

Cairnlea Parish Church

'COMMITTED to CHRIST – CARING for OUR COMMUNITY'

MAY 2025

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Church in the community Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5



FROM THE MINISTER

Dear friends,

Resurrection is something very particular. It is not the same as reincarnation. It is not the same as revival, although at times the word can be used loosely in that direction. No, it refers very particularly to the faith that there will be a time beyond this life when we come very directly into the presence of God, who is the Judge of all. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, it is our hope that we shall be saved. He died to atone for our sins. It is through him alone that we may be declared "righteous".

This is quite heavy language, and no doubt because it draws from the whole history of God's dealing with His chosen people. From the pages of the Old Testament comes the clarity of how serious sin is in God's sight; and what all God requires. But talk about it and realise that this is neither academic nor irrelevant. For what it speaks into is the grim truth that human beings have been forever too likely to be enemies to one another, and indeed to be even an enemy to ourselves.

Jesus lived and died to move us away from that – to take us into a quite new place of faith. His teaching and his life was to say we are to hope and trust in God, in all things, and therefore to relegate in importance anything else we hang our lives upon. And Jesus' teaching and life modelled a way of humility and service, of truth and love. That faith, lived through, is the way to peace, peace with one another, peace with God, peace with ourselves.

Had he died and not risen again, of course the jury would be out on what is worth doing or what is worth believing in. People might well choose to live their lives either with kindness or in selfishness – to make those decisions based on what would make them happiest in the days they have on earth just. Many do! But since Jesus died and did rise again, and was seen by hundreds, and in the power of his Spirit has touched the lives of millions over now nearly two thousand years, we press anyone / everyone to not pass Jesus by. To not think Jesus was just someone who lived long ago. We press anyone / everyone to give thought both to what way we might live now and how we might hope for eternity.

Thank you for your love and support over Easter, and the Easter cards. We are Easter people: we are those who believe in the resurrection life.

Yours, *Peter*

CHURCHES TOGETHER



As David Calvert has written elsewhere, our sharing of the services in the week leading up to Easter was a rich experience.

We want to continue creating opportunities for people from the four churches intentionally to come together. The next event in the calendar is a Saturday Morning Coffee at Cairnlea! Now, yes, we usually

have that going on, but the one on Saturday 31st May is very specially aimed at bringing people together from the four churches. Please do plan to come even if you don't normally attend. Any time after 10am the doors are open, and at 11am we shall have a short gathering word and sing!

Peter

CAIRNLEA CHURCH: 150 years of the Flowerhill buildings

The very first service to be held on the Flowerhill site which is our current location for worship and community gathering took place in June 1875.

And so we have made plans for a special celebration service to be held on Sunday 22nd June, at the usual time of 11 am, inviting some guests and, as a preacher, the Moderator of the General Assembly. There will be a light lunch served afterwards for anyone who is able to stay on.

Just to get it into your diaries!

PASTORAL VISITING

We hope and try to keep actively in contact with everyone on our Membership Roll and others beside. This is done by a large number of people recruited to be pastoral visitors, and we are very grateful to them for their help.

There will be a gathering of all pastoral visitors on Saturday 10th May at 11 am in the church. There will be coffee and scones and doughnuts available from 10 am. We hope very much all visitors will make an effort to be there.

If you think this is something you might be interested in helping with, please at any time have an initial word with the Minister, so that we can work out what might be possible.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

May is the month of the General Assembly, and since Ministers are expected to take their turn every four or five years, I shall be in attendance this year in Edinburgh. David Calvert, our Session Clerk, will be the balancing Elder this time round, since the principle is that there should be an equal number of Ministers and Elders to serve as Commissioners. Please remember us in your prayers at that time: Saturday 17th May until Thursday 22nd.

PRAISE GATHERING 2025



Have you ever been to the Praise Gathering? It is a choir of hundreds, singing a powerful range of worship songs to a large audience. Tickets are now available for the Glasgow Concert Hall on 14th or 15th June, or for the Edinburgh Usher Hall on 21st June from venue box offices or www.praisegathering.org.uk

WORSHIP DURING MAY

We shall gather for our weekly Sunday worship throughout May. On Sunday 18th May, please note our service is held at 9.30 am and in Calderbank Church. There will be no service on the Cairnlea site that morning.

The midweek Communion will be on Wednesday 21st May, and our monthly Powerhouse for Prayer on Wednesday 28th, both at 7.30 pm.

Our monthly Evening Service will take place on Sunday 25th May, at 7 pm.



Christian Aid Founded 80 Years Ago **11-17 May 2025 - Christian Aid Week**

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS - **"7 DAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

SEVEN DAYS, so many ways to fund lasting change in our World.

WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK?

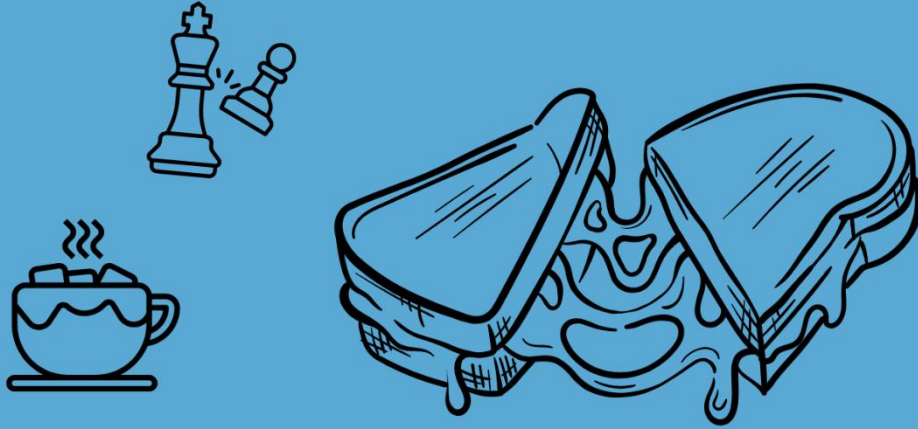
Enclosed with this magazine is your Christian Aid envelope, should you wish to donate please return your envelope to Church before the end of May.

Thank you for your generous giving to help a World in Need.



GYC Prayer Breakfast

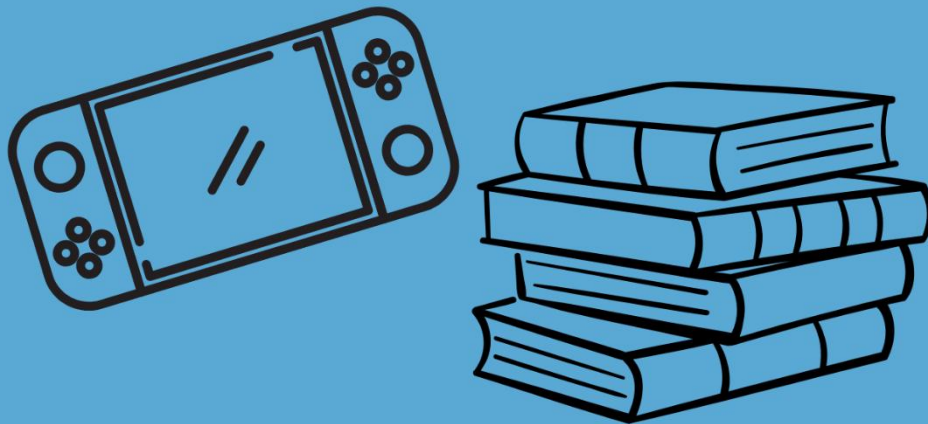
We are holding a GYC prayer breakfast on Sunday 11 May at 9:45am in the Large Hall. Please do come along and support this vital work within our Church and community. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



GROWING YOUNG CARINLEA
IS HOSTING:

AFTER SCHOOL DROP IN CAFE

CAIRNLEA HALL
FRIDAYS
12.30-4PM



Please be praying for the drop in cafe for high school students starting Friday the 2nd of May. There are flyers on the table as you come in if you would like to give some to any teenagers you know. Also keep an eye on the GYC Trust Facebook and Instagram for digital versions of this that can be shared online.

Jacob

Cairnlea 2020

Everything on the buildings front is a little slow at present, we are, of course, really hoping this is the calm before the storm as we patiently, positively, and prayerfully await the Scottish Government funding decision in the near future.

1. Electricity Supply.

The Electricity meters saga continues without resolution. We have recently changed energy suppliers to E-ON, we shall have discussions with them to find out if they have a solution.

NO CHANGE

2. Cash Flow.

Bank Balance as at 23.04.2025 is £ 99,254.93

No outstanding Invoices.

3. Fund Raising.

Following discussions with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) we are applying to the small grants scheme for the roofing project. This process is expected to take up to three months to obtain the HES decision.

4. 2020 Phase 4 Plan.

NLC have advised that our project for funding via the National Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) has reached the SG Final Evaluation stage, the decision date is still awaited.

We shall seek assistance from the General Trustees for any financial project shortfall.

We have asked the Architect to include the cost of installation of Solar Panels and Electricity Battery storage in the scope of the new building. Please ask any member of the group should you have any questions or ideas relating to Phase 4.

5. Roof Project.

All the necessary approvals are in place and the work is being scheduled to align with the receipt of funding grants. **NO CHANGE**

6. Marketing.

The utilisation of our buildings is good and future bookings are buoyant. We are pleased with the NLC usage and other local groups are making

repeat bookings. We really need the income from these sources, and we thank Angela Wagstaff for her vigilance in looking after all the hall rentals.

Please continue to promote our buildings and the exceptional accommodation available for use by our community and town. We have several social needs groups in place, and we are pleased that these groups can make use of our hospitality for their meetings. Encourage everyone to come along for fellowship, friendship and to share their faith with others.

7. Alarms

Fob roll out is waiting on the Alarm Company to provide the user training.

8. Tower Storm Damage

The COS Insurance company advises that Aviva has made an offer for partial recovery of our costs. We are not happy with the offer and a meeting has been requested with COS Insurance to re-negotiate the settlement figure.

We give grateful thanks through our prayers for your regular, sacrificial, and generous giving to the 2020 funding, please continue in prayer for our group members and their work.

**“The plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of His heart through all generations.”**

Psalms 33 :11 NIV

Malcolm

22 April 2025

Aspirin

Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two and keep away from children.'

From Finance Committee

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Easter.

Unfortunately we are still awaiting a revised draft of the Church 2024 Accounts from our auditors. As I said previously, a rough draft of the accounts had been issued along with a list of points that they wished clarification or further information on. This is normal and in line with accounting/audit procedures. The various answers to the points they raised have been collated and submitted to them. In fairness to our accountants this is a very busy time of year with the end of the tax year occurring and the Easter Weekend. Cairnlea (and formerly Flowerhill) has a longstanding connection with Messrs Benson Woods and we benefit from preferential terms, so I suppose that we will just have to be patient!

On a more positive note the Treasurer has issued the March Income & Expenditure figures. These have been circulated to the Finance Group and they will be discussed at our next meeting. I would like to share some of the figures with you. They cover the first quarter and will give us some indication on how we are doing in 2025 compared to the previous year. Please keep in mind, the number of Sunday's they cover and the timing of us receiving invoices for payment may differ.

INCOME	March 2025 (£)	March 2024 (£)
Freewill Offerings	5,671	6,112
Gift Aid Offerings	14,842	15,130
Open Plate	1,042	1,274
Use of Premises	6,820	3,174
Telephone Mast Rental	3,378	Nil

EXPENDITURE	March 2025 (£)	March 2024 (£)
Giving to Grow	14,614	15,948
Fabric Repairs & Maintenance	11,377	10,313
Heating & Lighting	686	6,704
Salaries	2,560*	2,290*
Insurance	1,302	1,259

***NB.** Excludes Building Supervisor. We are lucky to receive donations that cover his salary.

As usual anyone requiring assistance with WFO envelopes, Standing orders etc. please do not hesitate to contact myself, our Treasurer, Lynn Turnbull (WFO) or Margaret McCombe (Gift Aid)

We will always try our best to help you.

Kind regards,

George Martin On behalf of the Finance Committee

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For your Diaries

Flower Calendar	
May 2025	
4	Jenny Bone
11	Betty & John Elliott
18	Nancy McLeod
25	Jeff & Betty Spence

Duty Teams	
Dates	Team Leader
4 & 11 May	Jim Lewis
18 & 25 May	Calum MacInnes

N.B. If you are unable to do your duty, please arrange a substitute.

Some perks of getting old

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat supper at 4 pm.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You can sing along with lift music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your secrets are safe with your friends - because they can't remember them either.

From our Session Clerk

Greetings: I found Holy Week this year amongst the most touching, pertinent and thought-provoking, having a series of deeply meaningful services conducted by our Minister, Rev Hanna Rankine and Rev. Sharon Colvin. We met in Cairnlea, Clarkston, Calderbank and Chapelhall over the five days, with numbers increasing daily, reaching over 80 at Cairnlea on Good Friday. Texts were taken from the Psalms and the Gospel of John c12-14 and should be read as they are deep in impact. For example, Jesus washing his disciples feet in ch13, *'Do you understand what I have done for you?' He asked them' You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.'*

On Easter morning, over 30 of us gathered at 8am in Cairnlea grounds for a service marking the empty tomb and the confusion of Mary Magdalene and other women on seeing the tomb with the stone rolled away. This theme was continued at the 11am service. On that day, Mary's feelings of anxiety and loss are familiar to people in conflict zones. Like Mary, may there be hope, and that the message of Easter is held fast. I hope you all enjoyed a blessed and happy Easter.

As part of our Easter celebrations, we enjoyed breakfast together on Sunday and Marjory, our organist, had arranged a choir to deliver two Easter hymns. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to make a memorable Easter.

Our Services:

Live streaming of services on 'YouTube' at 11:00am each Sunday morning continues, and previous services can be accessed at any time. For those who cannot attend, we hope you continue to enjoy our services. Thanks are due to the audio/ visual team, especially Robert and Mary Cunningham who serve us so well.

Kirk Session and Business Committee meetings

The latest meeting of the Business Committee was held on 19th March and of the Kirk Session on 2nd April. A brief summary from the Kirk Session will be given next month. One item of note was that Kirk Session endorsed the application of our fellow member Lis Johnstone to Presbytery to be recognised as a Local Worship Leader. We wish Lis well in her application. 4C Cluster and Worship Proposal: A paper proposing the format of worship was approved by each of the four Kirk Sessions in our Cluster.

General Assembly: Cairnlea has been offered a place for an Elder Commissioner at the 2025 General Assembly. Workings of the General Assembly will be reported in a following edition of the magazine.

Poets' Corner:

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) was born and died on the same date, 23rd April. Some facts which may surprise:

His father was a beer taster – He could not spell – He married young – He tried to be an actor – He gave us some well-known phrases and rude insults were a speciality!

In a nostalgic look, the following is by Bernard Levin:

"If you cannot understand my argument, and declare "It's Greek to me", you are quoting Shakespeare; if you claim to be more sinned against than sinning, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you recall your salad days, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you act more in sorrow than in anger; if your wish is farther to the thought; if your lost property has vanished into thin air, you are quoting Shakespeare; if you have ever refused to budge an inch or suffered from green-eyed jealousy, if you have played fast and loose, if you have been tongue-tied, a tower of strength, hoodwinked or in a pickle, if you have knitted your brows, made a virtue of necessity, insisted on fair play, slept not one wink, stood on ceremony, danced attendance (on your lord and master), laughed yourself into stitches, had short shrift, cold comfort or too much of a good thing, if you have seen better days or lived in a fool's paradise -why, be that as it may, the more fool you , for it is a foregone conclusion that you are (as good luck would have it) quoting Shakespeare; if you think it is early days and clear out bag and baggage, if you think it is high time and that that is the long and short of it, if you believe that the game is up and that truth will out even if it involves your own flesh and blood, if you lie low till the crack of doom because you suspect foul play, if you have your teeth set on edge (at one fell swoop) without rhyme or reason, then - to give the devil his due - if the truth were known (for surely you have a tongue in your head) you are quoting Shakespeare; even if you bid me good riddance and send me packing, if you wish I was dead as a door-nail, if you think I am an eyesore, a laughing stock, the devil incarnate, a stony-hearted villain, bloody-minded or a blinking idiot, then - by Jove! O Lord! Tut tut! For goodness' sake! What the dickens! But me no buts! - it is all one to me, for you are quoting Shakespeare."

Caring for us:

Our prayers are as always for those who are ill or alone, those who still provide emergency services, those in schools and care homes. Please also

remember those who feel threatened by several concerns of health, family, loss of income and other matters, and the most vulnerable in our society who may be suffering from a variety of ailments. Please also remember those in our world who are subjected to wars, famine, persecution. Please keep in touch with family and friends, especially those who are alone or vulnerable, and remember them in your prayers. Should you know of any members who are in hospital or ill at home, please speak with the Minister or David.

David

People are our greatest resource, Moderator tells Scottish Parliament

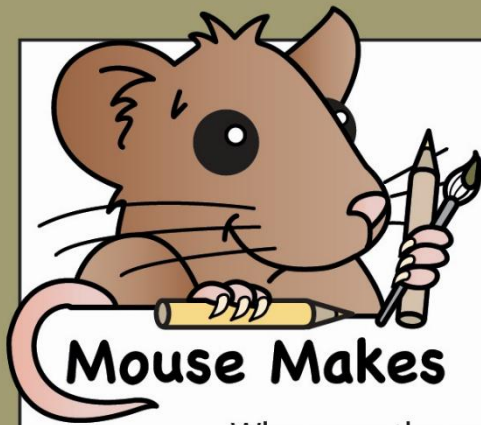
The Rt Revd Dr Shaw Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has said that people are the "greatest resource" society has.

But he lamented that it is too easy to get caught up in difficulties and problems and focus too much on "what divides us rather than what we have in common".

Dr Paterson urged the MSPs to be mindful of the 'three Bs' – building together, breaking barriers and budget.

Speaking at a recent Time for Reflection in the debating chamber, he said: "Scotland has a long history of welcoming our neighbours – refugees, asylum seekers, Ukrainians seeking a safe place – the list is endless. Caring for the poor and the marginalised is central to the worlds of faith and politics – which I do not see as separate entities."

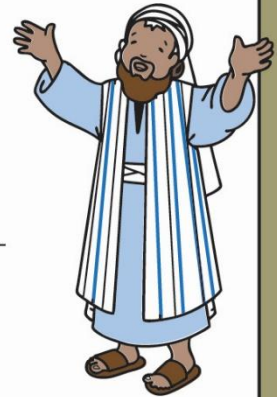
The Church of Scotland is not party political but if the General Assembly agrees that an issue needs to be raised with a government, or if it adopts a policy position, it seeks to find ways to make this point constructively with politicians and government.



MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife
who lied to God?

_____ and _____

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into
the streets so that when Peter
came by at least his

_____ might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

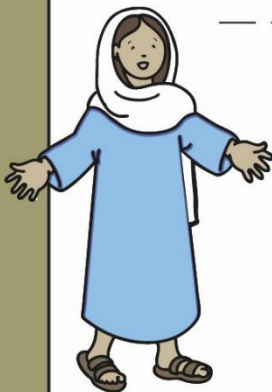
How long had Aeneas
been paralysed for?

_____ years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?
in the _____

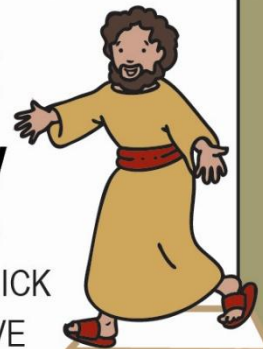
Acts 9:36-42



"And the word
of God
continued to
increase,
and the number
of the disciples
multiplied
greatly."
Acts 6:7

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After Jesus
ascended into
heaven, the
Holy Spirit
came upon
the Apostles
and Peter was
able to perform
many miracles
in Jesus' name.
**See the book
of ACTS**



PETER • SIGNS • WONDERS • MIRACLES • HEALED
CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK
AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE

Find the words from the questions too!

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**Summer Fayre Saturday 7 June
10 a.m. - 12 noon**

The usual stalls will be available:- Home Baking, Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery, Plants, Bottle Stall etc. and donations will be much appreciated.

Tea Tickets will be available soon. Put the date in your diary now and come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship.