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*"O come Lord Jesus, be our guest
and may your gifts to us be blessed.
And may there be a goodly share
at every table everywhere."*



Dear friends,

This is an old prayer, with variations of it. It can be sung to Tallis' canon or the Old 100th or just said together, whoever is around the table, or indeed if you eat on your own.

I know I enjoy my food, but it isn't just that. Jesus came ... well, what does the Bible say about Jesus' coming? He came "eating and drinking"! Yes, he also spoke of coming as One who serves (and that also has an immediate reference to what happens around a table where food is served); and he came to seek and save the lost – a teaching he gave to people who criticised the folk he was eating and drinking with. And he came "eating and drinking". So isn't that a thing? How basic it is that Jesus was someone to sit down with – to share refreshment with.

Stepping back, we see that it shows how Jesus came to bless. My quotations above are all from Luke's Gospel. For John's Gospel the memory is that Jesus came "that they might have life": Jesus the good shepherd knows how too many people in this world in effect sap the life out of others. It happens so drastically and awfully in Gaza at the moment, but it happens in less dramatic ways elsewhere too. Jesus came, on the contrary, to enrich daily living, his phrase was to live life to the full.

So? How good it is to share time together, as many of us know on a Sunday morning as part of what we do when we come together. And then also, to take time to have a coffee or tea with someone, or to have lunch, to treasure all that comes from eating and drinking together (not in excess!), that matters. And if as my prayer at the top says, we might hold on to Jesus being our guest also whenever we eat or drink, we might then draw on what is spiritual food and drink. Wisdom for life; hope through times of trials; love that will not let us go. These gifts come from God, and the more we let go so as to believe in that, the more we have faith, the better.

Jesus in Spirit loves to share time and prayer with us.

Harvest time, which we mark during September, is always a season to think on the importance of sharing. May we be generous. May we be profoundly thankful for all that has been given to us.

Yours, Peter



Churches Together

evening service at the end of August in Cairnlea was an event to which all 4Cs were warmly invited.

September it is Chapelhall's turn, and they invite you to an afternoon tea (quite early!) on Saturday 20th September at 1 pm. (Also Clarkston has its annual Fun Day from 1 pm on Saturday 6th September.)

And then in October, as noted elsewhere it will be Calderbank's turn, as we invite not just you but the 4Cs and indeed anyone who would enjoy it to come to an evening of music by Shine Youth Theatre.



Shine Theatre Group

Shine Youth Theatre Group will entertain us on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.15pm.

Tickets are priced £10, and we hope to have a super turn out as they are such a talented group of young people.

Tickets are available now.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



We shall mark our Harvest Thanksgiving this year on Sunday 21st September at the morning service. While as you will see elsewhere, we make an appeal for money for the organ on its 70th birthday, it would be wonderful if this month or next you might also think of how you might give to a charity working in a place of crisis or hunger – as a sign of our generous love.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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Dedication of Pipe Organ

(Gifted by Miss Elizabeth Slaven and the late Mary Slaven)

SUNDAY, 27th MARCH, 1955

Guest Organist:

Mr WM. BLACK, Flowerhill Church, Airdrie

Church Organist:

Mr J. BRUCE McLUCKIE

Minister:

Rev. GILBERT M. MOWAT, M.A.

We have had some extra expenditure recently. When the organ tuner visited he discovered woodworm in the organ loft which prevented the organ working properly. As the organ has been with us 70 years this year, like the rest of us it needs some T.L.C and so we ask if you would like to contribute a bit extra on the 21st September to help with the costs.

Thank you in anticipation

Hope Explored

There's something very good about taking time to sit down with others and to explore faith through conversation – either just listening in to how others put it or speaking up yourself.

For three Tuesdays in September 16th, 23rd and 30th, from 7.30 pm in Cairnlea Church, you are invited to do this. The material is called “Hope explored” – three videos on the subject of the hope opened up to us by Jesus Christ.

This is designed to be helpful for folk who come to church and for folk who maybe don't! Feel free to invite anyone. There will be refreshments at the outset – always a good way to start off in the company of others!

We're doing this at Cairnlea but if you think you would prefer it to happen also in Calderbank, please do speak to Peter or Joyce. As long as we had three or four at least say, we could do it!

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 4th October from 11am-1pm.
Tickets priced £4 are available for all.



Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Gordon and Helen McLeod who celebrate their ruby wedding anniversary this month

For Prayer and Action

According to Open Doors World Watch List research, over 90% of Christians killed for their faith last year were in sub-Saharan Africa. This rising violence is being driven largely by Islamic extremists taking advantage of political instability in the region.

The number of people affected, and the area affected are both increasing rapidly. The region is facing a displacement crisis, with millions forced to flee their homes. Most of these people are living in camps for internally displaced people (IDPs) either in their own country or in neighbouring countries. Many have lost their means of livelihood too, as Islamic militants – particularly in Nigeria – take their land.

And yet the world has not noticed.

In response, the African church is calling for their brothers and sisters around the world to join them in the *Arise Africa* campaign. It aims to see that the global community acknowledges and acts against extreme violence and supports the church to persevere – and to be resilient, resourceful and influential.

Persecution is one of the major drivers of this displacement. It's not possible to say that all 16.2 million Christians have been displaced because of their faith, but there is strong evidence that many of them *have* been specifically targeted for following Jesus.

"When the terrorists come to churches and find Christians, they tell them that Christianity's time is over, and they should turn to the Islamic religion," says Pastor Soré in Burkina Faso. He and his family had to flee Islamic militants and now live in two tents in an isolated area with other vulnerable members from their community. "They warn Christians to stop conducting services. After warning, when they come back later and find you in the church, they kill you."

Pastor Soré remains confident in Jesus. "I do believe that we are displaced, but Jesus is not and will never be displaced from our lives," he says. "He is always with us."

There is a petition to be signed then! And prompts for prayer. A hard copy of the petition will be at church, but also material is available online: **[What is the Arise Africa campaign? - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)**

The Guild

20th August another great day away with the Guild. This time to North Berwick. We had good food, good company and blessed with sunshine.



The Guild's new sessions will be dedicated on Monday 6th October with the opening social being held on the 13th October with entertainment being provided by our favourite Fraser Thomson.



The next men's meal is planned for Friday 26th September. All gentlemen are most welcome.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

If you wish to take part in this, can you begin to start collecting and have your box ready for the end of October



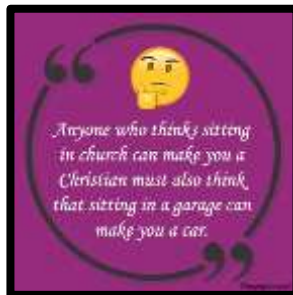
We've enjoyed getting together over the summer – the weather was lovely, so we headed to the park on a couple of occasions and even enjoyed some ice lollies!

2 of our boys have now been promoted to Company Section but we look forward to the rest of our boys returning. Over the summer we've been on a bit of a recruitment drive - you may have noticed our new banner at the church! We've also started a new Facebook page – *1st Calderbank Boys Brigade* – please like and follow us and share any of our posts. Hopefully our efforts will be worthwhile, and we can welcome some new faces to boost our numbers.

We have lots planned for the new session, fun activities, trips out and another exciting sleepover for our Juniors.....we can't wait to get started!

Lesley Aitken

Email - 1Calderbank@boys-brigade.org.uk



Summer Holiday Club

We had a great Holiday Club this year, ably led by Peter with a team of helpers. Everyone was kept busy as we had 31 children on the busiest day, mainly from the village.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped, whether during the Holiday Club week or in the weeks/months beforehand.

Our next event for Families will be the Messy Church on 30th November, watch this space for further information.



Airdrie Girls Club

Hello from Airdrie Girls' Club!

As you may know there is no longer a Brownie Unit in the Church but there is now a Girls' Club which, at the moment, is made up of ex Brownies . One of the club members made up our new tag line/motto which is Forever Friends, Forever Fun and I think that describes what we're hoping to achieve perfectly.

We had our first meeting on the 20th August and everyone was happy to see each other after the Summer holidays where we told each other what we'd been up to. Then it was down to the first bit of business, Task Force! The girls asked for responsibility and we listened. We made up "jobs" for them to do each week, they will have the same job for a month and then swap jobs. On our Task Force we have:

Social Media Managers - they will take photos at the meetings and update our private Facebook page;

Resource Managers - responsible for giving out, and collecting back in, any resources we need for the activity/craft we're doing;

Environmental Manager - make sure taps are all turned off properly, check if the bin needs emptied and ensure everything is tidy

Security Detail - ensures that the door is locked so we're all kept safe

Nutritionist and Caterer - take orders for refreshments, make up the diluting juice and give it out then collect cups back in and wash them.

The girls and Leaders are really excited about this new chapter and can't wait to see what the future brings.



DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
6 th September	Fun Day	1pm	Clarkston Church
16 th , 23 rd & 30 th September	Hope Explored	7.30pm	Cairnlea Church
20 th September	Afternoon Tea	1pm	Chapelhall Church
21 st September	Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am	Calderbank Church
26 th September	Mens Meal	TBC	TBC
4 th October	MacMillan Coffee Morning	TBC	Calderbank Church
6 th October	Guild Dedication		Calderbank Church
13 th October	Guild Opening Social	1pm	Calderbank Church
23 rd October	Shine Musical Youth Group	7.30pm	Calderbank Church
31 st October	Christmas Shoe Boxes to be ready		
15 th November	Xmas Fayre	11am-1pm	Calderbank Church



MONTH	CONTENT DUE BY	ISSUE DATE
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

JESUS CHRIST WORD SEARCH

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 LIGHT OF THE WORLD
 CREATOR
 JEHOVAH
 MESSIAH
 EMMANUEL
 LORD

MASTER
 SON OF GOD
 ALPHA AND OMEGA
 ADVOCATE
 PRINCE OF PEACE
 SAVIOR

REDEEMER
 EVERLASTING FATHER
 MIGHTY GOD
 LAMB OF GOD
 BELOVED SON
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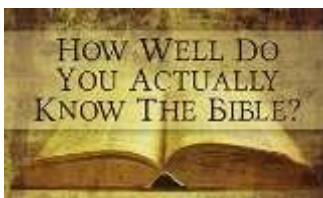


7 th September 2025	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop
14 th September 2025	Ian Thomson	Gordon Thomson
21 st September 2025	David Stewart	Bobby Kinniburgh
28 th September 2025	Joan McPhee	Ian Buchanan
5 th October 2025	David Findlay	Billy Dunlop



Flower List

7 th September 2025	Kenneth & Roslyn MacIver
14 th September 2025	Rae Smith
21 st September 2025	M Crawford
28 th September 2025	
5 th October 2025	Joan Marshall



1. In which book is the' Fruit of the Spirit mentioned?
2. What is the shortest verse in the bible?
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How well do you know your Bible quiz

1	Galatians
2	John 11:35 "Jesus wept."
3	Love
4	The book of Malachi, written about 400 B.C
5	Amen
6	6000
7	Esther 8:9
8	Moon & The Sun
9	John
10a	Ten
10b	• Turning water to blood • Frogs • Lice • Flies • Livestock pestilence • Boil • Hail • Locusts • Darkness • Killing of the first born child

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the 5th
October 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 29th September at the
latest.

Thank You

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