

THE COVENANTER



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CARMUNNOCK PARISH CHURCH

'the kirk in the braes'

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The Church of Scotland

PARISH OF CARMUNNOCK

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Hello everyone,

Where's the best place to learn about eggs?
The hen-cyclopedia.

Apologies!

I do however always smile as I think of Easter, so maybe a bad joke is appropriate! As you read this Covenanter, we will likely be in the heart of Holy Week, leading to that wonderful Easter Day, my favourite time of year. As a younger lad, I loved attending the Holy Week services at Stamperland each night, as well as rousing myself from bed to be at Linn Park for the 7am Sunrise (or Sonrise) celebration. As such, it was great to see so many at our own early service last year, a tradition we will continue.

There is something profound about our journey through Lent to Easter, from the joy of Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. I believe it is so important to experience the full range of emotions at this time, so we never abandon Jesus on his journey, as he never abandons us. By remembering all the events of that momentous week, we can then fully celebrate the wonder of the resurrection, joy over fear, life over death and then sing:

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for our Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won*

New beginnings. The wonderful, powerful message of Easter.

As the days lengthen and the weather hopefully improves, I pray that the light shines into our own lives and that we can all remember the message and importance of Easter in all we do. On behalf of Lynsey, Finlay and myself, we wish you all new beginnings and a Blessed and joyous Easter. The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed!

Your friend and Minister,

David

HOLIDAYS

A reminder that I will be on holiday from Monday 6th April – Wed 22nd April. Pastoral Cover will be provided by:

Rev. Alasdair Macmillan (Cathcart) from 6th – 13th April Tel: 07745313778

Rev. Stuart Crawford (Kings Park) from 14th – 22nd April Tel: 07305239128

"THE KIRK IN THE BRAES"

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NOTICES

DEATHS

("...do not grieve like the rest of men who have no hope...")

10 March 2026 Isobel Kirkwood, formerly of Kittochside Road, Carmunnock

12 March 2026 William (Willie) Perratt, South Cathkin Farm

UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES and EVENTS

Unless otherwise indicated, services are led by Rev David McKee and held in Carmunnock Parish Church, 11 Kirk Road, Carmunnock G76 9BY. Services are also available via Facebook live - see details on Carmunnock Parish Church FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Carmunnock-Parish-Church-108710167432265>

**You are very welcome at any or all of these services and events listed below.
Additionally C and C Bible Study takes place in Castlemilk Church at 10am on Wednesdays.**

<i>April 2026</i>		
Sunday 5th April	11.15am	Morning Worship – with Profession of Faith
Sunday 12th April	11.15am	Morning Worship <i>Led by George Dow</i>
Sunday 19th April	11.15am	Morning Worship <i>Led by Iain Lowdon</i>
Sunday 26th April	11.15am	Morning Worship – <i>Communion</i>

<i>May 2026</i>		
Sunday 3rd May	11.15am	Morning Worship
Sunday 10th May	11.15am	Morning Worship
Sunday 17th May	11.15am	Morning Worship
Sunday 24th May	11.15am	Morning Worship
Sunday 31st May	11.15am	Morning Worship – <i>Informal communion follows</i>

Tea, Coffee & Blether after the service each Sunday in the Clason Hall

Session Meeting - Wednesday 13th May, 7pm Reid Hall

Church Office - The church office remains closed for the time being.

Book of Remembrance - Forms to request an entry can be obtained from Mrs Shirley Ross at the church.



The deadline for articles to be included in the MAY Covenanter will be Sunday 19th April. NB The May Covenanter will be the last issue until September.

DUTY ROTA

APRIL	5th	J DAVIDSON	J LAWSON	JUNE	7th	J DAVIDSON	H THOMSON
	12th	G BROWN	M HEARLE		14th	G BROWN	I MARSHALL
	19th	F HEARLE	E LESLIE		21st	F HEARLE	A CAMPBELL
	26th*	E ROXBY	H THOMSON		28th	E LESLIE	J LAWSON
MAY	3rd	J DAVIDSON	I MARSHALL	JULY	5th	M HEARLE	J BELL
	10th	G BROWN	A CAMPBELL		12th	E ROXBY	H THOMSON
	17th	F HEARLE	J LAWSON		19th	J DAVIDSON	I MARSHALL
	24th	E LESLIE	M HEARLE		26th	G BROWN	A CAMPBELL
	31st	J BELL	E ROXBY				

* Communion

In addition to our regular Sunday worship at 11.15am and weekly events, please note the following dates:

<i>Holy Week 'The Art of Easter'</i>		
Monday 30th March	7pm	Carmunnock Parish Church
Tuesday 31st March	7pm	Carmunnock Parish Church
Wednesday 1st April	9.30am	Carmunnock Primary School Easter Service
Wednesday 1st April	7pm	Castlemilk Parish Church
Thursday 2nd April	7pm	Castlemilk Parish Church
Friday 3rd April	7pm	Castlemilk Parish Church
Friday 3rd April	7am	Good Friday Pilgrimage, beginning in Carmunnock
Friday 3rd April	12pm	Walk of Witness around Castlemilk - meet at the Community Church
Sunday 5th April	7am	Easter Sunrise Service, Carmunnock Low Green, followed by a breakfast roll!
Sunday 5th April	11.15am	Easter Sunday Worship with Profession of Faith
Monday 27th April	10am	Breakfast with the Rev, Clason Hall
Monday 27th April	7pm	Summer Club Meeting, at the Manse
Sunday 10th May	3pm	Messy Church, Clason Hall
Tuesday 12th May	10am	Breakfast with the Rev, Clason Hall
Tuesday 19th May	10am	Breakfast with the Rev, Clason Hall
Wednesday 20th May	7pm	Action Plan Meeting, Clason Hall
Sunday 31st May	11.15am	Special BB Prizegiving Service, Carmunnock Parish Church

Church Tea Rota 29th March - 31st May 2026

If you're unable to do your turn, please contact someone else for a swap.

29th Mar	Liz Leslie, Irene Hamilton	3rd May	Ann Campbell, Lorna Dow, Mary Hardie
5th Apr	Elizabeth Lawson, Jean Thompson	10th May	Jeanie Lawson, Shirley Ross
12th Apr	Moira Toppin, Carol Hutchison	17th May	Elaine Roxby, Ann Finch
19th Apr	Lorraine McCoull, Margaret Brown	24th May	Pam and Iain Lowdon
26th Apr	Carolyn Hatfield, Sandra Hawkins	31st May	Caroline & John Davidson

FLOWER LIST

APRIL		MAY	
5th	Mrs Sylvia Cunningham	3rd	Mr Jim Murray
12th	Mrs Shirley Ross	10th	Miss Jean Lawson
19th	Mrs Evelyn Little	17th	Mrs Jean Thompson
26th	Mrs Sylvia Cunningham	24th	Mrs Mary Hardie
		31st	Mrs Helen Thomson

Flower Convener: Helen Thomson Tel: 0141 644 1292

FURTHER UPDATES FROM REV DAVID

BB

Our boys continue to meet on Tuesday evenings and we are so grateful for the support of parents, the staff and boys, who have allowed this to develop. Going forward, we will be the “Boys Group” of the Carmunnock Youth Club, while still providing the boys of our village with many opportunities. As such, as well as our regular Tuesday meetings in the Castlemilk Hall from 6.15am - 7.30pm, other events coming up are:

Tuesday 28th April: Visit to K Woodlands for Den Building, meet at 6.30pm.

Sunday 31st May: Special BB Prizegiving service, 11.15am in Carmunnock Church, to which all current and former BB boys are invited.

CHURCH MATTERS

I wanted to make the community aware, that I am willing and able to talk to ANYONE who wishes the services of the Church or a Minister. Please contact me or let someone know and I will be delighted to speak with you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

It can be daunting visiting a Church for the first time. However, once again, you will be made welcome. Jesus never turned anyone away – and neither do we. If you want an informal chat, just drop me a line.

BAPTISM

If you wish your child to be baptised or wish to be baptised as an adult, then you can be at any time. Just let me know and we can discuss.

WEDDINGS

I will happily offer weddings to anyone who wishes to be married here or elsewhere – you do not need to be a member of the church, nor does the wedding need to be in the Church. I am fully authorised to conduct both opposite-sex and same-sex marriages. Please note there is no charge for my services in this area.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Once again, if you wish to become a member of the Church, just get in touch. You do not need to be, and I will never turn anyone away. However, it may be that you want to profess your faith publicly, and this is a great thing to do.

FUNERALS

Funerals are open to all, whether with a Church background or not. I pride myself on planning a personal service for your loved one. Please note that there is no charge for my services in this area.

As you may have gathered, it is vital to me that everyone knows ALL are welcome in Church. As the hymn says:

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
All are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

Rev David

Matthew 27: 32-44

32 As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. 33 They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). 34 There they offered Jesus some wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. 35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. 37 Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' 41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, "I am the Son of God."' 44 In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Matthew 28: 1-10

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.' 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'



It has been eight years since Carmunnock first created its beautiful community display of poppies at the church and war memorial, and we're now gathering a team of volunteers to help create a brand-new display for the memorial. If you can knit or crochet, we would love your help in making new poppies. If crafting isn't your thing,

there will also be plenty of opportunities to assist with attaching the poppies to the netting later in the year.

The poppy-making group will begin meeting in June, but you're very welcome to start making poppies at home before then. In September, we'll come together to assemble the display and prepare it for installation.

If you'd like to take part in renewing this much-loved village tribute, please get in touch and I'll send you the pattern. You can also find further details on the Carmunnock Facebook page, as follows:

Crochet:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/170054946360296/search/?q=pattern>

Knitting:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=3371197493042629&set=gm.26213469308258837&idortv=170054946360296>

Sandra Hawkins

TEA & CHAT



Tea and Chat afternoons

2pm in the Reid Hall

13th & 27th* April

11th & 25th May

Everyone welcome.

Small charge of £1 to cover costs

Looking forward to seeing you!

*** Special talk – see notice later in this issue**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Journey to the Cross & the Resurrection



Sunday 29th March	Castlemilk Parish Church	10am
Sunday 29th March	Carmunnock Parish Church	11.15am
Monday 30th March	Carmunnock Parish Church	7pm
Tuesday 31st March	Carmunnock Parish Church	7pm
Wednesday 1st April	Castlemilk Parish Church	7pm
Thursday 2nd April	Castlemilk Parish Church	7pm
Friday 3rd April	Castlemilk Parish Church	7pm
Sunday 5th April	Low Green, Carmunnock	7am
	<i>Sunrise Service with brekkie after</i>	
Sunday 5th April	Castlemilk Parish Church	10am
Sunday 5th April	Carmunnock Parish Church	11.15am

Clarkston Churches Together Good Friday Pilgrimage: 3rd April 2026

Reflections from Matthew's Gospel

7am – Carmunnock Parish Church
Betrayal: Matt 26. 17-25

8am – Cartsbridge Evangelical Church
First Communion: Matt 26. 26-30

9am – Busby Parish Church
Gethsemane: Matt 26. 36-46

10am – Greenbank Parish Church
Arrested: Matt 26. 47-56
(with refreshments)

11am – Williamwood Parish Church
Before the Sanhedrin: Matt 26. 57-67

12noon – St Joseph's Catholic Church
Tried by Pilate: Matt 27. 11-26

1pm – St Aidan's Episcopal Church
Mocked by soldiers: Matt 27. 27-31

2pm – Netherlee & Stamperland Parish Church
Crucified: Matt 27. 32-44

3pm – Orchardhill Parish Church
Jesus died: Matt 27. 45-56
(with refreshments – and a labyrinth)

Transport will be available to and from Netherlee & Stamperland and Giffnock Orchardhill.

Shahrukh follows family tradition as third-generation minister

A young man who fled Pakistan with his family as a child due to religious persecution is now fulfilling a lifelong dream by following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

Shahrukh Gill has been ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament and inducted into the charge of Inverleith St Serf's Parish Church in Edinburgh. The 28-year-old is the third generation of his family to enter the ministry: his father, Rev Peter Gill, serves Girvan Valley Church in South Ayrshire, and his grandfather, Rev George Gill, ministered in Pakistan with the support of Kirk missionaries before retiring from St Andrews parish in Gujarat, Punjab.

Reflecting on his ordination, Shahrukh said it is a privilege to answer God's calling and to walk the same path as his father and grandfather. He hopes the Church will continue to be a bridge between ancient faith and the modern world, valuing both past and present. Looking ahead to his new charge, he expressed a desire for a community where hospitality is the norm and people come together in love to build God's kingdom.



Born in Lahore, Shahrukh left Pakistan at the age of six, initially settling in Glasgow during his father's studies before moving to Paisley. He said his early experiences gave him a deep appreciation for the dignity and safety faith enjoys in Scotland. After school he studied psychology at the University of Glasgow and worked in the mental-health sector, which he describes as an apprenticeship in human care. He later completed a Master of Divinity at New College, University of Edinburgh, undertaking placements across the city before his probation at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church.

Shahrukh, who is married to Essi from Finland, is also passionate about woodwork, valuing the patience and grounding it brings.

Asked about the Kirk's place in today's world, he said people may be sceptical of institutions but are hungry for community. He sees the Church as a place to revive tradition, offer hospitality, and restore dignity. Remembering the night his family fled Pakistan with only their photographs, he contrasted that fear with the welcome and space to grow they found in Scotland. He said God's grace remains "bountiful" in a world where it can feel scarce, and that the Kirk stands as a place to worship, reflect, and find peace - a place where people meet a down-to-earth Christ who steps into their unique contexts and allows the Gospel to take root right where they are.

THE GREAT CARMUNNOCK PLANT SALE



On Saturday 16th May, members of Carmunnock Church, together with the Castlemilk Hall Committee and our Community Gardeners, will once again be holding the much-loved annual Plant Sale. This partnership has become a wonderful addition to Carmunnock's yearly calendar, bringing colour, life, and a real sense of community spirit to the village.

Even though the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, now is the perfect moment to start planning a bright and cheerful display for your garden or pots. The plant sale offers an excellent opportunity to pick up top-quality, healthy bedding plants to bring colour to your outdoor spaces this summer, with only a modest increase on last year's prices. Following the success of previous years, we will again have hanging baskets and flower planters available. In addition, the

Community Gardeners will be running a stall on the Low Green with a selection of indoor and outdoor plants, as well as vegetables.

An order form is printed below. Once completed, please return it to **Sandra Hawkins** or one of the Community Gardeners by **30th April**. Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer, as detailed on the form.

On the morning of **16th May**, come along to the **Clason and Castlemilk Halls** to collect your plants, baskets, and planters. Then wander over to the **Low Green** for even more plants from the Community Gardeners, and finally make your way to the **Reid Hall** to enjoy a coffee morning - the perfect chance to chat, catch up, and plan what to do with all your new purchases.

For more information, please contact **Sandra Hawkins on 07837 970289** or speak to any of the Community Gardeners.

THE GREAT CARMUNNOCK PLANT SALE 2026

PLANT	Plants in a Box	Cost per Box	Number of Boxes	Total Cost
French Marigolds	10	£3.10		
Lobelia Colours	10	£3.10		
Trailing Lobelia	10	£3.10		
Petunias	6	£3.10		
Dianthus	6	£3.10		
Begonias Semperflorins	6	£3.10		
Bedding Dahlias	6	£3.10		
Cosmos	6	£3.10		
Geranium	6	£3.10		
Aster	10	£3.10		
Pansy	6	£3.10		
Double Begonia	4	£5.20		
Surfinia	1	£2.20		
Hanging Baskets	1	£27.00		
Flower Planters	1	£27.00		
			TOTAL	

THE GREAT CARMUNNOCK PLANT SALE 2026

ORDER FORM

This year the plant sale is in aid of the Castlemilk Hall and the Clason Hall, while the Community Gardeners will be running their popular sale of plants on the Low Green.

Once again, we can supply many items for the garden as detailed on the opposite side of this form.



So please add your wishes to the order form, and either pay by bank transfer to:

Carmunnock & District Horticultural Society
Sort: 80-12-88 Account: 00146787

or by cash with the order form to any Community Gardener or Sandra Hawkins, 82 Busby Road, Carmunnock.

You can find Community Gardeners out and about in the village on Wednesday mornings.

by 30 April 2026

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE.....

BANK TRANSFER CASH

Pick up your order on 16 May 2026

Tea & Chat - Another Special Treat!

Monday 27 April • 2pm • Reid Hall

We are fortunate and delighted to welcome back the always-fascinating **Liz Allan**.

This time we will hear all about **Isobel Wylie Hutchison FRGS ‘Scotland’s Greatest Female Explorer’** – Arctic traveller, filmmaker, botanist, writer and all-round extraordinary woman.

All welcome!

£1 entry – includes **tea and coffee**

Come along and join us for good company and a warm cuppa as we hear all about an amazing life of adventure.

Historic Partick church to be transformed into arts and events venue

Plans to convert a former Methodist Church on Dumbarton Road into a major new arts and events venue have been approved, securing the future of a building that had previously been facing demolition. The team behind Maryhill’s Engine Works - known for its sensitive restoration of a derelict warehouse into one of Scotland’s most respected venues - will invest over £1.6m to create The West Works.



The owners, Michael McDonagh and Adele Gahagan McDonagh, intend to “rescue and reimagine” the 1881 church as a welcoming space for weddings, performances, filming, exhibitions, and community gatherings. Their proposal replaces an earlier demolition warrant and has attracted strong support, including from Glasgow MSP Paul Sweeney, who praised the team’s proven track record in architectural restoration and their commitment to preserving heritage.

The redevelopment includes single-storey extensions, a 300-capacity Grand Hall for events and performances, a two-level Vestry designed for workshops and exhibitions, VIP rooms, a catering kitchen, and a Hidden Garden. Most guests are expected to arrive by public transport or coach, with limited on-site and leased parking available.

The applicants say the project will support jobs, attract cultural activity, and contribute to the wider regeneration of Partick, mirroring the success of the Engine Works, which has hosted everything from local weddings to global brands such as Rolex, Netflix, Amazon, and Soho House.

The venue will be permitted to operate from 8am to midnight, seven days a week, and the developers hope it will become a vibrant hub where “local talent and international partners” can come together, bringing new life to a much-loved landmark.

CARMUNNOCK HERITAGE SOCIETY TALKS

ART DECO SCOTLAND
DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE IN
THE JAZZ AGE

BY
PROFESSOR BRUCE PETER
GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
7 PM

BACK HALL OF CARMUNNOCK SOCIAL CLUB
WATERSIDE ROAD, CARMUNNOCK

£5 PER PERSON
JUST PAY ON THE DOOR



One day, three men were hiking when they suddenly came upon a wide, raging, violent river.

They needed to get across but had no idea how.

The first man prayed: “Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.” In a flash, God gave him huge arms and strong legs. He swam across in about two hours, nearly drowning a couple of times.

The second man saw this and prayed: “Please God, give me the strength *and the tools* to cross this river.” In a flash, God gave him a rowing boat. He rowed across in about an hour, almost capsizing a few times.

The third man had been watching carefully. He prayed: “Please God, give me the strength, the tools... *and the intelligence* to cross this river.” In a flash, God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, walked a short distance upstream, and crossed over the bridge.

A NEW POWER

Ron Ferguson highlights the transformative message of Easter

I miss the Reverend I M Jolly.

The lights would dim, then the familiar lugubrious features would appear on the screen. "It's a very joyful thing to be a Christian," he would say, dolefully. Then he would proceed to tell us all his ailments, and the ailments of his wife, Ephesia.

Rikki Fulton was a genius. But he made it very hard for ministers to do Late Call after that. I know. I tried. And failed. I learned, the hard way, the meaning of parody. It was said of one minister that he spoke a lot about joy, "but he forgot to tell his face". Oh dear.

There are Christians like that, a blight on any party; always seeing the black side of things. Every silver lining has a cloud. If the weather's bad, there are complaints. If it's a sunny day, you get: "Well, we'll pay for this..."

Then you get other kinds of Christians who are perpetually cheery.

I don't know which is worse. There's a brand of Christianity which is always cheerful and positive and upbeat and bouncy. It's quite tiring. You start longing for a wee dose of realism from old IMJ himself.

So, two kinds of Christianity: the perpetually gloomy and the perpetually cheery. One has no joy in it, the other has no pain in it. One is perpetually fixed on the cross of execution; the other is fixed entirely on the daffodils.

The people who are always gloomy have all Cross and no Resurrection; the people who are perpetually cheery have all Resurrection and no Cross. Holy Week and Easter tells us that the pain and the joy are bound up inseparably together.

We know in our heart of hearts that smooth words and perpetual cheeriness are not enough. They're not enough when you're sitting opposite an empty chair.

Jesus knew about pain and didn't try to pretend it didn't exist. You can't do that when your friends have abandoned you, when you're betrayed, when you're tried before a kangaroo court on trumped up charges, when the crowds cry: "Crucify! Crucify!", when you're beaten and spat upon. You can't do that when you're hanging on a cross, feeling abandoned, crying: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

But we also need more than a cross, a place where we can take our suffering.

We need an empty tomb.

We need a dynamic world that acknowledges pain and suffering, but which points beyond it and gives us hope.

That is the glory of Easter.

The Resurrection of Christ tells us that God was not, and is not, defeated by death. As B. F. Westcott puts it: "The Gospels do not explain the Resurrection. The Resurrection explains the Gospels." Easter is not a cheap answer to Good Friday. It does not do away with the Cross. It lifts the Cross of Christ into a different dimension, the dimension of eternal life. And so we can dare to plant our daffodils beside the Cross, not as an act of sentimentality, but as an act of celebration.

Christianity is not about optimism or pessimism; not about lugubrious gloom or manic whistling in the dark.

It's about a new power let loose in the universe...and our lives can never be the same. ■

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During thunderstorms, one woman was so terrified that she would always retreat to her bathroom since it had no windows and she couldn't see the lightning. If the storm was at night, she'd even sleep in the bath. She told the minister about this habit, and when he saw her at church one morning after a very stormy night, he called out: "I thought about you lying in the bath last night."



To stay up to date with regular daily and weekly village activities - such as Tiny Tots, Pilates etc. - visit the Community Calendar page [Community Calendar page](#).

One-off events will continue to be advertised in *The Covenanter*.

AT A GLANCE DIARY

19th April	SUN	Last day for articles to be included in the May Covenanter
24th April	FRI	Concert Party, Castlemilk Hall, 7.30pm – SOLD OUT!
27th April	MON	Special talk at Tea & Chat
16th May	SAT	The Great Carmunnock Plant Sale

THE KIRK SESSION

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