

## Summer Holiday Lunch Clubs.



The church holiday lunch clubs are now a regular feature of every school holiday. This summer we are holding a picnic every Wednesday from 11 till 1pm in the Cornhill Community Garden beside Cornhill Primary School. So far the weather has been wonderful, except for the first Wednesday when we had to go indoors in Cairncry Centre. The attendance has also been wonderful with over 70 children and adults coming along each week for some free fun, games and food.

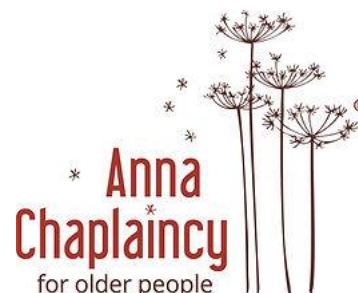
## Triple C Café



Sharron officially opening the new kitchen

Sharron started running the Café in Cairncry Centre in September 2021 opening on a Friday for free soup and rolls. A year later we had managed to secure support from the Scottish Government's post-covid funding to employ Sharron for 2 years and the café moved to 3 days a week breakfast and lunch. With that 2 year funding due to come to an end this September we've been seeking support from elsewhere so that we can guarantee another 3 years at least. The Kirk Session have agreed to use some of the congregations own funds and we've so far been given grants from the Baird Trust (£5,000) and the Benefact Trust (£7,200). This funding will allow us to employ Sharron till at least the beginning of 2026, but we're praying for another £22,000 to reach our target for September 2027. Please join with us in prayer.

Over the last 18 months or so Helen Dray has served the church as a Pastoral Volunteer, working with older people primarily in Woodhill and Castleton Courts, sheltered housing complexes, as well as visiting older people in the community. She gives spiritual and practical support where needed, holds drop-in sessions in the common rooms in Woodhill and Castleton Courts, making myself available to anyone who wants to chat, as well as helping run monthly service in Woodhill Court. Here she talks about how her role will hopefully develop in the coming months.



I am currently training to be an Anna Chaplain. An Anna Chaplain is someone who accompanies older people at this stage of their life and promotes spiritual welfare. The ministry is focused on visiting older people wherever they are living, whether in residential and nursing homes, sheltered housing and those living independently in the community. Anna Chaplains are appointed, authorized by and sent out, under the authority of their local church. They offer support not only to the older person but also to staff, carers and family.

Why Anna? The name Anna was chosen for the title of the ministry because of its echoes of Anna, the widow and faithful older person who, together with Simeon, recognized the baby Jesus as the Messiah, and the fulfilment of God's promises in Luke 2.

In the future I hope to enhance the work I do in Woodhill and Castleton Courts, supporting the carers that work in the Courts, and helping more people who live there. My prayer is to make sure that everyone living there knows who I am and that I am accessible to everyone, whatever their need, as well as working more closely with families. As a church we also hope to start supporting people in Quarryhill Court, perhaps starting a monthly service for the residents there.