

Cadder Newsletter March 2021



Cadder News Letter for Lent

Dear Member and Friend of Cadder Church,

We are now in the midst of lent, a time associated with testing and challenge. Lent is a time which looks back to the people of Israel when they wandered through the desert for 40 years, waiting for the time when they were ready to enter the promised land; a time also that reflects the 40 days of Jesus` testing in the wilderness, where he was left alone to the wiles of the devil.

Life is a journey where testing and challenge is at its core. It comes in all shapes and sizes almost on a daily basis and is usually much bigger than a chocolate biscuit or a cream cake. Testing is what makes us the people we are.

James wrote, 1:2-3 "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of faith produces endurance." and in the old Testament Job said 23:10 "But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold".

As a National church we are going through a time of testing. Nationally, our ministry numbers will be reduced; which may well reflect on our local ministry here in Bishopbriggs. Nationally, our finances are in millions of pounds of deficit each year and so there is much hard thinking to be done at 121 and also locally.

This month`s Presbytery meeting featured Dave Kendall, Chief Executive of the Church of Scotland speaking about the challenges and the opportunities facing the Church of Scotland. It is ironic that on this same evening a decision was made to suspend our Bishopbriggs Parish Grouping, to allow Presbytery Strategic Planning Group, the opportunity to come and speak with our congregations. It would be easy to get discouraged, but I think that we should see this time of testing and trial as an opportunity; that in the midst of these trials, God is doing something exciting for us and for future generations, and that He has a plan for us going forward, and in the words of the prophet, "we will come forth as gold".

But as a wise retired minister said recently at Presbytery, Rev David Lunan, after he reflected on his 50 years of ministry, "Decline has been the order of the day for fifty years. But I have no fear; the future may be smaller but more beautiful." I love those words from David because it comes from a man who openly speaks about his suffering in his ministry. David also said to Presbytery, "St. Augustine said that what our Lord did with the bread, he blesses it, he breaks the bread, he shares it. It happens to us all. And that has been my experience of ministry."

Jesus talked to his disciples often about suffering, testing and carrying the cross. He used a metaphor about pruning the vine to describe the work of God in the lives of his followers; but he also said that we must remain on the vine and that is the gospel truth, those who remain on the vine will survive the testing, whilst those who separate themselves from the vine will fall away. The vine of course is Christ.

Let me finish this letter with David Lunan`s gracious words, “We every one of us have a calling, and are blessed, and we will all face the cross, and by the grace of God, we will come through, to share with everyone all we have received, in the service of one another, and of the kingdom of God.”

My friends, lent is a time to allow our hearts to be tested; to even ask questions about our faith; so, let us be honest and come before God and like the psalmist of old and say,

Psalm 139:23 “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; See if there is any offensive way in me; And lead me in the way everlasting.”

Go forward trusting in the One who was tempted in every way and remember that God is with you in the furnace of whatever trial or testing that you are facing today. He understands you and He holds you like a blacksmith`s anvil, and He will never let you go. His arms are strong, loving and caring. Beyond lent, comes the cross and then the glory of the resurrection. This is our ultimate destiny, we are people of hope.

Every blessing on your preparation for Easter,

John

Church Services -

We are unable to worship in the Church for now but weekly online services can still be accessed in a variety of ways. Details on page 5

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.



92nd Girls Brigade News

The Girls Brigade have been meeting fortnightly online. It is working well for them and they have a regular group of girls who join them. They have been working on crafts and the officers gave each girl a bag with crafts so that they had all the same things to work from. This has allowed them to do some basket weaving and also prepare some Mother Day gifts and they are planning to do some Easter crafts. So, they are doing the best they can in difficult circumstances and look forward to the day that they can return face to face.

Best wishes to all in the congregation from the 92nd Girls Brigade

Captain – Claire Baker

212th Boys Brigade



Hope everyone is well and staying safe.

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, all sections are still meeting remotely. We are pleased with the number of boys joining us each week for these meetings. We have had a variety of topics on offer, all of which the boys have really enjoyed. We are also delighted to have Rev John join us on these meetings which is very much appreciated by staff and boys.

We plan to continue with zoom meetings until the Easter holidays. After the holidays (and restrictions permitting) we would like to start our summer programme with outdoor activities. Like everyone else we are crossing our fingers!!!!

Those members who follow our Facebook Page will have noticed the recent damage to our minibus. Unfortunately, the driver who bumped the minibus did not leave their contact details which has resulted in the 212th picking up the cost of the repair.

We very much hope to see everyone soon.

Best wishes

Linda Ritchie

Captain

Funeral Services

We pay tribute to the following people who have recently had funeral services. May they 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

Catherine (Maureen) McMillan – 16.1.21

Margaret McDougall – 19.1.21

Eileen McKellar – 27.1.21

John McDougall – 30.1.21

Lynsay Taylor – 30.1.21

James Kinnes Patrick – 2.2.21

Jim was a well-loved person around Cadder Church. He had served as an elder and roll keeper and was very involved in the Men's Club. Jim was blessed with his family, his wife Winnie, and his children Wendy, Ian and Gillian and their partners and his 6 grandchildren. He had a passion for the sea and loved sailing. He was a lecturer at Strathclyde University and had a PHD. Jim will be greatly missed for his quiet and endearing nature. He was a man of faith and we can have confidence that he is in the cradle of God's love.

Thank you

The family and I have been overwhelmed by the support we have had from our many friends in the church Family and the Guild in the form of cards, messages, phone calls, flowers, plants on the occasion of Jim's passing. To know so many people have been thinking of us and praying for us at this sad time has been a great consolation.

With many thanks

Winnie and Family

Wedding at the Church

Julie and Andrew are being married in the Church on the 19th March. This is the third time that it has been rearranged. Unfortunately, there will only be 5 people attending their wedding, themselves, their witnesses and myself because of Covid19 Restrictions. But I'm sure that we all want to wish the happy couple well and pray for God's blessing to be upon them both as they start on their married life together. Hopefully more about the Wedding in the next Cadder News.

Possible Reopening of the Church

As you are probably aware the First Minister announced recently that the Scottish Government intend to allow places of worship to reopen from 26th March subject to continued improvement in the Covid-19 statistics. The SG news release says this:-

“Should progress suppressing the virus continue, the Scottish Government intends to reopen places of worship with attendance limits increased from 20 to 50 where there is space for social distancing on Friday 26 March. A final decision will be taken on Tuesday 23 March ahead of Passover, Easter, Ramadan and Vaisakhi.”

So, we await further news from the Scottish Government and if we are allowed to open for up to 50 people, then we will be going ahead. But it will be the usual restrictions, socially distances, face coverings, no singing, and a booking system in place. But, I will update you on the reopening when we receive more news.



[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.



Cadder Parish Church Guild

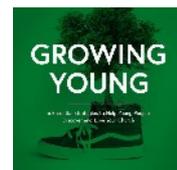
The theme this year The Extra Mile is almost over, bringing to a close our three year strategy ‘One Journey many Roads’. We could not have imagined as we began this journey how it would end. The pandemic has meant it is now a year since we have been able to meet together as a guild branch.

However in this year of hope we are now looking forward to the new Guild strategy which could not be more appropriate ‘Look forward in Faith’.

Next month the new Guild projects will be announced. There will be a virtual Big Sing in May during General Assembly week and we are hoping that this year all being well, the Annual Gathering will be held in the Caird Hall, Dundee.

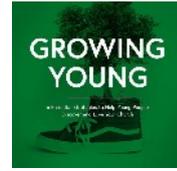
As we begin building a programme for our own session 2021/2022 we do so in faith that we will gather together in person and very much looking forward to that time.

Margaret K Dundas Convener.



Growing Young

The Growing Young Team is still continuing its journey with Fuller Youth Institute in California. They recently attended a weekend summit, all be it online on the 5th and 6th March. This summit was hosted by FYI who are based in California and it was attended by over 20 other Church of Scotland Growing Young Teams, all focused on developing churches that wish to become places where young people of all ages want to be part of and grow in their Christian faith. The next summit is on the 19th and 20th of March.



Growing Young Church Survey

If you haven't already done so, you are invited to take part in a church survey which will be of benefit to the Growing Young Team as they plan their way forward. The survey is on our church website. It does ask you for your email address. However, if you wish not to give your email address, you can use a test one, supplied by FYI – attendeel@churchname.com. All surveys completed will be anonymous and the local church will receive no personalized information, only the results of the survey which will come back to the local Growing Young Team. The survey will be open till the 29th of March.

East Dunbartonshire Foodbank

We have been delighted with the response to the ED foodbank. We are still collecting on a Wednesday from 2-3pm at the North Hall. This will continue for the 17th and 24th of March. Thank you to all who have been so generous and thank you to those who delivered the food to the warehouse.

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

Cadder Singers



Well, we've been singing weekly, but now planning our Staycation holiday, visiting Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Why don't you join us as we travel through the countries, singing as we go!
We leave on the 23rd March at 7pm on Zoom.

Here is the link to the event:

Topic: Staycation Singalong

Time: Mar 23, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83331158745>

Meeting ID: 833 3115 8745

As before, I will send out the words and the link nearer the time but if you could let me know if you are interested in joining us please get in touch. (Tel. 563 1983 or email: anne.budd@ntlworld.com) Details will also be on the website nearer the time.

I do hope you will come for a laugh as well as a song. It really lifts your spirits.



CADDER COFFEE SHOP AT HOME
MEAL DELIVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY



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

We are delighted to announce our home baking service will resume on Friday 16th April. Order Tuesday morning for Friday delivery.

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

Freshly Baked Scones (Fruit or Plain) Box of 4	£2.50
Empire Biscuits Box of 4	£3.50
Carrot Cake Box of 4	£4.50
Fruit Slice Box of 4	£3.50
Homemade Tablet per bag	£1.00
Victoria Sponge 7 inch 8/10 slices	£8.00
Chocolate Cake 7 inch 8/10 slices	£8.00
Shortbread GF per bag	£1.00

Gluten Free Options Available



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.

The Diary

Edited by Sneddon Atkinson

Listening to music has changed so much in these digital times. When discussing this someone asked “when was the last time you listened to an entire album” I had to admit that it was when Talk Talk put me on hold.

A Reader tells us how difficult it has become to order a cup of coffee these days. Last summer he was in a Glasgow cafe when a chap sat down and asked for a coffee. The girl rhymed off all the different types of coffee he could have but he interrupted her with: “Just instant’s fine” and she told him: “If you want instant you’ll have to wait”.

A Whimsical reader phones ‘the Diary’ to announce: “Just said ‘boo’ to a goose”. “Don’t see what all the fuss is about”.

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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