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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends,

Into March, and although the winter is not over, the bulbs are clearly on their way! For the lengthening of the days, the church for many centuries has felt this to be the best time to do not just spring cleaning in the house but spring cleaning so to speak of the soul. “Lent” (length) may not be such a big thing for us as for some other churches, but it’s worth thinking about.

A spring clean? Taking time to think about who you are, and what your priorities are in 2023, in the sight of God. And it deserves taking time to think about it. Traditionally it was over forty days as if to recall the forty years spent in the wilderness by the people of Israel – working out what it means not to be in slavery in the land of Egypt. Too easily we get too caught up with the past! We don’t live enough for today’s world. Or forty days also recalls how Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness – head to head with the force of temptation, the constant assaults of all that works against the will of God to bless and direct and save. There is a wilderness of today – all kinds of nasties are out there, and even if we’re not careful in our own heads. So as we think about what needs to be contended with and resisted and how we need to learn to depend on God – and alas we are stunned regularly at what all we have to endure – it is something of a battle. We are to be a bit like fighters entering a ring. We may receive knocks but we need to win through. And we will do so, as we look outwards, by also looking upwards. To trust that our Lord also fights for and with us.

Some Christians go almost every day to the thought of putting on the armour of God (Ephesians 6). That New Testament idea is that for us to retreat or to be beaten down by all that goes against us would be a very sad giving in to weakness. We are weak. We are even set upon. But we can “take a stand against the devil’s schemes”, through Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from the symbol of ashes, which represent our mortality, and also Jesus’ mortality, who went even to the cross for us. Life is fragile. Life can be short. But each day we are to put into our lives’ living grace and truth. Each day we are to put into our lives’ living the power of prayer. Each day we are to put into our lives’ living, our joy in the mercy and loving faithfulness of God. This was Jesus. This is Jesus, for us.

Yours Peter

Worship Space

The Kirk Session has decided that we shall continue our worship services in the Small Hall until the clocks go forward, on Sunday 26th March. On that day we shall start up again in the sanctuary, at the usual 9.30 am. There has been a saving in fuel costs; and people have enjoyed the cosiness in other aspects also. Thank you for bearing with us as we try to be wise about how we use best our resources. In February we had a very successful and happy joint evening service, held in the sanctuary: we are maintaining it as best we can.



Stated Annual Meeting

The Stated Annual Meeting will take place after morning Worship on Sunday 26th March

News of the Church Family

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life



Sadly we report the death of Mr Duncan Campbell on 14 February and remember his family in our prayers – as also a number of others who have been bereaved around this time.



Planning for the Future

By the end of March, the Kirk Session hopes to approve a draft plan for the future which has been worked on fairly intensively since January. The brief for the Plan is that it needs to take account of a national shortage of Ministers, a need to rationalise buildings and the way to do this is to prioritise how we serve and show Christ in our lives (our “mission”).

This is an attempt to summarise the current direction of travel – which still needs refining and working on details. Therefore, questions and comments are more than welcome. Also, there is a process of approval out with our own control, i.e. in Presbytery and national committees. We’re not quite at the stage of being clear what gets down when and what gets done first.

But here’s where we are. Notice “we”. So far the process has been remarkably positive, because it has been about what “we” hope with God’s grace to be about.

1. We are 4C – Cairnlea, Calderbank, Chapelhall and Clarkston congregations.
2. We plan to become a single unit, held together by a Team Ministry (of at least 2 full-time equivalent posts, plus possibly others locally arranged)
3. We plan to maximise what all that can be gained by coming together. There are resources and strengths in the people across 4C and if there are to be losses in the process, we want to be wise and careful about these.
4. We plan to see how we can free up Ministerial time, and the resources in members of the church, by rationalising what we are currently about. Fewer buildings would help; the use of technology would help (although face to face encounter is still critical); and investment is important for the sake of opening up possibilities for outreach.
5. We plan to sustain plenty of worship and witness in the four geographical points of focus but in that to be doing better than simply keeping going the same thing at more or less the same time in all four locales.
6. And so for the sake of mission, we plan for multiple approaches to worship and witness – midweek as well as Sundays, daytime and evening, and a variety of styles.
7. On buildings the recent redevelopment of Cairnlea is one great asset; another is the Clarkston Church Hall but most likely not the sanctuary there. How we should use the sites at Calderbank and Chapelhall needs careful reflection. We make no premature judgements but the Kirk Sessions there need to undertake feasibility studies to help determine what should be retained and sustained for the longer term future.

“Unless the LORD builds the house, they labour in vain that build it” (Psalm 127:1). His grace needs to lead us. So that people will (excuse the pun!), “come and see” (cf. John 1: 39, 46).



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Have you suffered a loss, a significant change or grief in your life? Is this causing anxiety, worry or loneliness? Do you feel overwhelmed, not in control?

Why not come along and join our Adult Seasons for Growth Course – We have 2 courses running over the coming months:

Saturday 4th March 11th March 25th March and 1st April
from 10am - 12noon

OR

Tuesday 18th April - 9th May from 7-9pm

Both sessions will be running in Cairnlea House.

Seasons for Growth is a course which helps adults to realise the impact of loss and grief on their lives and focusses on how we process and cope with this change along with helping us to realise we are not alone, and many people experience the feelings and anxieties we may be experiencing.

This course is very much about individual responses to loss and grief and does not focus on circumstances or issues which are private to your family and confidentiality is strongly emphasised and very much integral to the sessions.

If you would be interested in finding out more, or you may be interested in attending, please contact one of the team, details above.

Kind regards

Elaine Wood



Money Matters

Calderbank Church in 2022 incurred significant cost pressures, as we all did with increasing costs. And our challenges go further back, to the Covid years when for all that many of you greatly supported the church by giving by standing order or by cash even when we were not meeting in person, other fundraising events and generations of income were hit hard. Thankfully the fundraising and hall lets have started again in 2022, and we are extremely grateful for this.

So, as we look to 2023, we have concerns about deficit. The Kirk Session is appealing to you, especially if you don't currently contribute to supporting the work of the Church, or if you feel you might increase what you give. Please find enclosed an envelope where a donation can be placed and your Elder will call to collect. If you are a taxpayer, please mark the envelope "Gift Aid" and enclose your name, so that we can boost your giving. Alternatively, our bank details are below if you would prefer to give by standing order or simply a one-off donation. And again, please let us know (see the Treasurer's details on the magazine cover) if you are a taxpayer.

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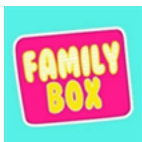
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Money alone of course does not make the world go round! Perhaps now is a time to connect with your Elder and the Church. We are very thankful for the buzz and life amongst those currently around on a Sunday or at midweek events, and we hope that you might be like to be part of it!

So, thanks for your support!

David Findlay, Treasurer



Family Box Scheme

Can all boxes please be handed in by the end of March.

Quiz Night



Friday 31st March at 7pm

Do come along with a team of helpers, if possible, for a fun night. There will be raffles, tea & coffee if needed or you can bring your own refreshments.

Entry £2.50 with proceeds going to Church funds

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 March	Syllabus discussion
13 th March	Favourite Hymns
20 th March	Daffodil Tea with Ukulele Group
27 th March	AGM & Lunch

Door Duty Rota



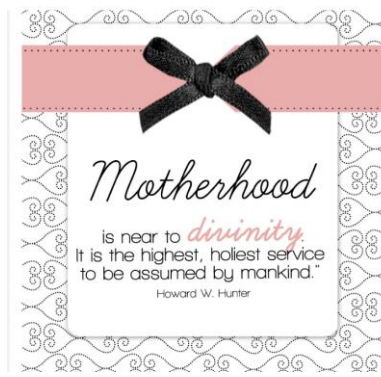
5 th March	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan
12 th March	Mr D Stewart	Mr B Kinniburgh
19 th March	Mrs J McPhee	Mr I Buchanan
26 th March	Mr D Findlay	Mr B Dunlop
2 nd April	Mr J Currie	Mr A Cowan

5 th March	Miss Rae Smith
12 th March	Mrs Greta McIntosh
19 th March	
26 th March	
2 nd April	Mrs EGowns

Flower List



DATE	ACTIVITY
4/3/2023	Seasons for Growth
11/3/2023	Seasons for Growth
25/3/2023	Seasons for Growth
26/3/2023	Stated Annual Meeting
31/3/2023	Quiz Night
1/4/2023	Seasons for Growth
18/4/2023	Seasons for Growth
9/5/2023	Seasons for Growth



Mothers of the Bible

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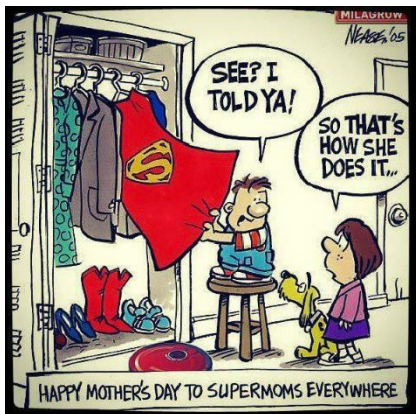
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 HANNAH
 NAOMI
 TAMAR

BERNICE
 ELISABETH
 LEAH
 RACHEL
 ZERUIAH

CLAUDIA
 EUNICE
 LOIS
 REBEKAH
 ZIBIAH



1	Which artist painted a famous painting of his mother?
2	Which President established Mothers Day?
3	Which almond cake is traditionally made for Mothers Day?
4	Which flower is traditionally given the most on Mothers Day?
5	According to the proverb what is the Mother of Invention?
6	In 1972, who had a hit with Sylvia's Mother?
7	In which Indian city did Mother Teresa found her missionary?
8	In Greek mythology who was the mother of the gods?
9	"Mother's not quite herself today!" is a line from which film?
10	What is the highest documented number of children born to one woman?
11	Who is Pebbles mother in the Flintstones?
12	Nacre is most commonly known as what?

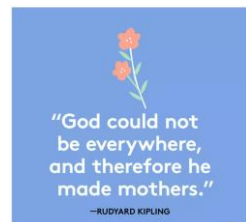


Lost Property

There is a lot of ladies/gents black gloves and a black scarf. These are in a box in the hall if you care to look.

"Dear Mom, I was gonna give you an all expenses paid, first-class trip to Hawaii for Mothers Day. But I knew how much you'd miss me, and I just couldn't put you through that kind of agony."

MUMS THE WORD			
1	James Whistler	7	Calcutta
2	President Woodrow Wilson	8	Rhea
3	Simnel Cake	9	Psycho
4	Carnations	10	69
5	Necessity	11	Wilma
6	Dr Hook	12	Mother of Pearl



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
2nd April 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 **29th March 2023** at the latest.

Thank You

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