



IN THE LOOP

Minister : Rev Calum Stark

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We have had an amazing 6 months with our new minister Calum. He and Liz have worked tirelessly in bringing us out of the doldrums of Covid, picking up a new ministry without knowing anyone and settling in a new area. The communications team have been aware of so much positive feedback from people in the town as the profile of the ministry of Avendale & Drumclog has been much more visible. We trust that you as members and friends have also been an encouragement and help to the Stark family both practically and spiritually.

Since they have come, they have had no holiday and Calum is about to use his annual leave to undertake a 4 week stint in America as a pulpit exchange. (A bit of a busman's holiday!)

We are delighted to be welcoming the Rev Casey Carbone from 1st Presbyterian Church of Mahopac and the Hudson River Presbytery.

We all wish Calum, Liz, Douglas and Fergus a very well deserved break .

Find out more about Casey on page 2 .



GREAT NORTH SWIM



Anne Herbert would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support , sponsoring her 1 mile swim in Lake Windermere last weekend for The Canmore Trust. The conditions were terrible with a strong wind but she managed to complete the course.

STUCK?

Tuesday 14th June was the last night of the 'Stuck' ladies bible study group. In total around 20 women came along, although most nights there were around 16. The eight week study looked at the places in life we may get stuck and dealt with areas such as sadness, anger, worry, discontentment, busyness. It also taught us to set our focus on God, as he is the One who has a plan to restore us. Our stuck places are the very places that make us ache for God, and we find Him waiting there for us with hope and freedom.

We had many great discussions over bible passages and were also able to share with one another from our own personal experiences. There was a lot of laughter and tears but most importantly throughout this we all grew in our faith. One other benefit of the time together was a greater deepening of friendships and the forging of new ones.

Although we will not be continuing in this format after the holidays, there are certainly plans afoot to organize some regular events for the women in the church. Watch this space!



Episode 2 is now available for you to listen to on the "**Stories Behind the Songs**" series. This episode is about "Amazing Grace"

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Greetings,

My name is Rev. Casey Carbone, and I currently serve the First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac and the Hudson River Presbytery. I'm a musician, tech wizard, and someone who enjoys traveling and spending time in the beauty of God's created world.

As a pastor, I enjoy traditional and creative worship moments as we cherish heartfelt practices and dip our toes into something new. And as a presbytery leader, I've enjoyed resourcing congregations and bringing their modes of communication into the 21st century.

Outside of worship and presbytery life, I enjoy a variety of hobbies such as coffee roasting, hiking, reading, tinkering, and, once again, music! I play many instruments, including a hammered dulcimer, a banjo, and a hurdy-gurdy.

I am grateful to have gotten to know Calum through a mutual friend and look forward to the chance to make some more connections! Lastly, I have a travel guitar, so that will undoubtedly be making the trip with me across the Atlantic!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Casey Carbone



GALA DAY

Thanks to those of you who were handing out leaflets and chatting to folk in the park. It was blowing a hooley so the gazebo gave up- but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm.

Thank you!

Peter Williams, who can often be seen at the sound desk on a Sunday morning along with his wife Liz, would like to thank all the members of the congregation who prayed for him as he went in for his recent surgery. "I can't believe how relaxed I felt going into hospital and the outcome. I can say without doubt, I felt the power of prayer lifting me through.

This Sunday

More exciting and thought provoking teaching from Acts 3:1-10 

Next Sunday

An all age service at both Avendale and Drumclog

This might be a busy newsletter but it is the last one for the summer!

COMING SOON

HOLIDAY CLUB

For those going into **P2** up to those going into **S1**
Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 10am - 12.30pm



Pirates and Parables



SUMMER YOOF CLUB

For **P7 - S6**

Tuesday 9th - Saturday 13th August

Doing Yoof like things through the week with a great activity day on the Saturday



Check out the details of all events on Social Media or the [church website calendar](#)

REMINDER



The Haven will continue to run over the summer (**except for 1st August**) for you to meet up with friends and neighbours. Always be on the look out for how you can use it to invite people to.



Bugglets will also run all summer apart from August 1st

Galatians 6:2 Carry one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.