

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the

6<sup>th</sup> June 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 **27<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at the latest.

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### A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald

Dear friends

I confess I was very moved on Easter Day when we opened the church doors, appreciated the new heating installation, and joined with a strong company of fellow worshippers. The organ sounded great, and how special it was for those who could manage to be with one another. Social distancing has been so testing and it continues alas to place constraints on how we operate, especially indoors, but we are aware of how the pandemic continues to rage in parts of the world. We all have a part to play in keeping ourselves and others safe, as far as we can. I'm conscious of how it's already a year or more since some of our fellowships were lost to us and yet we have been unable to be all together in marking that. I hope we continue to remember one another in our prayers, and to extend those prayers across the world.

But I shall say, despite all that has brought us down and perhaps still will, that God is good. Our strength is to be found in the knowledge of His love "which endures for ever". Our hope is solid in Jesus Christ, who has loved us and who will be alongside us to help carry our burdens. And day by day, there is good reason for us to pray – using Jesus' own words perhaps, or our own, using silence and eyes open or kneeling and picturing those who are dear to us or whose needs are known. The fact is, it isn't all on us – neither solving the world's woes, nor winning / losing against illness, nor becoming "more Christian": truly we have a Helper, a Saviour.

"Rejoice in the Lord always".

Yours, Peter





## Books of the Bible Word Scramble



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| 1.  | <b>svrbproe</b>     | _____ |
| 2.  | <b>ervleaonit</b>   | _____ |
| 3.  | <b>smtletanaoni</b> | _____ |
| 4.  | <b>omrnas</b>       | _____ |
| 5.  | <b>gnsesie</b>      | _____ |
| 6.  | <b>bwserhe</b>      | _____ |
| 7.  | <b>eouxsd</b>       | _____ |
| 8.  | <b>haeos</b>        | _____ |
| 9.  | <b>snaaltagi</b>    | _____ |
| 10. | <b>ojnha</b>        | _____ |
| 11. | <b>eudtermooy</b>   | _____ |
| 12. | <b>rcahahezi</b>    | _____ |
| 13. | <b>nbuesmr</b>      | _____ |
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| 17. | <b>eihemjra</b>     | _____ |
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| 19. | <b>hobaaaid</b>     | _____ |
| 20. | <b>hrtsee</b>       | _____ |

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### Calderbank Boys' Brigade History

It is coming up to the centenary year for Airdrie, Coatbridge & District Battalion of Boys' Brigade and the committee who are organising the celebrations are looking for history from each company within the battalion.

1<sup>st</sup> Calderbank BB's only started back up in 2019, but I know there is a long history of BB's in Calderbank and I am wondering if anyone has any photos, information or funny stories they would be willing to share for the booklet the battalion are compiling.

Please contact the Minister, Peter Donald or myself, Elaine Wood, if you have any information that we could use!

Many thanks in advance,

Elaine

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### Still Cautiously but Securely

Since Calderbank Church opened up again on Easter Day, it has been great to welcome in many of our regulars and to have the door open to others besides. Of course, people should come only as and when they feel able, but as far as it lies on us, we aim to keep people as safe as we can when inside the building.

Cairnlea also opened during April, and therefore the online service, on YouTube, is now pre-recorded. It goes out first at 6 pm on a Saturday, and so is available to be watched either then or any time on Sunday or thereafter! At present it continues to be a service from the Manse, using our volunteer singers each in their own home and combined through the wonders of technology to lead the singing.



### The General Assembly

The General Assembly meets this year as usual in May, but with all sessions online rather than in person. Both the Minister and one of our Elders, David Findlay, will attend as Commissioners. There are many important decisions going before the Assembly, not least on planning for the future. Your prayers will be appreciated. The Assembly opens on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### A Prayer

O God,  
enlarge my heart,  
that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.

Stretch my heart,  
that it may take into it all those who with me around the world believe  
in Jesus Christ.

Stretch it  
that it may take into it all those who do not know him, but who are my  
responsibility because I know him.

And stretch it,  
that it may take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes,  
and whose hands I do not want to touch –  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

*Prayer of an African Christian*



### **Building community in the name of Christ**

All are welcome in Calderbank Church! We occupy a building in the heart of a village which was in the heart of the industrial map in the nineteenth century. Nowadays Calderbank sits between Airdrie and the M8 corridor but retains something of a village feel. As the church we are glad to bring people together both for worship and in various other ways which build community and wellbeing. We have excellent links with the adjacent Primary School and good collaborative relationships with the Roman Catholics who worship at Corpus Christi also in the village.

Physically we have a large worship space and adjoining rooms and halls of various sizes. The toilets and kitchen were very recently renovated. Socially we gather on Sundays at 9.30 am and at different times during the week, when clubs and societies take place. And spiritually (foundationally!) we are rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life in its fullness. May you now be blessed in knowing his peace and joy.

**The Rev. Dr Peter Donald** is our current minister.

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### Worship Services online, on DVDs and even by phone

If the internet doesn't 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 instal 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



What a super 4 weeks with some great interaction from the children who attended!

We explored Adam & Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter and the Story of Noah, all through Minecraft!

Many thanks to Matthew Walker, Peter & Adam Spence and Emma Chambers for their technical expertise with regards setting up and running the Minecraft element of this group – your skills and expertise were greatly appreciated! Let us just say, if Ashleigh and I were going to be running the technical part, we would still be waiting on the club starting!

We are hoping to run a similar club once exams are finished, so keep your eyes peeled for a

### **Summer Minecraft Mission!**



Some scenes from our Minecraft realms where we were donkey racing, building Noah's ark, creating our own Garden of Eden and Easter Egg hunting to create an Easter message....!

Elaine & Ashleigh

## THE BIG EASTER QUIZ



What a super evening we had on the 27<sup>th</sup> March when we met on Zoom for the Big Easter Quiz. Thank you to Alistair for being our Quiz Master and to Mrs Dickson for judging our Easter Bonnet & Bunnet contest.

Winners:

Easter Bonnet – Aileen Barrie

Easter Bunnet – Shanly Watson

Quiz Winners – The Findlay Household!

Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next quiz!



### Meringues

Rae Smith has kindly offered to make some of her lovely homemade meringues at a cost of £1.20 per bag.

If you would like a bag, then please place an order with Rae or Joyce at Church on Sunday.



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| Ask God what makes him laugh                                   | Tell God three words that describe you best            | Tell God something that makes you feel worried and why | Tell God what you'd buy if you had £10,000                             | Ask God what he liked creating most when he made the world                        | Show or tell God the best thing about being you   | Tell God a word you find hard to spell                       | Ask God how he feels when he watches the news   | Tell God who you like playing with and why               |
| Tell God about the last time you knew you were right           | Ask God what he's been doing in the world today        | Tell God the funniest joke you know                    | Tell God what your favourite TV programme is and why                   |  | Tell God something that makes your family special | Tell God about a time something started badly but ended well | Tell God your favourite song, or sing it to him | Ask God if there's anything he wished had never happened |
| Tell God something you found out that you wish you didn't know | Tell God about the last time you hurt yourself         | Tell God what makes you a good friend                  | Tell God what makes you uncomfortable                                  | Tell God where you'd like to be living in 10 years time and why                   | Tell God about someone you're missing             | Show or tell God about the last picture you drew             | Tell God something that makes you feel sick     | Ask God what he'd like you to help him change            |
| Ask God why he likes to spend time with you                    | Show or tell God something you're proud of             | Tell God a rule you don't like and why                 | Tell God what pet you'd have if you could have any animal in the world | Tell God about a memory that makes you laugh                                      | Tell God your favourite food                      | Tell God what age you'd like to be and why                   | Tell God something you've just learned          | Ask God what makes him sad                               |
| Tell God a sound you like and why                              | Tell God how you feel about school                     | Tell or show God something you are thankful for        | Tell God when you were the coldest you've ever been                    |                                                                                   |                                                   |                                                              |                                                 |                                                          |
| Tell God what you like about church and why                    | Tell or show God where you'd like to travel to and why |                                                        |                                                                        |                                                                                   |                                                   |                                                              |                                                 |                                                          |

**"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."**

**Jeremiah 33:3**

## TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS MADE TO CALDERBANK CHURCH VIA GIFT AID



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# 101 ways to start a conversation with God



'Chat and catch' is simply the way we describe prayer. Just like we chat with our friends, and catch their answer - whether they tell you in words, a gesture or just by their body language - so we can chat and catch with God. Not just about the big things, but the little things too - we know that God wants to hear everything that's on our hearts (Philippians 4:6), and that he promises to talk to us too (Jeremiah 33:3).

Sometimes, it's helpful to have some ideas of things to help you start chatting and catching with God, so here are 101 ideas to get you started. Conversation is best when it's two-way! So remind your kids to catch if God is saying anything back and then carry on the conversation. Think of these ideas as conversation starters rather than stand alone ideas.

Remember it doesn't really matter what you chat about. The idea is just to keep encouraging your kids to connect with God and weave it into any and every part of their day. Feel free to use these reminders however you like. You could print them off and cut them out and pick one at random to try as you eat breakfast. Or you could stick one on your kid's mirror, or let them choose one for you to do in the car or just work through the list from top to bottom! Use them however works best for you and your family. If you'd like to know more about chat and catch, go to [parentingforfaith.org/chat-and-catch](http://parentingforfaith.org/chat-and-catch) for more examples and ideas. Have fun!

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