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The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

4th April 2021



A new email address has been created to allow you to pass me any stories, articles, or snippets you would like to share.

To be included in the next edition please pass any items to me by **28th March 2021** at the latest.

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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends

I'm writing on a sunny day which is almost warm! Bulbs are sprouting and by the end of March the clocks will go forward, and then we shall celebrate Easter. For all the uncertainties and restrictions of these times, there is much to lift us I hope.

On Sundays (online or available through recordings on DVD) we have been reading through Mark's Gospel. It tells vividly, with a real sense of the eyewitness, what it was like to see Jesus in action, but also how even for him things were at the very least an uphill struggle. There were always those ready to criticise and if possible control. There were friends who for all that they were in on what he was about, still misunderstood Jesus and had too readily their own interests at heart.

We read this to our profit. When things go wrong in the world – through illness and bereavement, through violence and greed and abuses of power – this is not a sign of God being absent, but precisely where God was determined to speak into. Yes, human beings have the capacity to make wrong choices, and therefore we know all about unfairness's and crises, but "the" Son of Man, Jesus Christ, took this on. He acted in love. He spoke truth. He accepted his vulnerability but he did not give up on hope or give up on God. And his disciples realised, little by little, that this would also be the making of them.

And so it is for us – to seek and to receive the mind of Christ. It is a lifelong calling, and not without its challenges or detractors! But we shall celebrate at Easter the glory of taking this way of faith!

I wish you all joy and peace this Easter.

Yours, Peter

Answers to page 11 quiz

1. 11 (To represent the 12 disciples minus Judas)
2. Thirty
3. 1916
- 4.49 (Fifty if you count Easter Sunday itself)
5. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
6. Easter Parade
7. Miriam Margolyes
8. Fatal Attraction
9. Doe
10. Leticia Cropley (She passes away and Geraldine takes over 'Easter Bunny' duties)



WHEN	WHAT
Wednesday evenings at 7pm	On the way to the cross readings
First week in April - Exact dates to be confirmed	Holy week evening services
Wednesday 24 th March 6-7pm for 4 weeks	Cairnlea & Calderbank Minecraft Club
Wednesday afternoon's 1.30pm	Visual Commentary Scripture
Saturday 27 th March 7-8pm	Big Easter Quiz
To be confirmed	Easter Story Trail
Thursday 11 th March 7.30-9.30pm	Season for Growth Seminar

The Run-Up to Easter (HOLY WEEK)

It will be more than a year since the restrictions hit us, but the run-up to Easter will almost certainly be shared in online and via DVDs rather than in person. (And even if there is anything in person, we shall continue the online / DVD service!) I'm thinking that we shall have some evening services, certainly in that first week in April, prior to our Easter Day celebration.

More news will be posted on the church website and through Sunday notices as the situation is clarified.



March Readings

In March, we are now reading towards the end of Mark's Gospel.

- on 7th, reading from Mark chapter 10.
- On 14th, it's Mark chapter 12, note (we'll come back to ch.11)
- On 21st, it will be out of Mark chapter 13.
- On 28th, it will be out of Mark chapter 11 – and looking to chs. 14-15.
- During Holy Week, chs. 14 and 15 will be in focus



On the Way to the Cross



On Wednesday evenings at 7pm I am offering a sequence of readings drawn from a resource put together by Noël Piper. She writes and blogs on Christian devotional themes. And so, the resource directs us to reflect on how in this world and in our lives where God has provided, alas we have too readily fallen away, giving in to that which corrupts rather than blesses life. And as an illustration, as we started with seven lit candles on Ash Wednesday, one each week is extinguished. It prompts us to pray together and to come before the one who gave his life for us, to take away the sin of the world.



Worship Services online, on DVDs and even by phone



If the internet does not work for you, a DVD can be delivered on request (just contact your Elder or Mary Cunningham (761337) direct). Remember, help is on offer to install or even supply DVD players!



Or there is also the option of phoning an Airdrie number for a recording, just of the sermon – not of the singing and prayers unfortunately. Phone 809232.



Cairnlea & Calderbank Minecraft Club



All P3 – P6 children invited to be part of our
1st ever Minecraft Club!

Starts on **Wednesday 24th March**

from 6-7pm For 4 weeks!

Don't miss out – sign up using this link
today!

Places are limited!

<https://forms.gle/ughsuK6mgqa5r59k8>

or email ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk
for the link

St Andrew's Hospice – Make a Will Month – March 2021

Make or update your Will and support St Andrew's Hospice during the month of March. Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will or update an existing Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a donation to St Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna McCafferty, Trusts, Legacy and Individual Giving Manager at St Andrew's Hospice on 01236 772087 or email lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk or visit the Hospice website :-www.st-andrews-hospice.com for details of the Solicitors taking part



THE BIG EASTER QUIZ

Come and join us on **Saturday 27th March from 7-8pm** to take part in the Big Easter Quiz and enjoy some fun and fellowship!



As part of the fun, we are running an 'Easter Bonnet or Bunnet' competition for those who would like to take part!

So come along wearing your decorated bonnet or bunnet for the chance to win an Easter Prize!

To sign up – Email Ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk



The Visual Commentary Scripture

I came across the “Visual Commentary on Scripture” while I was exploring Lent resources. I invite you to join with me in exploring how some central Biblical themes have been expressed through art. I do that not as an expert at all but aware how lovely it is both to have experts helping us to look carefully at what others have done in their art, and then how lovely it also is simply to share reactions and perceptions.

So we’re doing this on Zoom, and to join in please email me, phdonald@outlook.com and I can send you the link. It’s something different, just for a few weeks. While I’m suggesting a Wednesday afternoon time of 1.30 pm, I’m equally game to do it at other times as well if there is a demand.

The last way of doing this is DIY! The website to look up is www.thevcs.org



You may be aware that we have recently secured some funding to get members of our congregation trained in ‘Season’s for Growth.’

This is a programme designed to support children, adults and young people to cope with loss, grief and changes in their lives...something very much needed at present in our community.

We currently have 6 people trained and ready to go, when we are allowed to meet up with people.

We would love to share this with you and are holding a seminar on Thursday 11th March from 7.30-9.30pm.

Please sign up to learn more about Season’s for Growth and also to give our newly trained volunteers an opportunity to experience the materials.

Email – ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk to sign up.

Also – if you think you might be interested in being part of the team and possibly doing the training course, please feel free to contact Elaine on 07894728667.

Easter Story Trail

During Holy Week, we are planning an Easter Trail in the Brownsburn greenspace between Calderbank and Airdrie.

Maps for this will be available soon! Watch this space...



Community Garden Project

We would love to create a Community Garden space at the back of the church...this would have so many wonderful possibilities.

We are holding a Zoom meeting to discuss possibilities on the 18th March at 7pm...if you would be interested in finding out more or think you might be able to help in any small way, email ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk or call 07894728667 for more information! We would love to see you there!



A Prayer

God of love,

as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so, may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.

Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us.
Make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us.
Fill our whole being with the life that is Christ within us.
In his holy name we pray.



1. How many marzipan balls should sit on top of a Simnel cake?
2. According to the Gospel of Matthew, for how many silver coins did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus?
3. The Easter Rising, or Easter Rebellion, took place in Ireland in which year?
4. How many days after Easter Sunday is Pentecost celebrated?
5. How is the equivalent of Shrove Tuesday known in France?
6. Which 1948 film starred Judy Garland as Hannah Brown and Fred Astaire as Don Hewes?
7. Which British actress provided the voice for the Cadbury's Caramel bunny?
8. Which 1987 film inspired the term 'bunny boiler'?
9. What is the name for a female rabbit?
10. In a 1996 'The Vicar of Dibley' episode, Geraldine takes over the role of Dibley Easter Bunny. Who had done the job previously?

Answers on page 15



EASTER WORD SEARCH



BUNNY
EGGS
CHICK
JELLYBEAN

BASKET
SPRING
FLOWER
EASTER

GRASS
CANDY
HUNT
DYE

BONNET
SUNDAY
PEEPS
LAMB

At our age, we can
hide our own
Easter Eggs,
wait half
hour, and
have no
clue where
we put them



EASTER EGG BIBLE VERSES

Behold
the lamb of
God who
takes away
the sin of the
world.
John 1:29

Everyone
who calls on
the name of
the Lord will
be saved.
Romans
10:13

I know
that my
redeemer lives,
and that in the
end he will
stand on the
earth.
Job 19:25

He is
not here;
he has
risen, just
as he said.
Matthew
28:6

By His
power God
raised the Lord
from the dead,
and he will raise
us also.
1 Corinthians
6:14

Jesus
Christ is the
same
yesterday,
today, and
forever.
Hebrews
13:8

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A true friend is someone
who thinks you're a
good egg, even if you're
cracked.



TOWNACOUNTRY



Calderbank Church Accounts

The annual accounts were presented to the Kirk Session on Tuesday 23rd February and were approved. The accounts now require to be audited and then submitted to Presbytery and OSCR.

In 2020 weekly giving's via Gift Aid and WFO remained the same as the previous year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to host all of usual fundraising events. Our fundraising for 2020 was £1,113 (2019 = £4833) Also, due to the closure of our buildings we were unable to host any external groups and rental income also reduced from 2019 from £2396 to £765 for 2020. During the year work was done to partially replace the large hall floor, of which the cost was met from a Lottery Community Grant. Despite the difficulties faced, all liabilities have been met by using £1900 of reserve funds. We hope that with various initiatives planned for 2021, we will hopefully recoup some of this.

General expenditure was generally in line with previous years. Heat & Light was lower due to the decreased usage of the halls. The on-going running and capital costs for Airdrie Foodbank which were covered by grant awards and other financial donations.

We are very much grateful to everyone who set up standing orders and those who continued to give by weekly envelopes. Without this dedication and commitment, we wouldn't have been able to meet our obligations which also meant we minimised the amount of reserves we had to use.

However, as we entered into 2021, it became clear our current gas boilers which heat the building were becoming old, unreliable and more worrying, one was deemed to be unsafe. As a result, we have been seeking grants to help with the cost of replacing all three boilers. We have so far been successful with a grant of £2000 from the Ferguson Bequest Fund and we hope to receive one other grant soon. We are also able to claim the VAT back which will help reduce the overall cost, which is currently around £10,500 after VAT and the £2000 grant have been taken off. A very significant but nevertheless a vital project to complete before the buildings re-open.

Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment				
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
		2020	2020	2020	2020	2019
<u>Receipts</u>	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	3	23909	18445	0	42354	31567
Legacies		0	0	0	0	0
Activities for Generating Funds		1113	0	0	1113	4833
Lottery Community Grant (Large hall)		7000	0	0	7000	0
Seasons for Growth Grant		0	4075	0	4075	0
Foodbank Grants (note 8)		0	58261	0	58261	10535
Bank & Deposit interest		13	17	0	30	532
Investment income		416	79	0	495	407
		32451	80877	0	113328	47874
Rental of premises		765	0	0	765	2396
Contribution from Organisations		800	0	0	800	900
Total Receipts		34016	80877	0	114893	51170
<u>Payments</u>	4					
Costs of generating funds		171	0	0	171	218
Charitable activities		34052	44109	0	78161	56608
Governance costs						
Total Payments		34223	44109	0	78332	56826
Excess of		-207	36768	0	36561	-5656
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Excess of		-£ 207	£ 36,768	£ -	£36,561	-£5,656