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Dear friends



I'm rather conscious during this exam period for young people how demanding that can be for them. I hope that any young folk you know or indeed those in the parish can be loved and prayed through it! It sets me thinking more widely about testing times. I daresay we think we're living through these (even if we're not the Prime Minister!). Whether it's at that high level of policy making and negotiating constant challenges both at home and abroad, or within our own immediate contexts, we look for strength and wisdom. And I am so very struck how Jesus, with his first group of friends and by extension for our sake, encourages us to find that strength and wisdom not simply by relying on our own resources. It matters of course to strive after inner resilience and to learn along the way (not least from our mistakes), but there truly is the possibility of being guided and supported by God. Ask ... seek ... knock at the door (Matthew ch.7!), and we shall not be turned away.

So what's so difficult? Perhaps sometimes our pride gets in the way of our asking, or us thinking that we should not be seen to be needy. I would share the thought, which I believe is totally in line with what Jesus was saying, that to be dependent, and to need to trust God, is something extremely positive. Many might own this only as a last resort; for Jesus it was the first thing to think about. As a loving parent will keep a care for the wellbeing of even their grown-up children, so the Father has a loving care for us which we should not underestimate. Loving support from God, help for carrying our burdens, understanding when we feel up against it, all of this is very real if we would but open ourselves to it.

In the Lord's Prayer, the phrase, "Lead us not into temptation", carries the sense that our confidence is in a God who will not abandon us to the worst that life can bring but rather, as Jesus' prayer says it, He will deliver us from evil. To pray is to trust – and to say out loud that we trust; and to live in that way of trust. It may be that we have been our own worst enemies, bringing trouble on ourselves, or it may be that forces and events quite outside our control are pushing us and straining us. But still (as for Jesus, for example, in the boat through the storm), active faith is the way to go.

Yours, Peter



The General Assembly



Always held in May, the General Assembly this year will be much shorter (and therefore cheaper) than usual, being held over the weekend of 15th -18th May. Proceedings can be followed online, using the links on the Church of Scotland website. David Findlay will attend as a Calderbank Elder.



Sharing Faith, Sharing Hope

Last month we reported on how at Easter as at Christmas, we had a very full engagement with the children both from the village Primary School and Corpus Christi Primary School. Every year we also hope to join in a special service of worship with our brothers and sisters in faith at Corpus Christi. This year that will take place on Sunday 24th May, at 7 pm, and since we hosted it last year, this year it will be in Corpus Christi Church.

Do plan to be there! It is Pentecost Sunday – the day on which we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts chapter 2.





The preacher on Sunday 7th June will be the Moderator of the General Assembly, who is also hoping to be at the Garden Party the day before.

Times of Hope, Times of Opportunity

My monthly letter this month dwelt on the thought of “testing times”. The flipside to that – for let’s be clear, nothing comes without testing/decisions / a need for discernment – is that it can be exciting (!) for things not to be standing still or, worse, withering away. So there’s quite a lot potentially on the cards

- We’re continuing to work on how best to see the future for Calderbank, alongside our related parishes in Airdrie. That’s both about our buildings and the land we occupy, and about how the Presbytery sees us.
- As it’s been so lovely to welcome in some new faces, so I hope little by little we might draw others into fellowship built around conversations about and teachings on Christian faith.

All of this is live, and meanwhile I myself have responsibilities elsewhere also – in Cairnlea Church; helping the Newhouse Cluster as an Interim Moderator; preparing in the summer to take on a Probationer Minister here in Cairnlea and Calderbank. And that’s aside from all the regular tasks and challenges. How much I appreciate your gifts and prayers!



Christian Aid Week

This year 10th to 16th May will be Christian Aid week. Envelopes will be available from Sunday 3rd May

Just before the Easter break we had an exciting and very noisy evening watching Ice Hockey at Braehead Arena. Our local team Glasgow Clan were victorious against Fife Flyers, winning 5-0. It was a very fast paced and physical game but 3 of our boys had the fortune to take home a used puck as a memento. Then all of us found time to take a selfie with the team mascot – Clangus. In April we've had a more relaxed time enjoying the spring sun with a lovely nature walk in the local countryside. We completed a scavenger hunt, looked for tadpoles & played Pooh sticks in the burn. We still have a few more events before the end of our session with our Anchors looking forward to a trip to the cinema with the rest of the Battalion and our Juniors getting ready to compete in their annual sports competition.

Parents Evening

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us on 12th May from 6pm for our annual parents evening, where you can hear more about what we've been up to and see our boys in action!



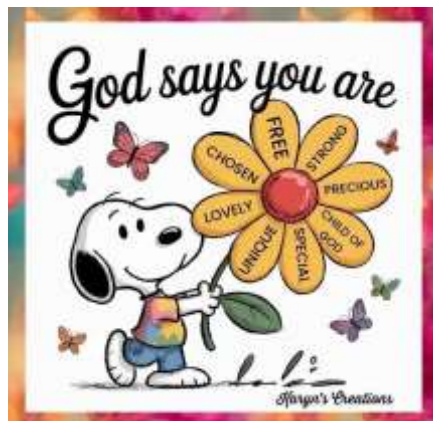


It's so strange to think that we are already heading into the last month of Girls' Club before finishing up for the Summer and our first year as Airdrie Girls' Club is almost over!

April has been a quick month as we were off for two weeks for the Easter holidays. Before that though we had the obligatory egg hunt, although this had to be done inside this year due to the weather. We also did some Easter crafts.

Last week was world Earth Day so we were outside and planted some seeds for the girls to take home and grow themselves, so fingers crossed for them.

This week the girls started work on a presentation they're going to do next Wednesday. It's about something they're interested in and it's to let the rest of us learn something about them, their interests and generally learn a bit more about each other. I will report back next time on the various topics we learn about.



Calderbank Community Fun Day



This will be hosted by the Parents and Teachers Associations of both Primary Schools. It will be held on the 3G pitch at Park Road, 12 until 3 pm on Sunday 31st May.



The Spring Fayre raised the marvellous sum of £1360! It was a lovely day and great to see so many of you enjoying meeting up, getting some bargains and having a lovely tea. Thank you all.

Our next big events are on Saturday 6th June and Sunday 7th June to celebrate 170 years of Calderbank Church

Celebrity Organ Recital in Cairnlea on May 16th 2026 at 2p.m.



Cairnlea Church is hosting an organ recital on May 16th to be given by Dr. John Kitchen. Dr Kitchen is a highly renowned organist, originally from Airdrie, and this promises to be a rather wonderful recital on a superb instrument.

The recital is organised by the Lanarkshire Society of Organists and is free to all.





Garden Party

The Garden Party on Saturday 6th June will be from 1-3pm. Tickets are £4 and children are free with several stalls where they can spend some money. We will have a Bottle Stall, Chocolate Fountain, Mocktails, Burgers, Bouncy Castle, Kids Lucky Dip, Tattoos (not real ones), Raffles and of course a lovely lunch with sandwiches and home baking.



Call to Worship

Worship

On Sunday 7th June the Moderator of the Church of Scotland will lead us in worship at a special time of 10.30am. We hope to see many of you there.



As you may have heard, there is now a Taekwondo class being held every Monday and Thursday from 1830-2000 in the big hall.

It's open to all ages and fitness levels so you can work at your own pace. The aim is to work towards your grading which is where you are tested on everything you have been taught. Don't worry though, you won't be put forward for this until you are ready!

I have been learning/practicing Taekwondo for 35 years and teaching for 2 so I bring a lot of experience, practical knowledge and love for the martial art which I hope to pass on to my pupils.

Everyone is welcome so please come along, and let anyone you think would be interested know we're here.

I look forward to seeing you.

John Gilmour

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JESUS IS MY JAM



AND I'M HERE TO SPREAD IT!

What's happening in our halls?

DAY		
Monday	Highland Dancing	Taekwondo
Tuesday	Boy's Brigade	The Choir
Wednesday	Girls Club	
Thursday	Taekwondo	
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	Morning Worship	

Books of the Bible Word Scramble

1	EORYEDMTNUO		21	AMKR	
2	KBKAHAUK		22	RESRVOPB	
3	OICSNAOSLS		23	MSAO	
4	ULEK		24	AIGTSALNA	
5	TEHRSE		25	CTILUVESI	
6	SAHEO		26	ASTC	
7	ICLESCSEAST		27	EPTRE	
8	OJNH		28	EGSNSEI	
9	MRASNO		29	ITTUS	
10	HEHANZIEM		30	ANETORLIEV	
11	IDLAEN		31	HAGAIG	
12	MUREIHEA		32	ODAHBAI	
13	URHT		33	ZEAR	
14	EHSRBWE		34	GJSEDU	
15	IPHIPANPSLI		35	TEMWHTA	
16	KEIELZE		36	OJLE	
17	MPASL		37	GISNK	
18	MAJES		38	UJED	
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Answers will be in next months newsletter.

BIBLE WORDSEARCH

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WORD LIST

ADAM
ANGEL
ARK
BAPTISM
EDEN

EVE
FAITH
GOD
GRACE
HEAVEN

HOLY
JESUS
KINGDOM
LORD
MIRACLE

MOSES
NOAH
PRAYER
PROPHET
WORSHIP





MONTH	CONTENT DUE BY	ISSUE DATE
June 2026	29 th May 2026	7 th June
July/August 2026	26 th June 2026	5 th July
September 2026	28 th August 2026	6 th September
October 2026	25 th September 2026	4 th October
November 2026	23 rd October 2026	1 st November
December 2026/ January 2027	23 rd November 2026	6 th December 2026



DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
10 th -16 th May	Christian Aid Week		
12 th May	BB Parent's Evening	6pm	Calderbank
15 th -18 th May	General Assembly		
16 th May	Organ Recital	2pm	Cairnlea
31 st May	Calderbank Community Fun Day	12-3pm	3G Pitch at Park Road
6 th June	Garden Party		Calderbank
7 th June	Church Dedication Service	9.30am	Calderbank

Door Duty Rota



3 rd May	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
10 th May	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan
17 th May	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
24 th May	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson
31 st May	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
7 th June	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan



3 rd May	Campbell, Helen & Stuart MacIver
10 th May	Kenneth & Roslyn MacIver
17 th May	R Smith
24 th May	
31 st May	
7 th June	

Flower List



The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
7th June 2026



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you would like to share please send to

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Please pass any items to be included in the next edition
of the newsletter to me by the 29th May 2026 at the
latest.

Thank You

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