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Dear friends,

I hope this finds you warm and well. That can be a bit of a challenge at this time of year. We've moved our Sunday church into the Small Hall to be cosy (which it is!) and happily the hospitality traditions of Calderbank go strong. An excellent Burns Lunch was hosted by the Guild in January. Next up is a coffee morning in February – and bric a brac!

In January we also decamped to Cairnlea for one Sunday, to be part of all four congregations worshipping together - Cairnlea, Calderbank, Clarkston and Chapelhall (the 4Cs). We anticipate during this next year of 2025 both talking quite a lot together and both separately and together seeing a fair bit being done as four congregations. No-one is yet clear on how this will all land ultimately, but as I said at the opening of the January service, it matters that we nurture a sense of who all is out there – who indeed it is that we belong alongside.

At that joint service we took up a theme inspired by the anniversary shortly coming of 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea of A.D. 325. In the fourth century, when Christians within the Roman Empire were just beginning to be able to worship openly without fear of persecution, the sad reality hit home all the more that a common witness was being impeded by divisions amongst the Christians themselves. There was rather much in the way of defending “our” position over against “yours”, “our” way of doing things. And so with the help of the Roman Emperor of the day, Constantine, church leaders got together and ironed out at least some of the differences.

Where the challenge lies in churches coming together is that need for honour and respect all round precisely because there are differences. Some of the distinctives in the different congregations we want to retain! There are still many unknowns at this stage within the current process. We shall all need good measures of prayer, patience and love. If / as / when we enter into changes, we want to be focused on the glory of God and how we might most faithfully and joyfully offer our service.

Yours, Peter



Communion

Despite fairly awful weather conditions, with ice underfoot, there was a very lovely attendance at the January Communion service. That said, I know that for some people to come to be with the church on a Sunday morning is difficult. I am more than happy to come to you and, if you would like, to lead a little Communion service within your own home. Please do ask if you would like that.



Family Box Scheme

Could all donations please be handed in by end of February.



Choir

One of the many strengths at Calderbank is the lead in worship taken by the choir. I think we all enjoy our times of practising together. We hope to make a “joyful noise” – to sing from the heart! So thank you to all those who are in it. We had a very happy annual meal out in January. And please, anyone out there who might like to join in, do come along on a Tuesday, 1.30 – 2.15. You are most welcome!



News of the Church Family

Sadly, we have to advise the death of Mr John Thomson of Woodhall Avenue on the 8th of December.



World Day of Prayer

This will be held on Friday 7th March at 2.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Hallcraig Street,

All are welcome.

News

The Revd David McKee, who was with us for a time as a student, has newly been elected to be the Minister of Carmunnock and Castlemilk, in the Presbytery of Glasgow. We shall announce the arrangements for his induction when we hear them in case anyone might like to attend.





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 0744583495



Men's Meal

The next men's meal will take place on Friday 21st February 2025 in Harringtons, Harthill.



Coffee Morning/Bric a Brac Sale

This will be held on Saturday 15th February from 11am-1pm in the large hall. Do come along for tea, cakes and chat.



Guild Calendar

Date	Event
3 rd February	Police Talk from George Barnsley
10 th February	Tea& Chat
17 th February	Tea& Chat
24 th February	Airdrie Hospice –Charity Afternoon
3 rd March	Lunch at Greenside Garden Centre

2024 Finance Update



The annual report along with accounts were presented to the Kirk Session on Thursday 24th January. These were approved and the audit process will start soon.

In advance of the Stated Annual Meeting, I think it is worth letting our members know some of the headlines from 2024 –

Income -

Freewill offerings down by £1,699

Ordinary Offerings down by £850

Rental of halls down by £919

Fundraising events up by £400

Expenditure -

Give to Grow Contribution up by £3,391

Energy Costs up by £2,013

Between falling income and increasing costs it's going to be a difficult 2025 should these trends continue. So far in 2025, we look to have secured a line dancing group and another Church group to rent our premises. This will give us much needed external income.

Maybe this time of year is a good time for everyone to think about the work of the Church and our offerings.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

David Findlay, Treasurer.

The Meaning Behind Every Rose Color

A READER'S DIGEST GUIDE



RED
Love and admiration



PURPLE
Passion and infatuation



BURGUNDY
Devotion



LAVENDER
Unique love



DEEP PINK
Gratitude



MEDIUM PINK
Gratitude, grieving, and congratulations



LIGHT PINK
Innocence and appreciation



SALMON
Desire and excitement



ORANGE
Fascination



PEACH
Thanks and gratitude



CREAM
Charm and thoughtfulness



WHITE
Innocence and new love



YELLOW
Friendship



GREEN
Good news and new beginnings



BLUE
Mystery



BLACK
Mourning and chic style



RAINBOW
Uniqueness, hope, and pride





Culture of Roses

Ancient Egypt	Rebirth and new beginnings, often placed on tombs
Ancient Greece	Feminine beauty and attraction, associated with Aphrodite
Ancient Rome:	Associated with Venus, the goddess of love
Christianity	The crucifixion and resurrection of Christ
Medieval Europe	Protection and healing, often used as a medicinal remedy
Asian cultures	Balance, harmony, and peace, representing a harmonious union between yin and yang energies
Native American cultures	Balance and unity, representing the interconnectedness of all living things



DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
15 th February	Bric a Brac Coffee morning	11-1pm	Calderbank Church
21 st February	Mens Meal		Harringtons
7 th March	World Day of Prayer	2.30pm	Salvation Army Hall
6 th April	Messy Church	2-3.30pm	Calderbank Church



1st Calderbank Boys Brigade

We eased ourselves into 2025 with a Pictionary & Charades evening where our boys displayed some interesting drawing and acting skills!

Then the following week we decided to indulge ourselves by reviewing 5 different chocolate brands. After careful consideration of packaging, cost and of course tasting, Cadbury and Galaxy were the clear winners.

Also, in the month we started practicing our Figure Marching for the Battalion competition in a few weeks' time and then celebrated all things squirrel for Squirrel Appreciation Day on 21st January!

Next, we are looking forward to learning about braille including using the braille alphabet to try and read some bible passages and then we will try to create our own names.

Lesley Aitken

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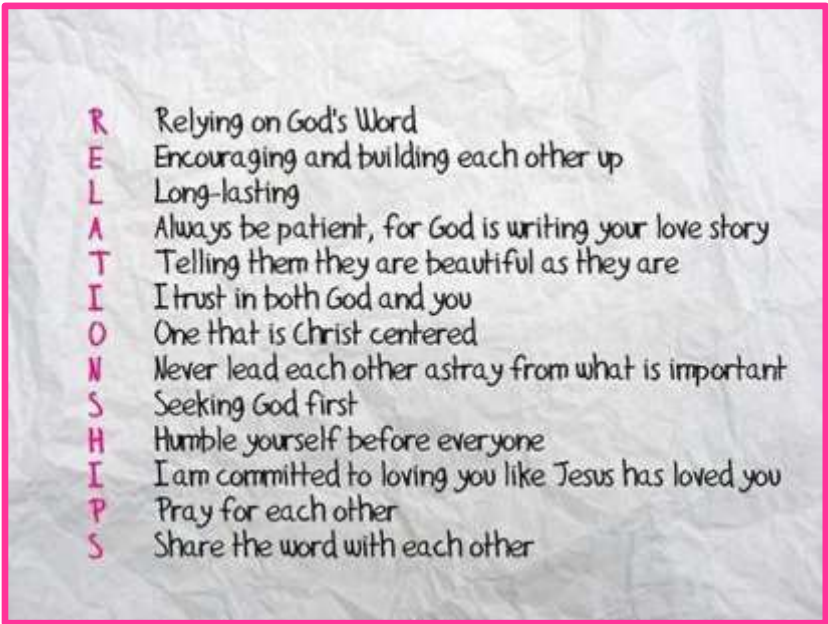
8th Airdrie Brownies

And just like that we're at the end of January! This month we welcomed the Brownies back from their Christmas break where Santa was apparently very good to them all. We all discussed what we would like to do for the upcoming session with some interesting suggestions from learning about "that big boat that sank" (the Titanic) to some Brownie skills badges to games.

Last week we celebrated Burn's night with the Brownies making their own version of the Saltire and some of them even tried Haggis with varying levels of enjoyment. The Guiders however, loved it.

Next month is Guiding's Thinking Day so on the 22nd we're joining the Rainbow, Brownies and Guide units for a day out to Summerlee to celebrate. We will let you know if the next newsletter how it went.

We have space for more Brownies so if you know of any girls between 7 and 10 years old who might be interested, please feel free to put them in touch with us.



R Relying on God's Word
E Encouraging and building each other up
L Long-lasting
A Always be patient, for God is writing your love story
T Telling them they are beautiful as they are
I I trust in both God and you
O One that is Christ centered
N Never lead each other astray from what is important
S Seeking God first
H Humble yourself before everyone
I I am committed to loving you like Jesus has loved you
P Pray for each other
S Share the word with each other



God is Love

A C Y P D H B B S A C Q P U C C L
A E C A R G V U R E D H W K S Y N
C C W T J L R W W V I K M J S D I
T X V I E X Y Z N L Z B G B E N E
E O Q E H I I H E R J N N I N J Y
Q N B N E W N O D B Z B H Z L S F
V E G C A E C N E I D E B O U A O
R Z P E Z B M K U N B V U H F L R
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A J Y J Y R T S I N I M Q Z N D W

FAITHFULNESS
SALVATION
AWANAS
AGAPE
EROS

FORGIVENESS
PATIENCE
PHILEO
GRACE
LOVE

OBEDIENCE
MINISTRY
PEACE
MERCY
SIN





Valentine's Day Quiz

1	Before "X" stood for a kiss, what did it represent at the end of a letter?
2	From where was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message sent?
3	About how many roses are sent for Valentine's Day each year?
4	On average, how many marriage proposals are there in every Valentine's Day?
5	A single red rose surrounded by baby's breath is called what by florists?
6	Letters to Juliet are sent to what city every year?
7	What branch chemical is known as the "cuddle" or "love hormone"?
8	When was February 14 first declared to be Valentine's Day?
9	What major invention was patented on Valentine's Day?
10	In what country is Valentine's Day known as "Friend's Day"?
11	What is the Guinness World Record for the longest marriage ever recorded?
12	William Shakespeare mentions Valentine's Day in which of his plays?
13	Why did women and girls eat bizarre foods on Valentine's Day in medieval times?
14	Women purchase what percentage of all Valentines sold?



Door Duty Rota



DATE		
2 nd February	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson
9 th February	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
16 th February	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan
23 rd February	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
2 nd March	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson



Flower List

DATE	
2 nd February 2025	Ann Burns
9 th February 2025	Joan McPhee
16 th February 2025	Lynda Gillies
23 rd February 2025	Marina Crawford
2 nd March 2025	Rae Smith





MONTH	CONTENT DUE BY	ISSUE DATE
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



Valentine's Day Quiz Answers

1	The Cross	8	1537
2	Prison	9	The telephone
3	50 million	10	Finland
4	220,000	11	86 years 290 days
5	A Signature Rose	12	Hamlet
6	Verona, Italy	13	To dream about their future spouses
7	Oxytocin	14	85%

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

2nd March 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 26th February at the latest.

Thank You

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