

Cairnlea Parish Church

'COMMITTED to CHRIST – CARING for OUR COMMUNITY'

June 2026

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See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28



FROM THE MINISTER

Dear friends,

I'm writing as full-blown summer days have come upon us and much of the country. There is all sorts of growth. And then it happened that I was looking through some old papers and found a rather good short thought: A woman once went into the marketplace, looked around, and saw a sign that read, "God's Fruit Stand". Wonderful, she thought. About time. So, she went up and said, "I would like a bunch of perfect bananas, a perfect cantaloupe melon, a punnet of perfect strawberries and four perfect peaches." But God, who was behind the counter, shrugged and said, "I'm sorry. I only sell seeds."

So: it's about what can grow. Spiritually, what can grow in us? We are told very clearly in the New Testament of how Jesus in the flesh helped his close followers to grow in understanding and confidence; and to grow out of habits or flaws that to a degree they were happily living with. And that growth very much continued after he had died and even left them for the last time. It was the work of the Holy Spirit to nurture continuing growth. Let us not just grow older!

As you'll see elsewhere in the magazine, if you haven't already heard, we are now embarked on an exciting and no doubt challenging new building project. A new annexe on our site will be a great boon, both to how the church is seen from the street and how the church is committed to serving the wider community in as many ways as possible. Your interest and support will be much appreciated. I spoke recently in a service about "waiting" on the Lord. We shall and must wait on His guidance, on how He provides. It has taken several years to come to this point on the annexe. With the hat I wear alongside others in desiring new and exciting work to be done for the sake of children and young people ("Growing Young Cairnlea"), we are still waiting.

It strikes me that Jesus encourages us to be a people who wait with expectation and hope. He offered various pictures in that vein, such as you and keeping our oil lamps trimmed and at the ready (Matthew 25). His faith, and ours, is that we trust everything to be in God's hands. Our spiritual growth will draw its life from that.

Yours,
Peter

THE CAIRNLEA CENTRE

For a long time Malcolm Ross on behalf of "Cairnlea 2020" has given updates on our hopes as well as our ongoing commitments under that banner. The very excellent news came through in this last month that the building of the Cairnlea Centre has attracted very substantial funding through North Lanarkshire Council making a successful bid for capital regeneration money. That public support is an indicator that the vision underpinning this annexe to our church buildings has been recognised as offering a significant contribution to the regeneration of Airdrie town centre. And then the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland have also come in with a major funding contribution, and we are already seeking such other funding opportunities as we can.

The basic outline of what will be built is clear and has been since 2018. And so we are now engaged in settling how to order the interior and how to manage with great care what could be nearly a year in total of demolition and construction works on the north side of the Community Hall. We shall be hoping to keep the rest of the buildings fully used.

GROWING YOUNG CAIRNLEA



It is important to keep you up to date with where we are on this. GYC is still on the look-out for someone to give a strong and pioneering lead to ministry in and amongst children and young people. We re-advertised but so far have not found the person for the task. Although that most certainly gives food for thought, and we continue to pray through that, we also know

that there is nothing good about forcing the issue or diminishing our hope. How God would like us to move, this is what we seek. And so we ask you to keep us in your prayers – and even more that ways be found to reach out to new generations, to grow their faith.

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

On the first Sunday in June, **June 7th, we all of us are invited to join with Calderbank Church in Calderbank at 10.30 am note.** Calderbank is celebrating 170 years of faith, fellowship and community and since we go every year around this time of year to join with them in Calderbank, this was the obvious Sunday to do it. The preacher will be the new Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev. Gordon Kennedy.

Our monthly Communion will be as usual on the third Wednesday, 17th June, and the prayer gathering on the last Wednesday, 24th June.

Please note there will be no Sunday Evening service either in June or July.

From Finance Committee

How time flies, as I write my article we are now more or less in Summer. Just hope that the weather adjusts accordingly.

Seems only a few weeks ago that we were still experiencing cold and frost. The Finance Group met on 4th May, when as usual, we had a busy agenda. Shanly took us through the April Income and Expenditure figures and highlighted a few relevant points:-

Offerings are more or less running at the same level as last year. Taking account of inflation and rising costs this is a bit of a concern to the Group. Expenditure has also risen and that the Church reserves are just below what we consider to be a prudent level.

He also highlighted his budget for this year which projected a deficit of just under £5,000. All these issues were discussed in some detail with suggestions made as to how we might improve income and mitigate expenditure.

I have highlighted some of the figures from the April Income & Expenditure below together with the same ones from 2025. You need to take these figures with a "pinch of salt"---they are only a snapshot of where we are and as we know expenditure and timing of income can distort things. Reports were received from Property Group, Cairnlea 2020 plus a number of other items of business were discussed.

I would like at this time to draw your attention to the Stated AGM of the Church which is scheduled to take place after the service on Sunday, 21st June, 2026. This is an important event in the life of our Church. At this meeting Shanly will take you through last year`s Annual Accounts by way of a slide show presentation. You will have every opportunity to ask questions on any aspects of the Church`s finances. It is **your church, and your money**, that we are spending. It is only right that office bearers of the Church are held to account of what has been done in your name. Some people are reluctant to attend these events in case they get pushed on to committees etc. This is not the case. Please come to it if you can, by doing so you will show your support for everything that we do.

Now for these figures:-

INCOME	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Freewill Offerings	7,543	7,779
Gift Aid Offerings	19,940	19,868
Open Plate	1,710	1,506
Tax Recovered	3,881	14,993
Use of Premises	8,258	8,005
Telephone Mast	2,355	3,378
EXPENDITURE	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Fabric Repairs etc.	5,994**	12,827
Heating & Lighting	15,100	2,099
Giving to Grow	29,640	21,922

** Further expenditure in the pipeline.

Finally, on behalf of the Finance Group, can I wish you all a great summer and if you are going away, a very enjoyable holiday.

George Martin On behalf of the Finance Committee

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For your Diaries

Flower Calendar	
June 2026	
7	Bill & Mary Thomson
14	Isabel & Fay
21	Watson Family
28	Alison Chambers

Duty Teams	
Dates	Team Leader
7 June	Gordon Barrie
14 & 21 June	Graham Henry
28 June & 5 July	Jim Lewis

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

CAIRNLEA 2020 REPORT

Smiling faces
make you happy,
and good news
makes you feel
better. (Proverbs
15:30 GNT)

Hi Folks, so here we are with some wonderful news for you. We report to you where we are with our work this month.

1. THE CAIRNLEA CENTRE ANNEXE.

The Stage 2 Application for the 2026/2027 RCGF funding decision has been made and we have obtained a substantial grant towards the building of our new annexe.

Additionally, we have been advised of another significant grant coming from

The General Trustees at 121 and a further large grant from a generous donor. We are so thankful and blessed.

Together with the unallocated 2020 funds which we have available our total funding stands at £2.1M, the outline unconfirmed cost of the project is circa £2.4M, requiring us to find £300,000 to complete the project.

We are awaiting the formal contract from NLC to allow us to commence with the appointment of our professional Team and get the project started. The final interior design and planning concept is being discussed with the Architect.

There is much to do, please speak to any of our team to ask about your interests, needs and indeed wants so that we can incorporate as many features as possible to enhance what will be a beautiful building annexe to church for the benefit of our local community here in our Town Centre.

WE SHALL DELIVER MONTHLY STATEMENTS OF THE PROJECT PROGRESS AND DETAILS OF WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH SITE WEEK BY WEEK.

WE CAN PROMISE YOU A GREAT DEAL OF HARD WORK, MUCH DUST AND CLEANING REQUIRED AND NO DOUBT SOME CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY.

2. Electricity Supply.

The Electricity meter complaint continues to be unresolved with Scottish Power (SPEN). It is likely that we will include this aspect in the new electricity requirement for the new build,

3. Cash Flow

Bank Balance as at 25.05.2026 is £138,822.94

There are no unpaid Invoices.

4. Funding Raising

Our application to Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is in process to the small grants scheme for the roof project and the external lighting scheme. NO NEWS HERE AS YET.

Discussions with CARES / Local Energy Scotland for funding to cover the Carbon Net Zero elements of the new air source heating plant and the main insulation of the new Build are in progress.

A few separate funding applications will be submitted to cover different items for the new annexe.

5. Roof Project.

All approvals are in place and the work is awaiting the outcome of our funding grants. £8,000 in grants has been pledged by external funders. Current tenders are being re-priced. It was agreed that we should ring fence £65,000 of the 2020 Fund to provide the elements of Roof refurbishment and renewal and extension of the External Lighting. UNCHANGED

6. Marketing.

Bookings for halls and rooms continue to be buoyant with regular and new clients using our premises. The control and administration of the booking system is excellent. This is a major part element of our Income Growth Plan.

We need you all to pass the word of our excellent facilities through to your family, friends, and the general public by encouraging them to use our buildings for their celebrations, birthday parties, musical events, etc. We have many social needs groups and community events using our premises.

Our buildings and now our new annexe give us increased potential to have more community users enjoying a super space for their activities, whilst caring for and sharing with others in need of love and attention. We will

offer several new and interesting opportunities for bible study, and Christian teaching events to allow sharing of the Good News of Jesus.

7. Alarms

The Alarm Fob system is operating satisfactorily.

8. Building Signage & Direction Boards

We have costing for the improved signing / direction boards of circa £1,975 +VAT.

The Cairnlea House entrance hallway noticeboard price is still awaited. New maps and updated directions are being posted on the Church web site.

We are overwhelmed by the goodness of God in His provision of all these grants received for His work in this place and give grateful thanks to Him.

We thank you, our members and supporters for all your prayers, financial generosity, patience and for your encouragement to our group. Any questions? please ask a 2020 team member.

WE ARE PRAYERFULLY ENTHUSIASASTIC, ENERGISED AND RARING TO GET THE LAST PART OF OUR BUILDINGS REFURBISHMENT COMPLETED.

**'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.' V1**

**'Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things. V 8-9
Psalm 107 NIV**

Malcolm

25 May 2026

Going somewhere

Older people often go to another room to get something, and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

This is not a memory problem. It is God's way of helping older people get more exercise.

TEAM BUILDERS

Cairnlea Church Children's Holiday Club for all primary school age children P1 - P7.

**27th July - 31 July
10:30am to 12:30pm.**

Come and join us for a fun-filled week. There will be games, crafts, Bible stories and singing!

Register via the QR code below



From our Session Clerk

Welcome: Suddenly Summer is around the corner, and we are sweltering in a heat wave. Already some people have died as a result of swimming where the cold of the water affects the heat of bodies. So for our senior citizens, do take care and take fluid, for our young do not go without sun screen and avoid risks. And for all, be sensible and take care.

Worship in May

During May, we continued to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew, and some of John. Our Minister also preached on Pentecost from Acts. Pentecost comes from the Greek and means fiftieth; it is the fiftieth day after Passover and is celebrated in Jewish custom as Shavuot, the feast of Weeks, marking Harvest. It also commemorates the giving of the Law to Moses. In Christian practice, it symbolises the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (Acts 2;1-31) and is considered the birth of the Christian Church. *'God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses to the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit...'* Peter then continued, *'Repent and be baptised, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'*

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 6th May and Kirk Session met on 20th May. A further meeting of the Kirk Session was held on Wednesday 15th April for a single item. A brief note of the matters discussed follows:

The Cairnlea Centre: The rebuilding of the small hall area is now to be named the Cairnlea Centre and work is ongoing to develop the detailed design for tenders to be sought. The building will look to serve the wider Airdrie community. Fund raising is also a priority and some generous funding offers have been received. We are grateful to Church of Scotland General Trustees and to Presbytery for their ongoing support.

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO): Kirk Session approved that a SCIO be set up to manage a generous grant from North Lanarkshire whereby Cairnlea is nominated to be Airdrie's Community

Anchor Organisation. Such setting up does not affect the ongoing work and witness of Cairnlea, and is an exciting development.

Our Cluster: A proposal for development of our Cluster is awaited from Presbytery's Planning and Implementation committee.

Finance: A detailed report is included elsewhere in the magazine. Please read it and think how you can contribute to our Church funds.

Spiritual Growth: We look forward to welcoming Aaron Johnstone as a Probationer. Aaron will be with us for 18 months and will be supported in his calling. We look forward to welcoming our friends from Clarkston to a service on Sunday 31st May.

Property: NLC Environmental Health had inspected Cairnlea kitchens and had issued the Pass certificate. Thank you to all who keep our buildings clean and healthy.

Presbytery: Aileen Barrie has agreed to continue as our Presbytery Elder and we thank Aileen for giving of her time in this important post.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 31st May: Service with Clarkston in Cairnlea at which Peter Spence will be presented with his BB King's Badge, the highest award in the Boys' Brigade.

Saturday 6th June: Garden Party at Calderbank.

Sunday 7th June: Joint service with Calderbank in Calderbank at **10:30am**. Please note Cairnlea will be closed that Sunday.

Saturday 13th June: Cairnlea Summer Fayre!

Poets' Corner:

Sonnet 18 'Shall I compare thee to a Summer's day by William Shakespeare:

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimmed;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,

When in eternal lines to Time thou grow'st.
So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

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. Our Pastoral Care team are also available to any of our Community.

David

Which Way to Heaven?

The evangelist Billy Graham told of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to post a letter before the service that evening, he asked a young boy in the street where the post office was.

When the boy had told him, Dr Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

The boy replied, "How can you do that? You don't even know your way to the post office."

Quiet prayers

The little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a very low voice.

"I can't hear you, dear," his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you," said the small one firmly.



GIVING THANKS FOR 60 YEARS OF BLYTHSWOOD

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Blythswood's Day of Prayer on Wednesday 3rd June gives us the opportunity to look back and give thanks to God for 60 years of Blythswood.

As we look to the future, we would love your support!

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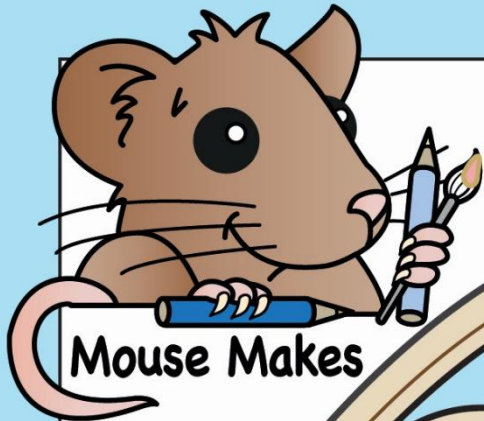
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"May the grace of the Lord **JESUS CHRIST** and the love of **GOD** and the fellowship of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14



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**Summer Fayre Saturday 13 June
10 am - 12 noon**

All donations for our Summer Fayre will be greatly received. Bottles, unused gifts, jewellery, home baking etc.

Tea Tickets priced £4 for adults and £2 for children will be available soon. Put the date in your diary now and come along and enjoy the fun and fellowship.