

Cadder



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A View from the Manse

Dear Friends,

The bell rings!

Susan looked at me and suddenly we are hit by a tsunami of emotions. We look up and there is a man in his 60's with a scarf round his neck holding the bell. He has no friends beside him, but the Beatson café erupts into a cacophony of cheers. Another person has made it, he has survived the treatment, Susan sits waiting to begin her journey. The sound of the bell, was a defining moment for us both on our present journey. The bell has rung to mark the end of our journey with you at Cadder and the beginning of a new chapter in all of our lives. It has rung earlier for us than we expected but with God you never know what tomorrow will bring. The wise philosopher of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a season for every activity under Heaven; 3v1 - so, it is in that spirit that I would like to thank you all for our season at Cadder Church where we experienced so many blessings. The philosopher wrote, "There is a time for weeping and a time for joy". Whenever someone moves on there is sadness but joy can quickly follow; joy comes when we look back and see what has been left. When Jesus left his disciples, he breathed his spirit onto them. This meant that he was always with them!

The loving support by many people during our 8 years at Cadder Church has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for the kind words, cards, gifts and prayers that you gave to us on our departure, but most of all thank you for the many happy memories that we will hold in our hearts and take with us. We have encountered some real gems and discovered many diamonds amongst you!

The journey at Cadder has shaped us further into the people that we are becoming; all part of God's plan. Thank you for the many lovely friendships. It's not all been plain sailing, there have been choppy seas and difficult situations but we have survived them together; Covid brought its own challenges, it was during this time that we saw the real Cadder spring into life with the Coffee Shop reaching out to those stranded and members looking after each other delivering groceries and medicines to their homes.

During those two years, God guided us on a journey with Growing Young, which led us to construct the Cadder Growth Plan which I'm delighted has become a blessing. God also guided us to construct an exciting plan for the refurbishment of the South Halls, which I pray one day you will take forward. God also led us into a new journey with technology which has helped bring the church out into the community. God raised up a new wave of young families engaging in different ways with our church. Thanks to everyone who supported these initiatives and who will take them forward, you are in my prayers.

It is with mixed feelings that we move on; a real sense of gratitude for the past but also a sense that we will miss many people. We wish you all well in the next season of your church journey and we will pray that God will continue to bless you all. I do believe that the next minister inherits a good foundation to build on.

The photo below was taken on our final service which was Easter Day, Resurrection Sunday; we are holding a painting of a tree with the finger prints of Cadder Kids on the branches with the words, "Thank you for helping us grow". Thank you nurture team; we love this, and we will always cherish it. This was the first picture on the walls of our new home! When we arrived in 2017, there were only a few little seeds; it's amazing to see a tree grow.

In that spirit, we pray that all parts of Cadder will continue to grow and reach out into the parish and beyond with God's grace, love and mercy and that "Growing Young" will continue to be at the heart of your journey. We hope that the seeds that have been planted, all round the church over the last 8 years and the many green shoots that have appeared will eventually bring you much fruit.



As for me and Susan, the bell has rung, our time has ended with you and God has called us to another journey; as I write this Susan has just completed her first session of chemotherapy, we are both positive, trusting in the grace and mercy of our loving God, and we look forward to what God has for us to do in the next season of our lives, as we also continue to prayerfully grow young, scattering more gospel seeds on a different ground. In whatever way the bell rings for you, embrace it and move forward, trusting that God walks with you.

May God's peace and grace be with you all,

John and Susan.

Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life”

Those who have passed away recently, our thoughts and prayers are with the grieving families.

Mrs Lorna Law	25/01/2025
Miss Julie Kerr	09/02/2025
Mrs Mary Sutherland	15/02/2025
Mrs Elizabeth Anderson	15/02/2025
Mr Robert Burnett	24/03/2025
Mrs Edith Adam	21/04/2025
Mrs Vera Cameron	28/04/2025

Baptisms

Harris Allan Threshie	20/04/2025
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A Message from our Interim Moderator

Rhona McDonald

Dates are important, they are part of our every day, we know what day of the week it is, and dates keep us in time. Every year we may buy calendars that have pictures to hang on our walls to remember what day of the week it is. Special dates are often marked in our diary and calendars, for example, a loved one dies, and we mark the anniversary in our diaries, your birthday, or those who you care about, and significant moments in life.

And we may also remember dates of world tragedies like Dunblane, September 11th and Boxing Day tsunami. On the 19th May, that will be a full year (and likely you're reading this after it's passed) since I preached as sole nominee at Carntyne and Cranhill in the East End of Glasgow, and it will be 1 year on the 27th June since I got inducted there, and now I am with you guys at Cadder as your Interim Moderator.

Dates are important, and there are many dates that are in the Christian year that we hold important, Communion that we have, our Advent then into Christmas, with Christmas day a big date we know. The start of lent, leading to Easter Sunday, then the season of Easter, and we have Pentecost. The day some describe as the church's birthday, and a day we celebrate. And we should celebrate, as much as we can during the year, the joy of knowing God, of the birth and death of Jesus, and the spirit being with us following the day of Pentecost.

In the Church of Scotland, we know it's been a tough time for us all, with churches moving into unions, linkages, and buildings that were much loved and held deep memories being sold off, has been hard. And over the next while, we will be journeying together to see what the next part of your life with God as the congregation of Cadder. And we need to pray, serve, and celebrate, we are still here, it's might feel different, and you may be worried about what is to come, and ways of doing life, but we are still here, because God never got closed down.

Yes, we may have to change, do things not how it's always been, but this is an opportunity for God's Church in Scotland to regroup, re-plan, re-mission, and re-love. Let's celebrate that. I look forward to meeting folks as we share this time together, and know that I hold the congregation of Cadder in my prayers.

Acts 2 Good News Translation

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place.

² Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then they saw what looked like

tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.



House Beautiful.

I'm sure you will all agree that we at Cadder have a very beautiful church.

This is all made possible by the work carried out by our property team, our volunteer gardeners and by our church cleaning teams.

At the moment we have 10 teams cleaning the church once a week. Teams mainly consist of 2/3 people. We are looking for volunteers to make up 2 more teams which means each team would clean about 4 times a year.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be able to help with this very rewarding service.

Margaret Redpath. 0141 772 1822.

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CADDER GROWTH PLAN 2025

As reported in previous articles, the work of the Growth Teams commits us to build the house of the Lord here at Cadder based on the Church of Scotland's 5 Marks of Mission; 5 marks which are grounded in the life of Jesus, and in the early church. Jesus came to **TELL** people about God's love and mercy; he came to **TEACH** people how to live in a loving community; he came to **TEND** the sick and the weak; He came to **TRANSFORM** unjust structures; he came to **TREASURE** God's people and world and give us the vision of His coming Kingdom, when his creation will be restored. The full Cadder Growth Plan for 2025 can be found on our recently re-developed church website : www.cadderchurch.org

Other articles in the Gazette will update you on how the Growth teams are progressing with their 2025 plans. This is an encouraging development in itself. Instead of reporting through a general update on Cadder Growth, the teams are now leading on these communications, letting the congregation know what they have been doing and some of their plans for the months ahead. The revamped Cadder Gazette was one of our planned Cadder Growth tasks taken on by the Communications Team. It now reflects in words and pictures the vibrant, colourful life of our busy church right through the year.

We are now half way through our 5 year plan for Cadder Growth. Convenors, team leaders and some Session members are meeting up on 28 May 2025 to: reflect on how the work of the teams is going; identify the positives and the challenges of Growth work; think about options for improving how the structure works and how teams collaborate; think about how we communicate and involve the wider congregation in Growth work. This will then feed into thinking for next year's Growth planning. Yes, already thinking about 2026!

If you would like to get involved in the work of any of our Mission and Resources Teams, please get in touch with Gillian Crompton, our Cadder Growth coordinator. Every pair of hands will be most welcome and much appreciated. Just a reminder, the **Mission Teams** are: Worship & Spiritual Leadership, Nurture, Communications, Care & Fellowship, Community & World Outreach Coffee Shop; Retail Shop and Caring for Creation. The Resources Teams are: Stewardship & Finance; Risk; Property Maintenance & Development; Hall Marketing & Marketing.

Our continued thanks to all the teams working hard to nurture, grow and maintain Cadder Church and to all of the people and organisations around the church that make such valuable contributions to the life and outreach of Cadder.



Bishopbriggs Christian Aid Quiz 2025

On 10 May another successful Quiz Night took place in the South Hall raising funds for Christian Aid. We were delighted to welcome friends from Kenmure and Springfield Cambridge as well as Val Brown, Head of Christian Aid in Scotland. At the half-time break Val gave a short presentation which described how and why Christian Aid was formed 80 years ago as well as touching on some of the current projects.

The sum raised was £400 with much of that being enhanced with Gift Aid declarations.

Many thanks to all who came along and especially those behind the scenes who organised the half-time tea break – all very much appreciated!

Ian Watt



Earth Hour and Climate Change Service

On Saturday 22nd March and Sunday 23rd

March, we held Earth Hour and Climate Change Services encouraging us as individuals and as a congregation to take every little step we can to

minimise our impact on Climate Change to help preserve the world God has provided for us.



Presbytery and Christian Aid Conference



On 2nd May, we hosted a conference organised by Glasgow Presbytery and Christian Aid. The theme was Climate Justice and Poverty and Susan Murray, our MP came along to discuss with the Groups how the government is tackling Climate Change and Climate Justice.

We also welcomed 17 Primary 6 pupils from Meadowburn School who gave us a lively and entertaining presentation on their thoughts and concerns about Climate Change and Climate Justice. They also brought along lots of artwork on this subject some of which will hopefully be displayed at the Scottish Parliament in August. This helps us maintain an ongoing link with Meadowburn School.



Walk to Church Sunday

This year during the spring and summer we are hoping that our members will help the climate by walking to church on the last Sunday of each month.

If you are able, and within reasonable walking distance, we are asking that you walk to church on these days.

If you are not so able, we are hoping you will perhaps park away from the church and walk part of the way to church but within a distance you feel able to achieve there and back to the car on the day.

Cadder Church Guild



Our AGM was held on 20th February 2025, when everyone enjoyed fish suppers before the meeting at which the following Office Bearers were elected:

Marjory Tweedie & Isobel McInnes Joint Conveners

Winnie Patrick Secretary

Wilma Corner Treasurer

Janette Kirkwood Project Partner

Committee Members: Margaret Redpath, Margaret Crane, Margaret Neely & Anne Smith

Over the following weeks we enjoyed a lovely floral demonstration around Spring Flowers, and our Fundraiser Concert. The World Day of Prayer, and a very enjoyable visit to Fairlie Guild. Looking forward we have The Big Sing in May with The Gathering in September. Our membership numbers remain stable and we were delighted to welcome some new members and hope they have found a warm welcome and friendship among us - new members are very welcome.



We thank our visiting elders Pat and Aileen for their visits and support, they are most welcome.

We closed our session with the Daffodil tea and were entertained by singer Kirsty Duncan with songs from musicals and opera.

Over the summer break we will be holding two informal Meetings in the North Hall on Thursday July 24th

and Thursday 21st August both at 2 p.m. Please come along and join us for games, coffee and chat.

We hope everyone has a very happy, enjoyable and blessed summer remembering.

Whose We Are and Whom we Serve

Marjory, Isobel and the Committee

CADDER CHURCH CELEBRATES BI-CENTENARY

As many of you will already know, 2025 is a special year in the history of Cadder Church as we mark the bi-centenary of the present building.

Although the current building came into use in 1825, the site on Cadder Road near the canal has actually been a place of worship for almost 900 years. However we think a bi-centenary is worthy of celebration, and we are indebted to Tracy Gibson, whose logo was chosen from a good number of entries and is now featuring on all the 'Cadder 200' publicity items. Our thanks to everyone who submitted their designs, including some wonderful entries from Cadder Kids, whose drawings are now on display in the North Hall.



I am heading up a small group which is organising a number of events throughout this year to mark the bi-centenary, the first of which was a special concert by the Glasgow Philharmonic Male Voice Choir in the church in early April. We all enjoyed a tremendous performance, and rather than set a ticket price, we simply asked for donations at the door to go to the choir's favoured charity, the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice in Glasgow. Much to the delight of the choir and the Hospice staff present, more than £400 was raised.

More events are being planned, with August shaping up to be a particularly busy month, as you will see on the next page....

Tuesday 12th August : 7-00 p.m. - Special Bi-Centenary Service

This will be held in the church and in attendance will be the new Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt. Rev. Rosemary Frew. Our recent ministers John MacGregor and Graham Finch also hope to attend, and invitations have gone out to a number of our former students who did their placements at Cadder.

Sunday 17th August : 2.30 p.m. - Canal Cruise

We have chartered one of the Forth and Clyde Canal Society's boats and hope to cruise from Cadder Wharf to Kirkintilloch. This will be a ticketed event. Details are still being finalised and more information will be given through the weekly intimations and emails.

Wednesday 27th August : 7-00 p.m. - Desert Island Discs

There will be several participants, rather than just the one as in the radio show. The idea being that they will each give their reasons for being connected to Cadder Church, whether it is a long term dedication or just a last minute/accidental connection. They will each also share with us their favourite piece of music, be it a hymn or otherwise...and tell us why it is special to them.

This will be a fun evening for everyone, when we might learn something new about the people in our congregation.

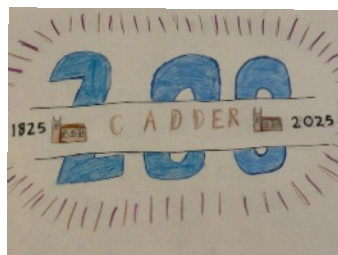
So, there's lots to look forward to, and much more to come as we mark this special year in the history of Cadder Church.

Best wishes, Gary Pews, Chairperson, Cadder 200 Group



Logo Design
Competition

Two of the entries from
Cadder Kids



Nurture Team

This has felt a very fast year for the Nurture Team but we have had an excellent year of fun and friendship so far.

Messy Play has continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the young children and their families enjoying a variety of different themes each week. These have included transport, farm, bugs, Easter and weather. The messy play trays can include pasta, rice, shaving foam, gloop, sand, beans...! This week Messy Play celebrated their second birthday and I (Beth) would like to say a big well done and even bigger thank you to Laura, Eleanor and their willing helpers for creating this wonderful class and bringing young families into the Church community.



Chat and Play has continued to run very successfully on the first Saturday of each month. It is wonderful seeing the South Hall full of children enjoying themselves and there are some blossoming friendships amongst the kids and parents attending. After a year which has included Circus, Easter, Springtime and Friendships we have our final **Chat and Play of this session in June where we will be having a Beach Party celebration!** We must say thank you to the support given to us by Eleanor, Susan, John, Wendy, Marjory, Julia, Anne and Isla, plus David, Julian and Frank who can be relied on to help with the clear up. We'd also like to thank the other Cadder Teams who have joined us this year - particularly Frank's Caring for Creation as the children have so enjoyed learning about the world around them and the outdoor activities.



Cadder Kids have continued to enjoy their time in church before spending time in the North Hall having snacks, learning songs, listening to stories and doing a range of crafts. Obviously we were all saddened when John announced his retirement from Cadder as he became such a wonderful friend to our children. We were pleased that we were able to take part in thanking both John and Susan for their role in growing and supporting Cadder Kids. We have told them, many times, they are welcome back to join us anytime!



Before we move to Team Room over the summer we still have events coming up. We will hold our **Prizegiving on Sunday 15th of June**. We are also planning this year's **Cadder Picnic for Sunday 22nd of June**, along with the Care and Fellowship team. Last year was a wonderful afternoon with all ages coming along. We hope you will join us again or come along for the first time. We will share more details soon, but can promise the return of the ice cream stand!

Cadder Kids will return after summer on **Sunday 24th of August**.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of our events coming up, or on a Sunday morning.

With thanks to everyone for your continued support,

Beth and Laura

212th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade

As we head towards the summer break, we look back on a really busy session at the 212th. Currently, we are enjoying our summer programme where we are outdoors as much as possible. Anchors Boys and Junior Section will be at Mugdock Park, Outdoor sports at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre, Sponsored walks and bowling.

Our Company (Junior, 11-13y) team won the Battalion Cross Country Championships. Well done boys.

Our Plant Sale was very well supported and we are grateful to everyone who came along – whether to buy flowers or enjoy a cuppa with us.

We still have our Company/Seniors camp and Junior Section camps to come. These will take place at the end of May and beginning of June respectively. A full programme for boys is in place and fingers crossed the weather holds until then!



Anchor Boys will be heading to Heads of Ayr for their Day Trip on Saturday 7th June 2025. Fingers crossed for good weather.



**Anchor Boys
Commemorating
VE Day**

Our last event of this session will be the Awards Night which will take place on Friday 13th June 2025 at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our boys' achievements and reflect on the past Session and look forward to next Session. Marjory Tweedie, Session Clerk at Cadder Church is our invited guest.



We celebrated the achievement of Callum Turner who was presented with his King's Badge at our closing parade. This is the first King's Badge awarded at the 212th. We are delighted Callum achieved this award and we hope he will continue with the 212th.

Next Session will start back in August 2025 when we look forward to welcoming all boys back with many new members joining us for the first time.

Thanks to Cadder Church and in particular our visiting Elders for the support they give the Company – it's very much appreciated.

For up-to-date information on all our events and activities, please visit our website at 212glasgow.co.uk. Follow us on Facebook 212th Glasgow Boys' Brigade.

Best wishes and have a lovely summer break

Linda Ritchie
Captain



Company Section Crazy Golf



THE CADDER SINGERS

Our Easter Concert was so well attended. Thank you to all who came along to sing with us and support us. You raised over £250 for the church funds.



We are now taking a break over the summer and will start again at the beginning of September. Please do consider coming to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7.15 p.m. in the North Hall. It is a great chance to chat and enjoy each other's company, as well as have a good old sing!

Anne Budd

Cadder Choir

The number of gentlemen choir members is showing some signs of decline. Therefore Jose would like to extend a warm welcome to any gentleman bass or tenor who would like to join us. There is no requirement to read music as Jose sends out practise pieces which make learning any new tune very easy.

Stamps Recycling

If anyone thinks they could spare the time to take the stamps collected at the church into Renfield St Stephens church café in town a couple of times a year it would be much appreciated.

Details from Anna Cheyne 0141 772 2455

Cadder Men's Club

The Men's Club activities are now taking a break during the summer months and restart on Tuesday 30th. September 2025. However, some of our members have indicated that they would like to meet up for an informal lunch in the coffee shop during May / June. The two dates are Tuesday 20th. May & Tuesday 17th. June. at 12.30 p.m....an opportunity for lunch and a chat!



Our successful annual end of session outing recently took place to the David Livingstone Memorial in Blantyre. On a beautiful sunny day, we



enjoyed a cuppa and scone in their café followed by an excellent guided tour in the revamped buildings. Once again we were very grateful to Jacqueline and her team at Cadder Coffee Shop for providing us with lunch on our return to Bishopbriggs.

Meanwhile work is in hand organising speakers for our new session's programme.

Let's hope we have a pleasant summer, and look forward to seeing everybody back in the autumn.

David More

92nd Glasgow Company, The Girls' Brigade

By the time you receive your Gazette, our closing parade and thanksgiving service will have taken place on Sunday 11th March. Our girls, parents and families enjoyed being with us at our lively service. The support from Cadder for our Coffee Morning was overwhelming and we raised £1370 for company funds.

Our all age kurling competition was again very competitive and enjoyed by all. As a result of this and adding the profits from our Tuck Shop, we were able to donate £750 to Glasgow Street Aid to help with their new ambulance.

The Junior section girls donated lots of toys and games to Babes in the Wood, a local charity, as part of the service section of their badgework. Our explorer outing to Kelburn Castle Estate on 26th April was a great day enjoyed by girls and staff alike. This was to tie in with the Scottish theme for their badgework this year.

The Junior weekend camp is back to St. Andrews again by popular demand. Nowhere can compete with the beautiful beaches and we can still manage a full activity weekend for £75 per girl.

The Brigaders' day away is on Sunday 25th May and they will be going for lunch, enjoying a film then off ten pin bowling.

Our family evening and presentation of achievement awards is on Tuesday 27th May. During the night, our 40 girls will let everyone see a little of what they experience in our three sections when they come along on Tuesday nights including new skills learned, fitness, fun, games and singing before receiving their service and achievement badges

We were very sorry to lose our Chaplain, Rev. John MacGregor, who was a great support to us. We wish him every blessing as he takes up his new role at St Pauls, Milngavie.

Gordon McInally will continue to come along to the company and his attendance is always welcome as he helps us with some of our Spiritual teaching, especially with our Brigaders.

As I prepare to retire from service in the Girls' Brigade, I would like to add my sincere thanks to all of our leaders for their work throughout the year and wish all at the 92nd a successful future under the new Leader in Charge, Louise McCracken.

I will miss you all. God Bless,
Isla



Cadder Coffee Shop



Once again the Shop and Coffee Shop have had a good Spring and continue to see encouraging numbers of new customers. If you are not one of our regular customers, why not checkout what you are missing and pop in for a cup, a scone, and a chat. You could also enjoy a bite of lunch from our varied lunch menu.

By the time you read this, Bishopbriggs Community Day will be a memory (another really good one we hope). The Coffee Shop had a lead roll in welcoming the public into our South Hall and we were supported by the Nurture Team, the BB and a number of Cadder members. Unfortunately the date clashed with the GB's camp at St Andrews this year, so they were unable to participate. There is a lot of hard work involved in the planning of this event, and huge thanks are due to Jaqueline the Coffee Shop Manager for all the additional work she puts into arranging this event. We see the event as an added outreach opportunity to showcase to the wider community the activities and welcome awaiting them in Cadder.

This past year has been another busy, and at times challenging, year for the Shop and Coffee Shop. We are very pleased to have welcomed some new willing helpers over recent months. They have been a great encouragement and an addition to the 'old' team. The Coffee Shop and Shop could not operate without our dedicated volunteers and we are always grateful for their contribution to the service we provide and for the contribution they make to providing a place of welcome and fellowship for Cadder members and the wider community.

The Coffee Shop and Shop will close for the summer break after service on Thursday 26th June and will reopen on Wednesday 13th August.

Since it was established more than 25 years ago it has been the practice for the Coffee Shop and Shop to donate half of its surplus each year to charity. More recently the team have tried to make donations of no less than £1,000 to individual charities and this has meant that monies can be held over some years to collect sufficient funds. Following the disruption of Covid and two years when there was no surplus it was great to record a combined surplus for the Shop and Coffee Shop of almost £5,600 in 2024. Half of this amount combined with £2,400 which was not distributed from the 2022 surplus gives a total of £5,200. We are delighted to be able to distribute this sum equally between Duchenne U.K., Prostate Scotland, Alzheimer's Scotland and Parkinson's U.K. These are the charities chosen by and voted for by the volunteers in recent years. We are very grateful to all our customers and volunteers who make these donations possible.

To all our Volunteers and Customers

Thank You All Very Much for Your Continued Support.
We hope you have a good summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in August.

To reserve a table for lunch email caddercoffeeshop@gmail.com or
phone

07496 440 403

Open Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to noon

Organisations

BADMINTON CLUB	Captain / Secretary Mike Bradley	07973 789 362
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GIRLS' BRIGADE	Leader in charge: Mrs Isla Dick	563 6289
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