

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

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To be included in the next edition please pass any items to me by **25th April 2021** at the latest.

Thank You

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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends

I always liked the church sign outside a building that said such and such a church “worships here”. Here they worship, and then they work in various places, and they meet friends perhaps in other places again; they live all over the town, their children / grandchildren go to school here or there, and so on.... Well, for quite a long time now we have worshipped (if we’ve had the technology) spaced out in our own homes, in a degree of social isolation. And now the time is coming when we shall be able to gather together.

We’re all keen that no-one should feel pressured to do anything they are still even slightly unsure about, i.e. for health reasons, but when the time is right, it is an important thing to gather together. We don’t believe that it is each to their own, as far as worship is concerned. For however valuable phone and other means of communication are (especially when we are cut off from one another physically), the importance of seeing how people are, responding, caring, loving, doing some things better together than we can ever do on our own – all this matters.

We put out a card and a little detail about how all this will work, and that is repeated elsewhere in this magazine. Above all, to borrow from Jesus, we have just two priorities, each of them complementary to one another. We are to love God, with all that we have. And we are to love our neighbour as ourself. “Calderbank Church worships here.” That’s a good banner to have above your front door at any time. But it is also now going up again in the Main Street!

Happy Easter!

Yours, Peter

An Easter Prayer

When we are all despairing
when the world is full of grief
when we see no way ahead and hope seems too much a shadow:
roll back the stone.

Although we fear change
although we won’t be ready
although we weep and perhaps rather run away:
roll back the stone.

because they have hoped where hope was vain;
because you call us from the grave, and show the way:
roll back the stone.

(from Janet Morley, Christian Aid – around Mark 16. 1-8)



Foodbank Project

Our foodbank project continues to support many adults and children in our local area and have continued to operate as near a normal service over the past 12 months thanks to our small band of dedicated volunteers. In the past two months, we have been successful in obtaining funding of £11,000 to purchase a new van. Our van is very important to our day-to-day operation and without it we simply couldn’t do our work. We are very much grateful to The Robertson Trust and The Clothmakers Foundation for their support to allow us to purchase our new van.

Cautiously but Securely

Calderbank Church opening up again, and Cairnlea also (when the building works are finished as we hope during April), will allow the Minister and such people as feel ready to come out in person to enjoy experiences of worshipping together. However, we shall still retain the best of what has been offered online during the period of lockdown. Certainly, during April and May, the online services will continue as before (YouTube, "Cairnlea and Calderbank"), with DVDs also freely and readily available, and the dedicated phone line for sermons. Full information is on the Calderbank Church website.



Answers to quiz

- (1). Passover (2). Donkey (3). Cut off his ear (4). 30
- (5). By giving him a kiss (6). Barrabas (7). 3 hours (8). Mary Magdalene
- (9). To establish a fixed date for Easter (10). The Last Supper
- (11). Chile (12). Purple & Yellow
- (13). 9.5 million USA dollars. Faberge winter egg
- (14). Poland with over 1500 eggs from around the World
- (15). Effigies of Judas (16). Thomas (17). Golgotha (18). Halloween
- (19). Lilly, This is said to grow with its head down in honour of Jesus? (20). By Church Bells

Church Update



We are thankful that there is now permission to re-open, and that by following the Guidelines and taking all advised precautions, we can once again meet to worship together!

There is permission for up to 50 of us in total, each household seated at 2m distance from the next.

We shall keep a note of attendances for 21 days, to fulfil "track and trace" requirements.

Face coverings need to be worn, unless you have an exemption.

Regrettably we cannot offer refreshments or time to linger for chat afterwards inside the sanctuary. Social distancing rules will apply.

Please don't come if you are feeling unwell, showing symptoms which could Covid-19. And while we're keen to welcome folk back (of for the first time), we don't want anyone to feel that they are being asked to take risks with their health.

IF AND WHEN YOU COME:

Please enter by the main front door, sanitising your hands there.

Ventilation is important, and some doors may need to be left open. Please wear sufficient clothing!

Offerings will be received in a plate set in the main Aisle, and not uplifted manually.

Last but not least

- The online services will continue (see Calderbank Church website), and with DVD's also freely and readily available, and the dedicated phone line for sermons.
- The arrangements are bound to evolve and change.....

Worship Services online, on DVDs and even by phone



If the internet doesn't work for you, a DVD can be delivered on request (just contact your Elder or Mary Cunningham (761337) direct). Remember, help is on offer to instal or even supply DVD players!

Or there is also the option of phoning an Airdrie number for a recording, just of the sermon – not of the singing and prayers unfortunately. Phone 809232.



Family Box Scheme (and Smartie Tubes)

Because of the difficulty in these times of getting to the shops and getting change, the boxes will be collected by the end of April.

Please contact Joyce for collection.



"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."

Many religions adopted umbrellas and parasols as a part if their ceremonies and processions



The word umbrella comes from the Latin word "umbros" which means shade or shadow



The first working folding umbrella was introduced in 1969



Umbrellas represent an important part of modern fashion



Currently **there are** many [types of umbrellas](#) on the market - traditional, automatic, compact, bubble, storm and crutch umbrellas (they can serve as a walking stick or cane)

A wee bit of news...

For most, lockdown has been a time when things have come to a standstill and nothing new has been happening. However, for me, things got really quite busy. In June/July time last year, after a lot of thought and consideration, I contacted Church of Scotland Head Quarters to enquire about the process for becoming a Deacon.

A calling to ministry of some description has been with me for many years, but I have been a bit like Moses, I have always had an excuse, or I haven't felt confident enough to proceed with the training. I have been very much burying my head in the sand and ignoring those burning bushes that kept appearing.

However, having made the leap to leave teaching in 2019 and join Cairnlea linked with Calderbank, I have been allowed to take some time to explore my faith and deepen my relationship with God. What has also become apparent for me is the joy and motivation I get when I am involved with the local community, reaching out and serving as Jesus did. What highlighted this even more was when it all came to a standstill last March, I was like a lost soul, I knew there was such need and just wanted to be of some help, somewhere!

When I got back into the schools with the Seasons for Growth programme in September/October time last year, it was wonderful, to be able to interact with these children who were really struggling and bring them some time, patience and nurturing was amazing!

This all combined, led me to enter the discernment process in October last year where I served 3 months in a church in Fauldhouse, West Lothian with the Rev. Scott Raby. During this time, I did a lot of reflection, journaling, reading and praying for God to show me the path he wanted me to take and when my Local Interview took place in January, I was feeling confident in my calling to the Diaconate, a calling not to Word and Sacrament as a Full-time minister would enter into, but a calling into Word and Service.

Rosalind Brown, a member of the Anglican ministry who writes about the role of a Deacon in today's world comments that Deacons are often grown out of *'lived experiences of working in a professional or voluntary capacity with people on the margins.'*

When I read this, I immediately connected with it. I have spent so long in my professional career trying to make a difference for people, trying to improve their life chances and turn things around and all along I never felt at peace or fulfilled.

I am delighted to tell you that on Monday 8th March I attended the National Assessment Conference online. A full day of interviews, written exercises and psychological assessments and I found out on the Friday that I had been successful in my application and am now considered a candidate in training for the Diaconate.

My plan is to begin study and placement in September of this year. I do plan to stay in post with Cairnlea and Calderbank as long as I can and I will keep you all posted as I find out how things will develop. Thank you all for your support and encouragement within my post to date, without which, I may not have taken that leap of faith in October!

God Bless

Elaine x





1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
2. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was he riding on?
3. When the soldiers came for Jesus what wound did Peter inflict on the servant of the high priest?
4. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus?
5. How did Judas identify Jesus to the soldiers?
6. Who was surprisingly released before Pontius Pilate sentenced Jesus to death?
7. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
8. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
9. What was the purpose of the Easter Act passed in 1928 by Parliament in the United Kingdom?
10. What came first, Jesus' crucifixion, the resurrection, or the Last Supper?
11. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
12. What colours are associated with Easter?
13. How much did the world's most expensive egg sell for and who made it?
14. Where is the largest egg museum located?
15. Some countries (Mexico, Spain & Greece) have bonfires at Easter. What do they burn on these?
16. Which disciple is not present at Jesus' resurrection?
17. What was the name of the hill that Jesus was crucified?
18. The second largest holiday for eating sweets is Easter. What is the first?
19. What flower is associated with Easter?
20. In French tradition, how are Easter Eggs believed to be delivered to children?

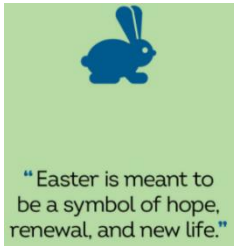
ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND LATER IN NEWSLETTER





Property

As we look to re-open, various fabric works have been carried out. The main item being the replacement of three gas boilers for the heating. We have been fortunate to receive grants of £4000 and a vat refund that will mean the total cost of this work to the Church will be about £6000. The new boilers are higher output than the previous boilers so we hope this will reduce our gas bills by having the heating on for less time also, we have sufficient back up should one boiler fail.



"Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life."

Accounts Auditor

After 16 years of auditing our Church accounts, Christina Ramsay has decided it's time to hand this over to someone else. During this time, our accounts have got more complex. We thank Christina for her hard work and diligence over these years in carrying out this very important duty on our behalf.



It is believed that an Italian baker made a pretzel to look like arms crossed in prayer during the Passover season sometime between 300s and the 600s.

In some European countries, other animals- in Switzerland the cuckoo, In Westphalia the fox. In Australia, the Bilby- brought the Easter Eggs.

The most famous Easter parade is in New York.

More than 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are manufactured each year.

The first Easter eggs were coloured red, in memory of the blood Jesus shed during his crucifixion.

In the 13th century, the church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week. Marking the eggs laid during the week began the custom of decorating eggs.

The World's largest Easter egg hunt took place at the Cypress Gardens Adventure Park in Florida in 2007. The event included 501,000 hidden eggs and nearly 10,000 participants.

Christians began wearing new clothes on Easter in Medieval times to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

E.A.S.T.E.R	
E	Is for Easter , coming soon,
A	Is for angles near the tomb.
S	Is for the stone which was rolled away
T	Is for tomb found empty that day
E	Is for early morning , the women are glad
R	Is for the Risen Lord, no need to be sad.



Presbytery

With the reducing number of charges in the Church of Scotland, Presbyteries are being encouraged to merge or unite . Our own Presbytery, Hamilton Presbytery is currently working towards a merger with Lanark Presbytery to create a new presbytery called Lanarkshire Presbytery. The plan this new presbytery will start from January 2022, subject to approval of the General Assembly in May. It is planned that Presbytery will operate much differently than how it does today and offer more support to local congregations and be less business focussed. We will keep you updated with progress.



FLOWER LIST	
4 th April	Mrs E Gowans
11 th April	Mrs G McIntosh
18 th April	Mrs A Burns
25 th April	Miss C Ramsay
2 nd May	Mrs Rachel Smith
9 th May	Mr & Mrs K McIvor
16 th May	Mrs J Cameron
23 rd May	Mrs M Poole
30 th May	Mrs S Blair

