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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends,

Our summer this year feels as if it's come in two distinct modes – one of almost continuous sunshine and warmth, the other of almost continuous rain. It's not quite the case but to hear of what all is going on around the world in terms of climate, I daresay we can be thankful for what we have had. I keep in touch with a pastor in India. The rains there have been horrendous, much worse than usual. And as those who have been into southern Europe know, or indeed across in the USA, it has not been at all normal the extremes of heat which have been experienced day after day.

With children in our Holiday Club, it so happens we chose to go on a "Cosmic Quest". To hear of (day 1) the Lord who created the heavens and the earth, of (day 2) the Lord who is sovereign over the winds and the waves, of (day 3) Jesus whose power of healing and resurrection defied all norms, and of (day 4) the loving Father who runs out to embrace the lost son who comes home. Stories for children accompanied by action songs and messy challenges and games and altogether a fun week – for the adults too! But stories not just for children. It matters for us all to think about (1) who are we on this planet Earth. It matters for all of us as we (2) contend not just with the weather but with all of life's challenges that we trust in how the Lord will carry us through. It matters, when (3) illness will not go away or when we are up against dying and death, it matters to know that even if again we are not brave enough, the Lord still will reach out to us in love. It matters, when (4) we become wise enough to realise our own failures and shortcomings, that that is not the end of us. Rather it might just be the beginning of life in its fullness.

So there was the "wisdom" of this year's Holiday Club! And I've been preaching a week or three on the book of Proverbs, which in a very long introduction emphasises and emphasises again, are we going to look for wisdom or are we going to be distracted and drawn away from it? Are we interested in being wise, or are we content to be fools? Wisdom attaches to God. God with us, there's a thought. How wise was Jesus! He was wise even through and beyond his crucifixion – because sin is not to be given into. We cannot be complacent about our failures.

Praying for blessing,

Peter

Shine Youth Theatre



Shine Youth Theatre are performing Grease in Motherwell Concert Hall on Wednesday 14th September. Anyone wishing to go please see Joyce.

Also the Shine Touring Group will be coming to Calderbank Church on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30pm. Doors will open at 7.15pm.

Tickets will be on sale at £7.50



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Calderbank Church will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on Saturday 30th September from 11am to 1pm.

Tea tickets are £4.00

Come along for a catch up with friends and support a worthy cause



Boys' Brigade



Once school is back, our company of the Boys' Brigade will also start up.

Bring youngsters along to enrol on Tuesday 29th August at 6 pm. Or contact Peter direct (01236 753159). Our regular Tuesday evenings will follow at 6 pm as from 5th September.

PS. Also, for boys and indeed girls if they'd like to come, we'll be at the open air all-weather pitch on Tuesday 22nd August, 6 until 7 pm (not an official BB night!)

August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

AUGUST is the BRIDGE
between SUMMER
and AUTUMN—
between HOW the
YEAR has BEEN
and HOW the
YEAR will END

@POSITIVELYPRESENT





News of the Church Family

To our sorrow, Miss Isa Hamilton died on 24th June, just weeks short of her 100th birthday. But she had successfully moved house, and made recovery from a rotten hip injury earlier in the year. She brought a lot into our congregation and she loved being with us. So how lovely that so many wanted to attend the services held for her, one in the Crematorium, and then one in the church followed by a tea.





Family Box Scheme

Can all boxes please be handed in to be counted by the end of August?

On August 1st, Lammas day is celebrated as the first day of harvest in the UK. Traditionally it was the day in which harvested wheat would be baked into bread and given to the church. The bread was used as the Communion bread for a special mass to celebrate the beginning of the harvest. This tradition ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church.



AUGUST ATTRIBUTES OF GOD



01

**HE IS
AWESOME**

Deuteronomy 10:17

02

HE IS HOLY

Isaiah 57:15

03

**HE IS
TRUTHFUL**

John 17:3

04

HE IS JUST

Deuteronomy 32:4

05

**HE IS
FAITHFUL**

Psalms 36:5

06

**HE IS
STEADFAST**

Daniel 6:26

07

HE IS GOOD

1 Chronicles 16:34

08

**HE IS
COMPASSIONATE**

Psalms 86:15

09

HE IS INFINITE

Proverbs 15:3

10

HE IS JEALOUS

Exodus 34:14

11

**HE IS
EVERLASTING**

Isaiah 40:28

12

**HE IS
OMNIPRESENT**

Proverbs 15:3

13

HE IS LOVE

John 3:1

14

HE IS WISE

Job 12:13

15

HE IS MIGHTY

Zephaniah 3:17

16

**HE IS
OMNIPOTENT**

Job 37:23

17

**HE IS
GRACIOUS**

Psalms 86:15

18

**HE IS
OMNISCIENT**

Romans 8:28

19

**HE IS
SOVEREIGN**

Ephesians 1:11

20

HE IS PERFECT

2 Samuel 22:31

21

**HE IS
PERSONAL**

Matthew 6:25-31

22

**HE IS
POWERFUL**

Jeremiah 10:12

23

HE IS PURE

Psalms 12:6

24

**HE IS
RIGHTEOUS**

2 Corinthians 5:21

25

HE IS GENTLE

2 Samuel 22:36

26

**HE IS
PEACEFUL**

Galatians 5:22

27

**HE IS
TRUSTWORTHY**

2 Samuel 7:28

28

**HE IS THE
CREATOR**

Genesis 1:1

29

**HE IS
UNCHANGING**

Malachi 3:6

30

**HE IS
MERCIFUL**

Psalms 116:5

31

HE IS WORTHY

Revelation- 4:11



DATE		ACTIVITY
30 th September	11am-1pm	MacMillan Coffee Morning
4 th October	7.30pm	Shine Youth Theatre

Door Duty Rota

6 th August	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
13 th August	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
20 th August	Mr J Currie	Mr D MacIver
27 th August	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
3 rd September	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan



Flower List



6 th August	Mrs Ann Burns & Mrs Jean Love
13 th August	Family of Mrs D MacVicar
20 th August	Mrs J MacIver
27 th August	Mrs Jean Miller
3 rd September	Mrs M Crawford



SUMMER WORDSEARCH

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AUGUST
BEACH
BIKES
CAMPING
CARNIVAL
COOKOUTS
FIREFLIES

FUN
HULA HOOPS
ICE CREAM
JULY
JUMPROPE
JUNE
MOVIES

POPSICLES
ROLLERCOASTER
SANDALS
SPLASH
SPRINKLER
SNOWCONES
SUNGLASSES



August also has two birth flowers – the vibrant multi-coloured gladiolus and the deep crimson poppy. The gladiolus flower is said to represent generosity, strength of character, and deep sincerity. The poppy flower couldn't be more different though, as it is a sign of imagination, eternal sleep, and oblivion!



In the northern hemisphere, August is considered to be the last month of summer.

In the southern hemisphere, it's the opposite of course, so it's the last of the winter months!



Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons, the month was called Weed Monath. Its translation of "weed month" is quite literal – in this month weeds and other plants grow the fastest in the northern hemisphere.



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
3rd September 2023



Remember if you have any stories, articles, or snippets
you would like to share please send to the

News@CalderbankChurch.co.uk

Please pass any items to be included in the next edition
of the newsletter to me by **23rd August 2023** at the
latest.

Thank You

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