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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald

Dear friends,



This last month saw a number of momentous events, and not least the death of our late Queen. We marked this both in the service on 11th and by some of us coming together to watch the national service hosted at St Giles' in Edinburgh.

The Queen always invited a sequence of Ministers to Balmoral over the summer, which meant their preaching in Crathie Kirk, and since no-one was to go more than once (obviously no scores out of 10 were to be public!), I was privileged to do this back in 2007. Aside from the many stories this left me with, I do remember what I spoke of, and I recollected this at a recent Boys' Brigade gathering. For that year I spent the weekend as the Queen's guest at Balmoral was also one of the years I acted as Chaplain to "KGVI" – a Boys' Brigade course for young officers. And therefore, I spoke about the Boys' Brigade in my "children's" address at Crathie.

For myself then, but of course the world heard of this repeatedly, I learned how the Queen's personal faith clearly counted with her. And so, in recent years she has talked, for example, about Jesus Christ as her "inspiration and anchor". The anchor, such a strong symbol for Boys' Brigade, comes as picture in Hebrews chapter 6. Importantly it is not an anchor from a boat let into water, but a rather strange anchor which connects with what goes on behind the curtain of the heavenly Temple. In the holiest place, where God is enthroned, Christ as it were securing an anchor, "sure and steadfast" in the old translations. Lest we drift, lest we make ourselves too vulnerable to being swamped or broken apart, the thing about Christ's anchor is that it will not move. His promise to take us with him into even the heavenly places is a promise he will keep. And, just as importantly, he gives himself to anchor the living out of our days as a people of hope, as a people who can and should serve God.

"Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep His promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing..." (Hebrews 10. 23-25) I give thanks that our late Queen both held that hope and grew through it, and no doubt as she saw society drifting, was clearly determined to speak out loud about her hope, about her "anchor" at the same time as she, sinful though she was like any of us, sought to be faithful through and through, in deeds as well as in words.

May others say of us too that our faith clearly meant everything.

Yours, Peter

Reading the Bible Together

At present just at Cairnlea, I run a Bible Study group, and we have begun together reading the book of Revelation! Anyone is welcome. A summary version is also made available online, via our YouTube channel "Cairnlea and Calderbank". I'm more than ready to do something like this live at Calderbank. Do speak up if you would like that!





Prompts for Prayer

Those who manage along to the main Sunday service will be receiving prompts for prayer to take them through the month of October. We are very keen to make this available to anyone – it's a simple but rather lovely two sheets, produced with the help of the Minister's current student, Mhairi Phillipson – so please do ask for that, and we can get one to you.

Messy Church

Our pattern is to meet week by week at 9.30 am on a Sunday morning. We had a great Messy Church in September, and the next one will be in November.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you for so beautifully decorating the church for Harvest. Although it was the holiday weekend, and numbers were slightly down, we were glad to have this time of annual thanksgiving. Also, people generously offered donations to Comfort International — which supports education and recovery programmes for people in a number of central African countries. The sum of £245 was donated, and as we understand it, the value of that will be increased by 50% thanks to a national donor. That money will go far! Thank you.



Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 9.30am on Sunday 30th October.

Watching Live



Services broadcast from Cairnlea can be watched live or later on the YouTube channel, "Cairnlea and Calderbank".

Shine Youth Touring Company

The Shine Youth Touring Company is back and will come to our church on Wednesday 26th October at 7.30pm.



Tickets will be £5.00

Boys' Brigade

The 1st Calderbank started up again and has welcomed three new boys, while losing one who has moved up to the Company section. While boys pay an enrolment fee plus a small weekly donation, the Company will flourish by having some further funds to enable both a full-on programme and an occasional treat outing. Therefore, we are having a Beetle Drive on Tuesday 11th October!!

This is for anyone, indeed we would love lots of people to come, so please put it in your diary. There will be refreshments (donations of baking will be most welcome!).



Boys' Brigade Service

On Sunday 2nd October at 7pm the Airdrie, Coatbridge and District Boys Brigade Battalion will hold a Communion Service in our church to celebrate and give thanks for continuing Christian fellowship. This is the first event in the Battalion Centenary Session, and you are all invited to attend with tea afterwards in the hall.



Christmas Fayre



The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 26th November from 11am to 1pm with all the usual stalls, teas and cakes.

Toy Fayre



We will hold a Toy Fayre on Saturday 29th October from 11am to 1pm with lots of lovely new toys Justin time for Christmas. There will also be teas/coffees and biscuits.

Children in Distress Shoe Box Appeal

If anyone would like to take part the <u>leaflets are in the hall and</u> boxes should be ready for collection by 8th November.

Boxes will be made up for babies, children and OAP's. Suggested contents include:

Unopened toiletries Toothbrush/Toothpaste Soap/Flannel Colour Books /Crayons



Balloons Small Toys Pens/Pencils Glove/Scarf/Hats

On Sunday 9th October, at 2 pm

Come and enjoy some lovely music on a Sunday afternoon flute, clarinet, piano, and even harmonium!

Refreshments will be served.

Free entry, though donations will be happily received.



Family Box Scheme

The family boxes/smarties' tubes raised £321.03 for Church funds. Thanks to all who contributed. The next collection will be in November.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

1926-2022

The news of Queen Elizabeth's death came with a stunning photograph.

After the Queen died at age 96 on Thursday 8th September, the palace shared the announcement of her passing on Twitter and Instagram with a stunning black-and-white portrait of the longest-reigning British monarch, taken more than 15 years ago as she celebrated a major milestone.

The portrait was taken at Buckingham Palace in February 2006 for the Queen's 80th birthday by late photographer Jane Bown, who was 81 at the time.

Thank you, God, for our faithful Queen, her life of service to you and our nation and her inspiring example of servant leadership. I pray that her family will draw comfort and support from you and the knowledge that the Queen is now with you. I pray that our new King will develop an intimate relationship with you too, so that he can be led by you and serve others as you did. Amen





The summer holidays are over, the leaves on the trees are turning orange, and our online shop is stocked with <u>Christmas cards!</u>

Every day, we reach more than 2.2 million hungry children with Mary's Meals. You can help us keep our promise to these little ones by sending one of our lovely cards or gifts.

From Christmas cards to t-shirts, and pin badges to stove sets... every purchase from our shop helps us serve nutritious school meals to children living in the world's poorest countries.

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What is God's name?

A Christian man had just died and was on his way to heaven. When he got to the gates of heaven he met an angel. The angel asked him what God's name was.

'Oh that's easy,' the man replied, 'His name is Andy.'

'What make you think his name is Andy?' the angel asked incredulously.

'Well, you see at Church we used to sing this song 'Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me.'







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Have you suffered a loss, a significant change or grief in your life? Is this causing anxiety, worry or loneliness? Do you feel overwhelmed, not in control?

Why not come along and join our Adult Seasons for Growth Course – We have 2 courses running over the coming months and these will be held in Cairnlea Church halls:

- Saturday mornings from 10am 12noon for 4 weeks beginning on the 22^{nd of} October
- Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm for 4 weeks beginning on the 1^{st of} November.

Seasons for Growth is a course which helps adults to realise the impact of loss and grief on their lives and focusses on how we process and cope with this change along with helping us to realise we are not alone, and many people experience the feelings and anxieties we may be experiencing.

This course is very much about individual responses to loss and grief and 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.

If you would be interested in finding out more, or you may be interested in attending, please email either Elaine or Angela on the email addresses above.

Kind regards

Elaine Wood

Macmillan Coffee Morning



We had a lovely time at the coffee morning making friends, having a chat and raising the sup erb sum of £1209.65. Many thanks to all who came along to support this worthy cause and to all who helped to make this possible.

A sermon about lying

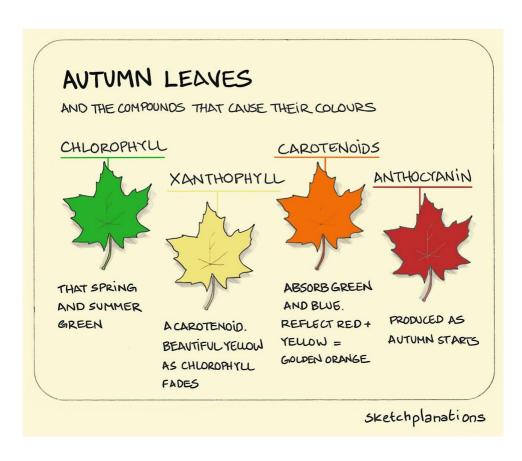
A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon. I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

Guild

The Guild had an enjoyable afternoon at Cairnlea Guild on Monday 26th September with afternoon tea and music from Marjory and Isobel.

Our Guild session commences on Monday 10th October from 1-3pm. Our guest will be Rev, Dr Peter Donald and all are welcome.



Welcome October

New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes.

May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace. May everyday in October fill your days with Hope, Love, Sunshine and Energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.



Autumn - Word Search

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SCHOOL SEASON SEPTEMBER SQUASH THANKSGIVING TURKEY WINDY

Door Duty Rota

2 nd October	Mrs Joan McPhee	Mr Archie Bryden
9 th October	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
16 th October	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
23 rd October	Mr D Stewart	Mr D Maclver
30 th October	Mrs Joan McPhee	Mr Archie Bryden
6 th November	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop

2 nd October	Mrs E Gowns
9 th October	Miss Rae Smith
16 th October	Mrs Gillian & Mrs Betty Thomson
23 rd October	Family of Mr D MacVicar
30 th October	Mrs Ann Burns
6 th November	Campbell, Helen & Stuart MacIver

Flower List



Dates for the Diary



DATE	EVENT
2 nd October	Boys Brigade Communion Service
9 th October	Musical Concert
10 th October	Calderbank Guild Session begins
26 th October	Shine Youth Touring Company
29 th October	Toy Fayre
30 th October	Communion
26 th November	Xmas Favre

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the 6th November 2022



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 **27**th **October** at the latest.

Thank You

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