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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald

Dear friends

Over in Ayrshire I saw a billboard advertising a “Holy Fair”. I didn’t get the detail but I know as a historian these were a thing in days past, and perhaps with all the Robert Burns associations in Ayrshire, that’s where the notion came from. It translated historically into the Glasgow Fair and so on – a holiday period. For holiday as a word came from “holy day”, recalling the tradition that when the church marked special days, people would enjoy time off work.

All this history, but now I suggest we think of “holy days” as any day. And I mean by that, allow each day to be holy because it is the gift of God, and God offers Himself to come close to us. Through the Old Testament that only happened around the worship place and with priests doing their bit; but since Jesus came, and ever since, we should have a sense that ordinary days matter alongside the Sabbath. The best of relationships grow around the dinner table, or in the kitchen, or out for a walk. So it is with you and I relating to God. And church is you and I regularly touching base with “the wider family”.

As we have faith, we have been called to live lives open to the blessing of God. God has spoken so as to shape who we are and to open our eyes to God’s purpose to bring all things together under Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10). And since we have been reached out to and touched by the grace of God (the power at work for our salvation – Romans 1:16), I hope that you like me can rejoice that He gives us direction for our living. Our days can be “holy”, in that every day we rise from our sleep, the first good Word to us is “I will be with you”.

He will be with us in work and in leisure, in times of rejoicing and in times of sadness. He has known us from within the womb. In His arms we die. And one day we shall see Him face to face.

And for now, let’s hope we can enjoy some summer days!

Peter

Presbytery Planning

The Presbytery met in June, which was just the second time since it re-formed into this much larger body called “Forth Valley and Clydesdale”. We were informed that planning meetings are running behind time, but more information will be released at the end of the summer, and a series of Presbytery meetings will then take place to make decisions in October into early November. The challenging issue is how to allocate ministries in the foreseeable future, since the current set-up has too many congregational charges for the number of Ministers available. And then there is also a drive to rationalise the Church’s building stock across the country, which is anticipated to mean closures and disposals of buildings.

The Kirk Session sent in its initial reports as required. We continue to await the next stages.



Summer Worship

Our morning services over the summer will be putting into conversation the Ten Commandments and the fruit of the Spirit (Exodus 20 and Galatians 5). We’ll take a short break from evening services for July and August.

Remember you can always catch up on services that you have missed by searching for the YouTube channel, “Cairnlea and Calderbank”.



Congratulations to Miss Isa Hamilton who celebrates her 99th birthday on the 12th of July

We hope you have a very happy birthday.

Family Boxes

Can these be handed in any time in August please?

Guild Outing

The Guild hopes to go to Ayr on Saturday 3rd September. Anyone wishing to go please let me know.

Shine Youth Theatre Group

We are delighted to announce that the Shine Touring Group will entertain us on Wednesday 26th October. Tickets will be £5 which will be available soon.

Do come with all your friends. It is always a great night.

Door Duty Rota

3 rd July	Mr D Stewart	Mr D MacIver
10 th July	Mrs Joan McPhee	Mr Archie Bryden
17 th July	Mr David Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
24 th July	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
31 st July	Mr D Stewart	Mr D MacIver
7 th August	Mrs Joan McPhee	Mr Archie Bryden
14 th August	Mr David Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
21 st August	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
28 th August	Mr D Stewart	Mr D MacIver
4 th September	Mrs Joan McPhee	Mr Archie Bryden



TO all the people of Calderbank Church:

I wanted to write more formally to you to thank you for my gifts when I finished placement with you. It was very much appreciated. I did not expect anything, but it was lovely of you to think of me in the way you did. Saying thanks really does not seem adequate for your kind thoughts but I am most grateful to you all. The social night was also very thoughtful and very enjoyable (as was the number of cakes provided during my time with you!). I really enjoyed being with you and it was great to meet so many lovely people and gain wisdom and insight from Peter. I will always remember this and keep a place for you all in my heart. There is a real community spirit about Calderbank and the friendly chats I always had with you all was my favourite part of the placement. I will miss those Sunday morning updates from the pews about how you are all keeping. I will also miss the “boys’ nights” and the other wonderful occasions I have spent with you. I will however keep you updated on my time in London and in Strathaven in the autumn. In the meantime please look after yourselves and keep doing what you are doing. The church needs committed people like you all, with your passion and belief in God. I leave you with a verse from Matthew’s Gospel which I think sums up your service to others:

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

With love and God’s richest blessing for the future,
David.



What a wonderful sunny day we enjoyed for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We raised the superb sum of £1300. £650 of this went to ST Andrews Hospice and £650 went to the Ukrainian Disaster Appeal.

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support us and to the wonderful team of workers who made it such a success.

The raffle tickets alone raised £540 !!!!!!!

The lucky Prize winners were

Platinum Prizes

1 st Prize	Kelly McAdam
2 nd Prize	Alistair Dunlop
3 rd Prize	Isobel Brown



Other Prize winners were

Neil Pryce
Robbie Cameron
Christine Edmonson
Rae Smith
Irene Allison

Shona Gillies
Ross Maciver
Sylvia Irvine
Elizabeth Dalzell
Coleen Golle



News from Church of Scotland

HELP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Church of Scotland congregations and individuals have donated £397,535.65 so far to help support the humanitarian response co-ordinated by Reformed Churches in Hungary and Ukraine.

In a letter of thanks to the Church of Scotland, the Presidium of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia wrote: "Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ "In recent times, many organisations, churches and individuals, both known and unknown, have lent a helping hand to our church here in Transcarpathia.

"Our congregation and our institutions have offered shelter for hundreds of refugees (internally displaced persons) whom we could not have cared and provided for on our own.

"Thank you for your compassion - expressed through your generous donations – with the refugees who might never have experienced the providence and love of God if they had not been put in this situation.

"Many have witnessed their faith among us and many have understood and embraced the authenticity of love they experienced.

"We are grateful that we could and can show hospitality to them together with you."



mega makers!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY CLUB!

When? Monday 25th July – Thursday 28th July
10.30 – 12.30pm

Where? Calderbank Parish Church

Who? All children P1 – P7 welcome

This is set to be a fun filled week of crafts, games, stories, and adventure...

To sign up for this free week and to ensure your space is reserved you can:

- Scan the following QR code which will take you to the online form





As always, we are appealing to the members of the congregation to help with our holiday club venture. This year, we are hosting once again in our own building, and we hope to host around 30 children.

To make this possible we are asking for donations of:

- Individually wrapped biscuits
 - Crisps
 - Bottled water
- (All donations can be given to Joyce or Joan)

We also ask you to please keep the volunteers, families, and children of this venture in your prayers.

We look forward to keeping you all updated on the progress and success in the coming months!

God Bless

The Holiday Club Team!



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IN THE
COMMUNITY**



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FOOTBALL BOOT SWAP SHOP



RECYCLE YOUR BOOTS NOW

Needing a bigger size of boot for the new season?
Hand in your old boots and swap for a bigger size, or simply
help your local community football clubs whilst tackling
your carbon 'boot' print by handing in your unused football
boots to be recycled back into the community.

Boots can be handed in to our HQ at 29 Graham St
(opposite Airdrie Health Centre)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 10am & 2pm

To arrange any other drop off times and for
any general enquiries please e-mail
diamondsitc@hotmail.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK





Aside from any travel or days out which I hope if you're able you will take up, we have a variety of things planned over the summer. Some guest speakers, which started with folk from Comfort International at the end of May; a Holiday Club for children in the last week of July; and on Sundays, I hope a plentiful sense of the work of the Holy Spirit – “be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.” (Ephesians 5: 18-20)



HAPPY 60th anniversary

A big congratulations to George and Greta McIntosh who celebrate 60 years of marriage after being married on 13th July 1962 in Slamannan Parish Church.

The family have shared a picture of the happy couple surrounded by loved ones some of whom are sadly no longer with us.



George & Greta, your family want you to know that you are much loved. Your Calderbank Church family also hope you have a fantastic day and send you lots of love and good wishes.

Enjoy your special day aboard the P&O Britannia cruising the Mediterranean .



28 Bible Verses to READ THIS SUMMER

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| ☐ Genesis 1:3 | ☐ Isaiah 18:4 |
| ☐ Genesis 8:22 | ☐ Psalm 107:8-9 |
| ☐ Psalm 74:17 | ☐ John 4:14 |
| ☐ Proverbs 10:5 | ☐ Matthew 11:28-30 |
| ☐ Luke 21:29-33 | ☐ Psalm 84:11 |
| ☐ Song Of Solomon 2:12 | ☐ Psalm 93:4 |
| ☐ James 1:17 | ☐ Isaiah 40:8 |
| ☐ Proverbs 6:6-8 | ☐ Jeremiah 17:8 |
| ☐ John 14:3 | ☐ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 |
| ☐ Psalm 89:35-37 | ☐ Colossians 3:2 |
| ☐ Judges 5:31 | ☐ Ephesians 4:32 |
| ☐ Psalm 113:3 | ☐ Jeremiah 29:11 |
| ☐ Matthew 13:43 | ☐ Hebrews 13:8 |
| ☐ Revelation 7:16 | ☐ Psalm 37:4 |

FOOTBALL MEMORIES GROUP



AIRDRIE WORKMENS CLUB - 11:30 to 1PM FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

For individuals living with memory issues, such as Dementia or for those living in social isolation. Meet up with fellow football fans and relive stories of your favourite football stars and games.



Half-time pie with tea, coffee or bovril provided.

Interested? just pop along and join us.

Event is free but donations are welcome.

e-mail us at diamondsirc@hotmail.com for enquiries

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Flower List



3rd July	Mrs Ann Burns
10th July	Miss Shona Gillies
17th July	Mrs Jean Kinniburgh
24th July	Jim & May Ramsay
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The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
4th September



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 **22nd August 2022** at the latest.

Thank You

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