

# Cairnlea Parish Church

'COMMITTED to CHRIST – CARING for OUR COMMUNITY'

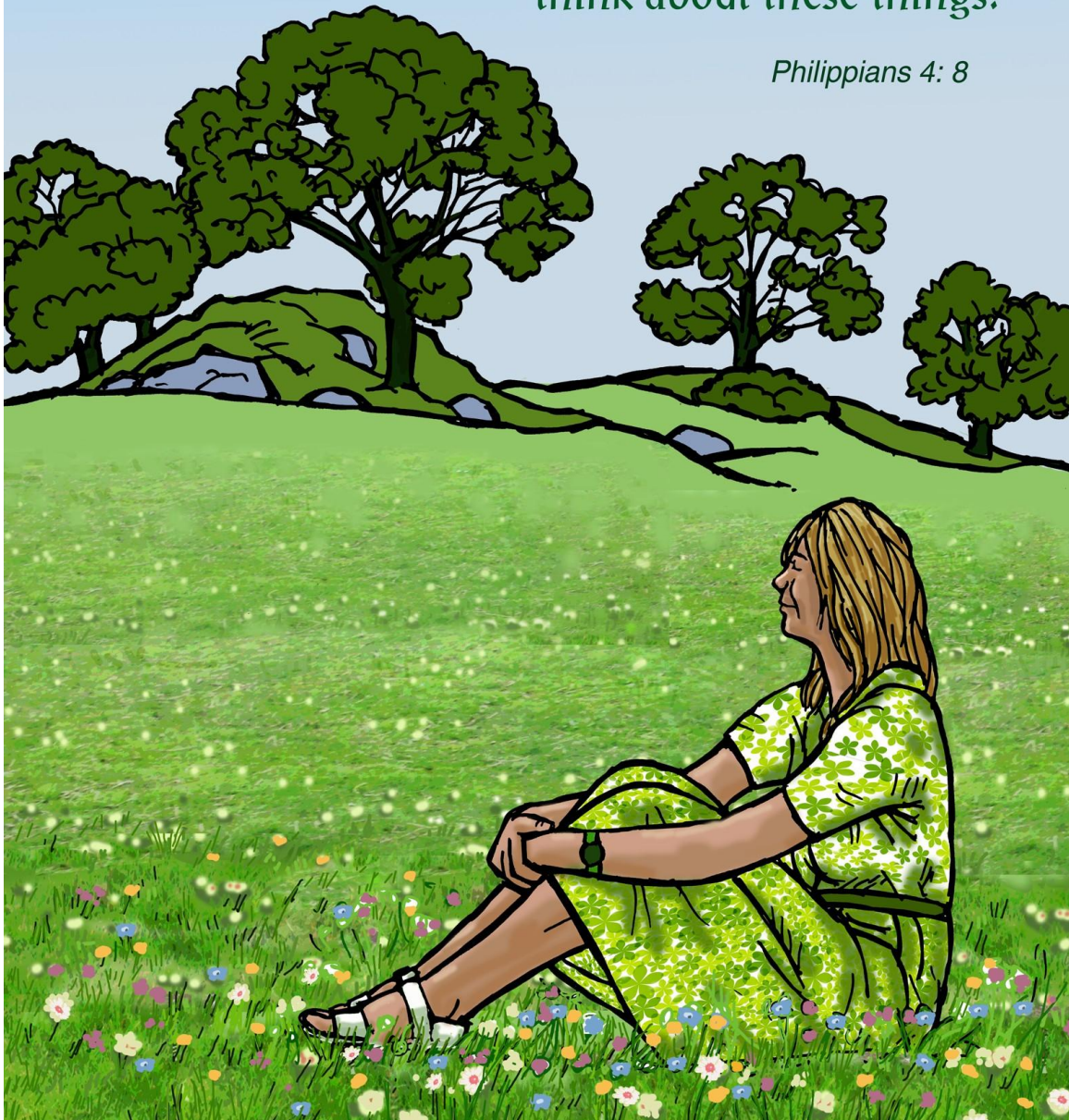
## Summer 2026

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Finally, beloved, whatever is true,  
whatever is honourable, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is commendable,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.

*Philippians 4: 8*



## FROM THE MINISTER



*Dear friends,*

Scotland fever is still not diminished as we await what happens in the World Cup men's football. That may or may not be of interest to you (!) but it's certainly talked about very widely. Flags are flown, a sign of how people can be drawn to a cause, and there has been something rather lovely in hearing so many positive words coming out from Bostonians about how Scots who have travelled over there have conducted themselves. Well there just in a couple of observations is food for thought as Christians. How do people regard our behaviour? How ready are we if not literally to fly a flag, nevertheless to be known as a keen follower of Christ (whether we are or we are not also followers of football!)?

There are some new things in and around Cairnlea. I announced the news that we had been successful through the North Lanarkshire Council in attracting funding support for building a new annexe on the church site. There are still a number of important details in the settling of the agreement on this, and the forming of definite plans in detail, but I ask you to pray and hope with me that we shall be making significant progress even over these summer months.

The Presbytery of which we are part has also made a decision that to bring together four churches in our immediate area was not the best idea, and so now we find ourselves no longer in a direct connection with Chapelhall, who instead will explore direct partnership with Jackson congregation. I ask you to pray with me for them, and then also for ourselves along with Calderbank and Clarkston congregations as we shall begin moving now seriously into details of how a new church configuration would work.

Last but not least it's very exciting to be welcoming Aaron Johnstone into our midst. He has completed all his academic training and minor placements. Now he will be the Probationer Minister in Cairnlea linked with Calderbank – working full-time and I'm sure making an impact amongst us. I ask you pray with me for him to carry him week by week, day by day, through this formative last part of his preparation for ministry.

And now I'm looking forward with Brigid to a few days of enjoying Highland scenery, not to mention the odd game of golf. I hope that whether you

manage away or stay at home, that you can enjoy such summer days as we are given. I wish you every blessing.

Yours,

*Peter*

## **SUMMER WORSHIP**

There's a new book out – "Wide, wide as the ocean". It's about the legacy of Church of Scotland summer missions. It makes me think we should include a chorus or two every Sunday over this summer break....? Do you have a favourite or two?

We'll have our services at 11 am on a Sunday morning. NO evening service in July, but starting again in August, on the last Sunday.

Midweek Communion will happen though, on the third Wednesday, which is 15<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> August.

And our times for prayer together midweek will happen on the last Wednesday, which is 29<sup>th</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> August. For that August date, we shall start just a little earlier at 6.45 pm. Otherwise all these midweek services are at 7 pm.

Thanks as ever to all who help out with AV and streaming. Mary and Robert did a sterling job not least around our joint service with Calderbank, with all the extra challenges of technology which it raised. We are hugely indebted to you all!

## **Church News**

### **Death:-**

Former member, Mrs Isobel Reid, formerly of Innes Court, Clarkston, Airdrie resident in Perth. Died on 30 May 2026

### ***Miscellaneous observations on life***

A compliment is verbal sunshine. - *R Orben*

Your house: a portion of land covered by a mortgage. - *Anon*

Fisherman: one who drops the fish a line but seldom hears from them. - *Anon*

## From Finance Committee

The Stated Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at the conclusion of the Morning Service. Shanly took us through a slide show presentation of the Church Accounts for 2025 and commented on the various figures. He pointed out that the Church Trustees had approved the Accounts at a meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March. This is a Church of Scotland and OSCR requirement.

I know that some of you were unable to attend it so I thought it would be a good idea to share the details that were used during the presentation with you. The Finance Group are very keen that the congregation are kept up to date with the Church finances. After all it is your money that we use for the benefit of Cairnlea and to further the wider work of the Church of Scotland in general.

<b>2025 Annual Accounts Summary</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total Income	223,574	
Total Expenditure	205,529	
<b>General Fund</b>		
Total Income	179,045	
Total Expenditure	175,719	
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>3,326</b>	
<b>General Fund (Income Breakdown)</b>		
WFO Offerings	21,842	
Gift Aid	58,393	
Tax Recovered	18,491	
Ordinary Offering	4,909	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>103,635</b>
Other Ordinary General Income	14,562	
Grants	8,844	
Investment Income	4,215	
Telephone Mast	22,926	
Weddings & Funerals	3,018	
Use of Premises	21,845	
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>75,410</b>
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY GENERAL INCOME</b>		<b>179,045</b>

<b>General Fund (Expenditure Breakdown)</b>		
Giving to Grow Allocation	73,074	
Presbytery Dues	2,384	
Salaries & Wages	10,002	
Fabric Repairs and Maintenance	27,799	
Heating & Lighting	29,858	
Insurance	7,324	
Water Charges	3,383	
Minister & Treasurer Expenses	737	
Manse Expenses	5,141	
Youth Group	1,271	
Communications Group	4,552	
Other Expenses	10,194	
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY GENERAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>175,719</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Income	44,317	
Total Expenditure	29,810	
<b>Where Did The Income Come From?</b>		
Building Fund Grants	2000	
Building Fund Donations	28504	
Gift Aided Recovery	6341	
Legacies and Small Donations	1635	
Saturday Morning Group	5837	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>44,317</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
COS Investors	93,789	
General Fund	76,505	
Cairnlea Building Fund	37,023	
Cash	2,690	
Nearly New	11,969	
Debtors	8,177	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>230,152</b>

We give thanks to God for His provision and guidance. Thanks also to our members and trustees for all their support and contributions in 2025.

Fully appreciate that you may have some questions or require some points of clarification on them. If so, please contact myself, Shanly or any member of the Finance Group and we will try and assist you.

These accounts are for last year and as we know nothing stands still. Since then the Church has incurred a lot of expenditure and the Treasurer has (at this point )projected a deficit of just under £5,000 on the main Church Account for the year end. While every effort will be taken to keep any deficit as low as possible it would really help if income could be increased by at least 5 or possibly 10%. It is fully appreciated that this might not be possible due to cost of living pressures and inflation. As we move into the second half of the year you will be kept up to date on how we are doing.

Finally, on behalf of the Finance Group, can I wish you all a great summer (despite the recent weather!) and if you are going away, a very enjoyable holiday. A very big thanks for your continued support to the Church.

*George Martin* On behalf of the Finance Committee

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## **For your Diaries**

<b>Flower Calendar</b>	
<b>July 2026</b>	
5	Marjorie Scobbie
12	Jenny Bone
19	Reekies
26	Fay McArthur
<b>August 2026</b>	
2	Nancy McGee
9	Bill & Mary Thomson
16	Graham Henry
23	
30	

<b>Duty Teams</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>
5 July	Jim Lewis
12 & 19 July	Calum MacInnes
26 July & 2 August	Malcolm Ross
9 & 16 August	Alison Chambers
23 & 30 August	Gordon Barrie

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

## **CAIRNLEA 2020 REPORT**

**Hi Folks,**

We are beginning to see a hint of some warmer summer weather, for which we are thankful, not least since we can turn off the heating in our buildings to save some cost.

Here is your summer update from 2020.

### **1. THE CAIRNLEA CENTRE ANNEXE.**

Following last month's report, we have received the draft contract from NLC which has been sent to the COS Law Dept and the General Trustees for checking and approval.

We are hopeful that the contract between the General Trustees and NLC will be finalised by early August, allowing us to appoint the Professional Team and start the application for a Demolition warrant to take down the Small Hall / Kitchens and Toilet block.

We have started discussions with the Architects and Quantity Surveyor to complete the interior design and planning concept so that the necessary Planning and Building Warrants may be applied for. This is an important step in the process, and we would encourage you to please speak to any of the 2020 Group to ensure your thoughts and requirements are included in the new layout and design.

We have started discussions with many of our user organisations to alert them of the changes they can expect to encounter during the next few months, hopefully they can all continue to use our premises whilst the building work is proceeding. We are fortunate to have our other cluster churches to help us should we struggle to accommodate any groups wishing to rent space from us.

The 2020 message to everyone is to please empty your cupboards in the Small Hall area and we shall endeavour to provide you with suitable storage space until the new build is ready.

## **2. Electricity Supply.**

The Electricity meter complaint continues to be unresolved with Scottish Power (SPEN). We shall include this aspect in the new electricity requirements for the new Annexe.

## **3. Cash Flow**

**Bank Balance as at 22.06.2026 is £141,951.10**

There are no unpaid Invoices.

## **4. Fund 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.

Several funding applications will be submitted covering various different elements of the new annexe.

## **5. Roof Project.**

All approvals are in place, and the work is now planned after the completion of the Annexe so realistically 2027 / 28. We have secured £8,000 in grants being pledged by external funders. The current tenders are being re-priced. We have ring fenced £65,000 of the 2020 Fund to provide the elements of Roof refurbishment and renewal and extension of the External Lighting.

## **6. Marketing.**

Bookings for halls and rooms are stable although we are having to allow for the summer breaks of many groups.

We are very dependent on the rental income from rentals and lets and would ask you to promote our buildings and their use to everyone you meet, don't miss an opportunity to invite your social group or your family to hold their birthday parties, weddings, retiral bun fights, musical evenings, singalongs, movie nights, dance classes, songs of praise, etc., etc., in our super facilities.

Our new annexe will provide us with 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, care, and attention. We offer new and interesting classes for studying the Bible, and Christian teaching events to allow sharing of the Good News of Jesus.

## **8. Building Signage & Direction Boards**

We have costing for the improved signing / direction boards of circa £1975 +VAT.

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

We give grateful thanks to God the Father for providing all our needs, for His work in sustaining us and keeping us focussed on the task ahead. A very special thanks to our members, friends, and supporters for all your prayers, financial generosity, patience and for your encouragement to the 2020 group.

**'Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding,  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and He will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3: 5-6 NIV**

*Malcolm*

**22 June 2026**

## **HOLIDAY CLUBS**

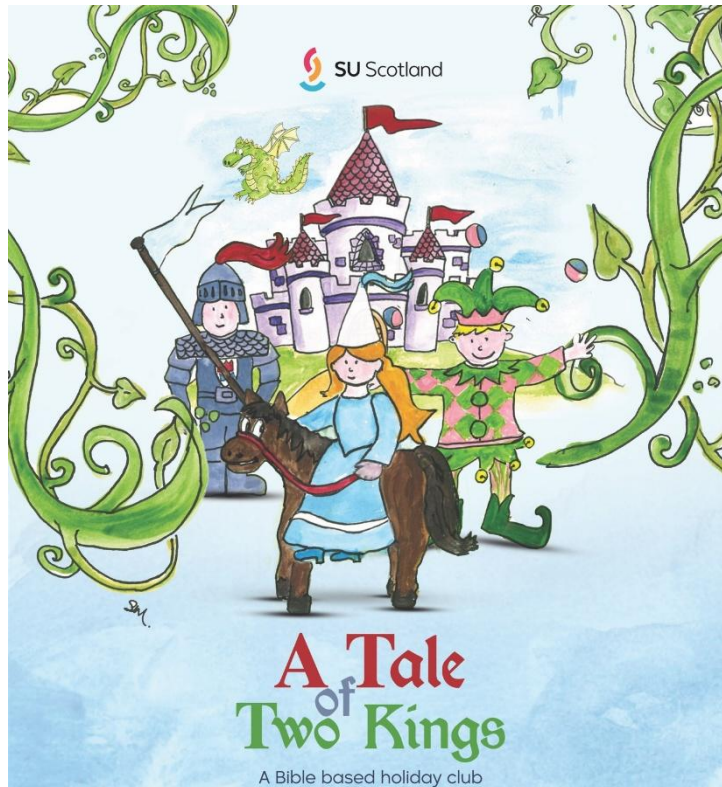
Here in Cairnlea, we are hold our TeamBuilders Holiday Club from **27 – 31 July 10:30am – 12:30pm** for all Primary School Age children. There will be plenty of sporting action, fund and games, crafts and so much more. TeamBuilders programme focuses on awesome stories from the Bible (including Joseph, Moses, Esther, Jesus and Paul) - each one giving children the opportunity to see what life is like on God's team.

You can register via our website [www.cairnleaparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.cairnleaparishchurch.co.uk) or by the QR code below.

**TEAMBUILDERS**



Calderbank Church is also running a Holiday Club, as usual in the week prior to the Cairnlea one from Monday 20th July until Thursday 23rd July. The theme there this year will be "A tale of two kings", taking up the story of King David and King Jesus! All Primary school age children are welcome, 10 am until 12 noon, in Calderbank Church Halls. And it's free of charge.



## **CrossReach's love in action shows the Kirk at its best**

With an annual budget of £61 million to deliver cradle-to-the grave social care services provided by 1,700 staff and 300 volunteers, CrossReach is the Church of Scotland at its "very best".

That was the message that Dr Mike Cantlay had for the recent General Assembly. He said that the social care provider demonstrated people-centred Christian love in action every day.

Dr Cantlay, convener of the Social Care Council and chair of the board of CrossReach, said that: "Our purpose comes from the second commandment – Christ's calling, in which we are instructed 'to love'."

That purpose has inspired the five-year plan launched by CrossReach last year titled 'Love From CrossReach', with its declared aim of demonstrating Christ's love in action through high-quality care and support.

Covering the whole span of life from maternity services to care of the elderly, CrossReach's other activities include mental health support, providing family visitor services at Perth Prison, and helping others recover from addiction at facilities such as Glasgow Abstinence Recovery Service.

A survey of over 520 service users found that the four key words and phrases they associated with CrossReach were "safe", "happy", "supported" and "listened to".

## **From our Session Clerk**

**Greetings:** The annual Cairnlea Summer Fayre was held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. There were stalls selling plants, bottle stall, novelty gift bags, jewellery, toys, bric a brac and of course a delicious and tempting tea room with a wide selection of home baking. Thank you to all who contributed their time and talents in selling, catering, setting up and clearing away afterwards. The total raised for Church funds was over £1,800, a great effort and once again, thank you all!

**General Assembly 2026:** Although Cairnlea was not eligible to appoint a Commissioner (as in 2025), the Assembly business can be followed on the Church of Scotland web site. As in 2025, Lady Eilish Angiolini was appointed Lord High Commissioner by the King as His representative.

One element of business affecting the Church of Scotland was the report by the Faith Action Team into Causes of Decline in the Church of Scotland. The current membership is about 230,000 from a high in the 1950's and 1960's of 1.3 million. The report noted the decline as mainly due to choices more available to people in their leisure time and the Church trying to do the same things with thinner resources. In addition to consumerism, secularisation and self-fulfilment, the Church adopted a lack of response to external change and had the same thinking and practices. The report recommends more discipleship in naming, knowing, trusting and serving Jesus. Summarised recommendations included the need to affirm, urge, call, challenge, promote and encourage. As Ephesians 4 states, '**Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**'

## **Our Services:**

**Visit of the Moderator** to Calderbank: On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, we visited Calderbank with a joint service to celebrate 170 years of the Calderbank

Church. The service was led by our Minister and by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Right Reverend Gordon Kennedy. At the service Joyce MacIver was presented with a certificate marking her 30 years as Session clerk at Calderbank, a great achievement and we send our congratulations to Joyce for her years of faithful and conscientious service. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, our Minister preached a sermon on passion, rather appropriate with Scotland in action in the World Cup! The Stated Annual Meeting of Cairnlea will have been held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at which presentation of the 2025 accounts will be given by our Treasurer.

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 Kirk Session was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May and a brief report was provided in the May magazine.

**Presbytery Elder:** Aileen Barrie has graciously agreed to continue to represent Cairnlea at Presbytery. Our thanks to Aileen for carrying out this important task.

**Annual Report and Accounts 2025:** The Trustees met in March and approved the 2025 Annual Report and Financial Statement. The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June following Morning Worship, at which presentation of the 2025 Accounts will be given by our Treasurer. This is an opportunity for any of the congregation to ask questions and it is important that you attend.

Our Cluster: At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June, Presbytery approved that Cairnlea, Clarkston and Calderbank be one cluster with Chapelhall joining with Jackson Church.

### **Poets' Corner:**

**"Abou Ben Adhem" is a poem by Leigh Hunt that celebrates love for fellow humans as the highest form of devotion.**

**"Abou Ben Adhem" was written in 1834 by the English poet, essayist, and critic Leigh Hunt. The poem narrates the story of a pious Middle Eastern man, Abou Ben Adhem, who awakens from a peaceful dream to see an angel writing the names of those who love God. When Abou asks if his name is listed, the angel replies it is not. Abou humbly requests instead to be recorded as one**

**who loves his fellow men, and the angel honors his wish. The next night, Abou's name is found to lead all the others, symbolizing the primacy of human compassion over mere religious devotion.**

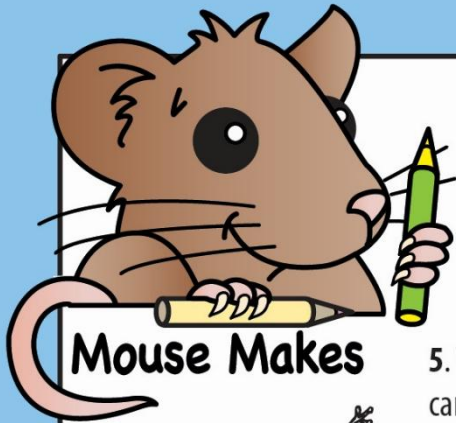
Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold.  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou.  
"Nay, not so," said the angel.  
Abou spoke more low,  
"Write me as one that loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote, and vanished.  
The next night it came again,  
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest .

Should you be going on holiday at this time, may you have a restful and relaxing time, and remember the sun screen!

### **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 myself.

*David*



# Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes its nest on high?  
*Job 39:27*



2. What ate the seeds along the path?  
*Matthew 13:4*



3. The hair of which animal was used to make curtains?  
*Exodus 36:14*

4. What insect can we learn from?  
*Proverbs 6:6*

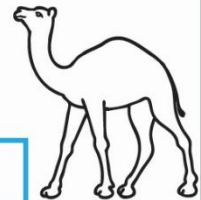
7. Which animal was Jesus compared to?  
*John 1:29*



5. What plague came out of the River Nile?  
*Exodus 8:6*

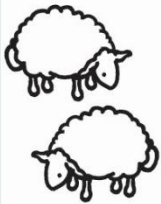


6. What animal would go through the eye of a needle easier than a rich person?  
*Luke 18:25*



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8. What bird did Noah release from the ark first?  
*Genesis 8:7*



9 across. In what creature's mouth was a coin found?  
*Matthew 17:27*

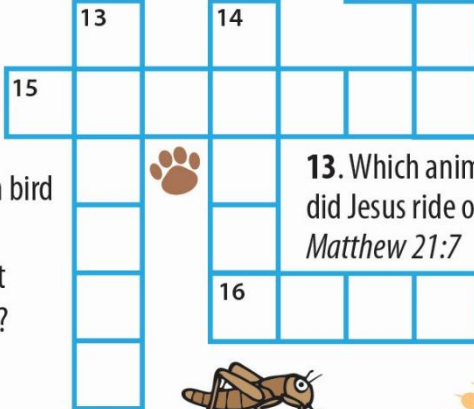


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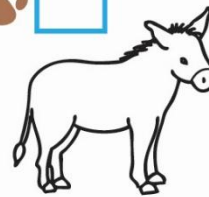
9 down. What lives in holes?  
*Matthew 8:20*



12. Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?  
*Luke 3:22*



13. Which animal did Jesus ride on?  
*Matthew 21:7*



14. What bird did God provide for food in the wilderness?  
*Exodus 16:13*



15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?  
*Matthew 3:4*



16. Which animal is the "mightiest among beasts"?  
*Proverbs 30:30*

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**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026 @ 7.30 pm**

**In the Community Hall**

**Cairnlea Parish Church**

**GATHER YOUR TEAM (UP TO 8 PEOPLE)  
COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN.**

**A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED**

**TICKETS £5 OR MORE IF YOU LIKE!!**