

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

1st May 2020



If you have any news, stories, poems or snippets you would like to share, please pass them to me by Sunday 26th April at the latest.

Thank you

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Dear friends

I hope this finds you and your family well. Things have moved so very fast. I'm thinking back to the first Sunday of Lent, 1st March, when we explored faith around the theme of seeds being sown. I put out a challenge of giving something up (like having a chocolate egg then and there but not eating it until Easter Day). I asked us to think about taking something on in faith – to give time and attention perhaps to some way of serving others. I mentioned that it could be thought of as a time to spring clean (and maybe to clear out?). And I talked about being ready to relocate, just as Jesus took himself off to the desert, and as there is something to be said for taking time to retreat.

We did not appreciate then the significance of what was already happening in China and in Italy, and now affects people all around the world. Now, whether we like it or not, we have all had to give things up. Opportunities for serving others, especially for those who are young and fit, are there in plenty; and even just phoning one another is a service we can all do. And we will have more time for cleaning than we would wish, and more time for thinking on our own.

My prayer is that despite the undoubted hardships of this time, and the very real worries, and though some if not many may be tested to the limit, we shall with God's help come through this. "Lent" in English speaks of the lengthening of days. It will be a long time, but as Jesus said, "tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34). Live each day well. Be blessed, even through the time of trial.

Yours, Peter

The Ridder- Answers
 "Spring" and "E"

Name The Bunny Answers

1. Bugs Bunny
2. Flopsy & Mopsy
3. Hop
4. Roger
5. Thumper
6. Cottontail
7. Watership Down
8. Duracell

- Eggs- Answer**
- 1.Kingsman: The Secret Service**
2. I Am the Walrus
3. Fry's Creme Eggs
4. Ostich
5. 1988
6. Dr. Seuss
7. Hen
8. Peter Carl Fabergé (But he was also known as Karl Gustavovich Fabergé)
9. Goldie Lookin Chain
10. 10.39 metres (Accept answers between 10 and 11, or whatever you deem reasonable)



1st Calderbank Boys' Brigade

What a memorable 1st year for 1st Calderbank BB's. We have had a maximum of 9 boys attending and currently have 7 regular boys who have excellent attendance.

Over the course of the year, we have taken part in a variety of activities including our outing to the Pantomime in December which we all loved!

Since January we have learned about St Andrew and St Columba as well as celebrating Burns Day. (The haggis was not a popular!) We have looked at healthy diets and good handwashing practice along with learning how to set the table and let's not forget all the games we play each week. Duck, Duck Goose (Or Boy's, Boy's Brigade) being the favourite!!

Unfortunately, we are not finishing the year as we had originally planned with our Awards Night and then a trip to the bowling. However, we are not letting that get us down.

When we are able to meet up again, we are looking forward to having a celebration with our church and BB family where the boys will receive their awards.



Sometimes the best thing
you can do is not think,
not obsess. Just breathe
& have faith that all will
work out for the best.

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Another Prayer

The Moderator and his wife have been doing a daily Facebook post, and on the first day I listened in, Ruth Sinclair quoted a wonderful prayer Brigid and I have known for some time, written by Thomas Merton. Merton was an American Trappist monk, someone who very deliberately took on solitude for the sake of growing near to God. In the tradition of so many who through history have given their all to that walk in faith, he discovered both how amazing God is and how still we labour with questions. But we go on!

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



NEWSFLASH for all P1 – P6 boys



- We are sending out weekly activities and challenges to all the boys in our company over this time
- **You do not need to be a current member** to receive these activities – if you would like to be included then please do one of the following:
 - Message me on our Facebook page – 1st Calderbank BBs
 - Email me Ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk
 - Or call me on 07894728667 and I will add you to our email mailing list

The Month of April

Our reading of Matthew's Gospel comes to a climax now as we come to Easter. If you have been keeping up with readings, by the end of March we reached the end of chapter 22. The weekly chunks remaining are as follows:

March 30th – April 5th Matthew chapters 23-25. The events of Jesus' last week are kicking in. What is this kingdom of heaven? What does it take us away from and what does it take us towards? And what do we do for now?

April 6th – 12th Matthew chapters 26-28. Told slowly and carefully, these are the climactic moments in Jesus' story. We go with Jesus to the place called Golgotha; and then with his followers we go to the place where his body was laid; and then at the very end we go to Galilee, where his active ministry had first begun.

And then? Some of you have told me that you have welcomed this opportunity to read in advance the texts which Sunday services draw upon. Now, I'm not the best forward planner to put it mildly (!), but let's be decisive, and determine to read some key passages from the other Gospels in these first weeks after Easter. Therefore:

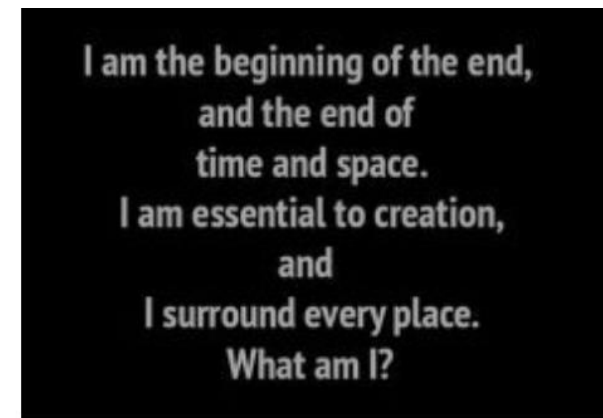
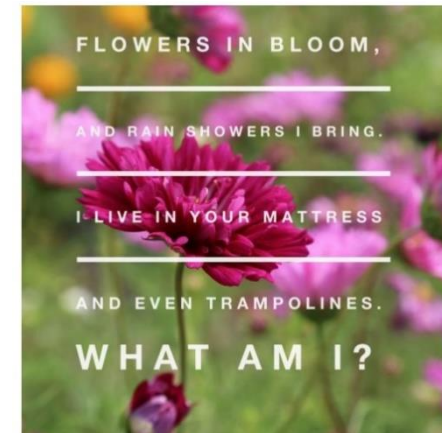
For Sunday 19th April, advance reading would be John 20. 19-31

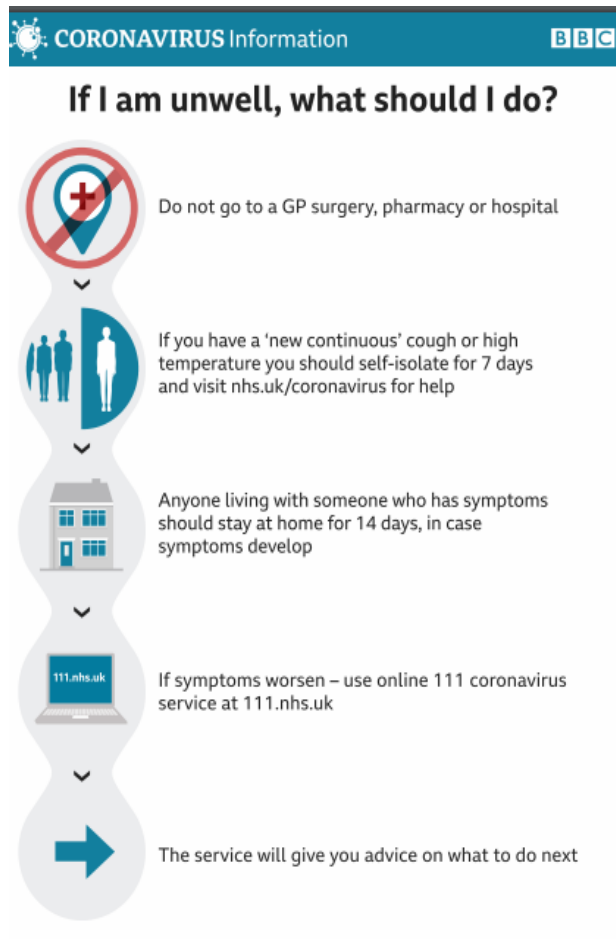
For Sunday 26th April, advance reading would be Luke 24. 13-35

For Sunday 3rd May, advance reading would be John 10. 1-17



The Riddler





A free helpline can give advice if you do not have symptoms, but are looking for general advice: 0800 028 2816.

Since funerals are currently restricted to a very small number of people, if we can, we shall print just a short appreciation of our members who have died.



MRS KATY CAMPBELL

“You were a well-loved lady”. The family’s own words are so right, and as a congregation we give thanks for Katy’s life which has richly blessed us over many years in Calderbank Church.

Katy was the church organist for all but 50 years, having to give up only through ill health, but as she said herself having enjoyed every minute. Born in Chesterfield, she met Duncan when he was working well away from home and he brought her up to Calderbank. Last year was their Diamond Wedding. Together they had three children though sadly their middle child died in infancy, and Katy both worked as long as she was able and enjoyed her leisure. She was a gifted artist, and a keen bowler. She was a member of the Woman’s Guild and as well as playing piano, she readily joined in the fun, offering memorable recitations. Last but not least she was very proud to have both grandchildren and great-grandchildren, three of each!

We shall miss her as a dear friend and we extend our sympathy and love to all the family.



Footprints in the Sand

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand. One was mine, and one was the Lord's. When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and, to my surprise, I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints. And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life. I asked the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most." The Lord said: "My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."

Name the Bunny Rabbit?

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Name the Film

What does this bunny advertise?



Answers on 2nd last page

Eggs

1. In which 2014 film does a character called Gary 'Eggsy' Unwin get recruited by a spy organisation, despite his being an unlikely candidate for the job?
2. In which Beatles song will you find the lines "I am the egg man, they are the egg men"?
3. Before they were renamed with the 'Cadbury' branding in 1971, under which name had 'creme eggs' been available previously?
4. Which bird lays the largest eggs?
5. In which year did Edwina Currie provoke outrage by suggesting that most of Britain's eggs were infected by salmonella?
6. Who wrote a children's book entitled 'Green Eggs and Ham'?
7. Benjamin Franklin is quoted as saying "An egg today is better than a ____ tomorrow". Can you fill in the blank?
8. Virtually all Fabergé eggs were manufactured under the supervision of the famous Russian jeweller who gave them their name, but what was his full name?
9. Which comedic rap group from Newport, Wales has a rapper known as 'Eggsy'?
10. According to Guinness World Records, how tall (in metres) was the tallest chocolate Easter egg ever made?



Answers on 2nd last page

How confirmed cases have spread outside of China

