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Dear friends,



I was passed this week a little article from a newspaper which had a very striking quotation: “What sort of freak then is humanity? Judge of all things, feeble earthworm; repository of truth, sink of doubt and error; glory, and refuse of the universe.” Pascal with his strong belief in God, who wrote this almost four hundred years ago, he saw day after day confirmation that on the one hand human beings are marvellously created, and on the other hand they are miserably fallen and in need of redemption.

Four hundred years ago; and now! and in Jesus’ time!... Yes there are some very wonderful human beings. But you and I also have the agony of not beginning to understand what brought this human being or that to do something that has horrified or hurt us. And alas at times we have descended into doing something pretty dreadful. “Who will deliver me from this body of death?” (Romans 7:24)

And so I find myself this year thinking whether we might better share why Easter is so extraordinarily wonderful. Without Jesus being raised from the dead, all we have is a pattern of life having its ups and downs, sometimes good, sometimes not so, and then on occasion, and sadly repeatedly, people and our world being dragged seriously down, and even being dragged down deeper. Jesus entered into this. He entered into knowing the joys of friendship and the satisfaction of being able to make a difference to others and yet at the same time he was entering into a world where some people were so ready to judge him and to be negative and to be making life hard for others around them. Jesus was himself taken into the pits, where lies and violence and denials of responsibility were the order of the day. He suffered and he died. And there was a very black full stop there.

But!!! up from the grave he arose. He was raised from death so that life could become something quite different – more than just ups and downs and continuing tragedy. He was raised that we might live on a new plane; in a new way; with a new sort of hope and peace and trust that actually works.

You and I must not undersell that! Neither to ourselves nor to anyone else. Celebrate Easter and being Easter people!

Yours, Peter

Churches Together

In the big picture of what God is doing, amazing and powerful changes are happening in the churches in Scotland. We are “to set our minds on the things of the Spirit” (Romans 8:6)

One aspect of this is to make a very big thing of celebrating Easter. You are invited to be with fellow believers each day of the week leading up to April 20th:

On Monday 14th in Cairnlea at 7 pm

On Tuesday 15th in Clarkston at 7 pm

On Wednesday 16th in Calderbank at 7 pm

On Thursday 17th in Chapelhall at 7 pm

On Friday 18th in Cairnlea at 7 pm

On Saturday 19th (the Sabbath), to be in waiting

On Sunday 20th (not quite at dawn) at 9.30 am, our Easter Celebration!

These special evening gatherings will not be long, not even an hour, and we will simply gather for worship together. We will share the Lord’s Supper on the Thursday. And then on the Sunday, that’s the day of days!





Roll back the stone.

*When we are all despairing,
when the world is full of grief;
when we see no way ahead,*

Roll back the stone.

*Although we fear change,
although we're not ready,
although we would rather weep:*

Roll back the stone.

*Because we're coming with the women,
that we might find hope where hope was in vain;
because you call us to turn away from the grave so as to take your way,
Roll back the stone.*

Janet Morley, Christian Aid



Huge congratulations to Elaine and Richard who
tied the knot last month



In and Out of School

In Calderbank Primary School this last month as ever, plenty has been happening. But it was especially good that Jacob Ingleson, from the Growing Young Cairnlea Trust, started a Scripture Union group around gaming, which ran for five weeks as a trial. And then as well as ordinary assemblies, the whole school, nursery included, came across to the church for an Easter service before the end of term.

(And the older children shared with Corpus Christi children in joining Scottish Opera to do a performance of a sung piece telling the story of Tam O' Shanter. It was great!)

We look forward to Messy Church on Sunday 6th April in the afternoon and are already in planning for a Holiday Club in July.



Royal Conservatoire
of Scotland

A friend of ours who is a student at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is looking for any old/broken/unwanted musical instruments for a music project. She is going to fix/remake them and use them to make new music.

If anyone has any old instruments that they'd be happy to donate please could you contact me? Anyone who does donate an instrument will be invited to the performance of whatever comes out of the project!

Brigid Donald
07445 834957



Calderbank Church Messy Church 2025

We are holding a Palm Sunday/Easter themed Messy Church on Sunday April 6th from 2-3.30pm in Calderbank Church Hall and we warmly invite you to join us.

All children need to be accompanied by an adult; there will be craft activities for children and adults to do together, and also separate activities for older brothers and sisters who come along as well.

For any further information please contact 07445834957 and please book through

Calderbank Parish Church Facebook page or text to 07445834957



The Inbetweeners

Chapelhall Church has invited you to an even on Monday 28th April at 7.30pm with The Inbetweeners – a musical group from St. Mary's Church, Motherwell.

All are welcome.



Guild



The Guild Session will finish on Monday 7th April with lunch and AGM. Many thanks to all our ladies who attended every week and helped in all our social events and fundraising. We have enjoyed our time together. Some of the ladies are disappointed that our meetings are finished for the summer so maybe we can still meet up.

Thoughts?



8th Airdrie Brownies

We began the month off with two new Young Leaders joining us, one of them being a former Brownie. We made them some welcome cards and played some get to know you games which everyone enjoyed.

The inspirational person we learned about this month was Malala Yousafzai who fought, and still is fighting, for the right to an education for girls/young people. The Brownies were stunned with what she has gone through and done to be able to go to school and made them re-think how they view school.

Mother's Day crafts were made as well with us making flowers where underneath each petal the Brownies had written something meaningful to them about their Mum. They also made little fold up cards for whoever is a mother figure in their lives and decorated them. I'm sure everyone who received them, loved them.

Now lets see what April brings!





1st Calderbank Boys Brigade

A big thank you to everyone that supported us at our Beetle Drive and at our Spring Battalion Service during the month – the support and encouragement we received from all the church folk was very much appreciated and helped both events be a massive success. It was especially great to see the sanctuary buzzing with noise and activity from the full range of ages on a Sunday afternoon.

Also, during the month, we had a visit from an ex BB boy who now works with the Royal Navy. His experience living and working in a submarine for over 200 days in a row captivated the boys and he was inundated with questions ranging from his scariest experience to food to the toilet facilities on board! An interesting and informative evening.

Lesley Aitken



Race Night Fundraiser

Many thanks to all who attended the race night in the Albert Bar organised by Colin Fulton and Gordon Logan. It raised £1000 for our church funds.

THANK YOU!



Churches and communities around the world have walked side-by-side to heal injustices and care for creation for 80 years. The Glasgow Kiltwalk is a wonderful way to join the journey.

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This year you'll have the chance to meet fellow walkers from Christian Aid, amidst a celebratory atmosphere, and reach the finish line in Balloch by the beautiful Loch Lomond shores.

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Lauren Petherbridge
Church Engagement and Fundraising Officer
Christian Aid Scotland

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Bible Quiz



- 1: At Christ's crucifixion what did the soldiers place on his head?**

Crown of Nettles
Crown of Thorns
Crown of Jewels
Crown of Thistles

- 2: For what of Christ's did the soldiers cast lots?**

Clothes
Jewels
Donkey
Cross

- 3: For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?**

10
20
30
40

- 4: How did Judas betray Christ?**

By pointing at him
Described him to the authorities
With a kiss
Shook his hand

- 5: Christ was led away to which high priest first?**

Annas
Vitellius
Caiaphas
Josephus

- 6: What was inscribed above the cross?**

Prince of the Jews
King of the Jews
Saviour of the Jews
Captain of the Jews

- 7: When Jesus died, for how long was there darkness over the land?**

3 days
3 minutes
3 hours
3 weeks

- 8: What was the name of the man who requested Jesus' body for burial?**

Nicodemus
Joseph
Philip
Jonathan

- 9: Who of these was first on the scene after resurrection of Christ?**

Simon Peter
Cleopas
Judas Iscariot
Mary Magdalene

- 10: Pilate offered to release one prisoner - which prisoner did the Jews request to be released?**

Jesus
Barabbas
Paul
Barnabas

Caiaphas	Barnabas
With a kiss	Mary Magdalene
30	Joseph
Clothes	3 hours
Crown of Thrones	King of the Jews

What is Easter?

It's not about the eggs to hunt
It's not about a bunny
It's not about brand new clothes
Or candy as sweet as hunny

On this day many years ago
A man named Jesus Christ
Upon a cross for you and me
Gladly gave his life

Not for sins that He had done
Or crimes He must repay
He did it all for you and me
For our sins He died that day

But that's not the end of Jesus Christ
They put Him in a grave
But three days later He rose again
Our sin debt had finally been paid

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs
Dressed up in brand new clothes
Don't think about the Easter Bunny
Think about why Christ arose

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There would be no
Christmas if there
was no **Easter.**

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GORDON B. HINCKLEY

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Easter Word Search

B	M	A	L	M	H	B	B	K	I	N	G	R	N	R
N	O	I	T	C	E	R	R	U	S	E	R	E	O	O
A	P	O	S	T	L	E	S	E	Y	S	C	D	I	O
S	E	C	I	F	I	R	C	A	S	H	J	E	T	S
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APOSTLES
 CHRIST
 CROSS
 CROWN
 CRUCIFIXION
 HOLY
 JESUS
 KING
 LAMB
 LOVE



MARY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 ROMANS
 ROOSTER
 SACRIFICE
 SALVATION
 SAVIOR
 THORNS



DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
6 th April	Messy Church	2-3.30pm	Calderbank Church
14 th April	Holy Monday Easter Service	7pm	Cairnlea
15 th April	Holy Tuesday Easter Service	7pm	Clarkston
16 th April	Holy Wednesday Easter Service	7pm	Calderbank
17 th April	Maundy Thursday Service	7pm	Chapelhall
18 th April	Good Friday Service	7pm	Cairnlea
26 th April	Kilt Walk	TBC	Glasgow

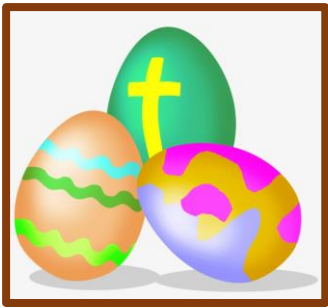


MONTH	CONTENT DUE BY	ISSUE DATE
June 2025	26 th May	1 st June
July/August 2025	30 th June	6 th July
September 2025	1 st September	7 th September
October 2025	29 th September	5 th October
November 2025	27 th October	2 nd November
December 2025/.January 2026	1 st December	7 th December 2025

Door **Duty Rota**



DATE		
6 th April 2025	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
13 th April 2025	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan
20 th April 2025	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
27 th April 2025	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson
4 th May 2025	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh



Flower List

DATE	
6 th April 2025	Eleanor Gowans
13 th April 2025	
20 th April 2025	
27 th April 2025	
4 th May 2025	

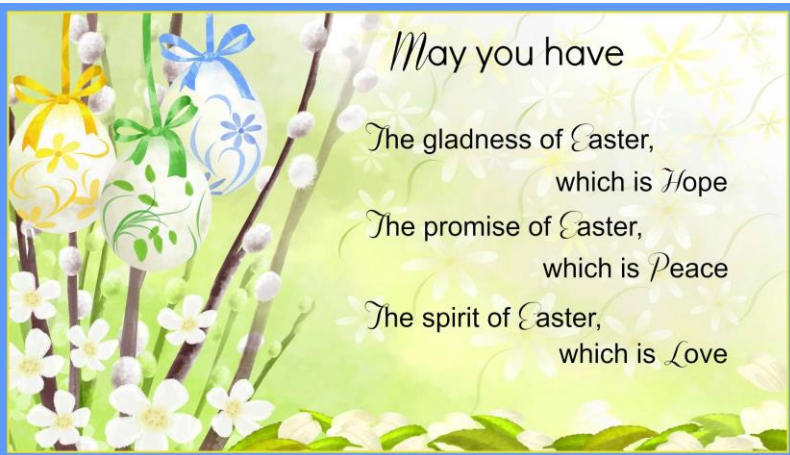




Kelly's
Treehouse

An Easter Promise

My jelly beans tell a wonderful story,
all for God's own glory.
Red is for the blood of God's only son,
Black is for the sins we've done.
Yellow is for the morning
so bright, the day He arose
to make things right.
Green reminds us that He is risen
White is for the
forgiveness we find in Him.
Purple is for Jesus' throne,
Pink reminds me that
I'm never alone.
A bag full of jelly beans,
colorful and sweet.
It's a prayer, a promise,
and an Easter treat.
-Rachel Strickland



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

4th May 2025



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 the 28th April at the latest.

Thank You

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