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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends

With the schools back and September around the corner, we resume a number of gatherings which eased off over the summer. I myself am back into the schools (as are the children and staff!) Start up again, but I hope always a bit more than just same old! And we are also due to hear in September the beginning of how our Presbytery sees the future of our churches. Many parts of the country are further down on the line on that, so it will be helpful to hear how the more local thinking is going.

In Sunday services over the summer – and I’m not saying quite yet that Summer is finished (!) – I have taken at least myself and I hope some of you too into fresh pastures. I haven’t often preached on the book of Proverbs and even less often on the Song of Songs, for all that there are famous one-liners in both books. I approached it by joining in also Ecclesiastes. The name of Solomon is linked with all of these books, because classically Solomon was wise and the books in different ways take up the quest for wisdom – i.e. thinking well and thinking hard. The great thing is that as throughout the Old Testament, “thinking” is about being grounded. It’s about real life issues – thinking through (as in Proverbs) what we are attracted to and drawn by; also are we seduced too often by the wrong things? Or thinking through (as in Ecclesiastes) whether we have false expectations of where happiness lies? Or thinking through (as in Song of Songs) how love works and what love truly is about, especially given that that word “love” can be used to mean so many different things.

Jesus has put it out to people that they should “repent” – turn around, turn to face in a different direction, turn to Christ himself. Let nothing we do just be same old.

Yours, Peter

Bell Tower work

Essential work has taken place to re-point the stone work on the bell tower after discovering the water ingress was due to years of weathering. Fortunately, Presbytery approved this work fairly quickly and work started within 10 days. This should make the vestibule area watertight before the “summer” ends! The overall cost including vat is £11,640. We plan to claim back 15% of Vat through the places of worship VAT refund scheme and we were successful with a grant of £2500. This means we are looking at a cost of £8000 from our funds.



4C Churches

Representative of the 4C Churches met in July – Cairnlea, Calderbank, Chapelhall and Clarkston. As well as touching up a response to the Presbytery on questions which were asked of us (nothing back yet from them!), there was a thought to start sharing events as and when. So these are offered to the 4C Churches for this coming month. You may like to go!

Chapelhall has two events run by its Guild in September – a dedication service on Sunday 10th September at 10 am, a Social on 29th September at 7 pm.

Calderbank shared how we host a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th September, 11 am till 1 pm.

Clarkston had a Community Fun Day in late August. It hosts a Messy Church, for any children and accompanying adults, on Tuesday 12th September, 5 till 7 pm.

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

FAITH
is like Wi-Fi,
it's invisible but
it has the power
to connect you to
what you need.

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



1

...comes before Habakkuk?

- ☐ Jonah
- ☐ Zephaniah
- ☐ Amos
- ☐ Nahum

2

...is the last book of the Old Testament?

- ☐ Malachi
- ☐ Zechariah
- ☐ Revelation
- ☐ Micah

3

...comes after 2 Chronicles?

- ☐ Esther
- ☐ 1 Kings
- ☐ Ezra
- ☐ Job

4

...comes after Job?

- ☐ Ezra
- ☐ Psalms
- ☐ Proverbs
- ☐ Esther

5

...comes before Daniel?

- ☐ Isaiah
- ☐ Joel
- ☐ Jeremiah
- ☐ Ezekiel

Do you know your Books of the Bible?

6

...comes after Hebrews?

- ☐ Revelation
- ☐ 1 Peter
- ☐ Philemon
- ☐ James

7

...is the 1st book?

- ☐ Matthew
- ☐ John
- ☐ Genesis
- ☐ Psalms

8

...comes five books after Hosea?

- ☐ Obadiah
- ☐ Amos
- ☐ Haggai
- ☐ Micah

9

...is the 10th book of the New Testament?

- ☐ Ephesians
- ☐ Galatians
- ☐ Colossians
- ☐ 2 Corinthians

10

...comes three books before Proverbs?

- ☐ Job
- ☐ 2 Chronicles
- ☐ Esther
- ☐ Nehemiah

News of the Guild

Cairnlea

We are invited to the opening of Cairnlea Guild on
Monday 11th September at 1.30pm

Dedication of Calderbank Guild

The Dedication of our own Guild will take place on Sunday
8th October.



Calderbank Opening Social

The opening social will be held on Monday 9th October at
1pm.

Monthly Communion

Every month at Cairnlea there is a Communion service - usually on a Wednesday evening. However, in September it's arranged for a Sunday afternoon! The thought is that perhaps there are some who might prefer that to an evening – not to mention some perhaps for whom it's difficult to get to the morning service. Might you like that?

It will be short, maybe around half an hour long. And to add to its specialness, if you are able to stay on, there will be a light afternoon tea served.

Please, do come! And do encourage anyone for whom a half-hour service in the afternoon might be just the thing! The date is Sunday 17th September, at 3 pm. Cairnlea Church is fully accessible.



Calderbank 1st Boys Brigade started back on Tuesday the 29th of August. It will be on every Tuesday night from 6pm until 7:30pm.



Brownies*

The Brownies started back on Wednesday 30th August. If you are a young lady aged 7-10 then why not pop along between 7pm and 8.30pm and join in the fun?

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session will meet on Thursday 21st September at 7pm.



Holiday Club

Thank you again to everyone who gave time, effort, donations of food and prayer to our summer Holiday Club! We had a strong team and were very thankful for the children who came and clearly enjoyed coming. It was a “cosmic quest” – to know the famous verse John 3:16 and to see through the lens of creation, and Jesus’ taking his disciples through a storm and Jesus’ healing of Jairus’ daughter, and Jesus’ story of the father who had two sons, and Jesus noticing and transforming the life of Zacchaeus – to see what God’s love for the world has accomplished and what all He promises. May that Word take root.



News of the Church Family



Weddings:

On Saturday 12th August, David Findlay and Catherine Buchanan

On Sunday 20th August (visiting from the Glasgow Church of Christ), Adam Birr and Giselle Menendez.



Wedding thanks

Many thanks for the cards, gifts and best wishes on the occasion of our wedding.

It was a very enjoyable day and appreciate everyone's help and support with our preparations for our special day

Catherine & David Findlay

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to Glasgow in September with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK and Ireland chain of events).

We are also holding 3 more services across Scotland if you are unable to attend this one (Inverness, Edinburgh and Dunblane).



Saying Goodbye

When a baby is lost, whether during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, it is a devastating experience for the parents and the extended family.

Sadly for people that lose prior to 24-weeks gestation, services to commemorate the life that has been lost are seldom held, while for parents who lose later in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, the parents are usually in the depths of grief when a service is held.

The Saying Goodbye services are the first international set of remembrance services, for people who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage, and whether that be recently or decades ago. They provide a time and place to acknowledge and remember your baby, whilst collectively 'saying goodbye'.

The services also welcome anyone grieving the fact that they have been unable to have children.

The services are for people of any faith or no faith, are free to attend, no tickets need to be booked, and people are invited to bring family, friends and children with them. Held at cathedrals and similar venues across the globe, chosen for their beauty and grandeur, a wonderful tribute is created for all lost babies.

Together we will stand and say, 'our children may have only been on this earth for days, weeks, months or years, but they were truly loved, and will always be missed!'

16th September 2023 | 11.00am | Glasgow Cathedral, Glasgow

For up to date service details, please see www.sayinggoodbye.org

The Mariposa Trust is the charity that runs the Saying Goodbye services, and is supported by wonderful Ambassadors including Professor Robert Winston, Nigella Lawson, Jools Oliver, Mary Nightingale, Kym Marsh, Caroline Quentin, Julie Etchingham and Professor Lesley Regan.



THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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BAPTISM

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ISRAEL

JERUSALEM

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MESSAGE

MOSES

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PRAYER

RESURRECTION

REVELATION

SALVATION

SAVIOR

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TEMPTATION

WATER

The sad side of September

September 1, 1939, was a dark day for the world. It was on this day that Hitler invaded Poland, consequentially beginning World War II.

September 2, 1666, was a terrible time for the city of London. A raging fire broke out within the older section of the city, completely destroying all it touched within the ancient Roman walls. What's most surprising about this tragedy is that there were only 6 recorded deaths!

September 11, 2001, changed the shape of the world forever. It was on this fateful day that the worst terrorist attack on US soil happened when four commercial airliners were hijacked. Two of the planes were flown straight into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, and another was crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crash-landed into a field in Pennsylvania after the passengers of the flight attempted to regain control of the plane from the terrorists.



I pray that despite the difficulty surrounding us that we can stand firm in our faith. I pray we can share the love of Jesus with all those around us and that the lies and the schemes of the enemy will not prevail. I lift the people who don't know you, I pray you would bring people into their lives that can bring truth to their hearts and hope for their souls. Thank you for your peace, Lord and thank you that we can come to you and you meet us right where we are.

In your name we pray, Jesus, amen."

Heidi Vegh



Facts of September



September begins on the same day of the week of just one other month, December.

September 17th is an incredibly important day for the US, as it was on this day in 1787 that the US Constitution was adopted. If it weren't for the Constitution the US could be an incredibly different country today, with far fewer civil liberties!

While it shares the first day, the month does not end on the same day of the week as any other month.

September is graced with having two different birth flowers. The two flowers are the vibrant aster and the beautiful yet resilient morning glory. The significance of both flowers is actually very similar, with the aster being said to represent love, while the morning glory represents affection.

September only has one birthstone though, but with a stone like this, who needs another? The stone I'm talking about is the majestically vivid sapphire. With its deep blue tones, this precious stone is said to represent the wisdom of the gods, purity, and trust. Sapphires were once worn to protect the wearer from both poisoning and other evils.

Those born in September are brought into this world under one of two star signs. If you were born before September 23rd, you're considered to be a Virgo. If you're born on the 23rd or later, you're a Libra. Virgos are said to be analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal. Libras, on the other hand, value harmony and diplomacy, and are said to be both intelligent and kind.

The first newspaper to ever be put into print in the US was published on September 25, 1690. The paper was called Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick and was published in Boston. The newspaper was to be rather short-lived, as the British were displeased with its contents and put a stop to it straight away.

September is a bit of a funny month when you think about it. The middle of the year has passed already, but it's too soon to start thinking about Christmas.

The end of Summer is upon us. Officially, Summer ends on the first day of Fall, which is around the 22nd September. With the end of summer comes longer nights, colder weather, changing leaves, and snow. But we've still got few weeks left of warm, sunny weather! To help see us through the changing of the season, here are some end of summer quotes to help us say goodbye to one of our favourite seasons.

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye"-Unknown

"It's always summer somewhere"- Lilly Pulitzer

"Summer's lease hath all too short a date"- William Shakespeare

"Summer should get a speeding ticket"- Unknown

"The end –of-summer winds make people restless" – Sebastian Faulks

"When the winter comes, the summer shines infinitely in our hearts"

- Henry David Thoreau

"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter"

-Mehmet Murat Ildan



1.Nahum 2. Malachi 3.Ezra 4. Psalms 5.Ezekiel 6. James 7.Genesis 8.Micah 9. Ephesians 10. Esther

Dates for the Diary

Every Tuesday	Boys Brigade	6pm until 7.30pm
Every Wednesday	Brownies	7.00pm until 8.30pm
10 th September	Chapelhall Guild Dedication	10.00am
11 th September	Cairnlea Guild Opening Social	1.30pm
12 th September	Clarkston Messy Church	5.00pm until 7.00pm
21 st September	Kirk Session	7.00pm
29 th September	Chapelhall Guild Opening Social	7.00pm
30 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning	11.00am until 1.00pm
4 th October	Shine Concert Group	7.30pm
8 th October	Dedication of Calderbank Guild	09.30am
9 th October	Calderbank Opening Social	1.00pm until 2.30pm

Flower Rota



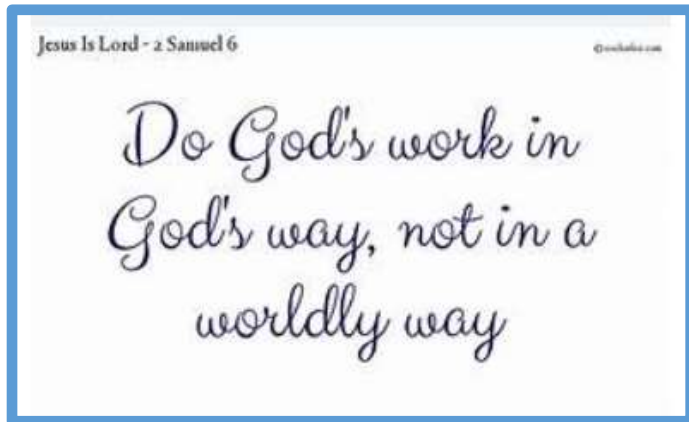
3 rd September	Mrs M Crawford
10 th September	Mr & Mrs K MacIver
17 th September	
24 th September	Mrs Margaret McIntyre
1 st October	Mrs E Gowns

3 rd September	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
10 th September	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
17 th September	Mr J Currie	Mr D MacIver
24 th September	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
1 st October	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan

Door Duty Rota



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you would like to share please send to the

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latest.

Thank You

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