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Dear friends,



We head towards Remembrance Sunday this year with wars and rumours of wars all too much in the news. I hope we shall join our prayers with all those caught up in this, many of them unwilling participants. It has been helpful to me to hear from representatives of local Bible Societies, for example – their efforts to bring relief in all possible forms, food and medicine, spiritual support in the midst of extreme trial. Peacemaking involves of course the decisions of those in positions of command and authority, but it is also an everyday work. I give thanks for those who with courage and faith are determined to uphold their faith in the goodness of God and the command to love and to serve Him and neighbour. It needs a choice on our part. And in the power of the Holy Spirit, much can be done.

Nearer to home, there might have been news by now of a further stage in Presbytery planning, but this has been deferred while some time is given to opening up and refining the proposals which were published in mid-September. For Calderbank and the other three churches with which we are connecting, we are nevertheless continuing to build on what we can do well together as well as what rightly we do each in our own place. We had a very lovely Songs of Praise evening during October, in which representatives of all four churches took a lead (and there was great baking from all over too!). Towards the end of November, our own usual joint service with Cairnlea will also welcome in members of Clarkston Church for a Sunday morning. You'll also see in this magazine a few of the during the week events which are being held in any of the four churches. It's about supporting and enjoying fellowship with one another, so that we grow in the sense of a common mission, serving one Lord.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in Calderbank. There's plenty to read about in what follows. "Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love" (I Corinthians 16.13-14)

Yours, Peter



Worship this Month

Every Sunday morning at 9.30 am.

There is also an online streaming of the Cairnlea 11 am service, via the YouTube "Cairnlea and Calderbank" channel

Remembrance Sunday this year will be marked on 12th November

Our once a year closing the doors at 9.30 and joining in with the Cairnlea congregation at 11 am, at Cairnlea, will be on Sunday 26th November. Please do ask for transport if you need it!

The first of special services in anticipation of Christmas will be the Salvation Army service for all of Airdrie and area to be held in Cairnlea at 6 pm on Sunday 3rd December.



The Kirk Session will meet at 7pm on Thursday 16th November.



Shine Youth Theatre Touring Company

What a wonderful night we enjoyed in the Church on 4th October. The young people put their heart and soul into singing and performing. The acoustics in our Church provide such a superb addition. We look forward to having Shine in the future



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 18th November from 11am to 1pm with all the usual stalls, teas and cakes.



Family Box Scheme

The family boxes/Smartie tubes raised £363.63 for Church funds. Many thanks to all who donated. The next box collection will be taken at the end of November.



We are planning a Messy Church on Sunday 3rd December from 2.00-3.30pm in the church hall.

Everyone is welcome; we will be exploring the Christmas story through crafts and with an informal praise session with tea and biscuits led by Peter, our Minister. Any children wanting to come do need to bring an adult with them, adults wanting to come don't have to bring a child!

If you are interested, there will be a Google form on the church website, or you can contact me. Brigid Donald on 01236 753159, brigidmdonald@gmail.com.



Guild Diary

DATE	EVENT
6 th November	Michelle Deja Vu
13 th November	BeetleDrive
20 th November	Visit to Rosebank Garden Centre
27 th November	St Andrews Lunch with John McPhee & William Swann
4 th December	Carols & Verse with 5C's
11 th December	Senior Citizens Lunch with Colin Scougall



Remembrance Day

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Silence
Bugle
Peace
Brave

Armistice
Poppy
Heroes
Ceremony

Cenotaph
Sacrifice
Remember
Liberty

What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. It is observed on 11 November in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of the First World War on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month".

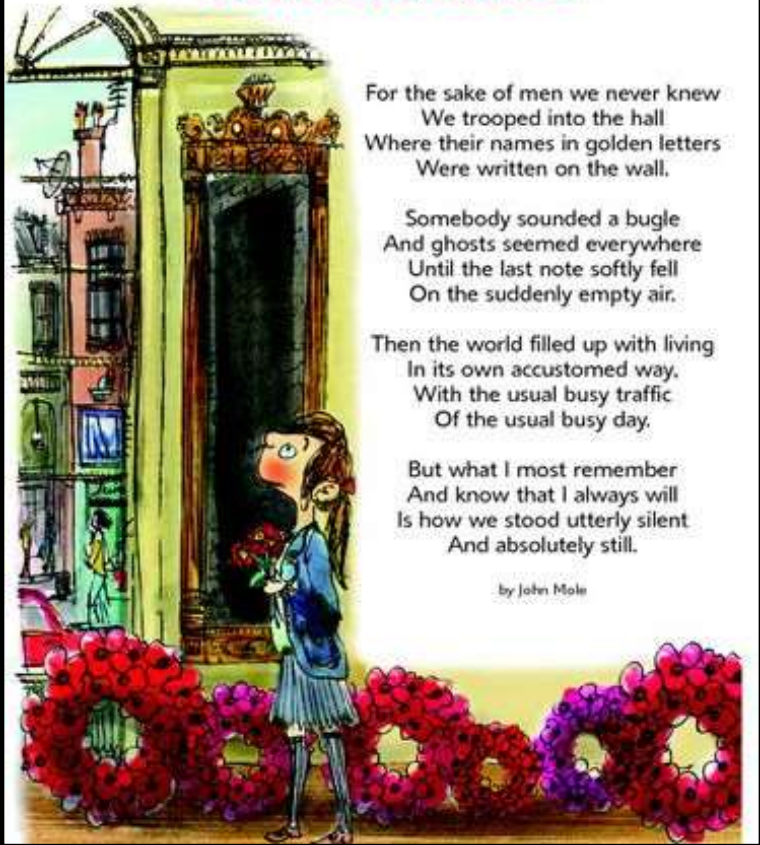


When should you start wearing a poppy for Remembrance Day?

Many people think that wearing a poppy 11 days before Remembrance Day is the best way to honour those who have been impacted by war.

If you wish to do the same, you can start wearing your poppy on the 31st of October until the 11th of November

Remembrance Day Remembered



For the sake of men we never knew
We trooped into the hall
Where their names in golden letters
Were written on the wall.

Somebody sounded a bugle
And ghosts seemed everywhere
Until the last note softly fell
On the suddenly empty air.

Then the world filled up with living
In its own accustomed way.
With the usual busy traffic
Of the usual busy day.

But what I most remember
And know that I always will
Is how we stood utterly silent
And absolutely still.

by John Mole

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We had a lovely day at the Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised £1515 for Macmillan.

Thank you to all who came along to support this, to all who baked, donated and worked so hard to make this possible.



Brownies*

In the last month all of our new Brownies have made their Promise meaning they're promising to be good people, helpful in their community and continuing to develop themselves and what they believe in. Our "old" Brownies also renewed their Promise too and were there to support the newest ones we have. Everyone is settling in well and working well together which is really nice to see.

There were ghosts, spiders and all sorts of ghouls being crafted and drawn for the spooky season and which were displayed at our Halloween party. The costume parade was won by a beautiful, colourful butterfly but everyone's costumes were fantastic. There was food, dancing, games and apple dooking so a really fun night was had by all.





Thank you so much for the support given to our company of boys at the fundraising Beetle Drive held before the October holiday. To judge by the noise generated, everyone had a lot of fun! It was a busy time, including a sleepover to mark 140 years of Boys' Brigade which was a good success. Rather nicely, out of the hundreds of boys who took part all over the UK, the celebratory email sent out from BB Headquarters featured a picture taken in front of the Communion table of (some of) our own boys! Calderbank fame!



This coming month, they will be running around Drumpellier Lochs, competing in Battalion competitions and generally we hope having the best of times together. Do encourage any primary-aged boys (up to P6) to come along on a Tuesday night at 6 pm. Anyone is welcome.

CALLING ALL LADIES !!!!!



Fancy being a lady who lunches then why not come along for some fellowship over lunch on Thursday 30th November at 2.00pm. Details have still to be finalised.

All ladies are most welcome.

If you would like to join the ladies then please let Joan McPhee know to allow a table to be booked for the 30th.



Dates for the Diary

DATE	EVENT	Location	TIME
Every Tuesday	Boys Brigade	Calderbank	6pm-7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Brownies	Calderbank	7. pm-8.30pm
Saturday 4 th Nov	Murder Mystery Evening	Cairnlea	7pm
Tuesday 7 th Nov	Messy Church (Try and register in advance (07775763585))	Clarkston	5pm -7pm
Sunday 12 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Calderbank	9.30am
Thursday 16 th Nov	Kirk Session meeting	Calderbank	7pm
Saturday 18 th Nov	Christmas Fayre	Calderbank	11am-1pm
Saturday 25 th Nov	Christmas Fayre	Cairnlea	10am
Sunday 26 th Nov	Joint service at (no service at Calderbank)	Cairnlea	11am
Tuesday 28 th Nov	Vintage messy church	Clarkston	10am-11.30am
Sunday 3 rd Dec	Messy Church	Calderbank	2pm-3.30pm
Sunday 3 rd Dec	Carol service for Airdrie in conjunction with Salvation army	Cairnlea	6pm



Longest Day

Do not call me hero,
When you see the medals that I wear,
Medals maketh not the hero,
They just prove that I was there.

Do not call me hero,
Now that I am old and grey,
I left a lad, returned a man,
They stole my youth that day.

Do not call me hero,
When we ran the wall of hail,
The blood, the fears, the cries, the tears
We left them where they fell.

Do not call me hero,
Each night I stop and pray,
For all the friends I knew and lost,
I survived my longest day.

Do not call me hero,
In the years that pass,
For all the real true heroes,
Have crosses, lined upon the grass.

Rob Aitchison

Flower Rota



5 th November	Campbell, Helen & Stuart MacIver
12 th November	Miss C Ramsay
19 th November	Family of Mr McIntyre
26 th November	Mrs S Blair
3 rd December	Mrs Jean Cunningham

Door Duty Rota

5 th November	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
12 th November	Mr J Currie	Mr D MacIver
19 th November	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
26 th November	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
3 rd December	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
3rd December 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 **29th November 2023** at the
latest.

Thank You

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