

Cadder



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A View from the Manse

Dear Friends,

“Spring is when life’s alive in everything” wrote Christina Rossetti. How true! It’s a wonderful time of the year; when a silent revolution takes place, everything comes to life in spectacular fashion. Our Caring for Creation team will be buzzing at this time of year, as Creation is released from the grip of the cold winter, and suddenly snow drops appear, followed by daffodils and then blue bells. Our Boys’ Brigade will be looking forward to their plant sale and our gardens will soon be awash with flowers.

Louis Armstrong wrote,

“I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and for you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed days, dark sacred nights
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world”

Spring is a time to embrace God’s spirit moving in Creation but it’s also a time for us to experience spring in our souls. It’s no accident that Easter falls in springtime; lent reminds us of the forty days of testing that Jesus experienced in the desert, and the forty years of wilderness experience of God’s people in the desert of Sinai before entering the promised land. Lent is a time of spring cleaning for our souls; so a time for a spring cleaning of our thoughts; it’s time to stop just existing and it’s a time to start living.

Lent is a season of being introspective and looking deep into our lives and putting ourselves to the test; then comes the darkness of Holy Week, followed quickly by Easter Sunday, when the dark clouds roll away, and the trumpet of resurrection sounds out notes of grace and forgiveness; and just like the season of spring, there is a new spirit in the air, one of hope, freedom, mercy and new life.

Easter is a season for us to forgive, and to set ourselves free; because when we forgive, we heal our own anger and hurt and are able to let love lead again.

Yes, it's like a spring cleaning of the soul. The great Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, Let's party!"

So, I hope that you are all blessed in this wonderful season of spring and Easter; blessed by nature, blessed by the resurrection of Jesus and blessed by the coming of his Spirit into your hearts; for then Spring will really and truly have come again, and the party begins!

Every blessing,
Rev John



Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life”

Dr Elizabeth Boyd 30.07.36 – 21.11.24
Mrs Paddy Burnett 03.06.34 – 01.12.24
Mrs Marion Parsons 11.12.31 – 15.12.24
Mrs Jean Thom 07.06.34 – 17.12.24
Mr Malcolm Paul 22.08.29 – 03.01.25
Mrs Jessie McKenzie 04.11.32 - 13.01.25
Mr Peter Neil 28.01.40 – 25.01.25

Weddings

Craig Bookless and Samantha Louise O'Donnell – 19.10.24

Cameron Brown and Johanna MacAskill – 12.12.24

Dates for your diaries

March 5th – Lent 1 - Ash Wednesday
March 12th – Lent 2
March 19th – Lent 3
March 26th – Lent 4
March 30th – Mother's Day
April 2nd – Lent 5
April 10th – Lent 6

Lent Reflections

Weekly till Easter

Wednesday 5th March

11.30 - 12 noon

Sunday 9th March

7 - 8 p.m.

South Hall

Easter Sunday – 20.04.25

Pentecost Sunday – 08.06.25

HOLY WEEK Services all at 7 p.m.

Some venues still to be confirmed
Palm Sunday – 13.04.25 – Springfield Cambridge
Monday – 14.04.25 – Cadder Church
Tuesday – 15.04.25 – Kenmure Church
Wednesday – 16.04.25 – St Matthews
Thursday 17.04.25 – St James the Less
Friday 18.4.25 – Woodhill Church

Cadder Singers

What a lovely time we had before Christmas at the church concert. It was so lovely to have the girls and officers of the Girls' Brigade taking part with us. We are now working towards our Easter Concert which will be on

Wednesday April 9th in Cadder South Hall,
Kirkintilloch Rd.

Also, as you know, 2025 is the 200th anniversary of the church building and we are hoping to be part of those celebrations. We have our thinking caps on and hope to come up with some different ideas for what we can do. Watch This Space!!!

Anne Budd: 07952 024929





CADDER GROWTH PLAN 2025

Our Cadder Growth Teams prepared their plans for 2025 at the end of last year and are already underway delivering their various activities. The work of the Teams commits us to build the house of the Lord here at Cadder, by developing the 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. As we continue our journey of faith in 2025, we will "look forward in faith, for all time is in God's hand".

Here are some of the things which will be happening around the church this year. The full Growth Plan can be viewed on the Church website. Please have think about how you can take part. There are lots of ways. Join or support a team. Attend an event or activity. Pray for the work of our teams and the life of our church.

MISSION TEAM ACTIVITIES / EVENTS WHEN

Worship & Spiritual Leadership Develop technology – explore an internet connection for the church which will benefit our Sunday worship January onwards

Worship & Spiritual Leadership Discuss use of the Church building and explore opportunities to use the Church building as a venue for creative worship, local group performances and events January onwards

Worship & Spiritual Leadership Shaping Worship: The Sunday Service – explore opportunities to extend involvement of members of the congregation in Sunday worship April onwards

Worship & Spiritual Leadership Extending use of the Church building for Outreach – explore and cost the possibility of using somewhere within the Church building e.g. vestibule/ session room to reach out to our passing community by serving beverages / snacks to passers-by October - December

Worship & Spiritual Leadership Alpha - discuss and explore the possibility of developing an Alpha course October - December

Nurture Cadder Kids Through the year

Nurture Messy Play Through the year

Nurture Church Picnic April - June

Nurture Great Cadder Bake Off September

Communications Cadder Gazette - preparation and publishing Through the year

Communications New church website review April onwards

Care & Fellowship Pastoral post box Through the year

Care & Fellowship Film nights Through the year

Care & Fellowship First Monday Through the year

Community & World Outreach Food Bank donations Through the year
Community & World Outreach Christian Aid Week May
Community & World Outreach Doors Open Day September

Coffee Shop Coffee Shop service to community Through the year
Coffee Shop Community Day participation June
Coffee Shop Bishopbriggs Christmas Lights Switch on participation November
Retail Shop Retail Shop service to the community Through the year
Retail Shop Community Day participation June
Retail Shop Bishopbriggs Christmas Lights Switch on participation November

Caring for Creation Climate Change Conference March
Caring for Creation Expand & Encourage use of recycling Boxes Through the year
Caring for Creation ECO Questionnaire to Members April – June

RESOURCES TEAM ACTIVITIES / EVENTS WHEN

Finance Budget 2025 presentation to Kirk Session for approval March
Finance Annual Stated Meeting April

Risk Property Risk Assessments January – March
Risk Review Fire Evacuation procedures around the church buildings April – June

Property Maintenance & Development Window maintenance programme Through the year
Property Maintenance & Development Grounds maintenance April – September
Property Maintenance & Development Alarm and Fire Extinguisher testing October – December

Hall Management & Marketing Set up a Hall Management & Marketing Team January – March
Hall Management & Marketing Review existing Hall booking process / roles / linked documentation April - September

Our continued thanks go 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.

Gillian Crompton



Care and Fellowship

First Monday group enjoyed a visit from Age Scotland this month who gave us a very interesting workshop on “Ageing Well”. Here’s the group saying “Yes” to ageing better.



Annual Outing

First Monday annual outing is on Monday 3rd of March leaving the North Hall at 12 midday to visit the Riverside Museum. Anyone wishing to come who hasn't registered please contact Mary Livingstone on 07548 737602.

Film Night

The next Film Night is on Friday 28th of March at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. in the North Hall. The film showing is “Quartet” starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay and Dustin Hoffman. Tickets priced £5 will be on sale from members of the Fellowship team (Susan, Sandie, Jacqui, Margaret Neely and Margaret Redpath).



We finished the year with another significant fundraising effort!

Daisy Chain had a final total of £477.40 including £92.40 for Christmas card delivery; they were also given a generous amount of sensory toys from the congregation.

Our final total for Women's Aid was £285.00, including a huge donation of pyjamas as well.

To conclude, the Lodging House Mission donation at Christmas was £330.

Nurture Team

Hello from the Cadder Nurture Team,

We had a very busy end to 2024 with an event on each weekend for the 4 weeks in the lead-up to Christmas. We were very grateful to Jacqui Muir for helping us create our Christmas Candle Decoration. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as friends, and we spent some time reflecting with John in the chapel on the true meaning of Christmas. We had our final Chat and Play of 2024 in December. As part of our morning, we created a Lego nativity and asked each child to create themselves and place their person on the scene. It was displayed in the South Hall, and we hope you enjoyed seeing it. We hope everyone enjoyed the Cadder Kids Nativity as much as we enjoyed preparing and rehearsing for it. It was lovely to have the kids so happy and comfortable in the



Church, and to welcome their extended families along as well. Finally, we ended the year with our Christmas Parties. Our Creche spent some time in the South Hall with soft play and some creative activities, whilst our school-age children enjoyed some games of bowling in Kirkintilloch. We came together to enjoy some Christmas treats in the Coffee Shop afterwards.



2025 is now well underway. We have returned to Cadder Kids and have had our first Chat and Play. Cadder Kids will run throughout term time, and Team Room will be available during school holidays. In this session, we will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, plus our Prizegiving and this year's version of a Church Picnic. We also have some other new and exciting events taking place, so please check in with the intimations at Church and the WhatsApp group for information.

We will continue to have Chat and Play on the first Saturday of every month. Chat and Play continues to be a very busy and successful activity, which is well attended by children from our church and the wider community. Please come along and bring a friend. There is always excellent crafts, snacks, delicious home baking, and plenty of chat!

Cadder Messy Play runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This continues to be a well-supported and exciting project. We are pleased that the families at Messy Play are also coming along to the Coffee Shop before and after classes as well. If you or someone you know would like more information or to inquire about a place, then please contact us to find out more. As always, if anyone would like to help out or suggest an event you think we could help with, please just get in touch,

Beth and Laura.





Cadder Church Guild



It seems no time at all since we submitted our last Gazette report. We only had one meeting in December and this was our annual Christmas lunch, held on December 5th in the South Hall. Everyone had a most enjoyable Christmas lunch and Musical entertainment by Bishopbriggs Academy Choir and Woodwind Band and their Music Teacher Mr Ratcliffe.

As we go forward into the new year we have a busy few weeks ahead of us. Our first evening back following Christmas and New Year saw us host one of our project partners Bibles for Bairns. Elaine the speaker gave us a most interesting talk on how the project aims to get more Bibles into homes for children and their parents to become acquainted with the Bible.

Our next meeting took the form of a musical celebration of our National Poet Robert Burns and a few other Scottish Poets, Singers and Songwriters with our thanks to our Guests Diane Kurth, Alison Little and Brian Jilks for helping to make it an enjoyable evening



Last week we had another unexpected musical themed evening. Our speaker was Glenda White and her talk was called The Train Now Arriving and we soon found out that each destination was the name of a Hymn tune. Glenda gave us the background and history around each one and we all then enjoyed singing each one.

Over the next few weeks our talks are:-

- Guild AGM ---- Fish Supper Night
- Spring Flowers
- Fundraising Concert with New Day Singers on 20th March in the South Hall Tickets available from committee, members and Coffee Shop
- Daffodil Tea / Musical Evening

On the 4th March 2025 a group from the Guild are going to visit Fairlie Guild

World Day of Prayer is Friday 7th March and St James the Less Church are hosting this year
The Big Sing at the Assembly is on 20th May 2025 at 7 p.m.

We have much to look forward to in the coming months.



Guild Christmas Lunch with the Academy Choir

 

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, 7th March 2025
'I made you Wonderful'
Written by Christian Women of
The Cook Islands
All Welcome!

A warm welcome awaits you at your local service:
In St James the Less
At Bishopbriggs G64 3EL
1:30pm



92nd Glasgow Company, The Girls' Brigade

Our Kurling Competition was held on 9th February and was



enjoyed by all who supported this Charity Event in aid of Glasgow Street Aid.

Congratulations to the Men's Club who scored 375 Points. Their last stone of the event sealed their win with a 5 point lead over the Guild.

Thank you to all ten Teams who took part and also for the generous donations and baking.

We can confirm that after adding £220 from our Tuck Shop profits, this much needed charity serving Glasgow in evenings at weekends and at major events in the city will receive a grand total of £705.

Please put our Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th March in your diary. Your support was greatly appreciated last year not only with those coming along but also with donations of baking, tombola prizes and offers to help out on the day.



This is our only fundraiser for Company funds and it helped us enormously last year.

The girls continue to work through their Badgework programmes and the Company continues to grow each week.

The Juniors are again off to St. Andrews by popular demand from 16th till 18th May and we always find lots to do there over the weekend.

Isla



I would like to thank everyone for all the love and support I received through the recent passing of my mum.

Thank you for the many texts, cards and flowers, It was very much appreciated.

Susan MacGregor

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the lovely cards, flowers, phone calls and good wishes after my accident. I'm making progress and looking forward to meeting up with everybody again.

Anna Cheyne

Caring For Creation Group



We hope you have all been conserving energy over the winter months whenever possible which in turn of course will reduce your energy bills.

We have a busy time coming up for Caring for Creation and we hope you will all help by embracing our suggestions at home and coming along to support our ongoing efforts to help nature and help save our God given planet.

Youth Groups

We are hoping to work with our youth groups around the church helping with conservation of our Bee population. As Spring arrives, we will be starting with Chat and Play on 1st March then moving around the other groups within the church.

Walk to Church Sunday

We continue to encourage members to walk to church or at least walk part of the way if they are able, weather permitting, on the last Sunday of each month. Every little helps to reduce exhaust pollution.

It's time for us all to do our utmost to reduce our carbon footprint!

The next relevant dates are 23rd February, 30th March and 27th April

Pride in our Environment

Saturday 8th March sees our first litter pick of the year around the church, car park and canal starting at 10 a.m. We anticipate this venture taking around an hour and would appreciate a good attendance of any who are able to help out. We may even have a special guest attending.

Earth Hour

On Saturday 22nd March, we will be holding our Earth Hour service at the church from 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. We ask people to switch off all energy consumption in their own house and walk down to the church or park at the north hall and come down to join us if they can, suitably clothed and bringing a torch. Join us starting at the canal for a very moving and atmospheric experience.

For those who can't come along, please try and observe earth hour at home by switching off all electric and gas appliances and creating your own net zero zone for an hour.

Caring for Creation Service

Our first Caring for Creation service will be on Sunday 23rd March where we will hear what scripture says about looking after our God given planet and what we can do to help.

Please come along or watch the service online for encouragement and advice on saving earth for our children and grandchildren.

Recycling

We continue with recycling of difficult items at both the church and south hall. 2024 was a bumper year for our efforts to recycle ink cartridges which we send off for recycling and this results in a donation to Christian Aid from the recycle company. A creditable new figure for Christian Aid donation is awaited and will be confirmed shortly.

Remember we also collect spectacles to help Vision Aid and recycle old mobile phones.

Open Meeting

Our first open meeting this year is on Thursday 27th March starting at 7.00 p.m. at the south hall where we will once again welcome East Dunbartonshire recycling team to tell us more of what is happening in our area and answer any queries you may have. Feel free to bring along items you are unsure about recycling for guidance.

Wildflower Seeds

We are once again distributing wildflower seeds to members and youth groups and encouraging them to sow these in gardens and open ground to help preserve declining bee and insect populations which are essential to life on Earth.

Conference

We continue working with Glasgow Presbytery and Christian Aid to host a conference for churches within our presbytery zone which includes East Dunbartonshire and North Lanarkshire We are also hoping to strengthen our links with some local primary schools at this event on Friday afternoon of 2nd May.

More will follow via the intimations however if you would like to find out

more or

especially

volunteer to help

out with this

event, please let

me know.



Frank Dick

212th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade

Last year finished with a busy Christmas programme. Panto visits, Laser Quest and Christmas parties to name a few. We also collected an amazing amount of items for the local Food



Bank. Thanks to everyone who contributed. We hope to continue to support the Food Bank next year.

Our Quiz Night in February was very well attended with over eighty participants raising a fabulous amount of money for Company Funds. 15 teams battled through eight rounds of questions with 'No Eye Dear' crowned 2025 Quiz Champions - only took them 14 years of trying but they won in the end. Well done!

Annual Plant sale returns on Saturday 10th May 2025. Please check our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information nearer the time. We will also be serving tea/coffee and home baking.

After Easter, we hope to make the most of the lighter nights, so Section Meetings will tend to be outside weather permitting. In the past we have been to crazy golf, outdoor football and basically enjoying the fact that summer is fast approaching.

This year, Company Section are going to Kirkham for a long weekend at the end of May. Boys will have a full programme of activities to keep them busy. Junior Section are having joint camp the 268 Boys' Brigade. We are returning to the Cairngorms this year and are looking forward to a busy and fun packed weekend.



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

Our last event of this session will be the Awards Night which is provisionally arranged for

Monday 9th June 2025. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our boys' achievements. We have three boys working towards Discovery Badge, one boy working towards Presidents Badge and three working towards Kings Badge. Hopefully we will be presenting some of these awards on the night.

Thanks to Cadder Church and in particular our visiting Elders for the support they give the Company – its' 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](#).

Cadder Men's Club Session 2024/2025

Men's Club News

At the end of November, we had another very enjoyable quiz compiled by Bill McInnes. Teams were organised on the day, and tested by a broad range of challenging questions.

To close the year, we were delighted to enjoy the return of the Coffee Shop Christmas Lunch. A huge thank you is due to Jaqueline and her team of volunteers for this super event. We all had a great time.



The second half of the session is now well underway, having already had interesting talks from Ian Watt relating his experiences on his recent visit to Japan. Geoff Bailey also made a return visit, giving a fascinating account of the development of Bo'ness on the Forth.

This session we decided to try something different and hold a games afternoon on the 4th.

February. This would take the form of Indoor "New Age" Kurling. We were very grateful to the Boys' & Girls' Brigades for allowing us to borrow their sets.....and before we are accused of getting in some "fly practice" prior to the Big Kurling Competition...Isla did make an open offer of her kurling stones to all for practise!

...Oh and did I mention that the Men's Club won? After a very late surge, we just pipped the Guild Team by 5 points. I'm sure I am joined by many others, in saying a huge thank you to Isla & Frank Dick, and all their family members for organising this memorable day. As well as the competition, we were treated to a fantastic spread of homemade soup, sandwiches, and baking!



The Spring visit this year is to the David Livingstone Blantyre... more details nearer the time.

This session, many of our members have regularly enjoyed the fellowship of the pre talk lunch/ snack in the Coffee Shop. It has now become an integral part of the Men's Club Afternoon. We are so grateful to all the staff there for attending to us. Our programme finishes on the 18th. March, with our new session restarting on Tuesday 30th.September 2025.

As always, a very warm invitation is extended to all. Remember if you are unable to commit on a regular basis but would like to attend a particular presentation, come along and enjoy.
David More (Secretary)



Gallery



The Guild were plucky runners up at the GB Kurling event.

For the winners, see the Men's club article.



BB Company Section Bake off Winners

Cadder Coffee Shop & Shop

Looking Back - The Coffee Shop Christmas lunches were a great success, if a little stressful for our helpers. We served 130 Christmas Lunches.



The fact that we continued to be busy with regular customers throughout December proved to us that there is a demand for simple lunches right up to Christmas. However it was a little too busy on some of the days and so the team are thinking of having specific Christmas Lunch days this year, probably on Wednesdays. This will allow us to continue to offer our normal coffee shop service on other days right up to the Christmas holiday.

The trial of opening on Saturdays proved less popular than hoped and the team has decided not to continue with this trial. However customer numbers have increased on Fridays and we continue to see greater demand for tables on the other days.

It is anticipated that this year the Bishopbriggs Community Day will be held on Saturday 17 May and we are in the preliminary stages of planning for this event. We will be looking for support from the congregation and organisations in the planning and running of the event.

It is our intention that the Shop and Coffee Shop will remain open again this year over the Easter school holiday, closing only on Good Friday.

**The Shop and Coffee Shop are open in
Cadder South Hall**

Tue - Thur, 10-2 p.m. and Friday 10-12

**All are welcome to come and enjoy good
food and home baking**



**A great place to
meet friends**

