

THE COVENANTER



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
CARMUNNOCK PARISH CHURCH

'the kirk in the braes'

MAY 2026



The Church of Scotland

PARISH OF CARMUNNOCK

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Hello everyone,

I write this letter to you from the Pacific Ocean, en route to South Korea. With the 8-hour time difference, it is nearly lunch time, with Finlay and I having just been beaten 9-2 in the first round of the Pickleball tournament!

On 14th April, our Japanese adventure took us to Hiroshima, one of the sites where the nuclear bomb hit in 1945. Soon we will also visit Nagasaki, the second area destroyed.

Hiroshima City was bustling and bigger than we thought. However, a short walk to the peace park was different. Seeing the A Bomb dome, the monuments and museum dedicated to the victims, brought home the destruction nuclear weapons can cause.

The Church of Scotland has consistently spoken out against nuclear weapons and promoted peace. Surely this peace is something we can unite behind.

And that is not just in a peaceful world, but a peaceful life, peaceful relationships, peace in ourselves.

In 2 Thessalonians 3 v 16 it says:

*May the Lord himself, who is our source of peace, give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with you all.*

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always.

Your friend and Minister,

David

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NOTICES

DEATHS

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

27 April 2026 Irene Hamilton, Carmunnock

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.**

May

Sun 3rd 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 10th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 17th* 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
**Baptism*
Sun 24th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 31st¹ 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee

June

Sun 7th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 14th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 21st 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 28th¹ 11.15am Morning Service – Iain Lowdon

July

Sun 5th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 12th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 19th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 26th¹ 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee

August

Sun 2nd 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 9th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 16th 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 23rd 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee
Sun 30th¹ 11.15am Morning Service – Rev David McKee

¹ **Informal communion follows the last service of the month.**

Minister's Leave:- Rev David McKee will be on Annual leave from Thursday 25th June to Thursday 2nd July. Iain Lowdon will lead worship on Sunday 28th June. The Rev. Jillian Storrie (Netherlee and Stamperland) will provide pastoral cover.

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 SEPTEMBER Covenanter will be Sunday 16th August. No further issues until then.

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, **3** though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. **4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. **5** God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. **6** Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. **7** The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. **8** Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. **9** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **10** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." **11** The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

DUTY ROTA

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JUNE	7th 14th 21st 28th	J DAVIDSON G BROWN F HEARLE E LESLIE	H THOMSON I MARSHALL A CAMPBELL J LAWSON	AUGUST	2nd 9th 16th 23rd 30th	F HEARLE E LESLIE J BELL J DAVIDSON G BROWN	J LAWSON M HEARLE E ROXBY H THOMSON I MARSHALL

FLOWER LIST

MAY	
4th	Mr Jim Murray
11th	Miss Jean Lawson
18th	Mrs Jean Thomson
15th	Mrs Mary Hardie
31st	Mrs Helen Thomson
JUNE	
7th	Mrs Helen Thomson (Parklee Drive)
14th	Mrs Mhairi Hearle
21st	Dr Elaine Roxby
28th	Mrs Lynn Maxwell
JULY	
5th	Mrs I McColl
12th	Mrs Anne Campbell
19th	Mrs Debbie McKenzie
26th	Mrs Carolyn Hatfield

AUGUST	
2nd	Mrs Mary Hardie
9th	Mrs Susan Mowatt
16th	Mrs Ann McDonald
23rd	Mrs Lynn Maxwell
30th	Miss Myra Henderson
SEPTEMBER	
6th	Mrs Anne Campbell
13th	Mrs Carolyn Hatfield
20th	Mr Graham Dykes
27th	Mr Gus Macdonald

Sincere thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who supply flowers for the Church throughout the year.

Flower Convener: Helen Thomson Tel: 0141 644 1292

CARMUNNOCK PARISH CHURCH - WINDOWS

The church windows are being replaced after many years by Custom Built Windows of Cambuslang. The new windows are made with hardwood frames and will be factory-painted before installation. There will be no change to their current design or colour.

Work will begin on Thursday 30 April 2026 and is expected to be completed during the following week.

This programme covers all church windows - including those in the Watch House - with the exception of the stained-glass windows which will remain untouched.

Sunday Services will continue as normal and will not be affected by the work.

As you will appreciate, this type of work is likely to create some dust within the building, and we are therefore looking for volunteers to help with a post-installation clean-up.

If you are able to assist, please contact me on 07912 557824.

Fred Hearle, Property Committee

Church Tea Rota 3rd May - 30th August 2026

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

3rd May	Anne Campbell, Lorna Dow, Mary Hardie	5th July	Lorraine McCoull, Margaret Brown
10th May	Jeanie Lawson, Shirley Ross	12th July	Moira Toppin, Carol Hutchison
17th May	Elaine Roxby, Ann Finch	19th July	Carolyn Hatfield, Sandra Hawkins
24th May	Pam and Iain Lowdon	26th July	Anne Campbell, Lorna Dow, Mary Hardie
31st May	Caroline & John Davidson	2nd Aug	Jeanie Lawson, Shirley Ross
7th June	Laura Ritchie, Joyce Bell	9th Aug	Elaine Roxby, Ann Finch
14th June	Heather Wright, Lynn Burnside	16th Aug	Pam and Iain Lowdon
21st June	Liz Leslie, Irene Hamilton	23rd Aug	Caroline & John Davidson
28th June	Elizabeth Lawson, Jean Thompson	30th Aug	Laura Ritchie, Joyce Bell



Pickleball

— a healthy & fun experience —

Pickleball started a couple of years ago in Carmunnock, and continues to feature on a weekly basis in the Clason Hall.

It's a straightforward game to understand and play, and a great way to get that all important physical activity!!
It's informal and highly sociable too!!


A warm welcome is extended to anyone wanting to "give it a go"!
No experience is necessary, and no special equipment is needed — just bring your trainers!!

The sessions run on a pay and play basis, there are no membership fees, a session fee is £3.

Tuesdays
10.00am – 12noon

Wednesdays
7.00pm – 9.00pm

There are 2 sessions available each week, and both run in the Clason Hall. Please feel free to turn up and play!!
We'd be delighted to see you!

Home Visiting

Would you or anyone you know in the village enjoy having a wee visit from one of the home visiting team?

The visit scheme is open to anyone who may be getting over a spell in hospital, a bereavement, a change in circumstance or perhaps just feeling a little lonely or isolated.

A friendly, kind face who'll listen and chat with you can make a big difference to your day!

We have a team of five people ready to answer your call (2 males, 3 females). Do get in touch, we are here to help. Of course David, our minister, is always pleased to visit too!

We are happy to hear from you in the first instance if you have someone in mind.

Elaine Roxby
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A man and his wife were having an argument about who should make the tea each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, then we don't have to wait so long for our first cup." The husband replied, "You're in charge of the kitchen and all that sort of thing, so you should do it cos that is your job. I don't mind waiting."

"Excuse me?" said the wife. "My job? That's sexist! No, you should definitely make the tea - and besides, it's in the Bible that the man should do it." "Nonsense," said the husband. "Show me!"

The wife duly fetched the Bible, opened the New Testament, and pointed out that at the top of several pages it clearly says... **"HEBREWS."**

CIAG NEWS

Once again, sincere thanks to everyone for their continued support for the events organised over the last session. The Christian Aid Quiz was very well attended, great fun, and raised an impressive £766. The feedback was so positive that we are already considering another quiz night in the coming year.

The Daffodil Tea on 28th March was a lovely family occasion. Several budding young artists arrived with beautifully painted boiled eggs and enjoyed trying their hand at making an Easter Bunny. The chocolate eggs were much appreciated as prizes, and, as always, the highlight of the morning was the wonderful selection of donated home baking. The reputation of Carmunnock's excellent bakers continues to be one of our greatest attractions.

Our range of family events continues to grow. The Tiny Tots Group has seen an increase in the number of little ones coming along, bringing lots of fun and plenty of chat among their accompanying adults. We reopened after the Easter break on Wednesday 22nd April with a host of new toys and developmental activities. Our thanks go to the Gala Committee, whose funding via the National Lottery Community Fund made this possible. The new equipment includes a slide, large soft-play blocks, work tables, puzzles, and creative resources, all supporting our mission to provide child- and family-centred activities for the youngest members of our community.

The Gala Committee remains a key partner in many village activities, particularly at Easter and Christmas. Their National Lottery Community Grant will support the annual Gala, the Arts Festival, and a range of creative projects that enrich the social life of the village and surrounding area. The recent support for the monthly art class is another welcome example of this investment in community wellbeing.

As part of our partnership with the Gala Committee and other local organisations, the Church in Action Group will once again be providing a tea tent at the Carmunnock Annual Gala on 13th June. Do come along, take a seat, and enjoy afternoon tea with friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Grand Carmunnock Plant Sale takes place on 16th May, opening at 10am for the collection of plant orders. As in previous years, morning teas will be served in the small hall - so please pop in for a cuppa and a slice of cake. Adults £3.00, children £2.00.

Our weekly Pickleball sessions continue to grow in popularity and remain open to new members. Please contact Fred for more information.

We have also recently acquired a table-tennis table and hope to start a club afternoon and/or evening session. If you would like to help get this underway, or would simply enjoy playing, please get in touch with Fred Hearle or Liz Leslie. Their contact details are on the back page of this magazine.

We are delighted to support the new activities introduced by Rev. David McKee, including Breakfast with the Nursery, Messy Church, and the development of our youth groups. We now have a Youth Group with separate Boys' and Girls' sections. The Boys' section, formerly the BB, meets in the Castlemilk Hall each Tuesday from 6.15pm to 7.30pm, while the Girls' section meets in the Clason Hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Carmunnock is a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and make friends, and we hope our efforts contribute to an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

Our summer event this year is a Garden Party on 24th May, and the invitation is open to the whole congregation. We are planning an informal social afternoon in the garden at 82 Busby Road at 2pm, and Mhairi Hearle and Sandra Hawkins would be delighted to welcome as many as can attend. To help with catering, we would appreciate hearing from those who plan to come, just so we don't order too many sausage rolls. Mhairi's contact details are on the back page.

Mhairi Hearle



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 volunteers to help create a brand new display for the memorial. If you can knit or crochet, we'd love your help in making new poppies. If crafting isn't your thing, there will also be plenty of opportunities to help attach 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. Further details can also be found on the Carmunnock Facebook page.

Sandra Hawkins

TEA & CHAT



Tea and Chat afternoons

2pm in the Reid Hall

27th April & 11th May

We restart on 7th September

Everyone welcome.

Small charge of £1 to cover costs

Looking forward to seeing you!



Christian Aid Week 2026: 10-16 May

This year, Christian Aid Week runs from Sunday May 10th to Saturday May 16th. Christian Aid works for justice and challenges systems and structures which keep people poor; Christian Aid highlights things such as the profit being made on debt owed by low-income countries, unfair trade rules, worker exploitation, tax avoidance and the climate emergency which is affecting us all now.

This year, Christian Aid is raising funds for their global work and sharing stories from Kenya, where their partners are working with urban communities to create gardens in small spaces. These urban gardens empower families to push back against poverty. During our morning worship on May 10th, I hope to show a short film showing how this works in practice and will be sharing the latest updates from Christian Aid.

There will be an opportunity to make a donation to Christian Aid in the form of a retiring offering at the end of our church service on May 17th. To enable Christian Aid to maximise its revenue, gift aid envelopes will be available in the pews for our service the week before (May 10th). If you are a UK taxpayer, completing the details on the envelope's detachable slip and putting it inside with your donation, enables Christian Aid to add 25% to the value of your donation through reclaimed tax. I appreciate that many of you already gave generously to Christian Aid when we held our Quiz Night back in February but hope that you are aware of just how important our donations are to keep the work of Christian Aid alive.

If you would like more information on Christian Aid, please do not hesitate to contact me (John Davidson [johndavidson1303@gmail.com](mailto: johndavidson1303@gmail.com) or 07920 116497)) or go online to christianaid.org.uk where there is a wealth of information and ideas for supporting the work of Christian Aid.

A reader recently overheard a conversation between her granddaughter Abigail and her new friend Josie. Abigail was talking about her Daddy when Josie interrupted and said: "I haven't got a Daddy". Abigail, full of sympathy, put her arms around Josie and asked: "Oh, has he gone to live with Jesus?" "Oh no," replied Josie, "he's gone to live with Sandra."

GOSPEL VISION ACADEMY

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Mon-Thu: 9:30-4:30

Fri: 9:30-1:00

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For more information, contact: Laura Digan
Email: laura@whiteinchchurch.org

CREATIVE CARMUNNOCK FREE MONTHLY ART & CREATIVE GROUP

7th May 11th June 7-9pm

Carmunnock Recreation Club

Contact Kim Flower 07792915343 to book a space

Priority will be given to Carmunnock residents

children 14+ welcome (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)



Lady Elish Angiolini re-appointed as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly

The first practising Roman Catholic to represent King Charles at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will reprise the role this year. His Majesty has approved the re-appointment of Lady Elish Angiolini LT, DBE, KC as his personal representative at the annual gathering in Edinburgh, which runs from 15–18 May.



Last year, she said she was “profoundly honoured” to have been chosen as the first practising Roman Catholic to serve as Lord High Commissioner, the figure who makes the opening and closing addresses to the Assembly and undertakes several official duties. Addressing commissioners - ministers, elders and deacons - she expressed her belief that prejudice and sectarianism can be overcome by recognising that we are “all Jock Tamson’s bairns.” Every person, she said, is a creation of God and requires “love, forgiveness and support” in all their imperfection.

Her appointment was made possible only after both Houses of Parliament amended a law dating back to 1689 that had barred Roman Catholics from holding the role.

In November 2022, the historic St Margaret’s Declaration of friendship between the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland was signed at the Abbey Church of Dunfermline in the presence of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, who served as Lord High Commissioner in 2017.

A native of Govan, Lady Elish studied law at the University of Strathclyde and went on to break multiple barriers in public life. Appointed Solicitor General for Scotland in 2001, she became the first woman, the first procurator fiscal and the first solicitor to hold the post. She later served as Lord Advocate from 2006 to 2011, working under two different Scottish governments. Since 2023, she has held the office of Lord Clerk Register - the first woman to do so since the role’s creation in the 13th century.

Her contributions to public service have been widely recognised. She was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE) in 2011 for services to the administration of justice, and in 2022 was appointed by Her Late Majesty The Queen to the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. She also served as Principal of St Hugh’s College, Oxford from 2012 to 2025 and as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford from 2017 to 2025.

Rev Dr John McPake, Acting Principal Clerk to the General Assembly, said: “We are honoured that His Majesty has once again appointed Lady Elish Angiolini as Lord High Commissioner. We very much look forward to welcoming her to the General Assembly 2026.”

Other members of the Royal Family have also undertaken the role: Prince Edward, the Duke of Edinburgh, served in 2024, and his nephew, HRH Prince William, the Prince of Wales, held the position in 2021. The King attended in 2000 while he was the Prince of Wales. The late Queen Elizabeth attended the General Assembly in person in 1969 and 2002, and visited again in 1977 as part of her Silver Jubilee celebrations.

The Moderator Designate for 2026–27 is Rev Gordon Kennedy, who will chair the Assembly and then serve as the Church’s ambassador at home and abroad for the following 12 months. He will succeed Rt Rev Rosie Frew.

Have you ever had good news that you couldn’t wait to share? Perhaps it was the all-clear from the doctor, an engagement, the birth of a child, passing a driving test, or being offered a new job. When something wonderful happens, we naturally want others to share in our joy. We post it online, we phone our family, we tell our friends - good news is meant to be shared.

So why do Christians share their faith, even when they may invite criticism or misunderstanding? They share because at the heart of Christianity is life-changing good news.

The word *gospel* in the Bible literally means “good message” or “good news.” Out of love, and overflowing with joy, Christians share the news that God, in Jesus, stepped into our world - breaking through time and space - to live among us. It is *good news* because it reveals a God who loves us, who comes close to us, and who gives His life for us. It is *good news* because it opens the way to knowing God now and to life beyond death. It is *good news* because it offers hope, peace, and purpose that nothing else can provide.

And like all truly good news, it isn’t something to keep to ourselves - it’s something to pass on, so that others may find the same hope and joy for themselves.

Bed by the Window

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. Because of his condition, the other man had to spend all his time lying flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, the countries they had visited on holiday over the years, and so on.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods when his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a pond. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every kind and colour of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all of this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye, and his friend by the window portrayed it with such descriptive words which, helped by his own imagination, brought to life a clear mental picture of the scene outside.

Days and weeks passed. One morning, the nurse arrived to bring in tea for the men, only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it was appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly and painfully he struggled, and eventually managed to prop himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside the window. Now he would finally be able to have the joy of seeing it all for himself.

He strained slowly and surely to look out of the window beside the bed. The window faced only a blank wall. He rubbed his eyes, blinked, and looked again, but saw nothing but a blank wall. The man called the nurse and asked her what could have compelled his deceased friend to describe such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness, when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money cannot buy. In the face of great heartache, sorrow, and difficulty, never forget to count your blessings.

WORDSEARCH - MATTHEW CHAPTER ONE

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AMON	JESUS
ANGEL	JOSEPH
AZOR	LORD
BEGAT	MARY
BEHOLD	MATTHEW
BIRTH	MOTHER
BOOZ	PEOPLE
BRING	PRIVILY
BROUGHT	RAISED
CALLED	SLEEP
CHILD	SPOKEN
DREAM	VIRGIN
ESROM	WIFE
FORTH	WOE

The Best Laid Plans...



The Moderator, Rt Rev Rosie Frew, had been all set for this year's Kiltwalk on 25th April, and was really looking forward to taking part. But the day before, things took an unexpected turn. She said, "Yesterday my knee gave way beneath me as I was walking home. I'm struggling to put much weight on it, let alone walk 14 miles."

Unfortunately, she had no choice but to withdraw, something she was genuinely disappointed about. "I'm really sorry that I won't be able to take part in tomorrow's Kiltwalk as I was really looking forward to it," she said.

Rosie also wanted to pass on her heartfelt thanks to everyone who had sponsored her. "Your donation will go to Christian Aid and will make a difference in the lives of other people," she said. And even though she couldn't join the walk herself, she added, "Good luck to all the others walking for Christian Aid."

From the Covenanter Archive...

Another interesting find from Paul Hughes. Scandal from 1817! Accusations of drunkenness and impiety in the schoolhouse. Also, a mention of the Rev Patrick Clason.

On the 5th instant, The Presbytery of Glasgow gave judgement in a cause of importance to society. Lady Stuart, of Castlemilk, and Humphrey Ewing McLae Esq. of Cathkin, as heritors, and the Rev Patrick Clason, Minister of the parish of Carmunnock, lately raised an action against David Dryburgh, schoolmaster of that parish, accusing him of impiety and contempt of our holy religion in its most solemn ordinances, desertion of the Established Church, cursing and swearing, and immoral conduct in repeated acts of drunkenness, accompanied with improper and offensive deportment and behaviour; and concluding, that in terms of the Scottish Acts of Parliament, passed in the reign of King William and Queen Mary, and of a late Act of Parliament of his present Majesty, the defender ought to be deposed from the office of parish schoolmaster. After examining a great number of witnesses, and hearing parties, the Presbytery passed sentence, unanimously finding the charges proved against the defender, depriving of his office, declaring the parish-school of Carmunnock vacant, and requiring the inheritors to proceed to the election of a new schoolmaster in terms of law. This decision is final, it being declared by Act of Parliament, that the sentence of the Presbytery in a case of this kind shall not be subject to the review of any Court, civil or ecclesiastical, in the kingdom.

As I sit in heaven and watch you every day,
 I try to let you know, with signs,
 I never went away.
 I hear you when you're laughing,
 And watch you as you sleep,
 I even place my arms around you
 To calm you as you weep.
 I see you wish the days away,
 Begging to have me home,
 So I try to send you signs
 So you know you're not alone.
 Don't feel guilty that you have life
 That was denied to me,
 Heaven is truly beautiful,
 Just you wait and see.
 So live your life, laugh again,
 Enjoy yourself, be free,
 Then I'll know with every breath you take
 You'll be taking one for me.

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honour thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill".



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

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

AT A GLANCE DIARY		
16th May	SAT	The Great Carmunnock Plant Sale
24th May	SUN	Garden Party, 82 Busby Road
13th June	SAT	Gala Day!
14th August	FRI	Studio 32 Concert Party, Castlemilk Hall, 7.30pm – postponed from 24th April
16th August	SUN	Last day for articles to be included in the September Covenanter

THE KIRK SESSION

Joyce Bell	0141 644 1361
George Brown	0141 644 1178
Anne Campbell	0141 644 3735
Douglas Campbell	
John Davidson	07920 116497
George Dow	07801 613127
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