

CAIRNGRYFFE PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER



**You are warmly invited to our service
on Sunday 2nd of February 2025 at 11.00am
when the Right Rev Dr Shaw Paterson,
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of
Scotland will preach.**

Cairngryffe Parish Church: one of the Tinto Parishes

Charity Number – SC 017001

INFORMATION

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A digital copy of the Newsletter is available on our website.

News from the Session

Our collection for Clydesdale Food Bank amounted to £245, the Food Bank has thanked us for our wonderful donation.

The baptism of Andrew James McLuckie was celebrated on the 17th of November 2024, our Interin Moderator officiated. It was lovely to share in the joy of Andrew's baptism with his family who have many connections with our church.

We enjoyed our worship during Advent and the Christmas Season.

Carmichael Primary School's Nativity was held in the church on Monday 16th of December 2024. It was great to see the children and their families in the church and all who were present thoroughly enjoyed the children's presentation and singing.

Christmas and New Year now seem a longtime ago, but we now look forward into 2025.

Rev Dawn Westwood was ordained in November 2024 and appointed as Assistant Minister for the Clydesdale area while she seeks her own charge. Dawn is about to preach as Sole Nominee at Boghall, Bathgate very soon, and we wish Dawn well for her future ministry.

However, as Dawn was due to be part of our Pulpit Supply Rota, we may not see her as much of her as had been anticipated.

A cluster meeting involving ourselves, Douglas Valley and Upper Clyde will take place on the 22nd of January and we will let you know how our negotiations progress.

On Sunday 2nd February 2025 the Moderator will be visiting us and we warmly invite you to his visit; for details of the visit see separate article.

Moderator's visits do not happen very often for any individual church. In fact, the last Moderator to visit the church at Carmichael was Professor William Paterson Paterson who preached on 16th April 1920 and unveiled the two Carmichael War Memorials. He stayed with his cousin at Drumalbin Farm.

It is vital to the ongoing survival of our church that we support and develop events in the church and use the church. As a Session we value the support that you give us, by your attendance at worship and other events we hold, but also your contributions of time, skills and money.

Rosmairi J Galloway

Session Clerk.

Moderator's Visit

On Sunday the 2nd of February 2025, the Right Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will visit us and preach during the service.

Three of our elders; Mrs Lily Borthwick, Mrs Liz Hiddleston and Mr Denham Macdougall will be presented with their long service certificates they have a total of over 90 years' service as elders.

There will be a light lunch in the church after the service. We invite members to attend this very special service and lunch. Could you please let your elder or Session Clerk know if you have any special dietary requirements for the lunch.

CAIRNGRYFFE CUPPA, CRAFT & CHAT

Saturdays 18th January, 15th February and 15th March 1-3pm in the church.

Bring along a craft project you are working on and enjoy a couple of hours crafting and chatting.

Contact Rosmairi Galloway for further details on 07733446567

EVERYOUNG

The Everyoung Group meets in Thankerton Bowling Club on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 2pm with a speaker, tea and a blether.

23rd January – Burns afternoon – with Stewart Houston and Alan & Emma Gardiner

13th February – Michael Shannon – (Thankerton Camp)

27th February – Dee Yates (Crawfordjohn) – Whitecleuch School

13th March – Paul Archibald (Lanark) – Lanark High Street (Continued)

27th March – Clare Yuille- Brawclan Theatre.

10th April – David Henry (Blackhouse) – To the Ends of the earth.

24th April - Bill Buchan (Biggar) Herring Fishing

Contact Charlie Todd for further details on 01899 308327

GUILD

The Guild meets in Thankerton Bowling Club on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm from September to April.

Wednesday 12th Feb 2025

Angela Wilson, Deacon and Outreach worker

Friday 7th March 2025
Cairngryffe Church at 2.00pm

We will host the World Day of Prayer in

written by Christian women of the Cook

Islands with the theme

“I made you wonderful”

Wednesday 12th Mar 2025

Bill Jack – St Kentigern Way

Wednesday 9th April 2025

Lunch in Cornhill House Hotel at 1.00pm

Anyone who would like to come along and join us will be made most welcome and for further information please contact Secretary Elizabeth Forbes on 01555 640018/078892649



REFLECTION

Light and the Light of the World

John: chapter 8: verse 12

“I am the light of the world” Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”

We often take light for granted and do not appreciate how valuable it is to us.

By day, light enables us to go about our daily lives, we enjoy the strong daylight of summer and often complain as the days shorten and the nights lengthen as summer turns to autumn and then to winter.

It is useful to think about how light can be used.

As we grow older, we need a decent light to read by, and to carry out tasks that involve very fine objects for example, threading a needle. Surgeons rely on very bright theatre lights to carry out their life saving operations safely.

Light-houses have lights with very complex systems of lenses which make the light-beam shine very brightly for long distances. Each individual light-house has a very specific sequence of light flashes and lengths of each flash and time between flashes, which not only warns of dangers at sea but also lets the seafarer know where he is. This was of great importance in the days before satellite navigation.

The East Fortune Landing light system developed in World War Two, consists of paired banks of lights either side of the run way, the distance between the banks of lights is longer at the far end of the runway and gets progressively closer when it is time to land. These lights allow pilots to line their plane up with the runway and bring the plane down to land safely.

Artists often make use of light, Crea McCartney always used some translucent coloured glass in his stained-glass windows, so that the colours are reflected onto the church building, there is a regular, reliable annual pattern of where the reflection lands.

Similarly, a sundial makes use of the regular shadow cast by day light to let us tell the time.

In the beginning of creation God said “Let there be light” and there was light. Those who dwelt in darkness are promised that they will see a great light. The promise is fulfilled by the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Jesus is the light who illuminates brightly, so we can see clearly. He is the light who gives us direction, letting us know where we are and guiding us away from danger. He helps us to navigate a safe course through our lives.

There is a reliability, a certainty about the teachings of Jesus just as there is about the shadow cast on a sundial by the light of the sun.

Rosmairi J Galloway

Congregational Worship Team

A New Dawn

God of the new day,
God of the new dawn
who bestows promises
at the beginning
of a brand, new year;
in the joyful sound
of church bells
announcing



...the message of hope-
that the steadfast
love of God never ceases;



...the message of peace
from the Prince of Peace
who encourages us to be
peacemakers in our world;



...the message of joy,
found in a smile, a hug,
the birth of the baby
in the manger,
the sound of laughter;



...and the message of love
from the Lord of Love



By Freda Stobo

Tinto Parishes Worship

Sunday Services at CAIRNGRYFFE

Every Sunday January, February and March 2025
at 11.00am.

Special Services:

Moderator's Visit:

Sunday 2nd February 2025 at 11.00am

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland,
the Right Rev Dr Shaw Paterson will preach.

The service will be followed by a light lunch in the church.

Communion Service:

Sunday 2nd March 2025 at 11.00am

Rev Louise Mackay

Services at the other Tinto Parishes

Symington: Sunday Services at 9.30am, January, February and
March.

Libberton & Quothquan: 11.00am service on the second Sunday
of the month.