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A Message from Rev Dr Peter Donald



Dear friends,

It's fair to say that at the moment there are quite a lot of worries around in the Church of Scotland. The fact of there being fewer Ministers, and the General Assembly decisions to plan parish allocations around that, has created a lot of uncertainty and concern about what the future holds.

I am struck by a number of things to share with you. Perhaps first and foremost are Jesus' words not to be consumed by worry, not to be too taken up by thinking about tomorrow. That's not to stick our heads in the sand, but Jesus supremely insightful on how there are some things we will worry over that really are either tomorrow's business, or God's business.

And then I think of how again and again in the Bible the people of God were in a rough place. More often than not, the people of God took themselves into that rough place and were called out on it. Other times, the events around them (the rulers around them!) brought on the crisis. That's not hard to identify with in 2022. But did God say, as it were, "Well that's it". "You're done". Even when the fiercest words of judgement were raised, God also showed His mercy, His power, His grace that could bring life out of death, newness where everything seemed hopeless. I do not believe we should begin even to constrain God! What might yet happen, by His mighty hand? We were all encouraged on the Sunday in February when church was reasonably busy in the morning, and even busier in the afternoon at Messy Church. Well-known faces in the morning, many new faces, including not far short of 30 children, in the afternoon. We are not alone in seeking to be faithful.

And so my last point for now. As someone has written, it would be great to be standing on the "threshold of a golden age, of new flourishing and expansion." Are we, or are we not? Well, Erik Varden continues, "Perhaps the years ahead will be years of struggle. Does it matter? Not much. What matters only is that we are faithful, that each day we renew, and act out of, the gift we have made of our lives.... If the Lord gives us fat years, let us praise Him. If the years ahead are lean, let us praise Him. Our task is to be faithful, truthful, trustful, joyful. What His task is, He knows best."

I'm up for doing all I can, and I hope you are or will be! But the power, truly the authority in heaven and on earth, is that of Jesus Christ. Him we serve, him we follow.

Yours, Peter



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Jean, Teacher,
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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
14 th March	Greenside Nursery
21 st March	Rev Dr Peter Donald
28 th March	Visit to Cairnlea Guild at 7.30pm
4 th April	Daffodil Tea & close of Guild Session



Calderbank Church Stated Annual Meeting

The stated annual meeting will take place on Sunday the 20th of March after morning worship.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday the 5th of April at 7pm.

St Andrew's Hospice – Make a Will Month – March 2022

Make or update your Will and support St Andrew's Hospice during the month of March. Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will or update an existing Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a donation to St Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna McCafferty, Trusts, Legacy and Individual Giving Manager at St Andrew's Hospice on 01236 772087 or email lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk or visit the Hospice website : www.st-andrews-hospice.com for details of the Solicitors taking part.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY



We sustained a loss in the death of Mrs Barbara Gray, Holytown, and our thoughts go out to her sons and family.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday 9th of March in church, at 11.30 am

Family Boxes

If you have been kind enough to fill up family boxes then please hand these into the church by the 27th of March.



Calderbank Parish Church



Cairnlea Parish Church

Angela Wagstaff – angela.wagstaff@hotmail.co.uk

Elaine Wood – Ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk Tel: 07894728667

New Seasons for Growth Group

Beginning Tuesday 12th April – Tuesday 3rd May

7-9pm in Cairnlea Parish Church

Many people see the word grief and associate it only with immediate feelings around bereavement. However, grief shows itself in many ways extending beyond the loss of someone we have loved. It comes also around the moving on of friendships, family separations and isolation; it can be affected by illness, work or other outside activity (or it's lack); there are issues around aging, retirements, people moving to a new house etc. Out mental and emotional wellbeing are affected and even our physical health.

Seasons for Growth is not a therapy or counselling service, it is a course which helps adults to realise the impact of these changes on their lives and focus on processing and coping with this change along with realising you are not alone, and many people experience the feelings and anxieties you may be experiencing.

This course is about individuals and your response to change and loss, it 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 this is something you think you would like to be involved in, then please, either complete the **tear off slip on next page** and post it to: Elaine Wood, 95 Glenwood Drive, Armadale, EH48 3RQ or email your interest to Angela Wagstaff at the email address above. Also, the minister is always available to speak to on a Sunday and he can direct your requests and comments.

If you would like more information, please feel free to email Angela or myself and we would be delighted to help if we can.

Kind regards, Elaine Wood

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Seasons for Growth – Exploring the Seasons of Grief

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Postal Address _____

Yes, I would be interested in attending a 4 week course beginning on the 12th April ☐

I am not ready just now to attend but may be ready the next time courses are run, please keep in touch. ☐



Date for your diary – Sunday 10th April 2-4pm

Family Easter fun afternoon! Come along and join us for church with a difference. All children welcome, but please remember to bring an adult with you!

Please try to register prior to coming along – a link for the registration page will be on our Facebook page nearer the time or email ewood@churchofscotland.org.uk

Look forward to seeing you all!



Kiltwalk returns for 2022.....

Hi Peter,

Kiltwalk is back! Last year, you raised over £170,000 for the poorest and most vulnerable of our global neighbours. We're delighted to let you know that Kiltwalk is returning for 2022!

In-person Kiltwalks are coming to Glasgow in April and Aberdeen in May, as well as a virtual option in October. The Hunter Foundation will again be topping up all donations by an additional 50%.

We'd love you to get involved and help us tackle poverty step by step. When you sign up, be sure to select Christian Aid as your charity. There is a fee to take part depending on your chosen distance, however given the 50% top up in fundraising we hope you might agree this is still a rewarding and fun way to raise money.

Please visit the Kiltwalk website to sign up today. Or contact our Community Fundraising and Events Officer Lauren Petherbridge at lpetherbridge@christian-aid.org or **0131 240 1525**.

Yours sincerely

Lauren Petherbridge
Community and Events Fundraising Officer
Christian Aid Scotland

Sign up here:



24 April

Kiltwalk will return to Glasgow for the first event of the year on Sunday 24 April.



29 May

Kiltwalk will make its return to the stunning City and 'Shire on Sunday 29 May.



7-9 October

Choose your challenge and get started!



1st Calderbank Boys' Brigade



We are hosting a Fundraising Bingo evening on Tuesday 15th March

6-7.30pm

£5 per table of 4 or £3 per person

This evening will be filled with Bingo, home baking, refreshments and opportunity for fellowship

We hope that you will be able to join us to help raise funds for our Badge Service in May!

Bric a Brac



Bric-a-Brac / Coffee Morning

The Bric-a-Brac / Coffee Morning raised the grand sum of £522 for Church funds. Many thanks to all who came along to support us and to the Guild ladies who worked so hard to make this possible.



Professor Tom McLeish

Professor of Natural Philosophy in
the Department of Physics

University of York

Monday 14th March 2022
at 7.30pm

James Watt Centre
Edinburgh Campus

The Poetry and Music of Science - Heriot-Watt Chaplaincy Annual Public Lecture

This year's Annual Chaplaincy Lecture takes place on **Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.30 pm**, and you can attend **either in person or online**.

The lecture on "THE POETRY AND MUSIC OF SCIENCE" is by [Professor Tom McLeish FRS](#), who is **Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Department of Physics at the University of York**. We are delighted that he has agreed to join us as part of our continuing bicentenary celebrations.

This lecture is free and open to the public and will be interpreted into British Sign Language (BSL). Please register to [attend in person](#) on our Edinburgh campus, or to receive access details to [attend online](#).

Diary Dates

Date	Event
14 th March	Poetry & Music of Science 7.30pm
15 th March	Boys Brigade Bingo Night 6pm – 7.30pm
20 th March	Stated Annual Meeting
5 th April	Kirk Session Meet
10 th April	Messy Church 2pm – 4pm



COMMANDMENTS	HONOR	SINAI
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The next circulation of the newsletter will be on the
3rd April 2022



Remember if you have any stories, articles, or snippets you would like to share please send to the
News@CalderbankChurch.co.uk

To be included in the next edition please pass any items to me by **25th March 2022** at the latest.

Thank You

Gwenn