

# Cadder



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# A View From the Manse

Dear Friend,

Have you ever had an epiphany? An epiphany is that moment when all the light bulbs turn on and you have this “AHA” moment! Suddenly, everything makes sense. Or perhaps an epiphany is when a door gets slammed in your face only for another one to open up later. Your epiphany not only reveals your way forward but also helps make sense of the past. In the New Year we enter the season of epiphany. The stories we read and hear in our worship tell us something about Jesus, his identity and mission. Ultimately, they reveal something to us of the God that we worship. They also reveal to us something of the kind of life that God wants us to live in the world as we seek to follow Jesus.

Alexander Graham Bell is attributed to have said, “When one door closes another door opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

So, it’s not just about one door closing and another door opening; it’s about our focus; will we choose to stare at the closed door and miss the open door as it swings wide open? On that first Christmas night in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph faced many closed doors. There was no room at the inn, but the closed doors in Bethlehem led them to the open door of the stable, where they had their epiphany moment, the Saviour of the world was born.

A closed door to some may mean loss or failure. What if, instead, it’s an opportunity for development and growth? Those who don’t dwell on what might have been but focus on what could be are able to see the open door before them and follow Bell’s advice.

I hope that this new year will bring to you an epiphany and that God will give you greater clarity about your life and your future. We may not know the future but we can know the one who holds the future and us in the palm of his hand. He is a God who often knocks on the closed doors of our heart and asks us, if he can come in and stay. Revelation 3:20, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me”. Think about that for a moment, the Eternal Creator God is asking to come into our lives, to share with us and to be our friend. It’s not a one-off invite but an invite that He continually gives to us and when we receive his grace, then that would be our epiphany moment!

*“How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav’n.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him  
Still the dear Christ enters in.”*

Go forward into Christmas and the New Year and beyond trusting in a God who opens new doors and invites us to enter through them.

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and a good New Year,



Rev John and Max

# Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life”

## Funerals

Eric Mitchell – 3.11.1932 – 9.9.2023

Netta Hughes – 28.12.1926 – 19.9.2023

Ian McMillan – 14.6.1932 – 28.9.2023

Walter Martin – 6.11.1931 – 21.10.2023

Peggy Dawson – 1.11.1935 – 8.11.2023

## Christmas Events/Services

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – First service in Advent – 10.30 a.m.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grief Share Service 2 p.m.

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Gift Service 10.30 a.m.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Nativity Service 10.30 a.m.

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Cadder Singers 7 p.m.

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service – 10.30 a.m.

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service – 4 p.m. South Hall

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Watchnight Service – 11.30 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service – 10.30 a.m.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve Service – 10.30 a.m.





## UPDATE ON THE CADDER GROWTH PLAN 2023

As previously reported, the church has been focused throughout the year on its plan for growth. The teams in our new 'Cadder Growth Structure' have been working hard to deliver a wide range of **Mission** activities and to maintain the **Resources** of our church – property and financial. Below is a note of some of what was going on around the church between July and September. If you would like to get involved in any of the teams, please just speak to the Minister!

Progress was made by the **Worship and Spiritual Leadership Team** in their efforts to install new technology in the church with approvals obtained from Glasgow Presbytery and the Church of Scotland General Trustee in September. We are now looking forward to the new screens being installed in the church in January 2024. This will bring many opportunities to enhance and enrich our worship as we start the new year.



Our **Nurture Team** activities started up again following the summer holiday period. A new initiative 'Messy Play' has had a very good response with 15 - 18 children attending play sessions on the Tuesday morning in the South Hall and 12 – 16 children attending the Thursday session. Many of the children who attend with their parents or grandparents have no direct link with the church suggesting we are connecting more widely the community through the running of Messy Play. A busy Chat & Play session was also held on 30 September with 24 children in attendance, again accompanied by parents or grandparents. Leaflets about the September Chat & Play session were handed out to Messy Play attendees resulting in 13 'non church' children coming to the Chat & Play session alongside 11 of the children who attend Cadder Kids on a Sunday.



Messy Play in the South Hall

The **Communications Team** delivered another colourful, information packed Cadder Gazette and maintained our social media presence during the July to September period.

The **Care and Fellowship Team** had a busy time during Harvest with monetary and food donations being received for the Lodging House Mission and local food bank. Over 50 flower baskets prepared by the Flower Committee were distributed to members around the church. All gratefully received. Another sold out film night was held in the North Hall.

Meanwhile, the **Community and World Outreach Team** ran a successful Doors Open Day in September with over 50 visitors coming through the doors of the church. Some visitors played the organ, some rang the church bells! All had a good time enjoying our beautiful sanctuary and some Cadder hospitality.

The **Caring for Creation Team** held an open meeting in August with input from an East Dunbartonshire Council representative on recycling services in the area. A Muddy Church walk took participants along the canal side with the children having fun spotting wildlife pictures strategically placed along the way.

The work of the **Finance Team** was ongoing throughout the period dealing with church income and expenditure and supporting the Harvest appeal count. The Risk Team has been involved in the maintenance of the required health and hygiene records and first aid supplies while a number of safeguarding clearances were completed during July and August.

The **Property Maintenance and Development Team** continued to look after church buildings, property and grounds with boilers serviced, pianos tuned, wire testing carried out and gutters cleaned amongst other things.



The **Coffee Shop** reopened in August in its newly refurbished surroundings. The shop area was painted and redecorated by a willing band of volunteers over the summer closure period. The carpet and chairs were replaced and tables enhanced with new tops. The bright and comfortable surroundings have been enjoyed by customers and others using the South Hall.

The **Retail Shop** reopened alongside the Coffee Shop in August offering a range of goods. The team was busy during the period organising for the Christmas Shops Open Day planned for November. Stalls were taken up by local suppliers and while the team assembled additional stock for the shop.

So there has been a lot going on. Most importantly, we believe positive efforts are being made by Cadder Church to advance the Church of Scotland 5 Marks of Mission – Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. Many thanks to all the teams working hard to nurture, grow and maintain Cadder Church and to all the organisations around the church that make such valued contributions to the life and outreach of Cadder.



# News from the Guild



Our numbers have stayed very similar to last year and the attendance at all our meetings has been very high. We are very lucky indeed to meet in such a lovely hall. When it is all set up for our meetings it is most comfortable and very cosy. We have had a variety of subjects so far this session – journey of life, beekeeping, siege and relief of Malta and reminiscing about the Garden Festival from 1988. John spoke to us on this year’s theme *New Wine, New Wineskins* on 2nd November, and a speaker from one of our Projects, “The Vine Trust -Kazunzu Village of Hope” in Tanzania came on Thursday 16th November.

At the end of November, we will host our friends in Kenmure and Springfield Cambridge Guilds.

On St Andrew’s night we will have a musical evening with Euan Russell and Diane Kurth.

This half of the session finishes with our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 7th December when through popular demand we are again being entertained by The Academy Choir and Band.

The Big Christmas Sing is on Friday December 1st In the St George’s Tron Church at 3 p.m. As the venue is small and the event is very popular we have been lucky to get 10 tickets. The Glasgow North Guilds Together Carol Service is on Thursday 7th December in Lenzie Parish Church at 7 p.m.

We wish everyone a healthy happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year

Winnie Patrick

Convener



## Care and Fellowship Team

### Winter Warmth and Fellowship

We are running these sessions on a Friday afternoon 1st and 15th of December from 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. in the South Hall Coffee Shop area. They provide a warm space for fun and friendship. Come along and enjoy a hot drink, home baking and a quiz or games. There will be further sessions in January & February, dates to be confirmed.

All are welcome, why not bring a friend.

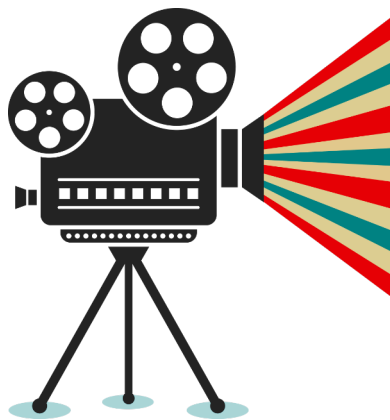
### First Monday

Come and enjoy some festive fun on Monday 4th of December from 1.30 - 3.30 p.m. in the North Hall. There will be games, singing and party food to enjoy. All are welcome!

On January 8th we will have a film afternoon when we will be showing *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*. All are welcome.

### Festive Film Night

Our Christmas film night is on Friday 8th December, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. in the North hall. The film is *Christmas with Tucker* and tickets priced £5 are available from members of the Fellowship team.



## Gift Service

The Gift Service will be on Sunday 10th of December in the church. This year we are supporting two worthwhile charities - Women's Aid and Daisy Chain, a children's charity.

As in previous years we will provide donations of pyjamas for children for Women's Aid and donations of sensory toys for Daisy Chain. Any questions please contact Janet Johnstone on 01360 238908.



## Grief Share Service

This short service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday 3rd of December in the church.

This is an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have passed away at Christmas time.

Tea & coffee will be served after the service.



## Message from Chris Gordon

Firstly, thank you for the warm welcome I have received since beginning with Cadder Parish Church on 1st October. It's always a bit daunting to go into a new environment but I've been so encouraged by the many smiles and handshakes that have come my way.

I come here on the final Probation stage of my training journey which began pre Covid and has been impacted in lots of ways as you might imagine. However, it's lovely to be able to worship in person and to be able to spend time face to face in church and other environments.

There's such a breadth of outreach within the church and so many people play their part in that. As someone coming into this environment, it's palpable that members are aware of the opportunity they have to use their



gifts for the demonstration and promotion of God's kingdom. God will bless and resource these efforts, often in surprising ways!

I've been encouraged to read of the hopes for the Cadder Growth Plan and that's a ray of light amidst what is a challenging time for churches. I look forward to playing my wee part in contributing to this and it's great to see that mission remains important for the church. Be assured that God has plans for his church in Scotland and He will bring them to pass, using us as followers of Christ. What a privilege to serve Him!

# Caring for Creation Group



By the time you receive your Gazette, we will have held our open Meeting on Wednesday 22nd November when Rona Gold came along to tell us all about Renewable Energy and the many aspects and problems of bringing proposed projects to fruition.

Our final Muddy Church of the year took place on the afternoon of Sunday 26th November when we took a short ramble from the Church towards the River Kelvin and on return, checked out the homes we have made and sited round the church to protect insects, bees, hedgehogs and bats over the cold winter months.

We will be hosting a Climate Change Conference at the South Halls on Saturday 27th January 2024. The Event will be a joint effort from ourselves, Church of Scotland, Glasgow Presbytery, The Guild, Christian Aid and ECO Congregation. The event will be open to all the local churches, ECO Congregations, and interested Churches within Glasgow Presbytery. We will need volunteers to help out and will keep you informed as plans progress.

We are again planning to distribute wild flower seeds in the early part of the year, and hope that children and adults will be encouraged to help bees, butterflies and other insects to recover and thrive by setting aside a small area of garden or a planter to grow the wildflowers.

I can confirm that the best wildflower show from this year was from Elspeth and Andy Kerr with a magnificent show of Poppies from their seeds.



Don't forget as mentioned previously, there's still time to consider "Planting a Tree In Twenty Three".

If you are unable to plant a tree in your own garden, check out the undernoted websites and make a donation towards tree planting.

[www.plant-for-the-planet.org](http://www.plant-for-the-planet.org) ; [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) ;  
[www.rainforesttrust.org](http://www.rainforesttrust.org) ; [www.worldlandtrust.org/appeals](http://www.worldlandtrust.org/appeals)

Winter is the time when Birds most need our help to survive the cold weather when there is little food around for them, so why not consider putting out some bird food and fresh water regularly and watch the amazing variety of birds who visit your garden.

And lastly, remember it's time for us all to do our utmost to reduce our own carbon footprint and help save our Planet!

Frank Dick  
Team Leader



Christmas is approaching and we have a busy schedule.

Firstly, at the end of November, Junior Section are taking part in the Glasgow Science Centre Sleep over which is a great opportunity for the boys.

Then it's full steam ahead for Christmas – Anchor Boys have a Christmas Party and a visit to the cinema.

Junior Section are going Tubing.

Company/Seniors have Golf-it to look forward to.

We are also supporting the local Food Bank and hope to collect much needed donations for this charity.

Junior Section and Company/Seniors Camp will take place from 31st May to 2nd June 2024 at Whithaugh Park in the Scottish Borders.

This will be a joint venture with the 268th Company. In National Competitions we recently hosted Masterteam where we finished 5th out of 7 teams. Boys had a really enjoyable night – better luck next year.

FIFA proved to be a more successful competition for our boys who are now through to the second round. Next year our Quiz will take place on Friday 9th February 2024.

This is always a fun evening with teams vying to be crowned the 212th Champions.

Our Annual Plant sale returns on Saturday 11th May 2024.

Please check our website and Facebook page for up to date information nearer the time.

In 2024 we will be fundraising for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We also hope to have a visit from a guide dog trainer and puppy.

Volunteering with young people is very rewarding so if you are interested in coming along to help us please get in touch – we would be delighted to have your help.

Please email [info@212glasgow.co.uk](mailto:info@212glasgow.co.uk)

For up to date information on all our events and activities, please visit our website at [212glasgow.co.uk](http://212glasgow.co.uk).

Follow us on Facebook [212th Glasgow Boys Brigade](https://www.facebook.com/212thGlasgowBoysBrigade).

Best wishes

Linda Ritchie

Captain







## **92<sup>nd</sup> Glasgow Company, The Girls' Brigade**

By the time you read this, we will have welcomed Street Aid with their Ambulance “Dixie”. This will have been an interesting and informative evening for our Brigaders and we invited the Brigaders from the 64<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Companies to come along and join us.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Movie Night with Creative Crafts and a Sleepover in the North Hall. Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December sees us off to Mugdock Country Park to the Pantomime “Jack and the Beanstalk”. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> will be our Company Christmas Party night. After the Christmas Break, we start back again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

As we have just heard, the Divisional Competitions are on our previously planned Coffee Morning date, we have changed the date for the Coffee Morning to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### Kurling Competition

We are now looking for any interested groups to confirm their interest in entering the Kurling Competition which will be taking place in February 2024. Each group needs to elect a Team Captain who will be the point of contact for arranging games. Entry Fee is £5 per group, which would allow Gabriela and Bella our Brigaders, who will be helping out with the competition to send off a donation to Water Aid which is part of their Service Badgework.

The competition is a round robin where each team will play every other team and accumulate points in each game. The overall winner will be the group with most points at the end of the competition.

Each game will have 4 players and each match will consist of 4 games. Team Leaders will be responsible for agreeing points scored with their opposing Team Leader and can choose different players for each game if they wish.

The intent is to play matches over 2 or 3 Sunday afternoons in February at the South Hall and participants and supporters are welcome to come along and cheer on their own team.

Light refreshments will be provided.

All groups in the Church are welcome to enter. Please speak to me if you would like to enter a team or you can call or text me on 07962 436289 and I will get back to you.

We hope this inter-generational challenge will be lots of fun and any group are more than welcome to borrow the Kurling set to try them out or have a practice.

If you have any questions or queries let me know.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Isla Dick

Leader in Charge



## Men's Club News and Caption Competition.

This Autumn, we have enjoyed a range of talks from hearing about The Glasgow Vintage Vehicle Trust, to Irene Mclure's Journey to Oriya.

Subsequent to our GVVT talk by Ian Short, we had a very successful trip to their Bus & Truck Garage in Bridgeton.

### Trip Photo - Caption Competition.

Can you think of an appropriate / amusing caption for this Photo?

Write your Suggestion below,  
Print your Name, tear off, and post  
in the Men's Club Box in the  
Coffee Shop, South Halls.  
Entries will close on 31<sup>st</sup>.  
December 2023, & be judged by  
The Men's Club Committee. The  
winner will be announced in  
January.



Caption

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# Gallery



Caring for creation in a very practical way.

Frank's faith is beyond question

More Bus Memories

Mrs Isobel Jilks would like to thank the congregation for the lovely flower arrangement she received on Harvest Sunday.

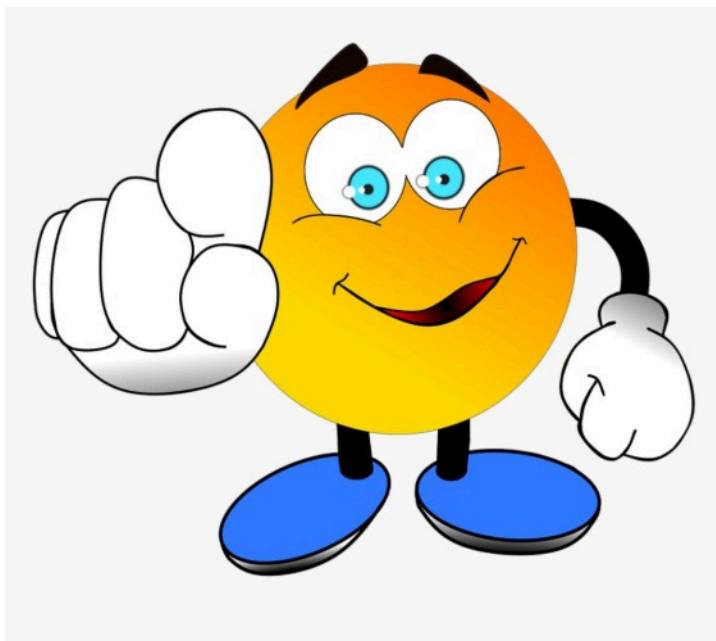
Thank You

Thank You

Stephen and Gillian and our respective families would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards and messages of condolences sent us after the passing of our Father Eric Mitchell. Dad enjoyed his fellowship with my late mother Ena at Cadder Parish and special thanks goes to Rev John MacGregor for conducting a beautiful service at the Church, it would have meant so much to Dad.

Thank you to the church for their ongoing wishes and for the flower arrangements that both our families got.

*Cadder Coffee Shop  
needs you to help serve their  
Great Coffees, Teas &  
Home Baking*



*If you are able to volunteer for a few hours every week or every other week, your assistance would be very welcome. Help ensure the future of this great contribution to “Community” by Cadder Church. If you think you can help, please contact the Manager, Jaqueline, on 07496 440 403 to chat over options for service on a trial basis.*

*The ladies who arrange and distribute church flowers would be very grateful if folk who have received arrangements could return the green plastic bowls in which the arrangements were delivered. Like many other things the cost of these has increased significantly and is now about £5 per bowl. The return of the bowls to the church, your elder, or any church member would be much appreciated.*



## **Cadder Coffee Shop**

Festive afternoon tea's 12–14<sup>th</sup> December 1.00pm

Tickets from Jaqueline

Coffee shop closes 8<sup>th</sup> December, Reopens 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.



### **Opening Hours**

Tuesday 10 – 2  
Wednesday 10 – 2  
Thursday 10 – 2  
Friday 10 - 12



Jaqueline Burns, Coffee Shop Manager

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Mobile 07496440403

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## SUNDAYS

There is a Service of Public Worship every Sunday morning in the Church at 10.30 a.m. Weddings and Baptisms can be arranged by contacting the Minister.

## Organisations

<b>BADMINTON CLUB</b>	Captain / Secretary Mike Bradley	07973 789 362
<b>BOYS' BRIGADE</b>	Captain: Mrs Linda Ritchie	563 1235
<b>GIRLS' BRIGADE</b>	Leader in charge: Mrs Isla Dick	563 6289
<b>MEN'S CLUB</b>		
<b>Committee Chairman:</b>	Bill McInnes	772 2639
<b>Secretary:</b>	David More	772 7777
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bill McInnes	772 2639
<b>THE GUILD</b>		
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mrs Wilma Corner	762 0502
<b>Joint Secretaries</b>	Mrs W Patrick	772 5845
	Mrs J Kirkwood	762 0493