

CALDER UNITED FREE CHURCH LOCHWINNOCH



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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope that this letter finds you well and that despite the weather you have had a good summer. The new session is up and running and we continue our task of sharing the Good News of Jesus with our families, neighbours, workmates, community and beyond. It is a real challenge and yet such a worthwhile one. In the midst of difficult times it is sometimes the case that we become too pre-occupied with the struggles and disappointments and fail to see the good things.

One of my favourite verses is Philippians 4: 6 –

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God.”

Here, we are reminded to stop and look at the good things that are going on and to praise God for them and then to speak to God about the things that trouble us.

How do we reach folk and invite them to think about God and the life that we can know through Jesus? What a challenge we have to share that message with young people. So few children come to Church or Sunday School nowadays. There are so many distractions. It is not cool to think about God. I took my advice and stopped to think and give thanks for the blessings of this summer.

Give thanks for the Mission Team from Scotland and Southern Africa.

What a week we had in August with our visitors and co-workers in Christ. The Youth Team led so wonderfully by Laura brought a great wave of joy and enthusiasm to the Summer Club, Teen event and the Cultural Evening. The team were hosted wonderfully by a number of local people and families and fed by a number of faithful volunteers.

Thanks to those who gave their all and thanks be to God.

Summer Club

The Team combined with our regular band of faithful leaders to share 5 parables with around 40 children. There were games and fun, home-made videos and puppet drama, crafts, memory verses and songs. These all combined to teach the children of God's love for us all, a calling to love one another and God's desire that we use our lives according to God's plan for us. The children listened and participated whole-heartedly and came with their parents in very good numbers to the Summer Club Service.

Thanks to those who gave their all and thanks be to God.

Teen Events

The Youth Team led 5 evening with 14 young folk in a variety of pursuits. The weather over the week was awful but undeterred there were games in the park, a DJ evening, Rangers from the loch led an evening of activities and we even had a barbecue. Every evening the Team shared a message of how Jesus had touched their lives and of the call of God. The young folk listened with interest.

Thanks to those who gave their all and thanks be to God.

Cultural Evening

On the Friday evening of Mission Week the whole team assembled in Lochwinnoch to lead us in a Cultural Evening. During the week members of the team danced and sang at the Cross inviting all and sundry to come along on the Friday Night. What a sight to see such joyous singing in the pouring rain. Some folk took up the invitation and came. They were not to be disappointed. We were blessed with an evening of singing and dancing that lifted the heart. There were dramas sketches that amused or moved us and challenged us all. The stories of life and faith were more direct than we are used to and were the better for that. At the end of the night the whole assembled audience danced to tea in the hall and the loudest noise of happy chatter that I have enjoyed in many a year.

Thanks to those who gave their all and thanks be to God.

Laura and Gordon

We are greatly blessed in the United Free Church of Scotland to have Laura and Gordon. They work well as a team and provide the Church with wonderful leadership, wisdom and enthusiasm. They share a desire to tell others of Jesus. How they managed to organise and lead the three weeks of non-stop activity in 8 venues across the country I do not know. It all ended with the Denominational Day at Dunblane and worship that we have not known before. I have never seen so many people sway, dance and joyfully sing at a UF event. If they look a bit drained it is due to very little sleep and an overabundance of requests for help and guidance. A big "well done" to you both.

As some of you may already know Gordon has now begun his 3 year course of Theological Study at the Highland Theological College. I am sure we will all remember Gordon as he undertakes his studies for the Ministry of the Church. We remember Laura in her on-going ministry to the young.

Thanks to those who gave their all and thanks be to God.

Teddy Bears Picnic

The Creche celebrated its 25th Anniversary last weekend and over the past few months considerable work has been undertaken to make contact with families and children who have been associated with the Creche over a quarter of a century. On another rain-affected day around 130 folk turned up and took part in the celebrations. There was an abundance of food and plenty of fun and chatter during a very happy afternoon. We are blessed with a great team of organisers and food producers and it was so good to catch up with old friends and extend invitations to one and all.

Thanks to those who gave their all and thanks be to God.

I am very glad that I listened to the words of that wonderful verse. What an amazing summer of activity and outreach. God has richly blessed us and we must thank Him for all his goodness.

And there's more

The work continues and already teams of workers are at work and need our support and prayers. Please remember our Creche leaders, Sunday School teachers, Boys' Brigade Officers, Girls, Brigade Officers and ABC leaders and the Friends and Heroes Group at the School. Pray for the young folk who come along and others that may come too.

Thanks to those who give their all and thanks be to God.

Yours

Archie

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

I hope you all have all had a good summer. It's been one of sandals or wellies. There have been some sunny days so hope you were able to enjoy them.

The Sunshine Bags will have been collected by now, but if you still have one just bring it along to Church on a Sunday or have someone take it for you.


We are all ready to begin our winter programme and have a good variety of speakers. On 4th October Laura Mackenzie will be reporting on the Summer Mission with the UF and the UCCSSA Youth Team at 7.30pm. On 1st November at 2pm (note change of time) Mrs Vivienne Macdonald will talk on her visit to Cuba. ON Sunday 4th December at 7pm the Salvation Army Carol Service will take place and is open to all.

There is a syllabus available price 20p.

Please come along and join us and enjoy some fellowship. Everybody needs company and there is tea, coffee and some cake served at the end of the meeting, all are welcome

Elizabeth Martin
WA Secretary

The Water Jar



She was so excited! Breathless!
Ran into our little village beckoning us to come and
listen.
Hardly able to get her words out.
It wasn't fear.
Excitement
Eyes beaming – wide and bright
She was calling us to follow her
“Come and see a man”
“He told me all I ever did”
“He saw inside of me”
“Could this be the one?”
She'd left her water jar.

We went
We went with Her
The harlot
The one we always shunned
Walked past, ignored
Sneered at when we met her or watched her pass
We followed her to the well
To see the man
She'd left her water jar.

Archie Ford

SUMMER FETE

Our Summer Fete took place this year on Saturday 21st May. We had our fingers crossed all week for a dry day so that we could hold it in the Manse grounds for the first time in years, but once again heavy rain meant that the McKillop was the venue.

As it turned out, the event proved to be one of our most successful ever, with attendances up and a superb total amount of £2042 being raised, after costs for renting the hall. It was great to see so many villagers browsing and buying, some stating it was their first time at our fete and how much they had enjoyed it. The committee's decision to leaflet every house in the village certainly paid off. All our stalls were very well stocked and there was something for everyone, including lovely strawberry tarts with teas and coffees from our busy ladies in the tearoom.

Our grateful thanks go to David & Irene Lawrie for providing all our printing needs, as well as to all who helped, donated, sold tickets or simply came along to support us.

See you all again at our Christmas Fayre on November 19th.

Linda Lewis

Fundraising Committee

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



***Last Monday of Every Month
(Sept – Mar)***

7.30pm

Topics this session include:

The prophet Micah

The impact of the King James Bible

The Beatitudes (3 sessions)

The devil

An opportunity to share a meal and discuss issues of faith

Please come along

All welcome

MEN'S BREAKFAST – CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 7th October 2011

McKillop Hall 7:30pm

£6 per person

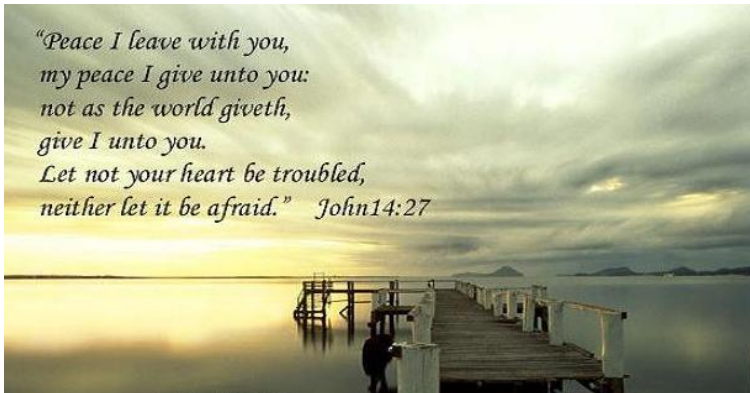
Come and enjoy

- **a night of fun and food**
- **A curry or fish supper for those who don't like curry**
- **A general knowledge quiz**
- **A speaker who will share something of their life and faith**





The Church is open every Wednesday evening from 6.30 – 7.30pm for prayer and meditation.





Computer Lady

On behalf of our Congregation, I should like to thank Sheena Robertson for her contribution to the Church Newsletter over the past decade. It has been a pleasure to work with her.

Her computing skills are impressive, and she put them to good use so that our magazine was invariably produced in time for distribution during the week before Communion-----even when we didn't meet her deadline for inclusion.

Many of the humorous items that have been featured from time to time originate from her pleasure in a good laugh, and we hope she might still contribute these lighter articles for our enjoyment -----we like her style!

Thank you again, Sheena, for all your hard work, and for your patience with those of us whose knowledge of modern technology falls far short of today's requirements (i.e. me!)

Enjoy your retirement. I'll miss you.

Betty McKellar

Thoughts on the Mission Team

I remember as a wee girl hearing about Molepolole and although I couldn't have placed it on a map I knew it was in Africa and that the church I went to had some connection with them.

When it was announced that a team of young people from Scotland and Southern Africa would be coming to Lochwinnoch this summer I was naturally delighted – it was to be during the week of the children's summer club, and the Mission Team would take part in the activities. I can't explain the amazement I felt on the first Sunday when the visitors stood up in church to introduce themselves, and there was a young man named Macmillan. He is from Molepolole in Botswana. I sat in church with a huge smile on my face, astonished - quite moved actually – here is someone from a place with which I have always known a connection, but most likely I will never go there.

At home I have a lovely book entitled 'Hospital in the Desert', which I received as a prize for Perfect Attendance at Sunday School in 1979, and was pleased to receive it at the time, although to be honest it has been untouched in my bookcase for a very long time. The book is full of photographs of the people, buildings and local area of the Scottish Livingstone Hospital in Molepolole and was written by Rev Dr Merriweather and Dr McArthur.

Towards the end of the week in Lochwinnoch, I remembered I had my book and got it out to have a look at for the first time in years. I took it with me to church on the final evening before the Mission Team moved on to their next placement and Macmillan looked through it, pointing out the church where he worships (page 7!) and naming some of the people in the photos.

I am really pleased to have met him, and to have been reminded of the connection we share because of our shared church history.

Julie Graham

Meeting the Mission Team

About 15 young people came every evening for a whole week to do different activities. I enjoyed it when we went to the park and played non-stop cricket because it was lots of fun but it was good because no-one really took it seriously. I also enjoyed the DJ and craft night – it was really good because we all made lots of crafts and the DJ was busy all night when we all wanted a go! The cultural evening was amazing – I have never seen African dancing before and it was very exciting. I really hope they come again to Lochwinnoch summer club because it made it really exciting with them there.

Angela Graham

Crèche 25th Anniversary Barbeque (10th September 2011)

Despite the weather not being at its best, the barbeque was a roaring success. Over 130 adults and children attended the barbeque to acknowledge 25 years of support from the crèche to the parents, guardians and grandparents of the church.

Rev Ford welcomed everyone to the event and thanked them for coming along after which everyone tucked into the food ably prepared by the minister on the barbeque and a team of crèche helpers and parents. The hall was packed and it was a wonderful sight to see whole families there - grandparents, parents and now a new generation with grandchildren too,

The Bracey family travelled 250 miles to attend the event and said it was "like coming home after being away for 10 years". It was nice to catch up with other 'weel kent' faces from other parts of the country too, for example the Boas, the Whites and the Sutherlands although their children were no longer the little children we remembered. Someone remarked that "it was nice to see people that were little children when they left and were now young adults / teenagers. What a change in them but the mums and dads just looked the same!"

Families who had met through the church were once again in God's house together catching up with what each had been up to since they last met – it was a wonderful sight. Their laughter and smiles will be remembered for some time to come. There were also letters and photographs from people who were unable to attend.

Many remarked how wonderful it was to catch up with people they hadn't seen for a long time, it was a great turnout and there were lots of activities to keep the children and the adults entertained. They say God works in mysterious ways and He was certainly in the church that day bringing old friends together, some of whom are now on the circulation list for the church newsletter.

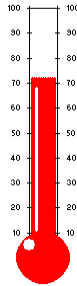
A lot of effort was put into the day by crèche leaders and parents and they are all to be thanked for their efforts which were well received by all. Someone went as far as to ask when the next reunion would be and urged us not to wait another 25 years.

We will see!

Marlene Kilday



Fundraising (Manse Improvement Fund)



Book Sale

The fundraising committee would like to convey their sincere thanks to the Men's Breakfast Club for organising a very successful Book Sale to raise money for the fund. It was an enjoyable morning for all of those who attended. The total raised was £131.

Ian Walker's Sponsored Cycle

Ian offered to take part in this event on behalf of Calder Church. A massive thank you goes to Ian for undertaking such a challenging task on our behalf. Ian cycled across Scotland, East Coast to West Coast, in approximately 24 hours. This was a very gruelling physical challenge and we are all so very proud of him. We would also like to thank everyone who sponsored Ian. A superb total of £493.50 was raised.

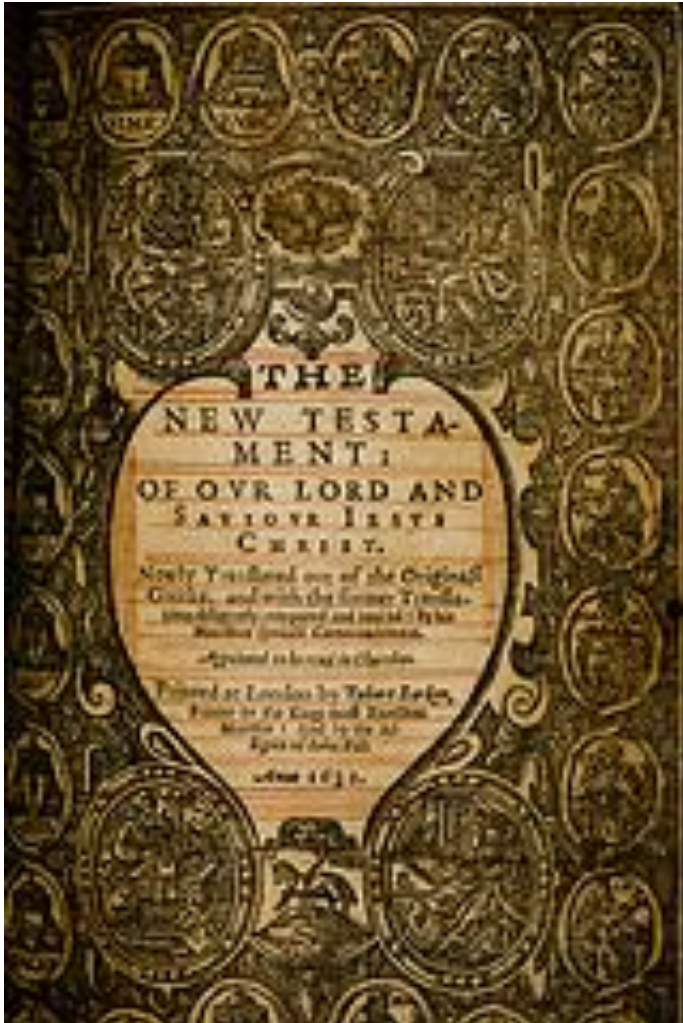
Forthcoming Event- Christmas Fayre, McKillop Hall, Saturday 19th
November from 10am until noon.

(Each year, members of the congregation are invited to contribute £2 to help offset the cost of the tea room, at the Christmas Fayre. Catherine Adam or Irene Arthur will gratefully accept your donations during September and October)

Total Raised - £13204.07 (at end of August).

Macmillan Cancer Support - World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning held on Sunday 18th September after the service. A total of £111 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. It is hoped to hold this as an annual event.



King James Bible

King James Bible Facts

- The animal most frequently mentioned in the Old Testament is the sheep, followed by the lamb, lion, ox, ram, horse, bullock, ass, goat and camel
- The most common name is David, which occurs over a thousand times. The longest name in the Bible, however, is that of Isaiah's son Mahershalalhashbaz.
- The words 'girl' and 'girls' each occur only once in the entire Authorised Version. The word 'eternity' also occurs only once in the Bible.
- Apples are the fourth most often mentioned fruit in the Bible, though the forbidden fruit that led to Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden is nowhere referred to specifically as an apple.
- The word 'buttocks' occurs only three times in the King James Bible: once each in the Second Book of Samuel, the First Book of Chronicles, and the Book of Isaiah. There are no buttocks in the New Testament.
- There is no mention of carpets in the Bible.
- To reproduce the biblical description of Noah's Flood, one inch of rain would have to fall every second for 40 days without any evaporation.
- Emperor Menelik II of Ethiopia nibbled a few pages of the Bible whenever he became ill. In December 1913 he ate the entire Book of Kings when convalescing after a stroke and died.
- Pomegranates are the third most frequently mentioned fruit in the King James Bible, with 33 references to them. Only olives (59 references) and grapes (49 references) are mentioned more frequently.

Source: Cambridge University Press materials promoting The King James Bible: A Short History from Tyndale to Today by David Norton.

Source: 'The Inquirer' – the voice of British and Irish Unitarians and Free Christians July 2011

THE U IN JESUS

Before **U** were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck **U** in the name of His Son..

And each time **U** pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out Jes**U**s and not include **U**.
You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For **U**, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for **U** is the reason He died.
It even takes **U** to spell cr**U**cified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with **U** in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold tr**U**mpet blew,
And this word res**U**rrection is spelled with a **U**.

When Jes**U**s left earth at His **U**pward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love **U**."

So many great people are spelled with a **U**,
Don't they have a right to know Jes**U**s too?

It all depends now on what **U** will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with **U**.

PUZZLES

Anagrams – Books of the Bible

1. See sign
2. Human
3. Tile accesses
4. Nailed
5. Nominal taste
6. Moody tenure
7. A shoe
8. Last again
9. Violent era
10. Social sons

Answers bottom of page 18

Words in a Word

How many words of 3 or more letters can you make from these words?

KING JAMES BIBLE

SEASONAL CHANGES

You must have noticed it, seen it, maybe even smelt or felt it. It's everywhere in the garden. Autumn is moving in apace. It's certainly a little early this year. The brighter colours of summer are fading. It's the start of the clearing up, the removal of diseased plants, the splitting and cutting back of the overgrown, the collection and preserving of the harvest crops. Soon even the protection of the special but tender plants that will not survive outside without your help. Some people will heave a sign of relief. After all, the toil associated with perpetual grass cutting will soon be reduced – you can sweep up the brown fallen leaves instead. Remember they make a great mulch or even better compost.

I mentioned briefly harvest crops. Great rewards from fruit bushes and trees to delight and sustain with their flavour and nourishment. Preserve them where you can for winter delights. To some this is the gardens reward for their labours and efforts but I would suggest there is a greater return.

There is the peace that comes to the inner being, the satisfaction that comes to the spirit within from working in a garden. It not only manifests itself at any one season but is there all the year through. In the storms and cold of winter, in the glory and relief offered by the first snowdrops of spring, in the colour and glory of summer, even in the calm of a quiet evening. Remember in the end everything returns to the earth for its period of rest.

So starts the thoughts of the gardener to occupy winter months. Are there things we can improve in this garden of delights, changes we should make to further improve the pleasure it gives us, anything we should plant to attract different birds or insects and add different interests? Just spend a little time in the garden this winter. Savour its smells, its differences and changes, the way the whole of nature is reacting to the season and the changing of the light. Rejoice and be glad we live in a land with very distinct seasons.

One thing you can be sure of, the greater the effort you put in, the greater will be the reward you and others will reap from your efforts. It's surely worthwhile.

Clive



Anagram Answers:1. Genesis 2. Nahum 3. Ecclesiastes 4. Daniel 5. Lamentations 6. Deuteronomy 7. Hosea 8. Galatians 9. Revelation 10. Colossians

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR – October 11 – Feb 12

Date	Day	Information
1 st October	Sunday	Communion Evening Praise Service
4 th October	Tuesday 7.30 pm	Women's Association - - Laura Mackenzie – Summer Mission
7 th October	Friday	Men's Curry & Quiz night – McKillop
10 th October	Monday	Committee of Management
29 th October	Saturday	Men's Breakfast – Calder Church BB Coffee Morning – Parish church
30 th October	Sunday	Harvest Thanksgiving – Joint Service –
31 st October	Monday	Food for Thought
1 st November	Tuesday 2.00pm	Women's Association – Vivienne McDonald – Cuba Trip
13 th November	Sunday	Remembrance Service – Parish Church
14 th November	Monday	Committee of Management
19 th November	Saturday	Christmas Fayre
21 st November	Monday	Kirk Session
26 th November	Saturday	Men's Breakfast
28 th November	Monday	Food for Thought
4 th December	Sunday evening	Carol Service with the Salvation Army
12 th December	Monday	Committee of Management
18 th December	Sunday	Sunday School Nativity – Calder Church
24 th December	Saturday	Christmas Eve Watchnight Service
25 th December	Sunday	Christmas Morning Worship – Joint Service
31 st December	Saturday	Walk of Faith
1 st January 2012	Sunday	Joint Communion Service - Calder Church
9 th January	Monday	Committee of Management
16 th January	Monday	Kirk Session
29 th January	Saturday	Men's Breakfast
30 th January	Monday	Food for Thought
5 th February	Sunday	Communion

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

Weddings

Laura Hall and Derek Barrie

Alastair Sutherland and Kezia Richardson

Amanda Jamieson and Lindsay Fairhurst

New Members

Glenys McKee

Khanye Thomson

Funerals

Malcolm Morrison

Agnes MacFarlane

Calderpark Avenue

Glenpark Road

Mission Statement:

Calder Church seeks to worship God in our community and to reach out through fellowship, service and prayer, that all may come to faith in Jesus Christ

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