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Dear friends,

It was so great to have children coming to us just before Easter – a school end of term service in church, and for the oldest children a morning of hands-on learning. Using Scripture Union material we did the washing of feet, the Last Supper, the prayer in Gethsemane, the scene in the public square before Pontius Pilate and the crucifixion.

In a wider framework, Jesus' story was and still is surprising. It is surprising, when we think about it, that God has an interest in humanity at all, given humanity's patent failures and shortcomings. The story of Israel in history was always going to show that in full technicolour (as it does even now!), and yet even out of Israel God could and did work, through Jesus of Nazareth His Son – the Christ promised in the Bible.

And then the detail continues what we should be surprised by and therefore take notice of. A leader figure so ready to humble himself. A religious tradition needing to be reinterpreted and brought alive by Jesus the Jew. The Son of God (!) so wrought with anguish and pain as he prayed in Gethsemane. And then how surprising people can be, what rubbish choices they can make when too many go along with the crowd. And how surprising it was that, despite the prayers in Gethsemane, and despite Jesus' innocence, and despite him having so much to give as long as he lived, that God allowed him to suffer and die.

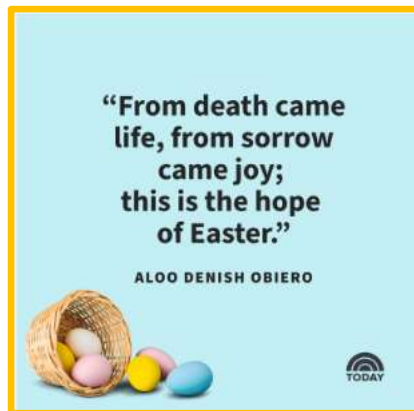
How surprising, and yet so cosmically wonderful, that the One whom God raised from death bore his wounds and died for us. He is therefore the wounded-and-risen Jesus, he is the killed-and-risen Jesus. We all of us need to think about our fears of getting hurt and whether they are well placed. I mean in particular, if we need to clear about what is right and true and good in God's sight, what is it that we are ready to fight for, and to be wounded even in the fight?

I write that, even though I hesitate greatly to use the word "fight": since at present in the world very wrong voices are advocating war in God's name. Let me be clear that I don't see any violence or aggression in Jesus' story, other than that which came from his enemies. But I do take from Jesus courage. I do take from Jesus faith, I do take from Jesus strength to help me through my weakness, and forgiveness to set me on a better path. This is where resurrection should lead us. Read I Timothy chapter 6, verses 11-16.

Yours, Peter

I TIMOTHY 6: vv. 11-16

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.



Worship in April

He is risen! He is risen indeed! And so Easter worship is our joy and strength.
Come on a Sunday at 9.30.

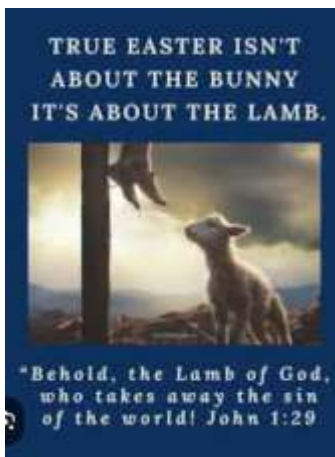
On the last Sunday of April we also celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper.





Spring Fayre

The Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 25th April from 11am till 1pm. All our usual stalls will be there. Tickets priced £4 are now available. We look forward to seeing you there enjoying meeting up with friends and enjoying tea and lovely cakes.



Garden Party

Saturday 6th June from 1pm till 3pm. At our planning meeting last month we came up with some fun ideas. We will have entertainment from a young group from Caldervale School, a bouncy castle, sand treasure hunt, kids dip, sparkly tattoos, chocolate fountain, mocktails, bottle stall, raffles and burgers!! Exciting times ahead!! Tickets will be £4 for adults. Entry for children will be free though they can spend their money on the stalls.





We began on Tuesday evenings in March to follow a course developed and used widely elsewhere called Christianity Explored. It follows readings in the Gospel of Mark, inviting people to think and discuss together, following a short video presentation. As we have found before, there is interest around to do that, and we encourage anyone who wants to taste and see to feel free to come along – it starts up again on Tuesday 14th April at 7.30 pm in Cairnlea. Even if you are joining mid-course, it might whet your appetite for more?



Stated Annual Meeting

Our Treasurer, David Findlay, reported to our Stated Annual Meeting the Accounts for 2025. Our income base is still a little fragile, with incoming funds not meeting current ongoing costs. For the sake of what we might hope to do for mission and our base in the village in time to come, it will be greatly appreciated if you can review and if possible increase your giving. (And bring others along!)

Thank you David, who does a sterling job (or three) on our behalf.

Various things have been happening on the “4Cs” front – including the possibility that the Plan for the future might be slightly different. That will only become clear when the Presbytery meets at the end of April. Meanwhile our Kirk Session is actively pursuing the best options for sustaining our worship and witness.

Please by all means continue conversation on any or all of this
– with the Minister, or your Elder, or with the Treasurer!





At the beginning of March our Anchors brought their friends along for a taster session. Our topic for the event was 'safari', so we went on an animal hunt, pinned the trunk on the elephant and completed various other animal related activities. We had lots of fun on the evening and were thrilled when 2 of the 'friends' decided to join our company.

We were also pleased to welcome 30 Junior's from across the Battalion when we hosted the annual Mind & Creativity competition. Teams of 4 were tasked with creating 'BB in a box'. Each team was provided with a box and various craft supplies and were challenged to recreate a memorable BB experience.

We were ecstatic when our boys placed 3rd with a reproduction of our sleepover last year at Flip Out.

Lesley Aitken Email - 1Calderbank@boys-brigade.org.uk





We'd like to extend our grateful thanks for all the concern shown, cards and flowers received over the past 3 years, and more recently when George (McIntosh) passed. George was a big presence in our lives and is deeply missed by all of us.

Thank you to our Church Family
From Greta and family."



News of Church Family



Death

It is with sadness we announce the death of Mrs Betty Thomson, latterly in Woodside Care Home on the 21st of March. We remember her family and close friends through this sad time.



MONTH	CONTENT DUE BY	ISSUE DATE
May 2026	24 th April 2026	3 rd May
June 2026	29 th May 2026	7 th June
July/August 2026	26 th June 2026	5 th July
September 2026	28 th August 2026	6 th September
October 2026	25 th September 2026	4 th October
November 2026	23 rd October 2026	1 st November
December 2026/ January 2027	23 rd November 2026	6 th December 2026



Growing Young Cairnlea

GYC, as it's known, has a wider focus on reaching children and youth than just within Cairnlea Church. And so they share that they are advertising for someone to fill the post of Children's and Youth Worker. If you can put anyone even just on the path of asking for more information, do contact either Dr Pamela Spence (Ross) or Peter Donald.

Door Duty Rota



5 th April	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
12 th April	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan
19 th April	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
26 th April	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson
3 rd May	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh

Flower List

5 th April	Ann Burns
12 th April	Jean Dunlop
19 th April	Joan Marshall
26 th April	Christina Ramsay
3 rd May	Campbell, Helen & Stuart MacIver



Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
25 th April	Spring Fayre	11.00am	Calderbank
26 th April	Communion	9.30 am	Calderbank
6 th June	Garden Party		Calderbank
7 th June	Church Dedication Service	9.30am	Calderbank



Summary of Fundraising 2025

Transferred to CA:

Via Coatdyke Church account: see below)	£2,403.85	(Various churches and fundraising –
Coatdyke Retiring collection	£ 126.10	
Cairnlea	£ 20.00	
New Wellwynd:	<u>£ 775.00</u>	(Bread and Cheese lunch)
Airdrie Group total for 2025	£ 3,324.95	

Please have this intimated with huge thanks to the members for their ongoing support

Funds via Coatdyke Church account:

1st transfer July 25

High Church	£423.20	
Calderbank	£102.00	
Coatdyke	£237.65	
Jackson	£424.00	
Cairnlea	<u>£294.00</u>	
Transferred	£1,480.85	
2ND Transfer		
Coatdyke		£126.10

3rd transfer Oct 25

Quiz night	£548	
Cairnlea Donations	<u>£ 50</u>	
Transferred	£ 598.00	

3rd Transfer Dec 25

Songs of Praise	£325.00	£325.00
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Total as above **£2, 403.85**

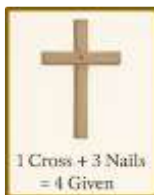
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Easter	Jellybeans	Spring	Bonnet
Basket	Celebration	Candy	Fun
Bunny	Decorate	Hunt	Sunday
Hide	Chocolate	Lily	Parade
Eggs	Flowers	Chick	Lamb



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The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
3rd May



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Please pass any items to be included in the next edition
of the newsletter to me by the 24th April 2026 at the
latest.

Thank You

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