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If you have any news, stories, poems or snippets you would like to share, please pass them to me by Wednesday 24th June at the latest.

Thank you

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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald

Dear friends,

For all the pain and difficulty of being locked down, and the questions about how we shall come back to where we were, I do give thanks, and encourage you to do the same. I give thanks for this remarkably good run of weather, which certainly has helped. I give thanks for those who have continued to work and to serve the community in so many different ways, in health care, in retail, as teachers enabling remote learning, or those who deliver food parcels or run transport and refuse collections and so on. I give thanks that we with others have been able to keep in touch with one another at least a little, and if you are able to watch online or by using a DVD, or even just by phoning the special phone line, there has been a worship service offered every Sunday. And I give thanks that at present things are slowly improving, and there are plans to be reopening where things have been closed. You will see later in this magazine how we are at least beginning the discussion on this in Calderbank Church.



I give thanks that we have a God who knows us well, and will see us through all things. When Jesus was raised from death, some few women had hoped against hope that it could be true, and it was. Disciples who thought the joy in their lives with Jesus had departed discovered that it could return, for all that it was undoubtedly different. Jesus met other disciples on their road of struggle, on the way to Emmaus, because in the place of struggle especially is where we need to re-read the Bible. And if we can feel penned in, like sheep in a sheepfold, Jesus spoke to that too, talking about the particular door or gate we need to go through, i.e. to trust him to lead us.

So for us contemplating the “new normal”, we would do well to think about the disciples of Jesus who, when he could no longer be with them, were promised the gift of the Holy Spirit. That is to say, in one sense we have to get on with it. We have to understand that responsibility and action will be our work. We can’t just be looking up to the sky, asking for a miracle. But, and it is a crucial “but”, the making of us will be when we also allow our own energies and knowledge to be richly connected with God – when we allow God to fill us with His Holy Spirit. We look to Jesus and find in him and from him faith, and hope, and love. That is our way forward.

Yours, Peter

Answers to last month's puzzle

This is a **most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends...One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **john** boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo, **Elaine** Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving, **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. **Truthfully**, from answers we get, we are forced to admit **it** usually takes a minister or a scholar **to see** some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes** is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phi** lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The **Chronicle**, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." **Those** able to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books like **Timothy** and **Samuel** may occur without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are **normal**. A **chipper** attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad **exodus**. There really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

Note: Osee appears in the King James Version translation (often listed as KJV) of Romans 9:25 as a variant spelling of Hosea.

FLOWER POWER (answers)

Poppy, Sunflower, Geranium, Begonia, Lobelia, Rose, Carnation, Orchids, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Pansy & Periwinkle

THE RIDDLER (answers)

A Map

Your name

They are all married

Candle

DID YOU KNOW?



Calderbank village is famous for being the birthplace of the [Vulcan](#), the world's first iron boat, which sailed from Calderbanks Iron Works to the [River Clyde](#) and plied the Scottish canals first with passengers and then with cargoes of iron and coal.

Iron from the Calderbanks works was used to build the [Queen Mary](#) cruise liner.

The [Monkland Canal](#) was extended to the west of the village in the late 18th century and was used as a route to transport coal to Port Dundas in Glasgow 12 miles away. This part of the canal has been preserved between the village and Sikeside on the outskirts of Coatbridge. And other parts of the canal can be seen in Coatbridge town centre and Drumpelier country park, however much of the canal was covered in the 1950s and 1960s by the M8 motorway which actually runs with the meanders of what was the canal (yet under the motorway large pipes still run water which feed the Forth and Clyde canal today).

Calderbank was the site of early Christian settlement, by monks from [Newbattle Abbey](#) in the [Borders](#). This gave the local area the name of [Monklands](#)

[Since funerals currently are restricted to a very small number of people, if we can we shall print just a short appreciation of our members who have died.]

Appreciation for the life of Donald MacIver

Donald MacIver was so very well known in the village as well as in the church, and more widely than that. One of “the Twins”, and also Kenneth’s older brother, he worked for the very large part of his life in what was originally Airdrie Electronics and then “the Pye”. A senior manager there, it was devastating when closure hit but Donald then moved to JVC, where he finished his career. In a wonderful pairing with Jean his wife, the two of them brought up their three children and were latterly so proud and lifted by their three grandsons. As it happened, Donald and Jean died barely six months apart.

As we remember and give thanks for Donald, we are grateful for all that he brought into the lives of others. In young days the captain of the Calderbank Boys’ Brigade; a keen bowler and involved both locally in the club and in Lanarkshire Bowling; a footballer himself and then a keen Airdreanians fan and steward; a gifted speaker and both in larger settings and just in conversation, someone who would so readily bring a smile, and leave you (as we are) immensely thankful for having known him.



We also note the death this last month of Mrs **Averil Beattie**, and to her family, as to anyone else who has known loss through these testing times, send our sympathy.

Appreciation for the life of Billy Wilson

Billy Wilson who, when he was in better health, served as an Elder at Calderbank, died on 25 May. For all that his mobility latterly was very impaired he was very happily settled and looked after in the housing in East Stewart Gardens in Coatbridge. This was not so far from his roots. He was a Gartsherrie boy and attended the High School in Coatbridge before an engineering apprenticeship at the Ironworks. From there he worked all over – on the other side of the world in the Merchant Navy; maintaining plant in Africa and in the Middle East.

Funerals are very small, but we had “Will your anchor hold?” Billy had been both a boy and an officer in the Boys’ Brigade. He was a keen footballer, playing for Lanarkshire Schools in his young days, and an Airdrie fan for spectating. There was much for him to look happily back upon. As we shared in thankfulness for his life, and for the support and care he received, we remember in sympathy his surviving family and friends.



I thought of you today but that is nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name,
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake for which I’ll never part,
God has you in his arms, I have you in my heart.



Weekly Offerings

Remember if you want to switch to giving by Standing Order then the bank details you will require are:

Bank	RBS Coatbridge
Sort Code	83-15-11
Account Number	00130391
Account Name	Calderbank Parish Church

COVID 19 UPDATE

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- We also note the death this last month of Mrs **Averil Beattie**, and to her family, as to anyone else who has known loss through these testing times, send our sympathy.

THE RIDDLER

Answers are on page 15

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?



This belongs to you, but everyone else uses it.

You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why?



You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.

The Month of June

Let's continue reading in the book of Acts, where the focus shifts from Jesus present in body to his disciples and how they took on from where he left off.

By June 7th, we shall have got up to the end of chapter 4. So, as a weekly preparation after that, I suggest

June 8th-14th We read Acts chapters 5-7, where we begin to hear of the persecution of those who were faithful, and how they answered it.

June 15th-21st We read Acts chapters 8-9, which offers a series of dramatic moments where the Spirit accompanied people stepping out in faith.

June 22nd-28th We read Acts chapters 10-12, continuing in a similar mode but now mainly around the apostle Peter.

June 29th – July 5th We read Acts 13-15, where the journeys of the apostle named Paul begin being reported.



Using the Church Buildings

Now that the First Minister has laid out a government roadmap for a gradual process to opening up what has been closed, we also can begin our thinking about what this will mean for Calderbank Church.

We begin – but at this point in June 2020, with no vaccine to guarantee immunity against Covid-19, the need to minimise possibilities of infection will have major impact for some time to come. We need to remain steadfast and trust in the Lord that he will guide us on the paths forward.

What is clear, whether for worship gatherings or for other uses of our premises, the new normal will not look like the old normal for some time yet. For the time being, staying in and around our homes needs to remain the default position. But we will keep this under review.

Thinking about what we may need to introduce at the church buildings, we will take into account government advice, scientific guidance and the steer which will come from the Church of Scotland. With all of this

- our duty of care and keeping everyone safe and well will remain paramount.
- we will have to develop a staged roadmap – in close step with official advice so as not to step out on our own and risk people's health.
- we will share this roadmap as soon as is practical.

And so we will carefully risk assess how we can make best use of our building considering social distancing.

We will continue live streaming Sunday Worship and links to Bible studies and virtual coffee together.

SCOTLAND'S 4 PHASE EXIT PLAN

PHASE 1: Virus not yet contained but cases are falling

From 28 May you were able to meet another household outside in small numbers. Sunbathing is allowed, along with some outdoor activities like golf and fishing. Garden centres and drive-through takeaways can reopen, some outdoor work can resume, and childminding services can begin.

PHASE 2: Virus controlled

You can meet larger groups outdoors and meet another household indoors, Construction, factories, warehouses, laboratories and small shops can resume work. Playgrounds and sports courts can reopen, and professional sport can begin again.

PHASE 3: Virus suppressed

You can meet people from more than one household indoors. Non-essential offices would reopen, along with gyms, museums, libraries, cinemas, larger shops, pubs, restaurants, hairdressers and dentists. Live events could take place with restricted numbers and physical distancing restrictions. Schools should reopen from 11 August

PHASE 4: Virus no longer a significant Threat

University and colleges campuses can reopen in full, mass gathering are allowed. All workplaces open and public transport is back at full capacity

The situation will be reviewed every three weeks, with further phases of easing being introduced if enough progress is being made on keeping the virus under control.

FLOWER POWER Word Puzzle

Answers on Page 15

Can you work out the flowers below?

YPOPP	
LSNFWUOER	
IREMNGUA	
AEIONBG	
LLABIOE	
ERSO	
AIONATCRN	
HROSICD	
M Y CH UM ANTHER	
EERRBAG	
SPNAY	
KIEEILWNRP	



Using the Church Buildings continued

Keeping open to ways of being inclusive and reaching as many as we can will be central to our communications.

We will also continue to do our best to foster wellbeing and to connect with each other for as long as we have to keep apart.

This is therefore very much work in progress. But we can learn from our experience over the last two months. While we are conscious that some have been less able to benefit from the increased use of the internet and technology, there have been gains and a sense of people drawing together despite the circumstances. It encourages us to be bold about what has been learnt and to be creative and positive about moving forward, even if it is different. So, I hope with God's help you will share in playing your part in building fellowship and faith.

If you have views or perhaps have been sharing thoughts already with friends or family, might you feed in any issues or questions which you would like to raise? Please do email or phone the Minister or Joyce.

To repeat, as we look forward to times of ever fuller face to face fellowship and service, we commit to play our part in keeping all our church family safe. We will keep you updated as planning firms up.

Last but not least

- faith, hope and love endure: how we believe that!
- our Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Elaine, is currently on furlough. We look forward to bringing her back into service as soon as is appropriate.
- our financial situation, with no Fundraising events and the physical absence of those who ordinarily contribute by cash givings, is currently being weakened, and increasingly so. As doors begin to open (even just of our homes!), we hope that the congregation will work out ways of giving generously so as to support all that we can do for the glory of God.

Do stay safe and look after yourself and those around you.

Calderbank Church Ongoing

A previous article talks about our hopes for using the buildings at church.

For now we have online services. The link is

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8TlvKa4fM9TSMHKyDeBJ2A>

This is live each Sunday at 10.30 am, and then on catchup at the same address. (You can simply search for “Cairnlea and Calderbank” on YouTube.)

DVDs are freely offered to anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet. Do please let us know! Either contact the Minister or Mary and Robert Cunningham, whose phone number is 761337.

Another option is to “dial a sermon”! Each Sunday afternoon, that week's sermon will be available simply by phoning (01236) 809232. On average this lasts towards 20 minutes and is purely a local call.

We also have an online Bible Study, currently reading the book of Joshua. Worth a try?

Finally, Calderbank Church has a Facebook page, and also a social media page called C 'n' C. If you are a Facebook user, that might be of interest.



Farewell

I write to say “Thank you” to the congregations of Calderbank and Cairnlea. I am immensely grateful for your kindness, thoughtfulness and warm encouragement during the past eight months I have been a ministry student working under Peter's inspirational leadership. I have thoroughly enjoyed being on placement and have learnt so much about the Christian faith and the impact that can make in people's lives in the 21st century.

There are so many happy memories to cherish; working with the Ministry Team, Kirk Session, CYC, Messy Church and being part of the variety that is congregational life in both Calderbank and Cairnlea. It has been a joy serving with you.

I have made firm friendships during these months and I hope and pray that these cords of friendship will continue.

I am sorry that I am not able to say farewell in person but I am sure that our paths will cross again.

Where do I go next? I have successfully completed my theology training and so I am going to spend my probation year placement in St John's Church in Hamilton so will remain in the local area.

Thank you one and all!

Love from Philip

