



# Cairneyhill Church Newsletter



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Every Sunday in church at 11:30 am  
**KACH (Kids at Church) – First Sundays in term-time**

Sunday Services can be viewed on Zoom\* and recordings are available on our website.

\* No Zoom option in July

### Message from the Minister

Dear Friends, the month of June is sometimes referred to as 'flaming June'. This description is meant as a positive, denoting a sunny and warm month. Experience does not always bear this out!

I remember my first Cairneyhill Gala. It was one of the wettest days of the year. I had young children then. We spent about forty-five minutes at the Gala field. Both girls were soaked to the skin – literally!

I remember some really great floats in the Gala parade. No doubt great fun to build. It was good fun showering people with sweets as they drove up the Main Street!



This year the Gala had a medieval theme. This reminded me of my first acting role. I took part in a production of the medieval morality play 'Everyman'. This was staged in Gillespie Memorial Church. The story is of Everyman being warned by Death of his imminent demise. The moral behind the story is that we cannot take with us anything we have received, only that which we have given. More a message for

our materialist age than the medieval world for which it was written.

Paul, writing to the Corinthian Church, said there were three things that were truly lasting: faith, hope and love. And of these he said that love was the greatest. Love increases by the amount we give.

I pray that you will have a summer filled with faith, hope and love. To these I would add joy. Or maybe it is that faith, hope and love bring joy.  
Yours, Norman

### Our Activity Groups – lots going on!



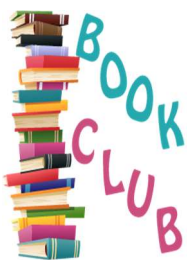
#### Sewing – The Banner Group

This group has been meeting since 1999 when a group of ladies met to make a millennium banner for the Church. We have been meeting every week since!

The group meets on Mondays between 7:30 to 9:30pm in the old manse. Some of the ladies prefer to carry on making banners for the church. Other ladies enjoy making crafts or just bring their knitting or crochet or sewing and sit and chat.

New members are always welcome.

If any more information is needed contact Margaret White 269355 or Dot Downie 881379.



### **Books -**

#### ***The Brandyriggs Book Club***

This group meets on the last Tuesday of every month. The group has been running for over ten years and normally receives a monthly book from the library.

This was suspended last September as a new computer system was to be installed throughout the library. To keep the monthly club going we have been sharing books that we own and discussing them. Hopefully in the next couple of months the library will be issuing their book club books once again and the club will again be able to read the same book together.

Contact Dot Downie 881379



### **Outdoors - *The Walking Group***

The walking group has been going for around 10 years. We meet on one Sunday afternoon each month from March to October and share cars to get to our venue. These have ranged widely around our area from Loch Leven to Becraigs near Linlithgow. The walk is always pre-planned and will be 2-3 miles. There is always a tea/coffee stop too!

Contact –Maureen Black 881872



### **Wondering about Stuff? –**

#### ***Eternity Discussion Group***

Our Discussion Group met first in the 1990s. We use various Bible-based resources including video teaching to explore different themes usually in 2-3 month 'bursts'. These normally include the seasons of Advent and Lent. Contact Derek 882190 for more information.



### **Cycling – *Cairneyhill Church Cycling Club (C4)***

Our Cycling Club is 20 years old this year! The club has members connected to our own church and to Limekilns church and we also have folks with no church connection. We are all about enjoying cycling, the places we go and the social side of things, without covering big mileages. Café Cycling is an appropriate description. Outings are normally monthly from March to November and can be local or involve a drive to the start point. Weekends away are also a feature and this year we will have the first of those since Covid when we visit the Isle of Bute in September. Why not come along – we are happy to see new faces of any level of ability!

Contact – Derek Peters 880192

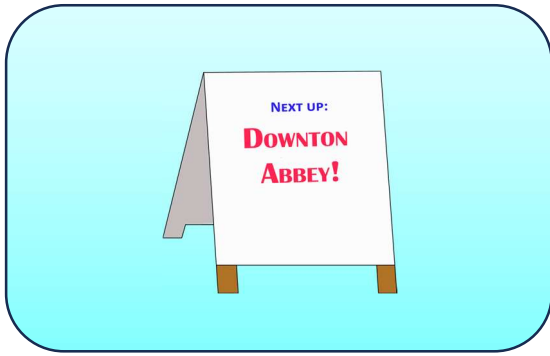


### **The Morning Coffee Team**

Our monthly Saturday Coffee Mornings have been popular over the past decade, and we re-started these in May this year. Would you like to be part of our team? It's a great way to meet new folk and yes you too can have a tea/coffee and a biscuit!

Contact : Margaret White 269355

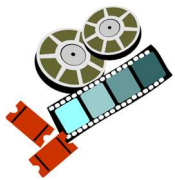




## Sanctuary Cinema

During the first 3 months of this year we opened up the Church building as part of the Fife Voluntary Action (FVA) initiative to provide warm spaces to the local community. We received grant assistance from FVA and decided to trial Community Cinema as part of the initiative; hence the Sanctuary Cinema was born.

Our warm space was available on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. Film screenings alternated with game event afternoons for a total of 12 openings, 6 for films and 6 for games events. All the events were thoroughly enjoyed by those attending with the film days getting around double the numbers attending the game events.



The Sanctuary Cinema was a great hit. The films ranged from the 'Book Thief' to 'Downton Abbey' to 'Ticket to Paradise' – George Clooney certainly draws them in but, the biggest audience we had was for 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris'. The Cinema can comfortably seat 50 people and with the church's new sound system the overall experience received a fantastic response from all those who enjoyed the films, the refreshments and the 'half-time' chat.

**Thanks** are due to the volunteers from both the Church and the Community Council who helped provide teas, coffees, biscuits etc. and gave their time taking part in the games events. Chris Smith is now a professional Tri-ominos (Triangle dominoes) player!



Although the FVA Warm Spaces initiative was for the winter months only we hope to operate the Sanctuary Cinema events on a year-round basis,

possibly monthly, and this is where **we need some feedback** from the Community. What films would people like to see and at what times?

We are members of 'Cinema for All': - ([www.cinemaforall.org.uk](http://www.cinemaforall.org.uk))

And we have an account with 'Filmbankmedia': - ([www.filmbankmedia.com/films/](http://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/))

for the screening license.

**Please go to these websites** to browse through the hundreds of films available.

In future we will need to charge for admission but hope this can be limited to £3 per show.

Volunteers from the community to help with the setup and screening of the films would also be welcome – it's not an onerous task but would perhaps allow more films to be shown and at different times of the day.

For more information or to provide feedback contact Doug Hay [doug.hay@btinternet.com](mailto:doug.hay@btinternet.com) or visit the church website or Facebook page.



## Compassion Sponsorship

Cairneyhill Church continues to sponsor 3 children through Compassion Sponsorship.

Shammah is 15 years old and lives in Kenya. Mireya is 14 years old and lives in Peru. Kerry is 12 years old and lives in Haiti. Through letters and photographs, we have seen how the children have developed and grown over the years of our sponsorship.

Compassion is an international Christian child development and child advocacy ministry which began in 1952. It is Christ centred, child focussed and church based, focusing on the holistic development of each child coupled with the development of a 1-1 relationship between that child and their sponsor. Individual sponsors (or groups like us) in the UK contribute £28 a month to support each child in a Compassion programme. A monetary contribution is also made for birthday, Christmas, family and project gifts.



Contact Elaine Morris (881713) for information about sponsorship.



## From the Treasurer

Did you know that Cairneyhill Church is funded by its members? Like all Church of Scotland congregations all our income comes from the generous support of our members and attenders and the fundraising activities carried out. We were blessed in 2021 by an extremely generous legacy left to us by the late Irene Paterson of Crossford and that is enabling new projects such as the solar panels and batteries installed in the manse. But I am constantly amazed by the fantastic support we receive on a regular basis that simply keeps everything going.



Our buildings are available to the community as a whole and as well as the church groups already detailed it's worth mentioning that we also host the Cairneyhill Rainbows and Brownies. Others include: -

- Fife Carers' Café (every second Thursday 11:00 am – 12:30 pm) Contact Carol 01592 205472
- Yoga with Amanda (Monday and Tuesday evenings) Contact Amanda 07796 422030
- Cairneyhill & Crossford Craft Group – see advertisement below

Please contact us if you are looking for space for your organisation, or why not come along to our coffee mornings to find out more? Meanwhile can I say another big thank you to all our supporters!

George White, Treasurer. 07949 596559 - or email [georgewhite643@gmail.com](mailto:georgewhite643@gmail.com)

## Cairneyhill and Crossford Quilting and Craft Group

~Sewing~Patchwork~Quilting~Knitting~Crochet~Embroidery~Felting~Card-making

*If you enjoy any or all of these why not come along and meet like-minded folk and have a chat? Bring your own project along!*

*We meet every Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm in the Manse Meeting Rooms, 5 Main Street*

*Information from: Dorothy Downie 9881379),  
Chris Johnson (880110) or Kate Durkacz  
(722186)*

## West Fife Village Churches



The Church of Scotland

Cairneyhill Church is discussing the future organisation of church-life in our area with our sister congregations in Limekilns, Carnock & Oakley, Culross & Torryburn, Saline & Blairingone and Tulliallan & Kincardine. Since there will not be as many paid ministry posts to go around we will be sharing the new allocation of two and half posts with all our neighbours. However, nothing will actually change while Norman keeps working, it's a case of 'what happens next' when he eventually decides to retire! Meanwhile we will have more joint activities with the other villages and share resources where that makes sense. Our congregation dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century and began meeting before our church building was constructed in 1752. Having modernised the property over the past few years we are confident in the future. Why not come along and see what's going on? We would love even more of our community to be involved!

## Thank God it's Friday!

*What's so good about Friday? Perhaps you live for the weekend, to relax and forget the stresses of work. At Easter Christians mark Good Friday. But what's good about that? It commemorates Jesus' death on the cross – for us – a "Love so amazing, so divine."*

*What does the cross mean to you? The true meaning of the cross is that Jesus died for our sins! It may seem unfashionable to talk about "sins" but that is exactly why he died. He paid the price for our wrongdoings that we may be forgiven – all we have to do is accept.*

*We do not deserve it, yet we were worth dying for! That's why you can Thank God It's Friday!*

**Minister Rev Norman Grant** (Tel 01383 872341)



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