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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends,

There's a strong passage in Philippians chapter 3 where Paul wrote of being determined to be going in a forwards direction. Conscious of however good the past had been, it had not been everything, and so run through with the wonderful hope of what Christ would yet bring and do, he wrote, "I press on".

Church is and should be about this. It's about strengthening and encouraging each of us as we are able to press on with faith running through our endeavours. We each of us have our work and our ordinary routines, our friends, family. Faith is to play into all of that – trust in the eternal love of God, the compassion of Jesus Christ, the support through prayer of the Holy Spirit. At least once a week we can come at that together, but it is a way of truth for every day. Truth is that which is not to be forgotten.

I hope we might grow in confidence that Christian faith is a gift for anyone. Many around us, perhaps many even in our close circles, have not yet appreciated that. And so the church continues to have a mission to share what faith is about. It matters that we don't keep to ourselves the hope we have in God, the kind of care and forgiveness Jesus lived and died for, and the Spirit's help for human living. If people are blind to this, our task is to help open their eyes to it, in our words and in our actions.

Since I came to Calderbank I have been regularly so delighted to be part of the life of our congregation. People want to participate, want to serve. How good is that! Now, because of a bigger story in the Church of Scotland, we have needed to enter into conversations not just with Cairnlea but also Clarkston and Chapelhall. How can limited ministry options best be deployed? What are we to do with all our buildings? It may be that things will change. Please be assured it will be in consultation with yourselves and with a determination, I hope and pray, not to squander the strengths and gains we have known.

Paul who wrote to the Philippians thinks aloud more than once that we all of us have a limited time here. We can't and won't do everything (and it's not for us to do!), but – to return to where I began – blessed as we have been in the past, going forward in faith is the thing for today. Pray with me that we find the wisdom to negotiate the many challenges. Pray with me that we will "always rejoice" (Phil. 4:4) as we depend on the Lord to guide us.

And for now, we're about to celebrate Easter! Do come and be part of it!

Yours, Peter



CELEBRATING EASTER

It makes sense (for me at least, but I hope for you too!) that we don't duplicate extra services at Easter but rather join up with others – Cairnlea and indeed other congregations besides. So a run of extra services for this most special time in the Christian year has been organised.

On Thursday 6th at 7 pm, we'll have tea/coffee and cake in Cairnlea Hall which will be followed by a Communion service - a variation on the theme of Jesus celebrating the Passover with his friends.

On Friday 7th at 7 pm, we'll have a service for Good Friday to be held in the Baptist Church adjacent to Cairnlea.

On Saturday 8th at 7 pm, in the sanctuary at Cairnlea, a service to mark that day between Good Friday and Easter Day

On Sunday 9th, the celebration of Easter!

- At 9.30 am in our sanctuary at Calderbank
- At 7 pm, to mark the specialness of Easter evening, a service in Cairnlea Church with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper





THE MISSION PLAN SO FAR

So far talks between the 4Cs – Cairnlea, Calderbank, Chapelhall and Clarkston – have reached the stage of us submitting to Presbytery our first thoughts on how to work in the future. There are at least four more stages of approval to go through – not least votes in the Kirk Sessions and congregations! And as the following spells out, a number of things still needing work and clarification. But the proposal, at this stage and in broad terms, is:

- For the two Ministers who will be in post to work as a team – hopefully supplemented by an ordained local Minister and someone with a focused responsibility for growing the church of younger folk and children (*quite a lot to sort out here still*)
- To sustain worship and witness across all four locations, though not necessarily to be doing just as before – for the sake of creating new possibilities to draw new people into the life of faith (*quite a lot to think about here*)
- So that we can do things in a coordinated way, sharing resources, to have a single Kirk Session (*again this will need careful preparation before we get there*)
- So that we can maintain strengths and energy and focus in all the locations, still to keep significant sub-groups who will shape that (*think devolution??*)

So that we can be long-term sustainable, and not draining energy and money into propping up too many buildings, to move towards (a) closing down Clarkston Church though not its Hall, (b) disposing of one of the three Manses, and (c) establishing what in Calderbank and in Chapelhall is best, i.e. do we maintain all the buildings or do we in some way reduce? Or is it possible even to do something quite new? To get anywhere with this, we (Calderbank and Chapelhall) will need to seek some professional advice and imagination. Cairnlea (d) will keep its recent renovations of 3 of its 4 parts of the buildings. Whether Cairnlea's 4th part, the Small Hall, will be demolished, rebuilt, abandoned, reconfigured etc – that is also work in progress. (*looking for advice and imagination, probably from this summer?*)



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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:

1st April
from 10am - 12noon

OR

Tuesday 18th April - 9th May from 7-9pm

Both sessions will be running in Cairnlea House.

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 contact one of the team, details above.

Kind regards

Elaine Wood



Summer Fete

The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 20th May from 11am to 1pm with all the usual stalls, teas and cakes.

Tea Tickets £3.50



DATE	ACTIVITY
1/4/2023	Seasons for Growth
6/4/2023	Communion service – Cairnlea
7/4/2023	Good Friday – Baptist Church
8/4/2023	Cairnlea
9/4/2023 am	Easter – Calderbank
9/4/2023 pm	Sacrament of the Lords Supper - Cairnlea
13/4/2023	Ladies Lunch
18/4/2023	Seasons for Growth
7/5/2023	Coronation Celebrations
9/5/2023	Seasons for Growth
20/5/2023	Summer Fayre



The Kings Coronation Celebration



To celebrate the Coronation of HRH Charles III we invite everyone to come along and join us to celebrate this special occasion on

Sunday 7th May 2023 from 1pm – 3pm.



Tickets are £3.00



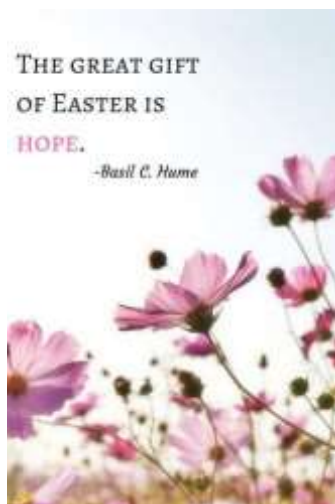
CALLING ALL LADIES !!!!!



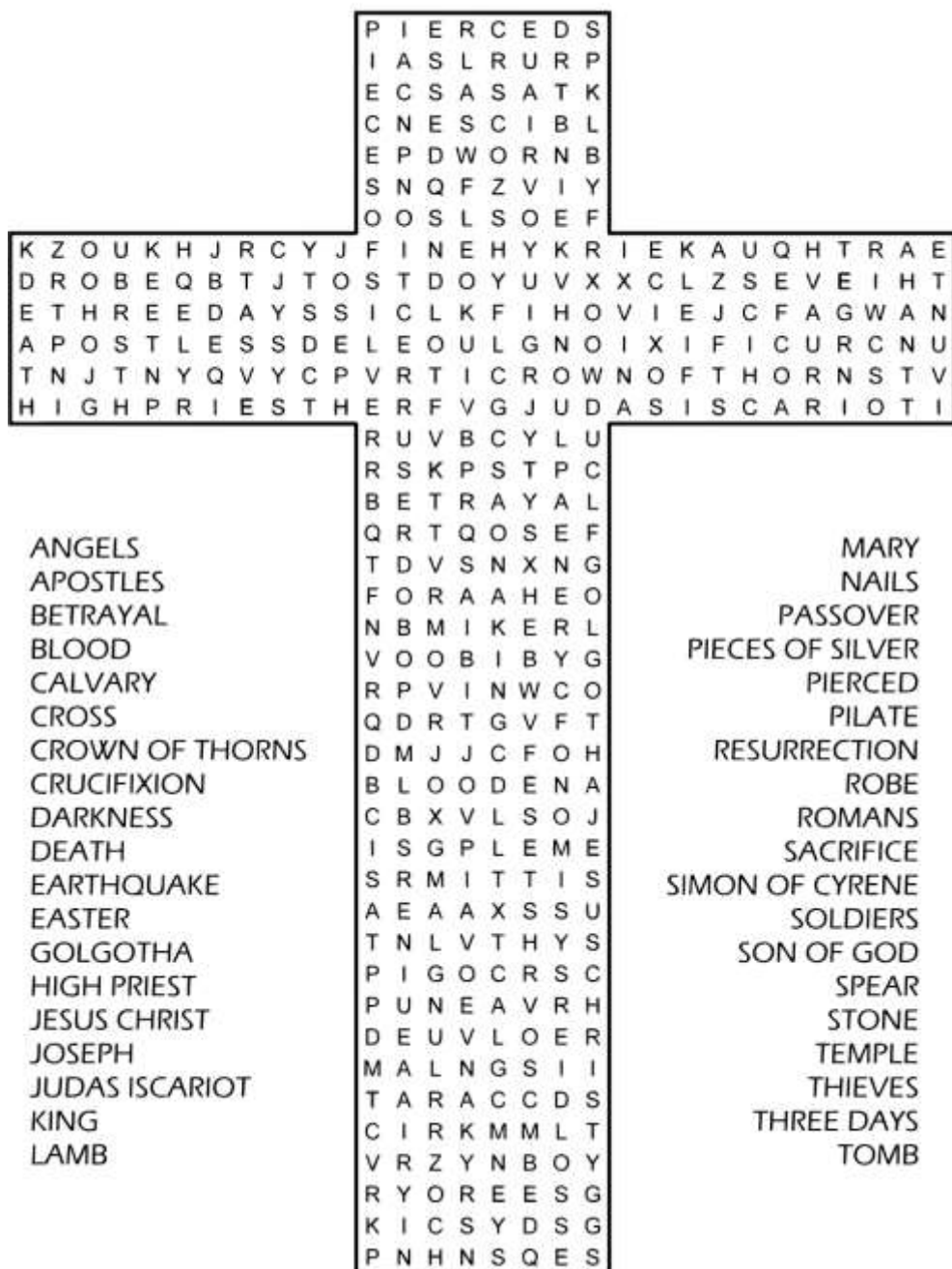
Fancy being a lady who lunches then why not come a long for some fellowship over lunch on Thursday 13th April at 2.30pm in the Tipsy Cow Restaurant, Airdrie.

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 13th.



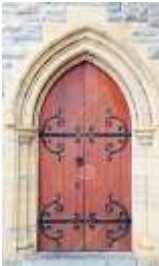
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 APOSTLES
 BETRAYAL
 BLOOD
 CALVARY
 CROSS
 CROWN OF THORNS
 CRUCIFIXION
 DARKNESS
 DEATH
 EARTHQUAKE
 EASTER
 GOLGOTHA
 HIGH PRIEST
 JESUS CHRIST
 JOSEPH
 JUDAS ISCARIOT
 KING
 LAMB

MARY
 NAILS
 PASSOVER
 PIECES OF SILVER
 PIERCED
 PILATE
 RESURRECTION
 ROBE
 ROMANS
 SACRIFICE
 SIMON OF CYRENE
 SOLDIERS
 SON OF GOD
 SPEAR
 STONE
 TEMPLE
 THIEVES
 THREE DAYS
 TOMB

Door Duty Rota



2 nd April	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
9 th April	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
16 th April	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
23 rd April	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
30 th April	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
7 th May	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh



Flower List

2 nd April	Mrs E Gowns
9 th April	Mrs Susan Campbell
16 th April	Mrs Ann Burns
23 rd April	Miss C Ramsay
30 th April	Campbell, Helen & Stuart Mclver
7 th May	Mr & Mrs K MacIver





E is for Each of us. God loves everyone.

A is for A broken world, so He sent His Son.

S is for our Sins that Jesus took away.

T is for the Tomb where He lay for three whole days.

E is for the Empty tomb. The stone was rolled away.

R is for the Risen Lord. Jesus is alive today!



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
7th May 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 **3rd May 2023** at the latest.

Thank You

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