

Cadder Newsletter June



Dear Member and Friend of Cadder Church,

Have you ever been caught in a storm? I encountered a ferocious storm of the West Coast of Scotland when I was 16. I was working on a 40-foot fishing boat and we were sailing from Tobermory to Crinan and the storm did its best to capsize us, but by the grace of God, we made it to the port.

The hymn writer Augustus Toplady, was caught in a violent storm and he managed to find a safe place in a crevice in a rock, where he was inspired to write these words,

“Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

let me hide myself in thee;

let the water and the blood,

from thy wounded side which flowed,

be of sin the double cure;

cleanse me from its guilt and power.”

Today, we are facing a perfect storm within the Church of Scotland, with 40% reduction in the number of ministers by 2025, too many buildings in the wrong places, fewer entering the ministry, financial deficits, and membership plummeting. So, there is a storm above us and we are caught in it.

The last 15 months have been like a storm in itself, as the pandemic has caused chaos and has brought suffering to many throughout our world and is still doing so.

So, the question is, how do we survive the storms of life?

Well, the simple answer may be found in this beautiful story of Jesus calming the storm in Matthew 8v23-27.

Firstly, acknowledge that we are in a storm. This may seem obvious, but often we want to bury our heads in the sand rather than acknowledge that there is a problem; that accusation was put before the General Assembly this year, that we have not acted quickly and decisively enough in past years and now the future of the church is in peril. The disciples definitely knew that they were in a storm and it came suddenly and it was life threatening.

Secondly, realise that we are not in the storm alone. Seek help! This is what the disciples did. They woke Jesus up, who was asleep at the stern of the boat. “Lord save us, we are going to drown!” they cried out to him. Their words were short and earnest. “Lord save us!”

I would encourage us all to pray these words, for ourselves and for the future of our church both nationally and locally. Let us learn from the disciples and take this matter with urgency to God in prayer call on him, “Lord, save us, we are going to drown!”

Jesus rebuked the disciples, “Why are you so afraid, you of little faith!” These are challenging words; they were afraid simply because they were human beings, and their future was in danger.

Jesus calmly rebukes the storm. He faces the issue head on, and he is in control because he knew his Father’s loving care and he knew that his Father was still in control. So, he encourages the disciples to do the same and have faith in Him. To follow Christ is to know him in the sunshine and the storm.

What’s the message for us? Don’t allow yourself to get swamped with all the depressing news; yes, be aware of the storm, but let us look beyond the storm and trust that our Saviour has everything in hand.

Of course, that doesn't mean that we do nothing; we do our best in the storm, we persevere, we keep our balance, we keep direction and in the midst of the storm we keep our eyes fixed on the Eternal God believing that He has a plan for us.

Please remember that the Church was not thought up by a human committee, the Church is God’s idea. His Son is the head of the Church and His Spirit sustains the Church. So, the Church will never die; change it will, but it will never end.

When the storm passes, what will the church at Cadder look like in 10 years or even in 5 years’ time? I don’t know, but what I do know, is that God is in the storm with us, and if we remain close to God, then He will be close to us and He will work out his purpose for our lives.

The Church has been no stranger to storms in the past, as this old hymn points out,

“Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,

When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?

When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,

Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul

Stedfast and sure while the billows roll,

Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,

Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.”

with every blessing

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.

Funerals

Vair Oliver 20.8.42 - 15.4.21

Maureen Sanderson 3.10.36 – 4.5.21

Peter Malcolm 3.10.37 – 23.5.21

Anniversary

Our very best wishes to Jan and Billy Gilchrist on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Thanks also to Ian Watt for capturing the happy couple with a such a stunning photograph



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.”

As restrictions due to the pandemic continue to ease, we will revue the service at the end of June.

Gillian

Capacity lifted in the Church

I'm delighted to announce that the capacity limit has been lifted in the church and so we are able to accommodate more people. Recently it has been up to 50 people but now we are able to offer more accommodation and if numbers exceed the capacity for downstairs, the gallery can now be used.

However, there are still restrictions in place, sanitizing hands, 2 metre social distancing, face coverings, no singing, and a booking system in place. We note that, if East Dunbartonshire should be moved down to level 1 we would be able to sing albeit through our trusty masks.

The booking system is the same as before, the number is 07312 358 221 and you can phone this on a Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8.30pm and the call will be answered by either Margaret Redpath or Margaret Neely.



Watch the Cadder Online Service

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

Audio Service

With the increase in members returning to Church on a Sunday morning and the decrease in folk listening to the audio recording on the phone line, it is proposed to stop this service in the next few weeks. During the last week in May no one made use of this service. If you would like to access a video recording of the service please contact Fraser MacKenzie who will try to find an alternative to the phone line service which will suit your circumstances.

Fraser MacKenzie 0141 772 8676



Cadder Parish Church Guild



We are almost at the end of our strategy
One Journey many Roads.

National Convener Mabel Wallace was able to give the Guild report in person at the General Assembly. She told of how the guild had kept in touch on line with the news letters and online events. Support for the Guild projects continued and over £550,000 has been raised. An amazing amount considering how the situation of the pandemic has affected our gatherings.

We look forward now to our new strategy for 2021 – 2024 ‘Look forward in Faith’

our theme for 2021/22 is ‘Lights and Bushels’

There are now six new projects in 4 continents– 2 in Scotland, 2 in Africa, 1 in South East Asia and 1 in Brazil. We will hear more about them as we move ahead.

Plenty to look forward to as we plan our programme for the new session.

Prayers and fingers crossed it will be great to meet again. Enjoy the summer and every bit of sunshine.

Lodging House Mission

Update Covid has affected the staff at LHM and sadly Stephen the day centre manager died and our thoughts and prayer are with his family. Unfortunately the Chaplin Claire Herbert has ben ill since her second vaccination and we pray for her at this difficult time.

On a brighter note Angela the support worker is now better and able to resume one to one appointments with clients.

Volunteers have continued to offer support to those in need through emergency food parcels, toiletries and clothing. The team have also given the main hall a fresh coat of paint in the hope of being able to open as soon as possible.

LHM are delighted to announce that they have recruited a new day centre manager June McLeod to start this month.

The Lodging House ask for our prayers for the clients, staff and for the partner agencies they have been working with over this very difficult time.

Margaret K Dundas



212th Boys Brigade

All sections have been meeting outdoors face to face since April. These meetings have been well attended with a mixture of rugby workshop, games, hockey and activities from the BB GoWild programme. Sections will continue to meet until the middle of June. When we return next session we hope for a more 'normal' scenario moving forward.

The Covid pandemic has been difficult for everyone and raised challenges that as a Company we have managed to navigate our way through by using remote and outdoor sessions.

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent plant sale. With over 50 orders, two collection runs with full minibus and trailer and a successful click and collect/delivery service our sale was very successful. In future we might operate plant sales like this or a combination of the original set-up and this year's arrangement.

We hope everyone has a good summer - stay safe and well

Linda

To keep up to date with everything going on at the 212th, then please visit our website at 212glasgow.co.uk. You can also follow via FACEBOOK and/or Twitter



Girls Brigade

Well, that's the summer well and truly here, GB has now wound up for the holidays and we will hopefully be back face to face in August. This would have been an excellent year for our weekend away with the girls, certainly the best June weather that I remember for a while anyway, but we will have to keep our fingers crossed for next year. I just want to say thank you very much to all the other leaders who have been so invaluable this year with their input for virtual GB. Thanks to all the girls and parents who joined us, and all who have continued to support us through this trying time. Hope that you all have a lovely summer,

Claire Baker Captain – 92nd Girl's Brigade



CADDER COFFEE SHOP AT HOME
MEAL DELIVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY



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



Our at home meal delivery and baking service will continue until June 22nd

It has been a pleasure providing this service over the last year and we thank you for your support. We are hopeful the Coffee Shop can reopen to our customers on the 16th August.

Place your order by emailing caddercoffeeshop@gmail.com or call the coffee shop direct on Tuesday morning between 10 - 12 on 0141 772 7436.



Kitchen towels with toppers

Aileen is making and selling these to boost Coffee shop funds.

They are priced at £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00

Order by e-mail or Telephone using the Coffee Shop contact information as noted above.

Items will be delivered to your door and are gift wrapped.



Cadder Singers.

We have had our last Zoom meeting - hopefully ever, but who knows! We finished with a quiz for those of us who lasted the pace and what a time we had. It was great fun! Who would have thought that at the start of the Pandemic we would be stopped from singing all this time. However, we have overcome that and lived (and sung on our own) to tell the tale. We are all so much more technically savvy than we ever thought we could be! Well done everybody!!

I will be in touch over the summer to let you know how things stand but please keep your fingers crossed for meeting in person in September.

Have a lovely break and see you soon.

Anne



The Diary

Edited by Sneddon Atkinson

A few reminders of the wonderfully wacky mind of the late great Chic Murray

A Neighbour asked if he could use Chic's lawnmower. "Certainly" he replied " but please don't take it out of my garden"

Chic's remark as he fell from a bus: "it;s all right. I was getting off anyway"

I walked into the bedroom - the curtains were drawn, but the furniture was real.

Chic speaking of a trip to Helensburgh in the days when every chemist shop had a penny in the slot weighing machine in the door-way. " It's a wonderfully exciting place is Helensburgh. Full of entertainment. I Weighed myself twice."

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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