



IN THE LOOP

Booking for Drumclog- Call Mary on [REDACTED]

Bereavement - Call Ian Douglas on [REDACTED]

SUNDAY MORNING:

Although booking is no longer required at Avendale, seating is a bit tighter at Drumclog, so please continue phoning Mary Harkness on the number at the top of the page to book for the next few weeks.

We are really looking forward to worship being led by Murial Mitchell and Sandi Allan.

SUNDAY EVENING :

This week we are thinking about the persecuted church. James Fraser from [Release International](#) who has spoken previously in Avendale will be talking about his work with this organisation. This will be in Strathaven Evangelical Church at 7.00pm and we are invited to join them.

THIS TUESDAY IN AVENDALE:

The searchlight theatre Company are bringing this compelling play to Avendale. Please book and support NOW- [Click here to book](#)



Messy Church was wonderful!

70 people came to the 1st Live Messy Church for 20 months! It was so good to see so many families back in church as we explored the fact that God is BIGGER than any of our fears and worries.

We are planning to make Messy Church accessible to everyone, not just those with children. We will keep you posted in the coming weeks.

29 fish suppers, 23 pizza suppers, 12 bags of chips and 70 people. We had a great time!

From the Press Release to the Echoes:

"It has been a long time since the idea of going to a theatre production has been possible. But Tuesday 21st September sees an innovative event here in the town with a production of "Return to the Hiding Place", by travelling theatre group, Searchlight Theatre Company.

This production which is being hosted in the renovated Avendale Church Sanctuary is a joint venture supported by Strathaven Evangelical Church and the Avendale & Drumclog Church congregations.

Drew Fisher from Strathaven Evangelical Church said, 'This is a great opportunity to hear the true story of a remarkable lady living through persecution by the Nazi's and surviving a concentration camp.'

This gripping new adaptation of the story of Corrie Ten Boom, who's family hid Jews in Holland under Nazi Occupation, and who were themselves transported to the concentration camps for this 'crime', is being taken to the Edinburgh fringe next year. It is a story of compassion, faith and perseverance - a good story for our times.

Angus Allan, of Avendale Church, said, "We are very excited about using the opportunity to bring such a compelling story to Strathaven, and to be able to use our church building on Kirk Street once again for an event such as this. We have been working hard on plans to comply with regulations and ensure as safe an environment as possible."

The event is suitable for adults and children over the age of 12. Tickets (which are free) are restricted to 100 on a 1st come 1st served basis and are only available by booking on the church website.

This is a masks on event to comply with guidelines.

COP 26 Pilgrims

We've been contacted by Christian Climate Action about pilgrims walking from London to Glasgow for the COP 26 Climate Summit being held in Glasgow in November. They've asked if anyone could provide accommodation on the evening of Wednesday, 27 October 2021. If anyone wishes to do so, then please let us know at info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk and we'll put you in touch. The pilgrims will be arriving in Strathaven from Kirkmuirhill and will then be walking to Blantyre.

For the full church diary, click [here](#)

Bethany

For anyone coming to terms with bereavement. Every Wednesday 2-4pm

CRAFT CLUB

Meets every Tuesday from at 1.30-3.30pm for a bit of crafting and a lot of chatting! All are welcome. Enter the church at the back door and you will hear them before you see them! (Bring your own Thermos/drink/snack



A time of led meditation-monthly