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Dear friends,

As we recover a little from the first onslaught of winter, here first and foremost I send you from Brigid and myself our love and very best wishes for this coming Christmas! May it be fresh as well as a revisiting of what is familiar! May we taken through the sadnesses of those we miss having with us and be renewed by the celebration of how Jesus came and was born and even died for us.

We had a “messy” celebration of Christmas for children and adults at the end of November. For all that we would love numbers to be more, taking a step back we see that again and again we have in effect a second congregation every time we do this. And the craft imaginations and great spirit amongst you who take the lead in Messy Church, I love it! Jacob Ingleson from GYC could step in this time round to lead a little praise and prayer at the end, and that was good to see too.

And so, this week as I write, the messy options are looming for those of “vintage” age along at Clarkston Church (we of course are connected strongly there as a partner congregation), and on the first Sunday of Advent comes the first of a number of special services for the season. I hope that you and others who you might be able to invite will enjoy the specialness of worship through Advent and Christmas. Calderbank also excels in offering hospitality and generosity. Do know that all these invitations to be part of this truly are open.

Last but not least I’ll take the opportunity at the end of 2024 to say a special thank you to Gwenn and David who produce this monthly magazine so beautifully. It’s quite a lot of work and yet so well done – a gift for us all, a gift I hope we enjoy handing on to others to read!

“I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all people” (Luke 2:10). The angels sing! Let’s sing with them!

Yours, Peter





Watchnight Service

The Watchnight Service will be held as usual on Christmas Eve, at 11.30 pm in Calderbank Church.



Christmas Day Service

Worship on Christmas Day is at 10.30 am in Cairnlea Church.



On Sunday 24th November we had our Christmas Messy Church. It was enjoyed by everyone who was there; we had twelve helpers and seven children with four accompanying adults making a congregation of 23. It's easy to be discouraged by falling numbers in our churches, but the families who came on Sunday have come to Messy Church and Holiday Clubs before and are very much known by those involved and Sunday afternoon was a happy time looking forward to Christmas with some fun, fellowship and food.

Jacob Ingleson, the new Youth and Family Worker with Growing Young Cairnlea and Scripture Union was there, and we hope to see more of him.

We are so grateful for the support that we get from the church for Messy Church and the Holiday Club; support in time, money, donations of biscuits, help with producing and putting posters out and especially those who give up their time to help on the day – thank you!



Churches Together

While there isn't this time around a full bulletin on talks between the churches, we are continuing to talk! Trying our best not to evade the more difficult questions and to see what it seems best to aim at, with God's help and grace. Please do pray for the Kirk Session as they take a lead here, but also please anyone should feel able to feed in their thoughts.

In January (or alternatively in warmer weather) we regularly have a pattern on joining up with our neighbours at Corpus Christi too. Arrangements for that are not quite finalised, but we shall keep you informed!



Winter Rhythms

As in previous years, we intend to move our worship services into the small hall for what can be the coldest months of the year – at least once Christmas has been celebrated!

And so, our worship at 9.30 will be in the Small Hall as from Sunday 29th December.



The Christmas Fayre raised the marvellous sum, of £2010!! Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this great effort possible and to all of you who came along to support us.

We could not do this without you.

As we had no room for Bric- a-Brac we hope to hold a coffee morning/Bric- a-Brac in February.



1st Calderbank Boys Brigade



Our first meeting of the month was on Guy Fawkes night, so it only seemed natural to have an evening focused on fire safety! We learned about the different types of fire extinguisher, conducted our own fire drill and then enjoyed some sparklers outside. After which we created mini campfires out of chocolate fingers and jelly tots – yum!

We've also been practicing for some upcoming Battalion competitions. Our Anchor boys entered the 'Minute to Win It' challenge where they were timed completing a number of challenges within a minute. While our Junior boys have been practicing their exercises for the Physical Activities competition and learning to play draughts, dominoes and Connect 4 for the Board Games competition.

We were also very pleased to welcome 2 new boys into our company – an anchor and a junior boy – both have settled in very quickly.

Lesley Aitken

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2nd December

Christmas Carols and verse with friends from Corpus Christi, Cairnlea, Clarkston and Chapelhall.

Lunch is sausage rolls and mincemeat pies.

All are welcome.



9th December

Senior Citizen Lunch. Soup, sandwiches, pies and home baking. Entertainment is by Colin Scougall. If you would like to come along, please give your name to any Guild member.





David McKee, who was a student with Peter a few years ago now, has at last completed his training and is serving now as an Assistant in Strathaven. An ordination service has been arranged so that he can cover all duties of a Minister while there, and it will take place in Jackson Church in Airdrie on Monday 9th December at 7 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Church Flowers

The diary for next year is filling up but there are still dates available.

If you would like to put flowers in the church just let me or Helen know.

Christine 07503219384



8th Airdrie Brownies



DATE	EVENT	Time
2 nd December	Guild Christmas Carols & Verse	1pm
9 th December	Senior Citizen Lunch	1pm
9 th December	David McKee Ordination	7pm
24 th December	Watchnight Service	11.30pm
25 th December	Christmas Day Service	10.30pm



There is a list of people we know
All written in a book.
And every year at Christmas time,
We go and have a look.
And that is when we realise
Those names are all a part
Not of the book they're written in
But deep inside our heart
For each name stands for someone
Who has touched our life sometime
And in that meeting they've become
A really special friend.



Once you've known that "someone"
All the years cannot erase
The memory of a pleasant word
Or of a friendly face.
So never think our Christmas cards
Are just a mere routine
Of names upon a list that are
Forgotten in between,

For when we send a Christmas card
That is addressed to you
It is because your on that list
Of friends we're indebted to....
And whether we have known you
For many years or few,
The Greatest gift that God can give
Is having FRIENDS LIKE YOU.



Thank you to Christina Ramsay for sharing this lovely
verse with us.

Door Duty Rota



DATE		
1 st December 2024	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
8 th December 2024	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson
15 th December 2024	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
22 nd December 2024	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan
29 th December 2024	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
5 th January 2025	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson



Flower List

DATE	
1 st December 2024	Mrs Sadie Blair
8 th December 2024	
15 th December 2024	Mrs Jean Phillips
22 nd December 2024	Jim & May Ramsay
29 th December 2024	







This village we live in is called Calderbank
It's not very big and it's not very swank
But the people who live here are honest and true
Listen and I'll tell it all to you
They're kind to the old folk
They're kind to the young
They're the finest people you could be among
There's a welcome from Main Street, Park Road and Woodhall
And many more streets, I can't mention them all
So let's give a toast to those we love dear
The Calderbank people who live so near

Cathy Stewart





New Year's Ceilidh



The teenagers who meet at Cairnlea on alternate Sunday evenings invite you to a New Year's ceilidh! To be held in Cairnlea Church Hall on Friday 3rd January, beginning at 7 pm. Bring as many folks as you like and dance and chat, or just enjoy the company!

Entrance at the door is £5, with children half-price.

That gives you the music, the venue and your first drink with nibbles!

Funds raised will support what we hope will be a growing group of young people enjoying fellowship.



Guild Calendar

Date	Event
6 th January	Crossreach with Malcolm McIntyre
13 th January	Quiz
20 th January	Burns Lunch- Choir
27 th January	Beetle drive
3 rd February	Police Talk from George Barnsley



The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is something that will begin on Tuesday 7th January, with some refreshments being offered from 7.30 pm in Cairnlea Church. It will run for six Tuesdays in its first tranche, and possibly beyond that, depending on the level of interest.

What is "Alpha"? It is designed to be user-friendly even to people who have been hostile or well outside Christian faith, and at the same time offering potential for people of faith to grow together. An evening begins with tea and coffee; then a video for 15-20 minutes; then a period for discussion of 30-40 minutes. A usual evening therefore should be finished before 9 pm.

As you see from the picture, it aims to open up big questions but without putting pressure on anyone. I hope that you might like to think about encouraging someone you know to attend, or perhaps just to attend yourself? Or both/and??



MONTH	CONTENT DUE BY	ISSUE DATE
February 2025	27 th January	2 nd February
March 2025	24 th February	2 nd March
April 2025	31 st March	6 th April
May 2025	28 th April	4 th May
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



Flower List

DATE	
12 th January 2025	
19 th January 2025	Margo Simpson
26 th January 2025	J Dunlop
2 nd February 2025	Ann Burns



Door Duty Rota



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DATE	EVENT	Time
3 rd January	New Year's Ceilidh	7pm
7 th January	Alpha Course	7.30pm- 9pm



FESTIVE ANSWER SHEET



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1	Will Ferrell
2	Kurt Russell
3	Jamie Lee Curtis
4	Macaulay Culkin
5	It's a Wonderful Life
6	Miracle on 34 th Street
7	Turbo Man
8	Columnist
9	Christmas Spirit
10	Die Hard

What/Who
Am I?



1	Tinsel
2	Snowflakes
3	Stamp
4	Elf on the Shelf
5	Fairy Lights
6	Candle

FESTIVE ANSWER SHEET

True OR false

1	False. One horse open sleigh
2	True
3	True
4	False. English
5	False. Adolphe Adam
6	True
7	True
8	False. Puerto Rican
9	False. 364
10	False. The Holly
11	True
12	False. Deck the hall.
13	True
14	False- 'Comfort and Joy'
15	False. 24 th December



Which Reindeer
am I

1	Comet
2	Rudolph
3	Doner
4	Dasher



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
2nd February 2025

Happy New Year



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 January at the latest.

Thank You

Gwenn