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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends,

Though we continue to be in winter, it has been good to have our services in the Small Hall, where it is cosy and intimate, and for a Communion service indeed which allowed us all to sit around tables equally together. And the Guild hosted a very lovely Burns lunch (as opposed to Supper!) to which we welcomed many from outside the congregation. Elders took an afternoon away in Motherwell to take stock of where we are and what we can hope for in this year, and that also was a blessing. I am very thankful.

And then on Sunday mornings we have been reading in sequence through John's Gospel. As we did in previous years with Matthew, Mark and Luke, we won't cover every bit in detail but it's a good opportunity to read this together. John's Gospel is very rich and focused in telling how Jesus was not merely a wonderful human being but truly the Word of God made flesh – God with us. Through January we have read through to chapter 6.

Now going into February chapter 7 invites us to consider further how in his own day as well as in ours, people's opinions divided over Jesus' identity. Then we're into chapter 8 and some rightly famous and wonderful teaching from Jesus on all that he opens up. Chapter 9, with the account of the healing of one who was born blind, has Jesus pushing questions of what even those able sighted see or do not see. And then in the last week of February, we shall put together chapters 10 and 11, full and rich though they both are, so that we might hear all that has followed on Jesus declaring himself to be the "Good Shepherd".

So, I hope you might like to come with us on this journey through John's Gospel. As the children's song puts it, we are the church together.

Yours, Peter



Planning Moves

Since 2020, the Church of Scotland has been committed to reducing the number of charges for Ministers – not least because there simply are not enough Ministers to fill all the existing vacancies. And at the same time the desire is to build the church's sense of mission – to fire God's people with both vision and resources so that the church can be doing what it should be doing.

This has opened all kinds of challenges, and many of you will know about the first attempt to plan in a new way – reducing the number of Ministers in Airdrie and area, as in all places. That first scheme was not well worked through and has crashed, so since October 2022 we have to a large degree had to start again.

Now in January 2023, every Kirk Session has had to agree who our principal conversation partners are going to be – in order to find a means of both sharing Ministers and driving mission. After careful thought in all four places, the Kirk Session at Calderbank has decided that we shall hope to find a way forward through serious conversation with not just Cairnlea, but also Chapelhall and Clarkston Churches.

The conversations are to be conducted with urgency – to find as far as possible agreements by the end of March! Remember this is about planning, which may or may not be immediately implemented, but it would have a significant bearing on the future of Minister allocation and indeed all the other resources of the church (finance, people, programmes, buildings etc).

The decision-making process is that it will first go through (in our case) all four Kirk Sessions and then into dialogue with Presbytery and then with a Planning Team appointed by the national Church. Then, if there are proposals for readjustment, members of congregations will be asked for their votes for and against. And to repeat, how and when this is implemented is yet to be determined.

So, this comes to inform you at this stage and to signal that we will continue to keep you informed. And you should feel free most certainly to pray and to talk about these matters with friends and with Elders (including the Minister). We all of us need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Prayerfully we seek to be keeping close to God's will for us and for others – “so that the world may believe” that God the Father sent Jesus into this world for us and for our salvation.

Joining with Corpus Christi

In 1983, 40 years ago this year, an initiative was launched so that at least once a year the two churches in the village might join together for a worship service.

We have missed that ever since the beginning of 2020 but now is our opportunity to resume.

It has been difficult to find a Sunday time for this, so we're going to have it on the evening of Thursday 9th February, at 7 pm. It will be here in Calderbank Church, and we hope that people from both churches as well as the clergy might gladly participate. And there will be refreshments after, for those who are able to stay on. Please put it in your calendar!



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For Loving Prayer

Peter took on being Interim Moderator of Newmains: Coltness Memorial linked with Bonkle during January since the Minister there, the Revd Graham Raeburn, was going to be going in for heart surgery. Very sadly he died during this, and so our hearts go out to those congregations and very particularly to his family. Graham was for a time Interim Moderator at Calderbank back in 2007.



News of the Church Family

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life



Sadly, we report some deaths of people in one way, or another connected with us through the village and parish. As we give thanks for their lives, we also remember their loved ones in our prayers.

Mr Joseph Marshall, on 16 December

Mrs Jean McIntosh, on 31 December

Mrs Margaret McCulloch, on 20 January



Boy's Brigade

Our Company started up again back in our familiar surroundings of the church hall. Every week we have all or nearly all of the boys there and we are very thankful for that. We also have help regularly from senior boys from the 6th/7th Airdrie, and we're hopeful of gaining regular new adult support too.

We're keen to build the community of the families of the boys with the wider church, so there's going to be a wee social event – on Tuesday 7th February at 6 pm (note early start time!!). There will be home baking on sale and refreshments around a gentle game of Bingo. We did this a year ago and it seemed to go down well amongst the boys as well as the adults. So, you're invited! Please do come. An entrance donation will be encouraged, both to cover costs and for church funds.

Mhairi Phillipson

Sadly, our regular visits from Mhairi Phillipson are about to end, as her period of discernment as it is called finishes. We have been blessed by her contributions both in the spoken and the sung word! Thank you, Mhairi, for your willingness to join in with Calderbank, and for every way there has been giving and receiving.

Mhairi goes now through an assessment process to shape what she does next on some sort of Ministry front. We shall keep you informed.

thank you...
...AND good-bye

Mostly Men



Dates became quite tricky to hold in January, so we do plan to have our next Mostly Men night out on the last Monday of February – 27th.

Keep the date!

Being a Church Member

It's both good and important to think of yourself as a "member" of the Body of Christ – a church member. It says that we all of us, in different ways, have a part to play in the whole. It says that faith matters to us, learning and growing in faith.

It says that we recognise, even dimly, how God has reached out to us in Jesus Christ. And so, we respond to the call to be part of the church.

To be a church member should be an ongoing, active thing. And I'm raising it at this time to encourage anyone who as yet is a little on the outside to come in! I would be delighted to meet with you, whether individually or in a small group, to talk through with you what it's about. No-one will be pressured into anything. But I say it's a good thing to come in on this!

Once we together have clarified out what needs to be clarified, my hope and prayer is that you might like to come into being a "member" around Easter time.

It's a great time to do it – around THE time in the year when we celebrate why Jesus came and how Jesus leads us through life and even beyond death.

Please then don't delay! Make an initial approach to me (either directly or with a friend's help!), and we can take it from there.





LOVE is the Word

Q1 How many times does the word LOVE appear in the Bible (NIV)?

- a) 63 b) 1024 c) 551 d) 227

Q2 Finish the verse: "We love because ."- 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

- a) of Jesus b) John loved us first c) God first loved us d) Jesus performed miracles

Q3 In John 21: 1-17, how many times is Peter asked by Jesus if he loves him?

- a) 3 b) 77 c) 13 d) 1

Q4 Finish the verse: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from ."- 1 John 4:7 (NIV)

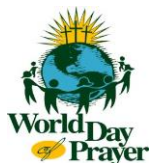
- a) Jesus b) Peter c) Luke d) God

Q5 When is the word LOVE first mentioned in the Bible (NIV)?

- a) 1 Cornithians b) Genesis 22 c) Exodus 1 d) Matthew 4



Q1 - c, Q2 - c, Q3 - a, Q4 - d, Q5 - b



World Day of Prayer

A preparation meeting for World Day of Prayer 2023 will be held in

Salvation Army, Hallcraig Street, Airdrie

on Friday 24th February 2023 at 2.30pm.

We would appreciate if you could arrange for at least one representative of your church to attend.

Thank you.

For any further information please contact:

Margaret Muir – 01236 756418

Quiz Night

Friday 31st March at 7pm



Bring a team or come by yourself and join us for a fun night.

DATE	ACTIVITY
9/2/2023	Joining with Corpus Christi
27/2/2023	Men's Night Out
31/3/2023	Quiz Night

Love Word Search

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Find the hidden words.



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UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

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BEARS All Things

Is Not **ARROGANT**

BELIEVES All Things

Does Not Act **UNBECOMINGLY**

HOPES All Things

Does Not Seek Its **OWN**

ENDURES All Things

Is Not **PROVOKED**

Door Duty Rota



5 th February	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
12 th February	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
19 th February	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
26 th February	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
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19 th March	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
26 th March	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop

5 th February	Mrs Ann Burns
12 th February	Mr Allan Cowan
19 th February	Mrs Lynda Gillies
26 th February	
5 th March	Miss Rae Smith
12 th March	Mrs Greta McIntosh
19 th March	
26 th March	

Flower List



The Guild

The Guild continues to meet at 1-3pm on Monday afternoons and have as always, a varied syllabus. All are welcome to come along.



DATE	ACTIVITY
6 th February	Accordion music with John McPhee
13 th February	Beetle Drive
20 th February	Hospice Charity Afternoon
27 th February	Prep for World Day of Prayer
3 rd March	World Day of Prayer in the Salvation Army Hall, Hallcraig St. at 2.30pm

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
5th March 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 **1st March 2023** at the latest.

Thank You

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