

# Cadder Newsletter January February 2022



Dear Friend,

February again, and around the side of the church are the indomitable snow drops. They are so hardy and so weather resistant. One of the first signs of spring. While not native to these shores, these lovable flowers have become a familiar indicator of the shifting seasons and a sure sign that brighter weather is on its way.

I'm reliably informed that traditionally, snowdrops were used to treat headaches and as a painkiller. In modern medicine a compound in the bulb has been used to develop a dementia treatment.

But psychologically they give our spirits a lift, because we are reminded that something so small and so apparently delicate can withstand the cold of winter. They remind us of the wonderful gift of faith that we can possess. That despite all obstacles and challenges, new life can emerge. Jesus said, "if your faith is the size of mustard seed, you can say to a mountain move and it will." Faith can move mountains.

Some people think that faith is only for religious people. But the truth is everyone exercises faith. When we cross the road at the traffic lights, we put faith in the lights and other drivers. When we go into a restaurant to eat, we put faith in the owners, the chefs and the staff. When you think on it, all life is lived by faith.

The bible portrays faith as something which all Christians must have. It says, "He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them who seek Him". Hebrews 11v6. As a child learns to walk and then go a bike and then swim, so much of it has to do with faith but faith is not "know and do" but it is "do and know", for its not until we get into the swimming pool that we actually learn to swim, it's not until we get on our bike that we can ride it. We can know all the facts and we can know all the swimming strokes but we will not swim until we get in and trust that the water will support us.

So, it is with faith in God. Jesus came to show us how we can have faith. He said “Follow me!” repeatedly to the disciples. He set an example of how to live by faith.

So may I encourage us all to put faith to the test, Pray, Talk to God, believe that He will hear you. Read the Bible and go forward trusting that He will support you and be with you always.

Faith has fed the lives of millions upon millions of Christians over the last two thousand years. In these changing times, especially within churches, we might wonder what the future holds. But can I point you again to the snow drop, and say that it has a lesson to teach us. We may be living through a barren time and spiritually speaking the churches may appear to be at a low ebb, but don't give up, just yet! Spring is coming, look for the small signs of growth, all be it, small snow drops, see the message they give that new life is waiting to emerge, with God all things are possible,  
With every blessing,

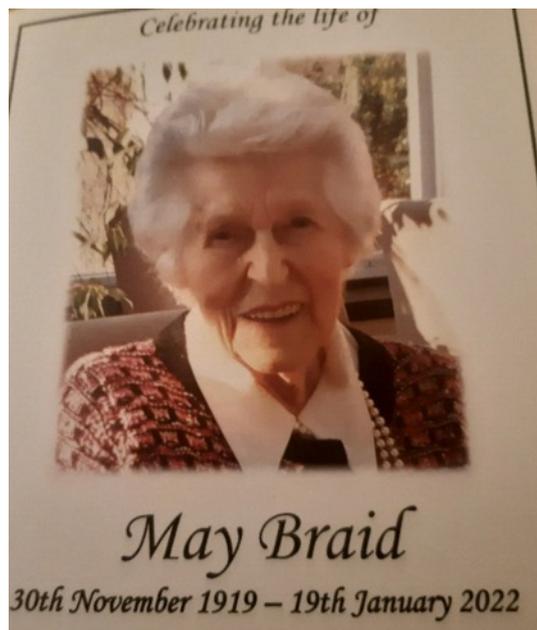
Rev John



**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.

We recently gathered for a celebration of May's life on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

May was brought up in the Cadder area. She was one of 6 children and she was married to Joe Braid who was greenkeeper at Cawder Golf Club. She loved her golf and made many great friends. She was a past captain and she once scored a hole in One at the 17<sup>th</sup> green! She worked at Cadder School. May was one of life's great characters and she maintained her strong spirit and sense of humour right through her life. She was greatly supported by David and Anne and also her befriender Angela. She passed away peacefully at Lillyburn Care home where she was lovingly cared for.



Anna was brought up in Brackenbrae Avenue in Bishopbriggs. In her younger days she was involved in Kenmure Church. In her youth, she loved travelling and went interrail to the continent. She met her husband Jack at Men's only at Kenmure Church and they were married in 1957 and had a loving marriage. She worked in the legal dept at Wimpy and was supervisor to her team which she called her Chunky Chicks. She was blessed with 2 children Martin and Roslynn and 5 grandchildren. They lived in Cloan Crescent, she became a member of Cadder Church. Over the last 12 years she battled with dementia. Sadly, she lost Jack 3 years ago, but Anna was surrounded with a lot of love from her family and carers. She passed peacefully away at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.



## **Mrs Rosina (Rina) Wood**

We give thanks to God for Aileen Jilks' mum, Rina, who was the youngest of 4 children born to her parents William and Rosina Slane. Rina was brought up with her sisters Isobella, Rachel and her brother Robert, and attended Balornock Primary and then on to Albert Secondary. She married Bobby Wood in Balornock Tron Church on 29 April 1955. They were blessed with their two daughters Aileen and Roslyn. Rina's whole world revolved around her family and she is fondly remembered as a very good cook, with pancakes a speciality. She was further blessed with her grandchildren, Laura, Gordon, Janey and then the great grandchildren- Dean , Bobby, Ella, Fletcher, Euan and Ross and she loved them dearly. She passed away peacefully on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bobby and the family.



## **Christmas Gift Service**

"Thank you for the generous donations to our Gift Service. Around 60 pairs of children's pyjamas and £500 in money and gift card donations were gifted to East Dunbartonshire Women's Aid. They are extremely grateful for our continued support. "

Janet



Christian Aid on ZOOM – Their annual Gathering on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 10-12. More details on their website.

"Watch the Cadder Online Service



The Sunday services continue to be recorded and are available on the Church YouTube channel

Congratulations to Mary and Louise – 2 of our Girl Brigade`s leaders who did a fire walk to raise money for Cancer Support Scotland. Well done ladies. The sum is £1,145.00 and still rising!

### **Mary and Louise Fire Walk for Cancer Support Scotland**

Mary and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their donations and also for their prayers and support in our latest adventure.

The experience was unlike anything either of us has gone through before. Exciting and scary at the same time, but the fact that we had lots of people willing us on made it easier.

We have raised a massive £1,145.00 which we are absolutely astounded by. This money will be put to very good use by Cancer Support Scotland and will allow them to help many more people affected by cancer in the future.

Thank you all so much, the Cadder Family again is there to support and uplift.!

Louise Beattie & Mary Livingstone



### **Shoebox Appeal Christmas 2021**

Cadder folk donated 80 shoeboxes, the majority of them were ‘actually’ filled and a number were filled online. This was a brilliant effort.

Thank you to everyone who filled a box, who handed me a donation or who sent a donation directly to Operation Christmas Child. I’ve had several very grateful emails from them.

If anyone gets an email telling them where their box went, could they let me know, please?

Thanks again.

Pat Marwick





In October 2021 we had a speaker from BEAT a project which will help develop a network of young ambassadors who will work in schools, colleges and universities but who will also work with Church congregations, Boys' Brigade and school chaplains to raise awareness of the impact of eating disorders and encourage people to seek help.



Last Thursday Michaela Foster Marsh , the founder of Starchild spoke to us of the work she and her charity are doing in Uganda to help children with Autism/disabilities who along with their mothers are ostracised by society.

The Sunflower Sanctuary has since been built, a school for Creative Arts, where over fifty families in the rural area of Jinja, affected by autism and disabilities are being helped.

These are the two charities the Guild are supporting this year and both very worthy of our support. Unfortunately we have been unable to have our coffee morning in the last two years but we are hopeful Guild members and the Congregations will help us support these Charities.

Unfortunately, our two meetings in January had to be cancelled . Our next meeting will be on Thursday 17th. February in the South Halls at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Dr Elaine Morrison and her subject is Scottish Womens' Hospitals in the First World War and the need for them. Anyone is very welcome.

Our meeting on Thursday 3rd March is our AGM . Our present Convener Margaret Dundas will be retiring at this time after three years in office so we will be looking for a new Convener as well as Tea Conveners and committee members. We will also be discussing the pros and cons of moving to an afternoon meeting.

Our meeting on the 17th. March was to be the Ian Walker Band, our Fund Raiser, but there is doubt about this going ahead. Watch this space. We finish the Session with our Daffodil Tea on the 31st. March.



Michaela Foster Marsh director of Starchild with Rev John and Janice Inglis at a recent Guild meeting

## **Church Development News**

I just want give you a few words about the challenges that the church is facing going forward.

You may be aware the Church of Scotland is revising its Presbytery Plans, this is due to the cut in ministries that is coming to the Church. Glasgow Presbytery alone is instructed to cut ministries from 134 to 84 and so with this reduction comes extra pressure placed on congregations.

Nobody knows yet what the outcome may look like for Glasgow and for Bishopbriggs, but we go forward trusting that whatever happens, that we will know that God is leading us forward. As soon as we know any more news, we will update you.

Over the last few years, we have been working hard at looking to the future. Our Kirk Session gave permission to a small group to discover more about Growing Young. Growing Young is a model of ministry that looks at 6 core principals which are found in healthy churches. The Church of Scotland has also instructed congregations to follow the 5 marks of mission.

The work of Growing Young has helped us create a transformation plan for going forward and this plan will be the remit of our newly formed teams. This is a work in progress and will take a bit of time to implement

We have also been working on a vivid description for the church for the next five years and the idea of the church as a jigsaw has been discussed. A church with many parts but all connected and each piece in the jig saw representing a member, who will play a vital role in us going forward. More work will be done around this.

But at present, I just want to inform you that we are working at strengthening our structure to take the church forward and creating a fresh vision for us to meet the challenges of the present generation. I will give you more detail soon.

There have also been discussions around the refurbishment of the South Hall and over the last 18 months we have been working with a small team called Designed to Succeed, who has been helping us to look at the South Hall, and to come up with a plan for the way forward, a plan that will give new energy to the South Hall. The draft outline plan will come to our Kirk Session soon for discussion and as soon as the Kirk Session are satisfied that we have a good draft plan, this will come out to the wider congregation for further consultation.

As you can see, we are planning for the future; planning for growth and not decline. I'm sure that we all believe that Cadder Church has a major role still to play in the building of God's Kingdom here in Bishopbriggs and further afield.

# Thank You

Just to say thank you to Cadder Church for the beautiful arrangement I received on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. To Margaret Crane who makes sure the flowers are always in church.

Lots of thanks to many friends of Cadder & Cadder Guild for cards & best wishes. Also to my family for giving me the best week of Birthday surprises.

Now I have reached the 90 club, I do hope to see many more. Thank you for all the friendship I have received through the Years.

Mary Sutherland



I would like to thank the Church for the lovely flowers I received “in memory of my mum” .

Thank you to the Cadder family for all the prayers, cards, flowers, plants and words of comfort. Your love and support have been of great help to the family.

A special thank you to Gordon McNally for his lovely funeral service for my mum and to Jaqueline and Zanne for their wonderful baking.

Aileen Jilks.

## CADDER COFFEE SHOP

 **The Coffee Shop is open** 

**Hours are 10.00 till 14.00 Tuesday - Thursday**  
**10.00 till 12.00 Friday**

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