

FOCUS

Summer 2011



Kirk and Community News
For the Parishes of Cairngryffe and Symington

Church of Scotland
Cairngryffe with Symington Parish Churches

Minister: Vacant

Session Clerks:

Cairngryffe- Mr Jack Meikle

Glenbow Cottage, Thankerton (01899 308397)

Symington- Mr Ross Russell

Spindrift, Main Street, Symington (01899 308240)

SUNDAY SERVICES

May, June and August 9.30am Cairngryffe
11.00am Symington

Joint Services during July 2011

03rd July Cairngryffe at 9.30am (no service at Symington)

10th July Symington at 11.00am (no service at Cairngryffe)

17th July Cairngryffe at 9.30am (no service at Symington)

24th July Symington at 11.00am (no service at Cairngryffe)



COMMUNION SERVICES

Sunday June 5th 9.30am Cairngryffe
11.00am Symington

Dates to Remember

Saturday June 4th Tinto Village Day at Symington Playing Fields

Sunday June 19th 9.30am Sunday School Prizegiving, Cairngryffe

Board and Session Meetings

Monday August 16th 7.30pm Kirk Session Cairngryffe.

Monday October 25th 7.30pm Joint Office Bearers Meeting at Symington.

Monday November 1st 7.30pm Kirk Session Cairngryffe

Visit our websites at

www.symingtonkirk.com Webmaster Robert Carson

www.cairngryffekirk.org.uk Webmaster Jim Watt

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone in Symington who sent cards and telephoned to express their sympathy on the death of my husband, Bob. I appreciated all the kind thoughts and prayers. I have many happy memories of the time we lived in the village.

Janet McDougall (10 Old Station Court, Bothwell)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAIRNGRYFFE

This is to keep all our members up to date with what is happening in the Kirk Session at Cairngryffe.

The Presbytery Plan Review Group have now sent us a copy of their draft proposals on how they plan to allocate congregations to ministers or ministers to congregations and any changes they had to make due to the reduction of ministers in the Presbytery of Lanark. It has been proposed that we at Cairngryffe will remain linked with Symington and in addition we will also be linked with the congregation of Libberton and Quothquan. This would make it a three way linkage and we would be allowed to call a new minister for the three linked parishes. We have experienced a three way linkage before and I know this can work very well. Libberton and Quothquan are at the moment in a three way linkage with Blackmount and Coulter and their Minister, our Interim Moderator, the Rev Jim Cutler is also due to retire in the next few months.

The Kirk Session at Cairngryffe had a meeting this week and we are unanimously agreed that this is an excellent decision for us. I must however stress that this is a draft proposal and it still has to go through several stages before it is finally agreed. However it is my own opinion that if we are all happy with it I cannot see it change much.

* You will notice we have at last installed more heaters in the church in the area of the red chairs two of them on the wall. This should help heat this area in the winter.

*Last year we had joint services in July and we have agreed with Symington to do this again this summer the reason is simply it

makes it easier for pulpit supply and the number of people attending usually drops when people go on holiday. July 3rd and 17th will be at Cairngryffe and 10th and 24th will be at Symington. On 31st we will be back to our two services as normal. The service times will be as normal for each church.

* The Elders will continue to lead worship in our church about once a month until we have a new interim moderator who may wish to change this. We can see challenging times ahead and must continue to pray for God to help us find a new minister when we eventually get to the stage of looking for one.

Baptism On 1st May Sophie Campbell daughter of Alistair and Elaine 2 Thorniehill Cottages Carmichael

Jack Meikle, Session Clerk at Cairngryffe

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SYMINGTON

DEATHS

January- Bert Anderson, 47 Sherifflats Road, Thankerton, husband of Helen Anderson

March - Ian McAllister, husband of Edna McAllister, Bowmore Cottage, Symington

May – Len Brown, 26 Langvout Square Biggar

ADDITION

We welcome Trish Rhone, Kildonan, 133 Main Street, Symington who joins us from Penicuik North. We hope she will be happy in her membership at Symington.

LEAVING US

Graham and Irene Houston have now moved to Lanark and Rhoda Fearon's move to Carlisle has been 'formalised'- i.e. she has got her 'lines'. We wish Irene and Graham all the very best in their lovely new home. We will miss them all very much.

Caroline and Bert Wilson, Carding Street, Symington, will be leaving the congregation in June as they fulfil their plans to move home to Austria. They go with our very best wishes for their future life and a big 'Gruss'Gott'!

CHOIR

Following from Gaynor's indisposition, it was agreed that the proposed concert in April should be postponed and the choir has now finished for this session. We hope that it will resume in the Autumn. Gaynor wishes to thank everyone for the concern and support she has received over the last few weeks.

PULPIT SUPPLY

We appreciate very much the support that we have enjoyed each Sunday since Graham's demission. Led by Rev. Jim Cutler, our Interim Moderator, a team comprising Rev. Harry Findlay, Stewart Cutler and Bill Love have provided continued support in Sunday worship. We are grateful for their efforts and for the stimulation and inspiration that each has provided in his own way.

Ross Russell, Session Clerk at Symington

THE GUILD

Symington Guild

The February meeting was chaired by Gaynor Russell. She introduced Rev Una Stuart who spoke about her involvement with the : Tear Fund : She showed slides of some deprived areas in Russia where H.I.V. aids drugs are all too common. However we also saw with her help and that of her colleagues those who were willing to co-operate could make a vast improvement to there lives, and then go on to help others.

Peggy Prentice chaired the March meeting, she welcomed Nurse Laura who saves her holidays until October when she and others take terminally ill children to Florida for a holiday The charity is appropriately named :Dream Flights: from her video we could see that it was a delight and dream come true for those children.

In April we had our closing meeting at the Cornhill Hotel where we enjoyed a lovely meal.

Meetings will resume on Thursday 22nd September. New members always welcome.

For further information contact - Helen Anderson 308598 or Martha Cowan 308657

Cairngryffe Guild, Thankerton

Contacts:- **Mrs Margaret Watt, Secretary 01555 663394**
Mrs Mary McLellan, President 01555 871114

SUNDAYZONE

Final session of term is 22nd May with prize giving and family outing to Almond Valley Heritage Centre.

Yet another year has passed by quickly. The children have covered many topics - Meeting Jesus, Following Jesus, What Jesus said, God is Love, Samuel, David and Jonah. Their Christmas nativity performance was well received.

We held a coffee morning in late March raising a staggering sum of £320 in aid of Red Nose Day, Unicef's 'Jar of Grace' Campaign and some funds for the group.

Have a good summer! SundayZone returns on 4th September at 9.30am.

Donna, Hazel & Susan

CAIRNGRYFFE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Summer Term; Sundays from now until 19th of June 2011 at 9.30am.

We meet in the church at the start of service. After the children's address we go to our own room for our Bible based activities.

This term we are looking at the life of Abraham.

Prize Giving is on 19/6/11.

We will be on Holiday over the school's Summer Holidays and will start our new Term on Sunday 21st of August 2011; meeting in the church at the start of the service.

We look forward to seeing members old and new then. Children from pre-schoolers through primary school age group are most welcome.

For further information contact; Rosmairi Galloway Telephone; 01555 880779.

CAIRNGRYFFE CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee held a successful Ceilidh in Thankerton Bowling Club on Saturday 9th April with myself on accordion and beautifully accompanied songs from Alan and Eleanor Potts which raised £240 for kirk funds. We have our third 'annual' show of old photographs in Cairngryffe kirk on Friday 10th June at 7.30pm when the audience will be treated to a wide range of interesting local photographs, this time also featuring some of Ben Morris's collection of the former mining village of Ponfeigh/Douglas Water. Tickets at £4 available from Committee members. All welcome.

Charlie Todd (Convener) 308327

FLOWER LISTS

SUNDAY	CAIRNGRYFFE	SYMINGTON
15 th May 2011	Agnes Mundell	May Lindsay
22 nd May 2011	Isobel McClymont	Penny Nisbet
29 th May 2011	Carole Gardner	Jean McCurrach
05 th June 2011	Carole Gardiner	Frances Sandilands
13 th June 2011	Elizabeth Galloway	Peggy Prentice (Park)
19 th June 2011	Hilda Jeffrey	Laura Dewson
26 th June 2011	Ann Murray	Pat Allan
03 rd July 2011	Sheena Baillie	Jenny Newlands
10 th July 2011	Margaret Watt	Susan Craig
17 th July 2011	Cathryn Forrest	Margaret Prentice (Leafield)
24 th July 2011	Claire Scott	
31 st July 2011	Marion Clarkson	

07 th Aug 2011	Sadie Campbell	Gaynor Russell
14 th Aug 2011	Ena Meikle	Jessie Duff
21 st Aug 2011	Flora Ireland	Martha Cowan
28 th Aug 2011	Margaret Lawson	Olive Hunter
04 th Sept 2011	Mrs Pahnke	Annie Gilchrist
11 th Sept 2011	Mamie Gilmour	Christina McKenzie

CAIRNGRYFFE EVERYOUNG CLUB

A Mystery Tour is planned for **Thursday 7th July** to round off the activities for this session. Meetings will resume on **Thursday 13th October** in Thankerton Village hall at 2.00pm.

For more information contact **Sadie Campbell** at 01899 308328

FROM OUR KIRK TREASURERS

Cairngryffe Church

Jan - April 2011

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Offerings	5,261	Ministry & Mission	3,019
Tea Committee	350	Travel Expenses	53
Social Committee	240	Joint Congregational	1,000
Weddings	200	Salaries	940
		Printing & Stationery	233
		Insurance	116
TOTAL INCOME	6,006	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,361

Surplus for year-to-date £645

Linzi Struthers, Treasurer

Symington Church

Treasurer's Report

Our Expenditure continues to exceed Income as outlined below. However the tax rebate, resulting from the "Gift Aid" scheme, should offset the balance when it is claimed later in the year.

Income to date 2011	£	Expenditure to date	£
Offerings	7,629	Ministry & Mission	5,651
Other Income	923	Staff Costs	390

Special Income	266	Building Costs	2,180
		Joint Cong Account	500
		Pulpit Supply	420
		Other costs	950
TOTAL INCOME	8,818	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,791

Deficit for year-to-date £973

Robert Carson, Treasurer

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you about your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution - the money your Congregational Treasurer sends to the Church Offices in Edinburgh. How does it enable the worship, mission and service of the Church?

The information below shows how the contributions from your linked congregations are used to support Parish Ministries, Mission and Renewal, and general support and services provided for congregations and the councils of the General Assembly. Please note that the cost of your minister is not what he/she is paid. This cost is the total for stipend and employer's national insurance and pension contributions, and is based on a minister with ten years' service.

Congregations:	Contribution
CAIRNGRYFFE	-£20,784
SYMINGTON	-£22,070
	-£42,854

Parish Ministries (86%) £36,854

The cost of ministry in your parishes is: £39,600

The support you receive from other congregations towards the cost of your ministry is: -£2,746

Mission and Renewal (6%) £2,572

This supports the Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the social, political and moral issues of today.

Support and Services for Councils and

Congregations (8%) £3,428

This provides financial, legal, procedural, safeguarding and other services, and meets the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.

TOTAL £42,854

Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet *2011 Ministries and Mission*, which is available free to all congregations.

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends *through* the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gordon D. Jamieson

Head of Stewardship

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery Report

There is to be a meeting of Presbytery on Thursday 2nd June at 7p.m. in Kirkton Church, Carluke at which the Presbytery Plan will be presented. This Plan which has been drawn up by the Planning and Review Group, looks at the possible shape of the Church in Lanark Presbytery in years to come. Copies of the Plan have just been sent to members of Presbytery and to all Session Clerks.

As far as our Churches are concerned, the Plan proposes that our linkage continues but that the Church of Libberton and Quothquan is also linked with us. This will make a charge with three linked churches. More details of the Plan will be made known to congregations at church services in the coming weeks.

The purpose of the meeting on 2nd June is to have a discussion on the Plan. All church members are invited to the meeting, however, being a Presbytery meeting, only members of Presbytery are allowed to speak, that is, ministers and presbytery elders. Although we do not have a minister, we do have four Presbytery Elders – Lambert Allan, Robert Carson, Jim Johnstone and Jim Watt who would be able to ask questions on your behalf.

Presbytery has also delayed permission for us to call a minister until after the new presbytery plan is approved. This will depend on how the plan is received by all churches in Presbytery for most are involved in changes.

Rev Jim Cutler has given intimation of his demission from his charge in October which will mean a change of interim moderator for us.

In other news, at the March meeting, Presbytery was given details of the churches involvement in the International Children's Games which are being run by North and South Lanarkshire from 3rd to 8th August. Churches (all denominations) hope to offer support and assistance and a coordinating group had been set up, Rev Brian Kerr representing Presbytery. Volunteers are required with language skills to provide host houses for families

and friends of athletes. Help is also required in coffee houses. The churches also hope to run evening events for the athletes. Anyone interested should contact Brian Kerr.

Lambert Allan, Elder to Presbytery

TINTO VILLAGE DAY

TINTO VILLAGE DAY - is nearly here - make sure you don't miss it on **Saturday 4th June.**

Tinto Village Day Committee

THE UPPERWARD PARISHES HISTORY PROJECT

William Fleming (tele 01555 661386) has now completed "Life in the Landscape" a 156 page 'History of the Old Parishes of the Upper Clyde – Crawford and Crawfordjohn' at £14 which covers Abington, Crawford, Crawfordjohn, Elvanfoot and Leadhills.

The volume of old photographs and postcards of our three local parishes remains available and contains over 900 local images with captions and dates where known. Volume 1 Carmichael £9.20 Volume 2 Pettinain/ Thankerton/ Covington £5.50, both volumes + 42 page Index £17

A new 124 page volume solely on Carmichael Primary School containing 36 group school photos and much other information is now also available from Charlie & Jack at £7.50. The Quothquan/Libberton volume by Tom Brown (01555 840191) is available at £8

PRAYER PAGE

Prayer and Praise Services

These small and informal services give us the chance to come together and focus our prayers on Local, National and International issues that are important to us all, they are also an ideal opportunity to invite someone along who has been unable to attend church for some time and for those who live alone who may enjoy a bit of company and fellowship. As we close for this session of P & P it is heartening to see that our numbers have increased over the last few months, please, during this summer break continue to pray for the important issues and people we have covered and we will look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

The date and time of the next Prayer and Praise Services are as follows:

Cairngryffe Church Monday 16 May at 7.30pm

Notice of Prayer and Praise Services restarting in September will be announced in church 2 weeks prior to commencement.

Keep the following in your thoughts and Prayers:

- The continuing situation in Japan following the earthquake.
- The USA as they begin the clear up following the devastation caused by Tornados.
- All Aid Agencies who work in other countries, pray that they get the resources and monetary help they require.
- The continuing conflict in Afghanistan and our Armed Forces working there and the families of all who have died or been injured.
- The continuing unrest in the Middle East as people fight for their right to democracy.
- All who are recovering from major surgery or illness. For those who are still sick, at home and in hospital, and for the bereaved.

- Our local communities.
- Lanark Presbytery Planning Group.
- Our Churches at Cairngryffe and Symington.
- People who have drug and alcohol abuse problems, all who are homeless and the Agencies working with those affected.

Lord in time of trouble, stress and fear you are with us, you walk with us guiding us through the storms of life, it may seem that only in these times do we turn to you. Lord may we never forget to talk to you when we have good news, things which we should bring our praises to you for. Lord you never forget us in good times or in bad help us never to forget you and your ever present loving care for your children.

Amen

Prayer Promoters

Symington – George Mathew Tel: 01899 308648

Cairngryffe – Sandra Stewart Tel: 01555 880655

If you find coming difficult because of transport issues please contact either of the prayer promoters and we will try to arrange a lift.

In both Symington and Cairngryffe Church vestibule you will find a box for prayer requests.

Editor's Note

Thank you to all contributors who provided the information contained in this newsletter.

The Autumn Edition of ***FOCUS*** will be issued early in September. Contributions from both community and church groups and organisations, covering the period from September 2011 up to the end of November 2011 should be sent to me by

Sunday 28th August 2011 at the latest.

For those organisations which have an annual syllabus, it would be very helpful if I could receive a copy prior to the August deadline.

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