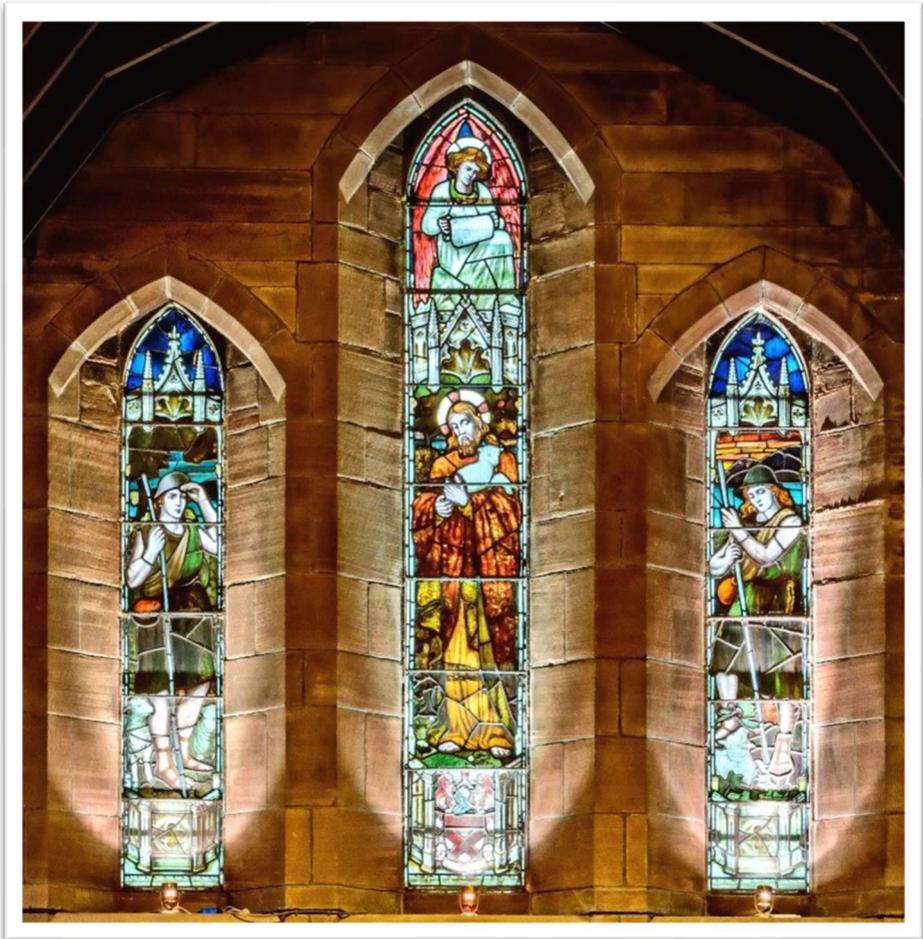


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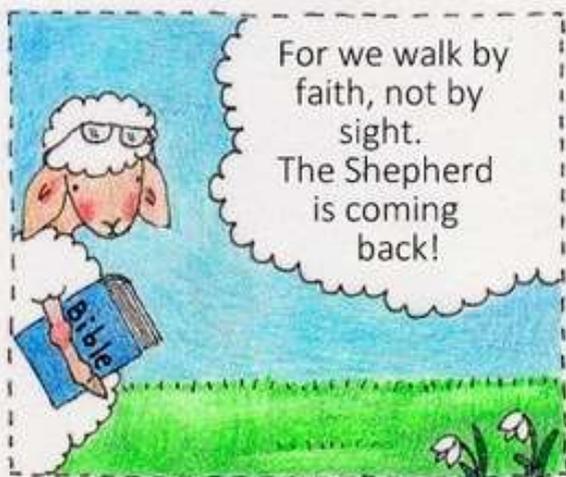
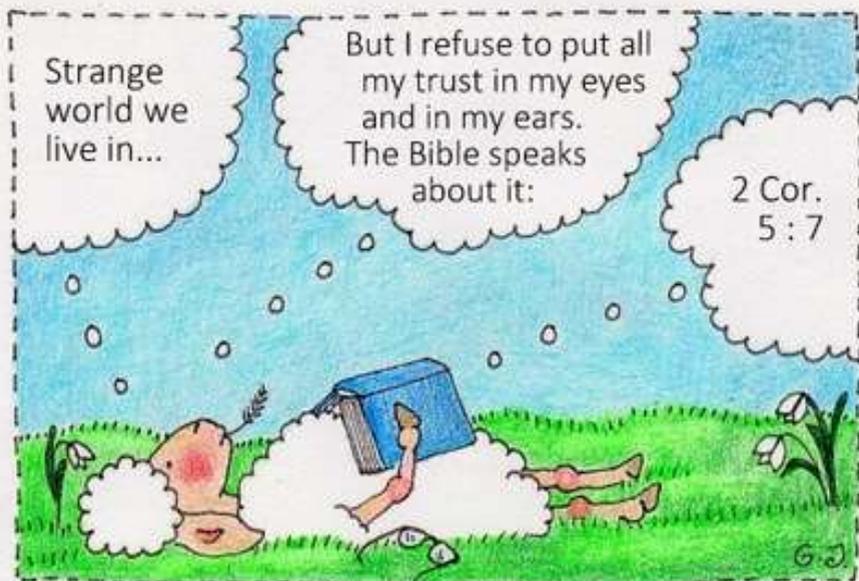
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Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

In our Sunday services, I have been preaching through the Letter to the Hebrews. A key message from this New Testament letter is how God has spoken to us most fully through His Son, Jesus, and how He continues to speak to us. It says, for example, in Hebrews 4:12, that 'the word of God is alive and active'.

It is good for us to be reminded that God has given us the Good News through His Son, Jesus, by whom we receive forgiveness of our sins, and the gift of everlasting life by the Holy Spirit.

It is also good for us to be reminded that God wants to speak to us day by day: to help us and encourage us in our lives, to receive His comfort and strength, and also to be challenged to live as Jesus' followers – chosen to be ambassadors of His love in our world.

The picture on the front cover of the stained glass in the church sanctuary, is a visual reminder of God's living word for us. It is a reminder of Jesus' promise to be our Good Shepherd (John 10:11).

I also have some visual reminders of God's word that I see every day. On my phone I have a Bible verse on my screen which says, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.", which is from Philippians 4:19 (NIV). Also, near my study desk, I have a framed picture with the following Bible reading, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." From Isaiah 40:31 (KJV).

We all need reminders of God's living word – especially in these times.

As we move through winter into spring, let's be reminded that God has a word for us in every season. And as we also move towards Easter, let's remember that we serve a living Saviour, whose word is alive!

Yours in Christ,

Gavin McFadyen, Minister

Congregational Register

Joined by Resolution of the Kirk Session:

Linda McEwan 20.01.21

Record of Baptisms:

Millie Diven 20.12.20

Record of Deaths:

Annie Farren 12.12.20

Ellen Thomson 20.12.20

Joe Thomson 24.12.20

Helen Brown 02.02.21

'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.' (Psalm 116:15)

The Three Strands of Hair

Once a woman woke up in the morning to find that she had only 3 strands of hair on her head. "Well" she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today". She braided her hair and she had a wonderful day.

The next day when she got up and looked in the mirror she saw that she had just 2 strands of hair! She said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today". She parted her hair down the middle and she had a great day.

Next day again she awoke, looked in the mirror and she had only one hair on her head. "Well", she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a ponytail ". So she did and enjoyed her day.

The next day she woke up and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "Yippee!" she cried, "I don't have to fix my hair today". 😊

Attitude is everything. Be kind. Everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Life isn't about waiting for the storm 🌩️ to pass; it's about learning to dance 🕺🕴️ in the 🌧️ rain 🌂.

So the message is - **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Gail Monteith

Baptism

Fraser and I would like to thank our Minister, Rev Gavin McFadyen, for the lovely Baptismal Service held during the Christmas Service for our daughter, **Millie Carol Sheena Diven**, on **Sunday 20th December**.

Both Fraser and I were Baptised in Cardonald and it was very special having our daughter's service held there too.

The First Minister had announced the evening before that the country was going into Tier 4 from the Monday so we were very grateful that the Baptism could take place.

It has been a very busy year and when I return to nursing next month I will be taking up a new post in the Kidney Dialysis Unit of the the New Victoria Hospital and I am very much looking forward to it.

In the meantime, we will carry on doing what we can to keep safe and well and hopefully it won't be too long until things return to some kind of "normality".

Thanks again for all your good wishes.

Lyndsay and Fraser (Diven)



23RD PSALM AS A PRAYER

Many of us when in a hard place go to the 23rd Psalm. The words alone are a comfort. May I share a little of what I have grasped recently.

I never noticed before that it's sort of in two parts – the start being about the Lord being my Shepherd and from v5, about the Lord being my host. I imagine David used his own early experience as a shepherd to pen these words.

Now I don't imagine many of us have been shepherds, nor sheep for that matter!!!

Think a moment – sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for feeding, direction and protection, aren't they?

- So, if we can see the Lord as the good shepherd so we should be his sheep, not a frightened passive creature, but an obedient follower, bright enough to follow one who will lead wisely.

The psalm starts “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.” The Lord appoints himself to be our Shepherd (Ezekiel 34). It was surely he who inspired David to write ‘my’ and ‘I’ – not ‘your’ or ‘we’.

The Lord knows I will face storms in my lifetime, so he makes provision for my rest and refreshment. “He restores my soul” ready to face anything the world has to throw at me.

Even when facing death – only one person can walk with me through death's dark valley and bring me safely to the other side – yes, my shepherd.

Our host. In that land long ago, the law of the desert was hospitality. The host cared for and protected his guest at all costs, so v5 says “*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*”

It finishes: - “*Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*”

Let's imagine that goodness and love are like faithful sheepdogs, constantly seeking me out, encouraging me when I'm tired, ever thoughtful of my well-being. God promises they will be with me all the days of my life.

Then the last part of the verse gives the greatest hope of all:

**I will live in the house of God: he is bringing me to share his home,
not for a week or a month but for ever.**

Margaret Gunn

Friendship Circle: New Project for 2021

We are taking part in "THE BIG KNIT" What is The Big Knit?

Every year Age UK asks people to knit tiny woollen beanie hats and each one gets placed on an Innocent Smoothie bottle. For each little hat "Innocent" gives 25p to Age UK, money that goes to help fight loneliness and provide essential care for older people. All the money from our hats will go to Age Scotland. So, let's get knitting! The basic pattern is shown here and any colours and oddments of double knitting wool can be used. Further patterns are available from Eileen Mirtle or can be found on The Big Knit website under 'patterns'.

Pictures and further information can be found at

www.thebigknit.co.uk. Happy knitting! With many thanks to

Maureen Bell for responding to my plea and coming up with this excellent idea.

Eileen Mirtle

Blue bobble hat

Beginner pattern by Juliet Bernard

Yarn: Blue and white DK

Needles: 4 mm

Hat

Cast on 31 sts in white

Row 1: k1, *p1, k1 repeat from *to end of row

Row 2: p1, *k1, p1 repeat from *to end of row

Change to blue and beginning with a knit row work 12 rows in st st

Next row: k2tog to last st, k1 (16 sts)

Next row: purl

Next row: k2tog to end (8 sts)

Cut the yarn leaving approx. 10 cm length. Thread this through a sewing needle and bring through stitches and pull up to tighten.

Making up

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.

Make a pompom in blue and sew securely to top of the hat.



Home Fire Safety

A couple of months before the end of 2020 leaflets started to drop through many letterboxes advising people that the Scottish Government had enacted new legislation which would require all homes, owner occupier, private rented, local authority or housing association, to have a new fire safety system in their homes and that it would be the property owner who would be responsible for this. The leaflets were the first that most, if not all, folks would have heard about this legislation, legislation which would come into force in February 2021.

The leaflets were very official looking and seemed to suggest that you needed to act then and there and have this fitted immediately. At the same time the Church of Scotland issued guidance to all property conveners to have all Church Manses brought up to this new level of fire safety without delay. There was a great deal of public concern about the very short timescale given, the matter was raised and debated in the Scottish Parliament, with the result that the legislation has been delayed by one year till February 2022. You can read about the legislation by typing the link below into your web browser (if you have this copy of contact electronically you may be able to click on the link which will take you directly to the Scottish Government website) <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes/>

While the debate was ongoing in the Scottish Parliament, we at Cardonald moved ahead and had the necessary equipment installed in our Manse. The new legislation/standard requires you to have:
one smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes

one smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings.

one heat alarm installed in every kitchen.

All alarms should be ceiling mounted and interlinked.

and

where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance (such as boilers, fires (including open fires) and heaters) or a flue, a carbon monoxide detector is also required which does not need to be linked to the fire alarms.

The cost of this will vary from house to house dependant on the size and layout of the home. The cost for this work at our Manse was £400. The Manse is of course a bit bigger than the normal home and so was expected to cost more.

The reason for writing this article is firstly to let you know about the new legislation and hopefully to prevent you from falling foul of any unwanted calls or leaflets through your door offering bargain priced services that may not be in line with what the legislation requires and secondly to let you know that the local company we used, BRB Electrical in Hillington, are happy to provide this service for anyone. They have undertaken a fair bit of electrical work for us around the Church and Manse and are well known to us.

Should you plan to have this work undertaken in your own home as a home owner, then you can approach BRB who are happy to give you a quote and undertake the work. The office number is 01418920775, the person dealing with the fire safety side of the business is called Claire, simply ask for her if you call. If you rent your property your landlord will organise the installation of the fire safety equipment you require.

PLEASE NOTE this is not an advert for BRB, or in any way suggesting you need to use their services. You may already have a trusted electrician you use and who you would turn to for advice. As Property Convener I am simply making you aware of the legislation and providing some information.

Norrie Kerr

Property Convener



There is now the opportunity to support the church through Amazon Smile. By making Amazon purchases through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5 % of the price of eligible purchases to Cardonald

Parish Church. Details may be found on the church website or by following the link below:

www.smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/SC010265

Bible Readings through Lent 2021

This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?

Day	Date	Today's Scripture Reading
Day 1	Wed 17 February	<u>Matthew 1-3</u>
Day 2	Thu 18 February	<u>Matthew 4-6</u>
Day 3	Fri 19 February	<u>Matthew 7-9</u>
Day 4	Sat 20 February	<u>Matthew 10-Matthew 12</u>
Day 5	Sun 21 February	Take a Break
Day 6	Mon 22 February	<u>Matthew 13-Matthew 14</u>
Day 7	Tue 23 February	<u>Matthew 15-Matthew 16</u>
Day 8	Wed 24 February	<u>Matthew 17-Matthew 18</u>
Day 9	Thu 25 February	<u>Matthew 19-Matthew 20</u>
Day 10	Fri 26 February	<u>Matthew 21-Matthew 22</u>
Day 11	Sat 27 February	<u>Matthew 23-Matthew 24</u>
Day 12	Sun 28 February	Take a Break
Day 13	Mon 1 March	<u>Matthew 25-Matthew 26</u>
Day 14	Tue 2 March	<u>Matthew 27-Matthew 28</u>
Day 15	Wed 3 March	<u>Mark 1-Mark 3</u>
Day 16	Thu 4 March	<u>Mark 4-Mark 6</u>
Day 17	Fri 5 March	<u>Mark 7-Mark 9</u>
Day 18	Sat 6 March	<u>Mark 10-Mark 12</u>
Day 19	Sun 7 March	Take a Break
Day 20	Mon 8 March	<u>Mark 13-Mark 14</u>
Day 21	Tue 9 March	<u>Mark 15-Mark 16</u>
Day 22	Wed 10 March	<u>Luke 1-Luke 3</u>
Day 23	Thu 11 March	<u>Luke 4-Luke 6</u>

Day 24	Fri 12 March	<u>Luke 7-Luke 9</u>
Day 25	Sat 13 March	<u>Luke 10-Luke 12</u>
Day 26	Sun 14 March	Take a Break
Day 27	Mon 15 March	<u>Luke 13-Luke 14</u>
Day 28	Tue 16 March	<u>Luke 15-Luke 16</u>
Day 29	Wed 17 March	<u>Luke 17-Luke 18</u>
Day 30	Thu 18 March	<u>Luke 19-Luke 20</u>
Day 31	Fri 19 March	<u>Luke 21-Luke 22</u>
Day 32	Sat 20 March	<u>Luke 23-Luke 24</u>
Day 33	Sun 21 March	Take a Break
Day 34	Mon 22 March	<u>John 1-John 2</u>
Day 35	Tue 23 March	<u>John 3-John 4</u>
Day 36	Wed 24 March	<u>John 5-John 6</u>
Day 37	Thu 25 March	<u>John 7-John 8</u>
Day 38	Fri 26 March	<u>John 9-John 10</u>
Day 39	Sat 27 March	<u>John 11-John 12</u>
Day 40	Sun 28 March	Take a Break
Day 41	Mon 29 March	<u>John 13-John 14</u>
Day 42	Tue 30 March	<u>John 15-John 16</u>
Day 43	Wed 31 March	<u>John 17-John 18</u>
Day 44	Thu 1 April	<u>John 19-John 20</u>
Day 45	Fri 2 April	<u>John 21</u>
Day 46	Sat 3 April	<u>1 Corinthians 15</u>
Day 47	Sun 4 April	It's Easter!

The reading plan is graciously made available by the Central Presbyterian Church of Baltimore.

It is also available online at Bible Gateway at:

<https://classic.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/lent?version=NIV>.

Services of Worship

At present, there are no 'in-person' services of worship. However, our 11 am Sunday service of worship is available online and by phone.

There is a 'live stream' of our 11 am Sunday Service via YouTube. This can be viewed either live, or later, using a link which is made available via our weekly email, Facebook page, and church website (see below).

An audio recording (podcast) of the service will be made available later online and by phone (usually by around 5pm on Sunday).

Service live stream / video recording link details are available at:

www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-watch-a-service

Service audio recordings are available at:

www.cardonaldparishchurch.org.uk/online-services-listen-to-a-service

and by phone at: 0141 465 5553 (Glasgow phone charges apply)

Daily Hope: The Church of England also has a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers at **0800 804 8044**.

Holy Week Services

Due to the present uncertainty and the resultant difficulty in planning ahead, the format of our 7 pm Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be confirmed nearer the time.

It is not expected that there will be any 'in-person' G52 walk of witness and service of worship on Good Friday this year.

Church Office

Our Church Secretary, Carol, is working from home and can be contacted via the church office email. Phone messages can also be left on the church office phone and will be picked up remotely by her.

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