

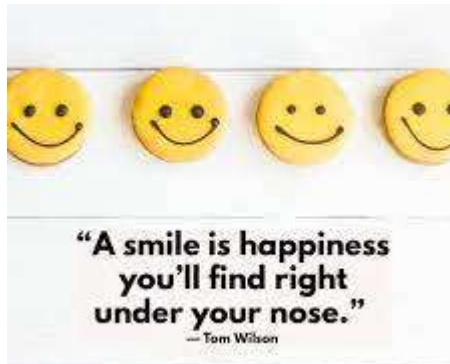
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There will be no July Newsletter.

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

1st August 2021



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

News@CalderbankChurch.co.uk

To be included in the next edition please pass any items to me by **23rd July 2021** at the latest.

Thank You

Gwenn



June 2021 Newsletter



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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends

I write as the General Assembly comes near its end, which both David Findlay and I have been attending (online!). There were many important reports. The Guild reported that for their projects over three years they had raised nationally over £550,000, a remarkable achievement. Iona Abbey has had all its accommodation upgraded and renewed (Iona is a wonderful place to visit, if you've never been). There was reporting of how through all the residential homes and support services, Crossreach had weathered the pandemic – hugely important work, and immensely challenging, but a lot of good news in amongst all the sadness. There were strong reports on Safeguarding, violence against women, climate change, issues of poverty – none of these new issues, but in 2020/2021 demanding some careful consideration.

In short, what the church does at national level as well as in Calderbank is live in the present and for the future, offer service in the present and for the future, seek to be faithful for the present and in the future. You are part of this, and I will do all I can to offer you my loving service also as part of it.

The availability of ministries, such as mine and Elaine's, was THE big issue. With people retiring and not enough recruitment to keep up, and also with a recognition that money is limited and there are many unknowns on the back of Covid as well as in many other respects, the decision was taken that by 2025 there will be around 600 posts across Scotland. The number of charges (Cairnlea and Calderbank being one) is rather more than that, and so in the immediate future there will be a major re-envisioning exercise. Presbyteries (and I am the current Convener of Planning) will have to make decisions on where ministries can be located, and which buildings are going to be redundant. This is going to be seriously challenging. We shall be very much "waiting on God", as I said in a recent sermon, to see the ways forward. Please join your prayers for that.

Yours, Peter



Unfortunately, the Brownies have not managed to get together this year. We hope to get back to being able to meet again later in 2021.

There are currently some spaces available if you know of anyone aged between 5-7 that would like to join us.

Enjoy your Summer break.

Dates to Remember	
2021	
Sat 29 th May 11am	Community Litter pick
Sat 5 th June 10am	Garden clean up
Sat 19 th June 10 12noon	Tea on the lawn
Monday 26 th – Thursday 29 th July 10 – 12noon	Holiday adventure club at Calderbank Parish Church
Tue 24 th August	Boys Brigade enrolment
Mon 9 th August for 4 weeks from 10am – 12noon	Seasons Growth – see page 6 for detail
Tue 10 th August for 4 weeks from 7 – 9pm	Seasons Growth – see page 6 for detail

Meringues

Rae Smith has kindly offered to make some of her lovely homemade meringues at a cost of £1.20 per bag.

If you would like a bag, then please place an order with Rae or Joyce at Church on Sunday.



Thank to everyone who contributed to this year's Christian Aid Week. Together we raised £150 which includes the gift aid element. This is the highest value ever collected by Calderbank.

thank you!

PENTECOST PRAYERS

TO me who am but black charcoal, grant O Lord, that by the fire of Pentecost I may be set ablaze.

(From John of Damascus, 7th century)

Kindle in me a hot heart to love you, my Lord and my Saviour, and kindle other hot hearts through me.

(A Chinese Christian, 20th century)

Even as the water falls on dry tea leaves and brings out their flavour, so may your Spirit fall on us and renew us,

so that we may bring refreshment and joy to others.

(from Sri Lanka)

SO!! How would you write a Pentecost prayer from Calderbank in 2021?





Community News & Garden Project

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 29th May 11am – Community Litter pick, meeting at the church car park
- Saturday 5th June 10am – Garden clean up – bring gloves and gardening tools if you have a couple of hours to spare to begin clearing up the garden area at the back of the church
- Saturday 19th June 10 – 12noon – Tea on the lawn
We will be opening the garden area for people to come and see, have a cup of tea and some cake and share their ideas for the future of our Community Garden Space. Come along and be part of this day!



Watch this space!

- When?** Monday 26th – Thursday 29th July
10 – 12noon
- Where?** Calderbank Parish Church
- Who?** All children P1 – P7 welcome

Put these dates in your diary for our holiday club. All being well, we will be opening our doors for a fun filled Jungle Adventure right here in Calderbank!

This will be a free week and booking can be done via Google Forms, link will be available on Facebook and on the church website as soon as possible or contact Elaine Wood on ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk.



WORSHIP THROUGH THE MONTH OF JUNE AND JULY

We shall continue to gather in person at 9.30 on a Sunday morning! I do hope you will be able to join us – perhaps especially when we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday 20th June. It will be a little different, in order to observe Covid protocols, but I think very special nonetheless.

AND STILL ONLINE!

We are keen to keep an offering of worship online, and available also via DVD.

Since the Minister has both churches to serve on a Sunday morning, the online service on YouTube is now pre-recorded. It goes out live at 6 pm on a Saturday, and so is available to be watched either then or any time on Sunday or thereafter! At present it continues to be a service from the Manse, using our volunteer singers each in their own home and combined through the wonders of technology to lead the singing. How grateful we are for all that they have contributed now for over a year.

The dedicated phone line is also still up, on which you can listen to the sermon (tel. 809232).

It has been wonderful to welcome the existing boys and new boys back to Boys' Brigade for the month of May. Although we have continued to meet virtually over the lockdown periods, it just wasn't the same!

Over the last 4 weeks, we have had lots of fun out in the church garden and have been very lucky with the weather! The boys have been bug hunting, finger painting, blowing bubbles for Pentecost and painting rocks and of course having lots of fun running around and playing games!

On Tuesday 25th May, the boys received their awards for this year and are now on holiday for the summer.

All being well with restrictions etc, we hope to enrol for our new session on Tuesday 24th August with normal activities resuming on the 31st August – so put the date in your diaries. All boys P1 – P6 welcome!

Many thanks to all the parents, boys and congregation members who have supported us in these difficult times, it really has been appreciated.

God bless

Elaine



Calderbank Parish Church



Cairnlea Parish Church

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As restrictions are beginning to ease, we have 2 planned, adult, Seasons for Growth courses. More information about Seasons for Growth and what we cover as part of this course is detailed below, but please feel free to contact Elaine or one of the companions for more information.

Many people see the word grief and associate it only with immediate feelings around bereavement. However, grief shows itself in many ways extending beyond the loss of someone we have loved. It comes also around the moving on of friendships, family separations and isolation; it can be affected by illness, work or other outside activity (or it's lack); there are issues around aging, retirements, people moving to a new house etc. Out mental and emotional wellbeing are affected and even our physical health.

Seasons for Growth is not a therapy or counselling service, it is a course which helps adults to realise the impact of these changes on their lives and focus on processing and coping with this change along with realising you are not alone, and many people experience the feelings and anxieties you may be experiencing.

This course is about individual and your response to change and loss, it does not focus on circumstances or issues which are private to your family and confidentiality is strongly emphasised and very much integral to the sessions.

So – with all this said, we have 2 planned dates, all being well with restrictions, there will go ahead as follows:

- First is starting Monday 9th August for 4 weeks from 10am – 12noon.
- Second is starting on Tuesday 10th August for 4 weeks from 7 – 9pm.

Both courses will run in Cairnlea Sanctuary.

If this is something you think you would like to be involved in, then please, either complete the tear off slip below and post it to: Elaine Wood, 95 Glenwood Drive, Armadale, EH48 3RQ or email your interest to the above email address.

Or if you would like more information, please feel free to call the number above.

Kind regards

Elaine Wood - Family & Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Cairnlea linked with Calderbank Parish Church



DATE	
6 th June	Mr Alan Cowan
13 th June	Mrs S Campbell
20 th June	Mr Jim Findlay
27 th June	Mrs Ann Murray
4 th July	Mrs A Burns
11 th July	Mrs Joan Marshall
18 th July	Mrs Jean Kinniburgh
25 th July	Mrs May Ramsay





The six projects which the Guild supported nationally between 2018 and 2021 were:

Journeying Together, a partnership between the former World Mission Council and the Guild lifting teenage mothers in Zambia out of poverty.

The Boys' Brigade

Join up the Dots, a partnership between CrossReach and the Guild tackling loneliness and isolation

The Sailors' Society, providing practical and spiritual support to those in the maritime industry.

Seema's Project, a charity working with street children in Pune, India

Malawi Fruits, helping young people to farm cash crops and to irrigate using solar-powered pumps.

The Guild raised £551,434 and United Nations match funding for the Malawi Fruits Project brought the overall total to £638,000.

Seasons for Growth – Exploring the Seasons of Grief

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Postal Address _____

Yes, I would be interested in attending a 4 week course beginning on the 9th August ☐

Yes, I would be interested in attending a 4 weeks course beginning on the 10th August ☐

I am not ready just now to attend, but may be ready the next time courses are help, please keep in touch. ☐



NEWSLETTER

I hope you have enjoyed receiving the newsletter each month directly to your door. It has been lovely being able to keep in touch with you all during these strange and trying times.

With the Church now being opened for morning worship this month's newsletter will be the last one to be delivered. From August the newsletter will be available from the Church foyer.

Remember if you have anything you wish to be included then just let me know.

Thank you

Gwenn

David & I are having a bit of a break so there will no newsletter in July. However, we will be back to normal in August.

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