

Cadder Newsletter February 2021



Dear Friends,

February 14th is the day that we associate with St Valentine. St. Valentine has his roots in legend and according to legend, he was a priest who healed his jailer's blind daughter, then left her a note on the day of his execution signed "from your Valentine." In AD 496, Pope Gelasius marked February 14 to celebrate St. Valentine's life and faith. He is venerated today as the patron saint of beekeepers, epilepsy, and, of course, engaged couples and happy marriages.

So, all in all, St Valentines day is a day of blessing and a day to give thanks for all the love that we receive into our lives in a host of different ways. The Greek language has five different words to express love and the greatest said the Apostle is agape – which is sacrificial love.

The Gospels is essentially a love story, a story that tells of God's sacrificial love for the world... For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... but there are also stories of human love and we have a beautiful but shocking story of our Lord Jesus being anointed by a "sinful" woman carrying an alabaster jar of expensive perfume. She poured the perfume on Christ's head and all this happened in the house of Simon the Pharisee.

She was severely reprimanded by the onlooking Pharisees, who were shocked by the wastage of the expensive perfume, and they said that this money could have been used for the poor.

They were right! But they missed the important fact, that this woman wanted to demonstrate her commitment and love to the one who changed her life. She wanted to sacrifice all that she had.

Her heart ruled her head that day, and she did what she thought was right. When we love someone we want to show it.

St Valentine's day is a day that we want to show our love to the person or people who are special to us, a card, perfume, flowers.

She loved Jesus, not in a physical way, but because of who He was, and what he meant to her. She recognised that he was someone special offering a new dimension to her life. He had forgiven her sins, He had given a new start. Perhaps the money that bought the perfume was money that she made from her sinful lifestyle. She was making amends. She was starting again.

Christ was anointed days before going to the cross and I like to think that the smell of the perfume on his hair brought him great comfort as he died for the sins of the world on the cross.

Do we have that same urge to show how much Jesus means to our lives? Do we find ourselves spontaneously offering our hearts, our love, our life and yes our money for His service?

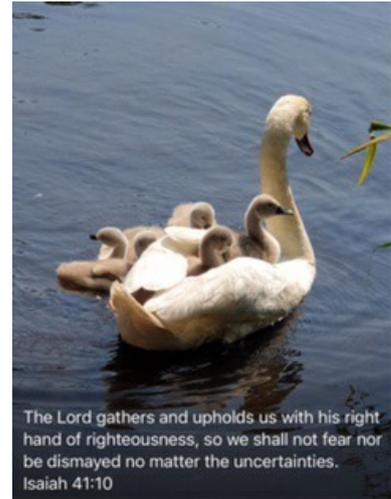
This St Valentine`s day falls on a Sunday, the day set aside for us to offer to God afresh our lives and our service. May the commitment of this woman to Jesus inspire us also to give to him all that we have and to bless those who bring love into our lives.

May your life be blessed by the grace our Lord,
Every blessing,

John

A Message from Adaeze

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



I come from a culture that reveres the right hand. Growing up, adults would always say, “use your right hand”. When walking on the road with parents, it was always, “stay on my right hand so I can hold you securely “.

Now therefore, imagine the feeling of security and assurance that comes from the knowledge that the righteous God, who loves us even more than our loved ones, parents and guardians, promises to uphold us with his righteous right hand! What a comfort and reassurance. Let us continue to rest on the knowledge that no matter the uncertainties and isolations God has our back. We have no reason to be afraid or dismayed, our answer to fear and distress is the realisation of God’s presence with us.

Church Services -

We are unable to worship in the Church for now but weekly online services can still still be accessed in a variety of ways. Details on page 9

Early Morning ZOOM Meetings on a Tue and Thurs at 9.30 am Please join us for those meetings, you will be most welcome. The code is 873 1163 8510 and the passcode is 644437.



Christian Aid Update

I'm writing to let you know that, following an organisational restructure, Christian Aid is reducing the number of office spaces in the UK to four - Warrington, London, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

This ensures a National office across the three nations in England, Scotland and Wales, but means we will close the Glasgow office on 31 March 2021. Glasgow-based staff will continue to work from home or in the Edinburgh office.

The decision undergirds our consistent commitment to supporting people who live in extreme poverty, especially within an increasingly difficult funding environment. By reducing physical sites, we hope to free maximum funds to programmatic work.

We're incredibly grateful for your continued support and we look forward to opening the doors again in Edinburgh as soon as health guidance allows. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or feedback you'd like to share or if you need to update your details with us.

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Cadder Shopping Service

"The Cadder shopping service continues to offer support to church and community members. If you have any shopping requirements, please phone the shopping line number between 10am and 5pm on a Monday or Thursday each week. The dedicated phone number for the service is 07539 015828. Gillian Crompton will be happy to take your call. Deliveries are made within 48 hours of request."

Gillian



212th BB

Hope everyone is well and staying safe in these really difficult times.

The 212th has started back in January with Zoom meetings for every section. These have been well attended with boys and staff enjoying catching up.

We have arranged two Q&A sessions for Company Section. The first took place in January with David Tanner sharing his memories of his time at the 212th and his experiences as a journalist

Next month, Rona Mackay MSP will join the boys for which I'm sure will be a really interesting evening.

We plan to continue meeting remotely until the restrictions are lifted. We have posted various activities for the boys to complete and topic of our next Junior Section meeting is Sign Language. We are fortunate that one of our parents has volunteered to join us at this meeting and share her experience of using Sign Language in her job.

Duke of Edinburgh is continuing remotely with boys completing the elements that they can at present. The hope is that by the time the restrictions are relaxed the boys will be in a good position to complete their award.

The next few months will be challenging, but we will continue to meet with the boys and try to offer interesting and challenging activities.

Best wishes

Linda



Girls Brigade

Girls Brigade has started back up this year, still in virtual format as before. We have about 10 girls attending regularly which is great and they seem to really enjoy it. We try to keep things fun by doing a simple craft each week, of things that girls would have in their homes and using special events in the calendar to format each nights activities around. We will not be going back face to face this side of the summer as directed by GB Scotland, sadly we will carry on and keep our fingers crossed that we will be back playing soup and Olly Olly Octopus soon. Best wishes to you all.

Claire Baker

Shoebox Appeal Christmas 2020

Thank you to all of you who filled shoeboxes online or who sent donations to Operation Christmas Child.



Here is a little news item which will warm your heart.

In December 2020, a team of 4 volunteers set sail in a 57ft ketch to travel from the nearest island to Enubirr in the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific, with 30 cartons of shoeboxes aboard. Enubirr has a population of just 1000. The volunteers sailed for six and a half hours.

293 children turned up at the school to receive their boxes, and the most common reaction was, “Is everything in this box just for me? You mean I don’t have to share?”

In spite of the pandemic, Operation Christmas Child was able to complete its work. So very worthwhile.

Thank you again.

Pat Marwick

Mary Sherrard MBE – born April 22nd 1923 -December 24th 2020- aged 97.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Mary Sherrard, mother of former Cadder Church minister Dane Sherrard. Mary’s obituary was in the Times on the 18th January. She was noted for being part of the Bletchley Park team that helped to crack the enigma code. She went on to help pioneer the pre-school playgroup movement and establish a network of Citizen’s Advice Bureaux. Her husband John was a Church of Scotland minister and she became president of the Church of Scotland Woman’s Guild. She gained a BA from the Open University. She passed away on the 24th December 2020.

A NOTE FROM SHEENA WATSON

I write to say thank you to all in the Church for your kindness whilst I was in Hospital getting a second new knee. I am gradually getting on my feet and I am looking forward to the first time I can attend the Church with you.

Sheena

Cadder Parish Church Guild

We are now five weeks into 2021 and still in lockdown, however we look forward to this as the ‘year of hope’ as vaccination against Covid 19 is underway.

I hope you enjoyed reading the The Big Lockdown Guild News.

It was nice to pick out familiar faces in the magazine Lydia Ramsey in her Guild stole having a soup lunch.

Dorothy Dalglish, past National President celebrating her 90th birthday.(she is the sister-in-law of our own Tom Henderson).

May Braid and Margaret Young were again in print celebrating their 100th birthdays in 2020. May reached 101 in November and Margaret will be 101 on Valentine’s day.

Great to hear updates on our 6 Guild Projects -The Boys’ Brigade, Sailors’ Society and Crossreach here at home, also Journeying Together in Zambia, Seema’s Project in Puni and Malawi Fruits. The total raised so far is £420,192.61. The 3 year strategy ends this year and sadly due to the pandemic we will not reach anywhere near the £750,000 that we have raised in past project schemes.

However there is an opportunity for everyone not just guild members to ‘Show your Love’ for the projects in a

“Virtual Valentines Soup Lunch”

Simply make yourself a bowl of soup, think of family and friends as you enjoy it on Sunday 14th February and you can donate to the Guild Projects on

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/the-guild/donate>

or send a cheque to The Church of Scotland Guild,
121 George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 4YN.



Thank you to everyone willing to participate.

Remembering the Guild motto “Whose we are and Whom we Serve”

Margaret K. Dundas
Convener.

** A final note to all who have been knitting hats etc. for the Sailors’ Society please hold on to them just now. Irene will advise you of the uplift date.



LHM Newsletter February

Dear Supporters,

We are now into the New Year and although LHM continues to be impacted by the new 'Stay at Home' guidance we are working with a small team to meet our commitment to support those experiencing homelessness.

We thought we would share with you a roundup of the varied support the team at LHM has been able to provide with your continued support through this Covid-19 pandemic.

£5 Hot Meal Voucher	Scheme	Emergency Food Parcels	Essentials Toiletries packs
667 meals given out	2,816 parcels distributed		1,437 packs distributed
Total cost £3,154	£ 13.44 approx. per parcel		£ 22.61 approx per pack

Clothing	Christmas Gift Bags	Full Christmas Dinner
255 assists	165 individuals	432 meals delivered

Through our partnership work with Bethany Christian Trust and Glasgow City Mission we have secured 1,200 emergency supply packs for vulnerable households across Glasgow. There are four pack types; food, cleaning, toiletries and stationary. To date we have reached 146 separate households in crisis.

We are now receiving regular referrals for help and assistance with food parcels, toiletries packs and clothing from various agencies for the clients they are working with. These include; Simon Community Scotland, British Red Cross, Hunter Street Homelessness Health Centre including Addictions Team and Blood Borne Virus Nurses, Positive Outcomes Project (Criminal Justice Team), Housing First, The Access Hub, Mungo Foundation, Wise Group and Quarrier's. In addition we have been able to supply £10 supermarket shopping vouchers to various charities frontline staff to issue to clients on our behalf.

Marie Trust	Simon Community Scotland	Street Soccer Scotland
450	700	350

Lunch bag provision to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre has been ongoing since 1st December.

We have been able to assist a total of 549 individual service users, from these there have been over 1000 presentations at our Centre. Assistance given has related to welfare rights advice, support, homelessness assistance, mobile phone top ups, meal vouchers, as well as emergency food, essential toiletries, clothing and winter weather packs. Our chaplaincy phone line remains available for prayer, support and assistance on **07864 705 668**. Our support worker Angela is available for over the phone consultations and can offer a one-to-one appointment if required. Our volunteers sorting food and clothing have continued their dedicated support despite tightening restrictions. Many churches and organisations have stepped up to offer additional support with regular supplies for our kettle food packs, clothing and toiletries. We are indebted to you all, none of this great work could be done without our many collaborative relationships and we want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who is part of the Lodging House Mission Family who make all of this vital work possible.

We ask for your prayers for God's strength as the team continue to engage with vulnerable people, and are available to offer support to the Glasgow Overnight Welcome Centre until end of March. Please keep in mind all those living in temporary accommodation during this pandemic, concerned about their future. Pray for protection during this pandemic and beyond as we continue to provide essential services to those in most need.

May God bless you as you have blessed the least of these brothers and sisters of Christ.
(Matthew 25:40)

Deacon Claire Herbert
Chaplain LHM

Cadder Singers

Cadder Singers Zoom-Along

The Cadder Singers are hosting another sing along on Tuesday 23rd March at 7pm on Zoom. Anne will give details on how to join in online in the March newsletter.



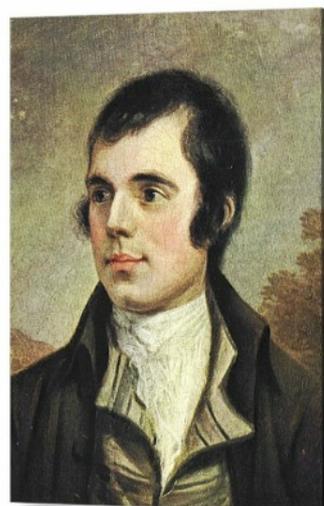


"Watch the Cadder Online Service"

If you are unable to watch John's YouTube service online and you would like to see it, there are two possible solutions.

- 1) An audio recording of the service is available by phoning 0141 280 1113. This is usually available from Sunday morning until the following Friday evening.
- 2) The service could also be provided on a memory stick for you to watch on your own TV.

If you would like more information about either option, phone Fraser MacKenzie on 07909906573.



José and Héloïse's Burns' Night Treat

Fraser has also given us a nice wee reminder.

In case you missed the Cadder Website link to José and Héloïse's rendition of Burn's

Ca' The Yowes To The Knowes, and My Wife's A Winsome Wee Thing, here is a link to the YouTube page to give yourself a treat. <https://youtu.be/BmNIRiJtgos>

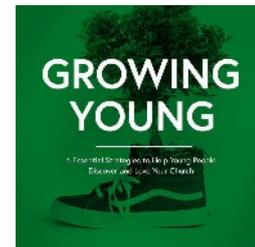
Alternatively it can be found on the Cadder church Youtube channel.

Growing Young at Cadder

We are now over 5 months into our Growing Young course with Fullerton Institute. Growing Young has grown out of Fullerton Youth Institute in California. This is a Church of Scotland initiative to help churches re-imagine their culture so that they are more likely to be a place where people under 30 will want to belong, participate, and so become a truly intergenerational church. Fullerton spent four years identifying common features among congregations in the US that were attracting and retaining teenagers and young adults and thus became intergenerational. They've developed a programme to help other congregations who want to embrace the core principals and apply them to their own context.

The principals are...

- Giving young people leadership responsibility
- Empathising with young people
- Focusing on Jesus' message
- Cultivating warm relationships
- Making young people a priority in everything
- Being good neighbours locally and beyond.



It's a journey that we have begun and will take time to develop and grow within the congregation but in these days of declining church membership and congregations struggling to attract younger people, it is encouraging that we are beginning this journey, which will hopefully through time be a blessing to the whole church, because at its heart is an intergenerational expression of church. We are in the season of snowdrops, and they are amongst the smallest and most delicate flower and yet they can survive the harshest winters. Growing Young is like the emergence of a snow drop, but let us pray that Spring will arrive soon for the Church, and so as the snowdrop heralds in a time of blessing may Growing Young have a similar effect.

Can I encourage you to pray for this developing group and to support and nurture them in whatever way you can?

Growing Young is working with our Foodbank team to gather for the East Dunbartonshire foodbank leading up to Easter. If you are able to donate to the foodbank, then you can do so by taking your food to the North Hall on Wednesdays during Lent from 2-3pm. The first Wednesday will be the 17th of February.

As part of the Growing Young course, the Growing Young Team will invite you to take part in a church assessment but more details on this will follow soon.

Rev John

Recent Funerals

We pay tribute to the following people who have recently had funeral services conducted by our minister. May they all know God`s peace and may their loved ones be assured of our continued prayers. Jesus said, “In my Father`s house there are many rooms, if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you and I will come back and take you to be with me.” John 14

Mr Jim Patrick – 6.12.20

Jim was brought up in Bishopbriggs and married to Elma and they lived at Toft Hill Avenue before recently moving to Springfield Court. Jim was blessed with his three daughters, Dorothy, Alison and Wendy and also his grandchildren. He loved his family and enjoyed his 58 years of happy married life to Elma.

Lorna Aiken – 28.11.20

Lorna was brought up in Bishopbriggs and attended the local schools. She was an editor in the fashion magazine for the Glasgow Herald. She met her partner Jackie who was also from Bishopbriggs and He and Lorna were soul mates for the last 20 years. She had good memories of earlier days being around Cadder Church.

Susan Batstone – 22.12.20

Susan had been brought up in Bishopbriggs as her dad was a local GP – Dr Brookes. She was married to Rupert and they lived in Abu Dhabi and then in England before recently moving to Gartmore. Susan took unwell and passed away on the 22.12.20, leaving behind her much loved husband and son Joshua. She had many happy memories of earlier days being around Cadder Church.

**CADDER COFFEE SHOP AT HOME
MEAL DELIVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**

EMAIL caddercoffeeshop@gmail.com or call 772 - 7236 for information

The Diary

Edited by Sneddon Atkinson

While Burns is still fresh in the memory, here is an alternative and heartfelt grace for the haggis supper:-

Gracious and Glorious

Three slices among four e us,

Thank God there's no more e us

A Comment many a parent might have sympathy for. A colleague tells us:-

One of my kids texted “plz” because it’s shorter than “please”. I texted back “no” because it’s shorter than “yes”.

Please send in any news items that you would like mentioned in the news letter to Brian Jilks bjilks@aol.com or John MacGregor – jmacgregor@churchofscotland.org.uk

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