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LUNCH DATE WITH THE UKRAINIANS

Cramond Kirk, along with Tanya from Edinburgh's Ukrainian Community Centre organised a lovely afternoon in December where our community welcomed guests from Ukraine. An amazing spread of food was provided by friends keeping Hilary Wheeler and her team very busy in the kitchen.

The welcoming team, pictured above, doubled up as waiters and provided a festive atmosphere with Christmas outfits and table decorations which reflected Ukraine and Christmas. Rev. Ian Gilmour and David Moody, Church of Scotland refugee support officer,

joined in the merriments.

Louise Campbell, one of the Kirk's Christmas Fair organisers, presented a cheque from the Fair's proceeds to Hannah from Ukrainians in Edinburgh. The speech being translated by one of the guests was, along with the cheque, much appreciated by all.

After a visit to the Christmas Tree Festival in the Kirk, the guests sang a traditional Christmas song - a wonderful thank you gesture. They were enormously touched by our hospitality and look forward to coming back. The Maltings hopes to host visits and guided

KIRK SERVICES

Every Sunday

Morning Prayers - 8.45 am
Morning Worship - 10 am

Communion

Sunday, 5 March - 8.45 am
Sunday, 2 April - 8.45 am
Easter Sunday (9 April) - 11 am
Sunday, 7 May - 8.45 am
Sunday, 4 June - 8.45 am & 10 am

Special Services

Youth Service - 5 March
Good Friday Service - 7 April
Easter Dawn Service - 9 April
Christian Aid Sunday - 14 May

VIRTUAL CHURCH

10 am service online
Weekly devotions online available at :
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or www.cramondkirk.org.uk

walks when the weather improves. I'm sure we'll host them again.

As one volunteer said afterwards, "I found it all very moving and felt very glad to be part of something to express to these lovely people how sad we feel for them."

Judy Arrowsmith

CRAMOND COMMEMORATES

Local landowners, Amanda and Rupert Ponsonby joined us as we tended to the trees planted in the grounds of Cramond Primary. With the family's support and permission, we will be planting in the parkland below Cramond House before the close of the project later this spring.

Three rowan trees have now been planted in the Walled Garden with the help of Cramond Association Woodland Group and in co-operation with Edinburgh Council. Edinburgh Archaeology Field Society volunteers were there to sift through the diggings, which only turned up some old animal bones and lumps of coal.

We are grateful for all the help and encouragement for this venture, established to help ease the pain and loss brought on through the pandemic or bereavement. We



hope it will bring comfort for years to come.

L-R: Cramond PS teacher Jay Cook, poet David Bleiman, Session Clerk Edith Butler, pictured with Amanda and Rupert Ponsonby

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BURNS SUPPER FOR FRESH START

The Gathering Space Café would like to thank all who contributed to a fantastic event – to everyone who bought a ticket and donated so generously for the wine, to the waiting staff, speakers, musicians, and even Plate Hire and Clean who waived their delivery charge.

We raised an amazing £1,815.43 for Fresh Start.

It was great to see the hall decked out in all its glory and the place buzzing with the happy chatter of friends old and new.

Heather & Cathy
The Gathering Space Café

Pictured is Heather (centre) with speaker Bill Caldwell and his wife Olive. Bill did a fine Address to the Haggis.

KIRK NEWS – What's Happening

As many will know, last autumn Cramond Kirk and The Old Kirk and Muirhouse (TOK+M) Sessions agreed to move towards union between the two churches. We'd hoped to hold a congregational meeting before now to vote on accepting the union. This has been stalled by the Presbytery Mission Plan which needs further approval before any Edinburgh churches may unite.

Meanwhile, led by a joint committee formed between the two churches, we're working to prepare for agreement to proceed, both with a union, and subsequently appointing a new Minister – that will take many months.

A union means just that: everything becomes one, but we will have two centres for worship: Cramond Kirk and TOK+M. Our church sanctuary and halls are to remain, while a plan for the TOK+M buildings is to be established before the end of 2025. One Kirk Session will be formed, all finances and responsibilities merged.

Rev Ian Gilmour continues as our Locum Minister and our Interim Moderator is now Rev Dr Martin Scott (see page 3).

There will also be an opportunity to discuss this further at the Congregational AGM on Sunday 12 March.

Edith Butler, Session Clerk

LONG SERVICE

Michael Dick's 50 years as a Church of Scotland Elder were celebrated in December when Rev Tom Cuthell (right) presented a Long Service Certificate. We also send Tom our best wishes for his retirement.



Parish Register

BAPTISMS

23 October	Holly Kim Kendrick
6 November	Isabella May Paterson-Brown
6 November	Roseanna Elizabeth Paterson-Brown
11 December	Hector George Barrack Forsyth

DEATHS

15 October	Marion Gracie
6 November	Lillias Morrison
8 November	Pauline Scott
15 December	Carol Anderson
24 December	Marjory Ireland
5 January	Violet Watt
8 January	Gladys Donald

NEW MEMBERS

4 December
 (L-R) Emma McMillan,
 Ruby Cruickshank,
 Emma-Louise Newlands
 & Hannah McLaughlin,
 with Rev Ian Gilmour



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All are welcome

FROM THE MANSE



Teamwork

It is good to welcome Dr Martin Scott as our interim moderator. He will lead Cramond Kirk through the next period of vacancy. It is a much longer journey than anyone envisaged due to a series of unexpected

and curious detours. I think we are moving forward, however the end of this road is not yet in sight.

We have had some wonderful events despite the disruptions and you may see references to our successful Christmas services, a huge Christmas Fair and an amazing Burns Supper elsewhere in this edition.

To achieve these marvellous outcomes teamwork was essential. Teams need active participants and in a busy community we always need more volunteers

for youth organisations, special events and to support our care for the vulnerable. Following the challenges of the Covid pandemic we have had new people joining our teams. However, every community is only as strong as its teamwork. So please consider giving a little time to strengthen Cramond Kirk and community.

The church office is staffed by Mrs Louise Madeley (0131 336 2036) who would be pleased to point you in the correct direction.

Ian Gilmour

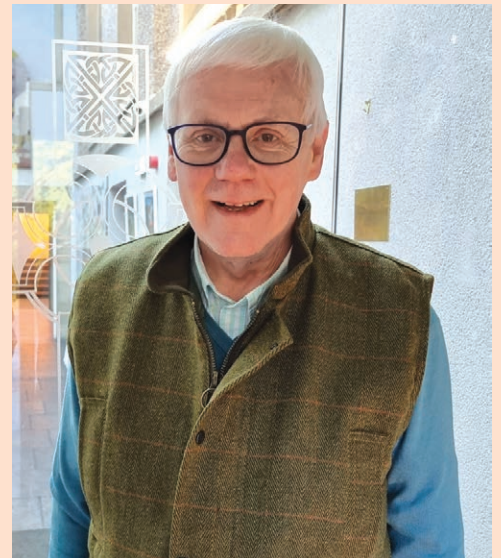
A prayer from the Iona Community

Be a bright flame before us
Be a guiding star above us
Be a smooth path below us
Be a kindly shepherd behind us
Today - tonight - and forever.

St Columba of Iona (521- 597)

Rev Dr Martin Scott

Martin grew up in Motherwell and initially studied music at the Royal Scottish Academy. He taught music in Airdrie Academy, then went on to train for ministry and studied theology in Zürich and Durham. He was in local ministry in Jarrow for 5 years before moving to Manchester, where he taught New Testament and Greek, before returning to Scotland. He became a minister of the Church of Scotland, going on to occupy several roles in its service, including Secretary to the Ministries Council and Secretary of the Council of Assembly. He became Chief Executive of Richmond's Hope in 2019, retiring in Dec 2022. Martin is a long-time member of the Iona Community and currently Convener of its Council. He has published widely in the field of New Testament, retains a strong interest in music (as a member of the Edinburgh Festival Chorus, a pianist and organist) and still has a season ticket to watch Motherwell FC.



Cramond Kirk Visiting Team

at the heart of our community

Befriending, supporting, caring about and helping the less able and the elderly in our Community

Please get in touch if you feel we can help you.

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Pastoral Assistant	Diane	07825 84007
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	office@cramondkirk.org.uk	
Locum Minister:	Revd Ian Gilmour	07794 149852

"A Creative Firecracker"



Our editor Carol Anderson died recently. Carol, who lived in Cramond and ran a successful PR and marketing consultancy, willingly offered her expertise to the Grapevine five years ago.

With the onset of lockdown in 2020, Carol immediately recognised the need to rally community morale and compensate for lack of social contact. For several months she produced a fortnightly digital version of the Grapevine, energetically commissioning positive and helpful articles and

harnessing online networks to distribute the magazine as widely as possible.

Carol loved music and for 10 years was the driving force behind the Celtic Festival in Barbados. She was an enthusiastic renovator of houses and gardens, and a board member of Trellis Scotland, a charity promoting therapeutic gardening.

People remember her as "a very kind, community-spirited woman" and "a fantastic neighbour".

"Even when she didn't feel like shining, she made the universe a better place."

The Grapevine sends sincere condolences to Carol's family and her many friends around the world.

The Mystery Of The Memorial Window

Cramond Kirk's WW1 war memorial is always pointed out on Doors Open Days.

Last September I confidently told a visitor that Douglas Strachan was responsible for the memorial window and had gifted the Jock Howieson mosaic.

Imagine my surprise when the visitor - knowledgeable about stained glass - equally confidently told me it was not a Strachan window! "The style is wrong." Having seen Strachan's WW1 memorial windows in Dunblane Cathedral, I could see what she meant. We then found a newspaper article citing Oscar Paterson, a well-known Glasgow artist, as the designer; the Imperial War Museum Memorial Register also says this.

I consulted old Kirk Session papers, now in Register House, hoping to solve the mystery of why Strachan's name had come to be associated with the windows. But no, the papers did not mention the designer's name.

However there was an "Order of Divine Service" for Sunday 2 October 1921 for the "unveiling and dedication of the stained-glass window and brass tablet" but to my astonishment no mention at all of the artist's name! I read that the mosaic was "a special gift from the artist".

More research is maybe needed into Oscar Paterson's connection with Cramond?

Many Church of Scotland churches are facing closure and

their WW1 and 2 windows and memorial plaques may be lost. This will be a great loss to each community. One of the reasons I volunteer with Scotland's Churches Trust is to photograph and record such items for future generations.

Lesley Cumming



WORD PUZZLE

Use the letters of STRATHALMOND to find the answers. (See back page)

1. Long races (9)
2. A fish (6)
3. Biblical figure who built an ark (4)
4. A cricket ground (5)
5. Scottish patterned cloth (6)
6. A rower (7)
7. A compass point (5)
8. Wet terrain (9)
9. A stringed musical instrument (7)
10. An amphibian (4)
11. Teeth (6)
12. Early settlers in Cramond (6)

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Christmas Tree Festival

Each year we invite community groups to decorate a Christmas tree to go on display in the Kirk. It floods the Kirk with festive cheer, and we love welcoming so many different people to the church to come and see their creations. Groups from all around the community participate including Fresh Start, Cramond Playgroup, the Kirk Choir and Cramond Primary School.



Who better to tell us about it than Cramond Primary P6 students who visited the Kirk along with their splendid tree to sing with other local school children. Over to you Molly, Hannah, Mia, Ted, Jamie, Evie and Flora, we thought you

were very modest not to mention how magnificent your own tree was. We wonder if next year's P6s will be able to top it?

We enjoyed singing with Cargilfield and mini glee. It was lovely to sing to all the parents and carers. We are very thankful to everyone at the Kirk. It is very splendid to have the church near to us.

- Molly, Hannah and Mia

The Cramond Christmas service was magical! It was lovely to have everyone together whilst the reverent told the story of Christmas. We are really lucky to be part of the community.

- Ted & Jamie

The Christmas trees and lights were lovely. There were lots of little fairies it was magical to see! Our favourite trees were the one with Candy canes on it and the Polish one, it had a fairy on the top. All the trees were fabulous!

- Evie & Flora

Seeking Museum Volunteers

The Cramond Heritage Trust has been responsible for the local Maltings museum in Cramond Village since 1978. The exhibition shows how Cramond has evolved from Mesolithic times to the present day.



We are open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 pm, from April until September and daily at these times during the period of the Edinburgh Festival. During opening hours, two people are required to welcome visitors and explain the layout of the exhibition. No in-depth historical knowledge of Cramond is required.

Volunteering with us is sociable and rewarding, especially if you enjoy chatting to visitors to our beautiful village.

We have a large group of volunteers but would like to encourage new people to become involved. Could this be you? Do you have two or three afternoons to spare over the period when the exhibition is open? If you are interested, please contact Isobel Barclay on 0131 312 6309. We would be delighted to hear from you.

FreshStart

helping people make a home for themselves

Fresh Start was very busy in the run up to Christmas, settling clients into their new homes and, with the help of our corporate partners, 84 children received presents while 40 families were grateful for festive hampers.



It looks like being a record-breaking "Cookers for Christmas" campaign. White goods' applications have doubled so many thanks to everybody who promoted and donated.

Twice weekly "Meet and Eat" cookery classes remain popular where people enjoy a free hot meal in a friendly setting.

We are continually grateful for your generous response to our requests for starter pack items which remain an essential lifeline for those moving into new tenancies.

We also greatly appreciate the generous donation from the Christmas Fair. Fay Wilson and the Fair Conveners handed over a £2,500 cheque - see photo.

Our sincere thanks for your continued support.

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YOUNG CRAMOND

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Easter Card Competition

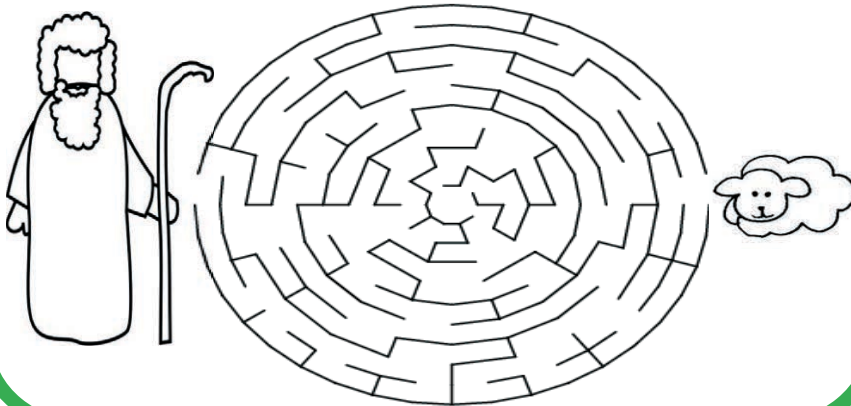
Design a card for Easter.
No more than A5 in size.
Send your entry, including your name,
age and contact details,
to the Kirk Office
by FRIDAY 24TH MARCH.

JOKES, JOKES, YOLKS!

Why should you never make an egg
laugh?
It might crack up!

If you have a favourite joke please
share it with us. Send it to the Kirk
Office with your name and you might
see it in the next issue of Grapevine!

Help the shepherd rescue the lost lamb



YC DIARY

4th March	Kirk Jumble Sale
5th March	Kirk Youth Service
19th March	Mothering Sunday
20th March	Spring begins
24th March	Last day to enter Easter Card Competition
7th April	Good Friday
9th April	Easter Sunday
24th April	Grapevine Deadline

Eggs-ceptionally good jokes...

How do chickens keep fit?
They eggs-ercise!

How does a chicken leave it's home?
Through the eggs-it!

Who wrote Great Eggs-pectations?
Charles Chickens!

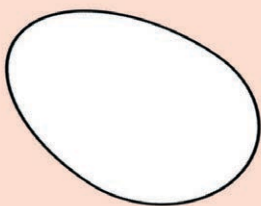
Now make up your own eggs-ellent jokes!



BLOSSOM ♦ BUNNY ♦ CELEBRATE ♦ CHICKS
CHOCOLATE ♦ CROSS ♦ DAFFODILS ♦ EASTER
EGGS ♦ HOPE ♦ JESUS ♦ LAMBS ♦ NEST ♦ SPRING
TULIPS

The unused letters
make up a message!

Draw something using
the shape below.



What did the Easter Bunny say
to the carrots?
It's been nice gnawing you!!



Four Marathons And A Tough Mudder

In January 2022 I was diagnosed with myeloma, a blood cancer that develops from cells in the bone marrow. Although treatments and prognosis are improving there is currently no cure. I am fortunate to have such a loving family, and Ian Gilmour, Cramond Kirk and so many friends have been incredibly supportive.



Vici, Andrew and Katherine in Lausanne

However, I want to tell you about my son Andrew and daughter Katherine's efforts in support of the Edinburgh-based charity, Myeloma UK, that funds vital research to make myeloma history.

In October, Andrew ran four marathons - London, Three-Lander (running from Germany, through Switzerland, finishing in Austria), Lausanne, and Lucerne - three being completed in under four hours. His wife Vici supported at all these events.

In September Katherine and 10 friends completed the London Tough Mudder (that describes it admirably), a 10km run over - and through - many obstacles.

Together they raised over £23,000 for Myeloma UK. Additionally, Andrew raised £2,380 for brain injury charity Headway in the London Marathon. A great achievement of which we are very proud.

Ian E Massie (www.myeloma.org.uk)

"Magnificent team effort" for Christmas Fair

It was a delight for our Fair to be back, having missed 2020 and 2021 due to covid.

As 11.30 struck, off we went - about 300 through the doors and lots of eager children. Some 13 stalls presented their goodies, from Collectors Corner to Stocking Fillers, with over 50 amazing hampers. Coffees and lunches were on offer, and hot dogs and mulled wine for the more "hardy" outdoors.

The atmosphere in the Halls was of buzz, energy and excitement. Many commented on the high quality of the items. Total proceeds came to just over £7,600, generated in just over 2.5 hours. Without doubt it was a magnificent team effort.

A cheque for £2,500 was presented to Hannah from the Association of Ukrainians Great Britain at a marvellous lunch later in December for Ukrainian families in Edinburgh, while Fay Wilson handed over a similar amount to Fresh Start.

Events like this do not happen without huge input from a large number of people, ahead of the day, at the Fair and afterwards. Our thanks go to everyone who helped in any way, particularly the tidy-up team and "unsung heroes" in the kitchen, and to all who came along.

It was a pleasure to act as Co-convenors and, with one or two adjustments, we look forward to the 2023 Fair. Offers for assistance or ideas for improvement are always welcome!

Louise Campbell & Gena Wylie (pictured above)



PROCEEDS TO PENNYWELL PANTRY

Jumble Sale proceeds will be shared between Community Renewal Pennywell Pantry, Fresh Start and the Kirk. Pennywell Pantry focuses on "Ending Food Poverty in Muirhouse and West Pilton" by offering a dignified way for low-income families to access affordable food, toiletries and baby supplies instead of putting more pressure on foodbanks.

Please donate goods to the Kirk Jumble Sale then come along on Saturday 4 March from 11 am to 1 pm to bag yourself a bargain and help local charities. See back page for more details.



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Kirkyard Gardeners

The flower borders in Cramond Kirkyard are looked after by 25 volunteers. We receive an allocation of funds for compost and bedding plants from the Church in the spring. The Kirkyard is tended mostly between April and October and involves about one hour's work per week.

We now need a few more volunteers, as some borders are without a volunteer. It would also be helpful if we had enough people to cover for illness and holidays.

It's a lovely place to work, often having visitors from other parts of the UK or overseas. Could you be one of our new volunteers?

Please 336 2036 or office@cramondkirk.org.uk if you are interested in learning more.

Kathleen McGeorge and Diana Hart

Sophie Says Hello From Israel

I am in Tel Aviv, volunteering for Sadaka Reut Arab Jewish Partnership having completed my time at Tabeetha School, Jaffa. There I helped with English and music while also making the costumes and set for the school nativity! I am meeting some amazing people and I am happy to be helping, whatever the task. Happy New Year and thank you for all your support.



To donate please go to Sophie's GoFundMe account: <https://gofund.me/da5979c8>.

WORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

1. MARATHONS 2. SALMON 3. NOAH 4. LORDS
5. TARTAN 6. OARSMAN 7. NORTH
8. MARSHLAND 9. MANDOLA 10. TOAD
11. MOLARS 12. ROMANS

Cramond Walkers

We have a varied programme of three walks a month on a mix of days. Around two-thirds are by car share from Barnton Avenue West and the others do-able by bus (or meet at the start). Most are 8 to 12 km (5 to 8 miles) starting mid-morning. Bring a drink and packed lunch. For full details email cramond.walkers@yahoo.co.uk or see www.cramondkirk.org.uk Organisers: Fiona Black 339 6644 & Simon Gillam 339 2614



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