



Strathaven

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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 this week's worship being led by Murray Herbert.

Guild News

Drumclog Guild is taking names for the annual **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at the "Rural Centre" on Tuesday, 14 December 2021. Avendale Guild members are, as usual, always welcome at this event. All Guild members can give their names to Aileen Scott on tel [REDACTED]

The latest NEWS from the Drumclog Guild Committee is that they intend to re-start their Guild gatherings after the New Year. Look out for more information on the progress of this either on the Church Newsletters or the Church website.

Avendale Guild - Due to unforeseen circumstances, there is no return date for the re-start of this Guild at the moment. Helena McAvoy, who was the President, has had to step down from this position. However if any volunteer has a calling to take up this position and lead the Avendale Guild Committee, the members would be eternally grateful. For initial enquiries in this regard, you can contact Avendale Church via the church email: info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk, or alternatively can ask Helena what's involved when you see her at church.

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.



Used stamps please!

We are restarting the collection of used stamps for The Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal. This year it will benefit The Woman's Development Centre (WDC) in Kandy, Sri Lanka which runs a programme to support woman and girls who have been victims of rape or sexual violence.

The WDC gives these women somewhere to stay, supports them in caring for their children, helps them return to education if they wish and trains them in skills they can use to earn a living when they leave. These girls are vulnerable and often discarded by their families. Help support them by collecting used stamps which are then sold on.

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



Shoe Box Appeal 2021

Your generosity to this appeal makes such a difference to people in countries like Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. The link to the website is [here](#) where you will find the checklist of contents and advice.

The deadline is **Sun 31st Oct** for those wishing to fill boxes. **NB- You can also use a drawstring bag** which is available at Avendale for a £1 donation. **Alison McKinlay & Lynn Dyer** are coordinating this.

