantime, please keep the Project in your prayers

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

ORGANISATIONS

Ladies Club

The ladies Club starts back on Tuesday 9th September in the downstairs hall.

We look forward to seeing our regular members and hopefully some new faces. We play bowls, dominoes, darts and do some line dancing. We play for fun, no skills required. We also enjoy a chat over tea, coffee, cakes, and biscuits. Hope to see you on the 9th of September at 7pm.

Margaret Kelly
Secretary

63rd Girls Brigade

We can't believe the school holidays are over.

Girls Brigade starts back on Tuesday 2nd of September in the Cranhill Development Building, 109 Bellrock Street, Cranhill.

The various age groups are as follows:-

Explorers: P1 to P3- 6.15-7.15

Juniors: P4 to P7- 7.15-8.30

Brigaders: S1 to S6- 7.15-8.30

We are looking forward to seeing all the girls and new recruits 😊

Karen Scott
Leader in Charge



ACTIVITIES and SUPPORT for OLDER PEOPLE

Dear Friends,

This is a difficult letter to write and it is done with a heavy but ever so thankful heart. I will be leaving Carntyne and Cranhill at the end of October. Many of you will know that I have been exploring the idea of ministry and have been accepted by the Church of Scotland to train as a full time Minister of Word and Sacrament. As part of this I will begin my first placement in October. This is not a full-time placement but because I also have a degree to finish I'll not be able to keep working here.

Being the Community Development Worker (Older People) has been fulfilling and I have met so many lovely people. Thank you for all your support

and encouragement . There will be, if Rhona has anything to do with it, a number of opportunities to say some goodbyes so look out for details to come. Groups and activities will continue in the meantime.

I'm still sending a weekly email so let me know if you'd like to get news of what is going on in the church and local area for older people. Send your email address to amacdonald-haak@churchofscotland.org.uk and I'll add you to my mailing list. If you know of anyone who would benefit from some company let me know and we can work out how to involve them in something.

The regular activities for older people in and around the church are detailed below (some have stopped for the summer but will be starting again soon):

The **Sunshine Club**, a club for seniors often with musical entertainment on Monday from 1.30-3.30.

The **Strength & Balance Class** provided by Erin from Glasgow Life on Tuesday at 12.30. This is designed for folk with reduced mobility.

The **Wednesday Walking Group** continues with about an hour of walking and chat followed by a cuppa in Room 2. Meet by the church gate at 11am.

A short **afternoon service at the Bield**, Carntyne Gardens happens monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm. It is followed by a cuppa.

Community Cafe on Thursdays from 9.30-12.30. Speak to an advisor from the Citizen's Advice Bureau every second week between 10.30 and 12noon or a Tech advisor for help with all things to do with computing, mobiles or internet.

Film Club is on Thursdays at 1pm. Tea and coffee are served in the break.

On Friday you'll find **Lunch Club** (12noon), two courses and a cuppa for free at the moment, **Young at Heart social club** (1pm) fun, games, quizzes, music, occasional craft or speaker, and the **Bereavement Group** (1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month) at 3.30-5pm.

Our regular Zoom groups have changed a little: a short **Prayer Service** starts at 9.30am on Tuesday and is followed by **Coffeetime Chat** from 10-11am.

The Zoom ID for both groups is:

Tuesdays from 9.30am

Meeting ID: 865 5388 2010 (no passcode required)

If you would like to know more or would like help accessing any of the above groups, my phone number is 07734 007260 My email is:

amacdonald-haak@churchofscotland.org.uk

With every blessing,
Aileen



NEW SCOTTISH ARTS CHOIR

New Scottish Arts Choir are putting together a choir for the Keith & Kristyn Getty concert in the SEC, Glasgow on 17th December.

New Scottish Arts used to regularly hold Christian events in Glasgow but over the last 10 years we have not been overly active, and our database is lapsed so I'm starting afresh on this! Do you think you could help me by communicating this with your members?

I'll have Glasgow rehearsals from October. Days and venue to be confirmed. Or maybe existing church choirs can rehearse themselves and I can send materials.

Please register interest here: <https://forms.office.com/e/y8YnuMFD0i>

More information

here: <https://www.sec.co.uk/events/detail/keith-and-kristyn-getty-home-for-christmas>.

Jason McAuley

New Scottish Arts

JANET in NIGERIA

Dear Family and Friends,

I'm very happy to be greeting you from Holley Memorial Hospital where I have been now for nearly 2 weeks. I travelled with Pamela and Gracie Gaiya from Heathrow last Wednesday night and, after making our way somewhat slowly through the landing procedure, enjoying a cup of tea at the Mission Africa Flat in Abuja, doing a little essential shopping in a local supermarket and visiting the Headquarters of the United Evangelical Church for business purposes, we were on the road to Kogi State. Our excellent driver, Jacob, drove thoughtfully and carefully and we were very grateful for a safe journey and that the officials at the 10 check points were friendly and helpful, speeding us on our way.



We were warmly welcomed at Ochadamu around 5pm by Elders Paul and Daniel, Senior Staff at the Hospital and by some of the local Primary School children. Rev Akoh Ibrahim, formerly on the staff at Holley and now the Pastor in a nearby village, visited with his family the next day and Elder Christopher popped in with his guitar to sing a beautiful welcome song and introduced me to the congregation in church on Sunday. These folks who have known Mission Africa staff in the past are greatly encouraged that someone has come to visit them again and I look forward to getting to know them better.



Rev Akoh Ibrahim and family with Elder Daniel and Gracie and Pamela outside my house.

After many practical tips to help me settle in, Pamela and Gracie left for Abuja on Saturday morning and thankfully reached Jos safely by Sunday evening.

My home is a very adequate 2-bedroom semi with a large kitchen, tiled floor and cold running water and is mosquito proofed throughout, including a substantial veranda where a lot of socialising takes place. I am very privileged to have 2 wonderful helpers, Nugwa and Simeon, who are well accustomed to white visitors and who provide me with cultural tips and language lessons as well as assisting around the house, dealing with the generator and shopping for me when necessary. Nugwa is a great cook!



Simeon, like many others of his age, is awaiting exam results and hoping for a place in College or University in the Autumn. He is trying to choose a course wisely as, even for many graduates, jobs are hard to find. The cost of living is high and some work 3 jobs to make ends

meet. On Sunday I met Simeon's mother, Rose, who worked in the hospital when I was here 42 years ago and remembers all the folk who were here at the same time as me – and she is still working on the staff now.

So, I am meeting many people and listening and learning how the work of the hospital and the church are going on. On a tour of the main hospital, I was greeted like a long-lost friend by a man who remembered I had operated on him a few years ago... A special treat was the visit from a local Pastor whose mother had been a patient in the leprosy hospital in years gone by and whose photo I have with me as a toddler. The Service on my first Sunday was the Annual Dedication

Service for the small Youth for Christ group in Holley with a wonderful Youth Choir taking part. A number of young people in the congregation, including student nurses from the College, responded to the invitation to join the group.



When more than 30 kids turned up on the veranda, I was grateful for Simeon's help to find the balls and games which they have enjoyed in the past and to fix times when they can come back for more fun! Clearly, I am going to be involved with the kids and am asking one and another about whether others can help to take this.

I am very grateful to all who have enabled me to be here and value your ongoing interest and prayers as I continue to learn the language, meet more people and find the best ways I can serve in this situation.

Sincerely,
Janet



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WHATS on at CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH

For Young People

Sunday	11:00 am	Explorers
Monday	9:30 am	Tiny Tots
	6:30 pm	Anchor Boys
	7:00 pm	Junior Section BB
	7:30 pm	Company Sect BB
Tuesday	at CDT	Girls' Brigade

Wednesday	6.15 pm	Explorers
	7.15 pm	Juniors /Brigaders
	9:30 am	Tiny Tots
	5:45 pm	Rainbows
	6:00 pm	Brownies
	7:15 pm	Guides & Rangers
Thursday	9:30 am	Tiny Tots

For Adults

Sunday	7:00 pm	Narcotics
Monday	1:00 pm	Sunshine Club
Tuesday	9.30am	Zoom Coffee Time
	12:30 pm	Strength & Balance
	2:00 pm	Growing Together
	7:00 pm	Ladies Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Zoom Prayers

	11:00 am	Health Walk
	12:30 pm	AA
	7:00 pm	Men's Club
Thursday	9.30 am	Community Café
	1:00 pm	Film Club
	6:40 pm	Clubbercise
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	8:00 am	Slimming World
	9:30am	Slimming World
	12:00 pm	Lunch Club
	1:00 pm	Young at Heart

WORSHIP AT CARNTYNE and CRANHILL PARISH CHURCH

Sunday

11am Morning Worship; with Explorers

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