



# IN THE LOOP

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## Busy Old Year

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### BUSY NEW YEAR AHEAD

December certainly was buzzing. The church was packed at so many times and we are continuing to build contacts in the community.

Over 200 Avendale gift bags were handed out between our Reindeer Day stall and visiting families when we hosted the Sandford School Nativity in Avendale.

The Christmas Fayre was fantastic, raising £1100. Also, the YOOF leaders and catering team provided a brilliant candlelit dinner for the teenagers. There were parties, soup lunches, and the special times at the Haven on Monday mornings.

Most importantly, though, all services were busy both in Avendale and Drumclog. We have so much to give thanks for as we look back at what God has been doing in A and D in the last year!

## 40 days of prayer initiative to launch 2024

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH  
 31 JANUARY TO 10 MARCH

On the last Sunday of this month **everyone** in the church will receive a small journal and a guide for our 40 days of prayer. We'll be reading through Acts in 40 bite sized chunks and there will be some commentary in a blog on the website if you want a bit of background. But the key thing is that for 10 minutes every day (or more if you like) we will be praying specifically for our town and villages, - for Renewal, Revival and Growth .



## MEN'S BREAKFAST KICKS OFF AGAIN

The guys are growing (not in size but in number we hasten to add).

Monthly Men's breakfast is held on the last Saturday of the month in the coffee shop at 13 Barn Street.

Your chance, fellows, for roll and sausage, bacon, eggs etc. From 9-10 am. **NEXT ONE THIS WEEK 27 JAN.**

Good chat - good chance to catch up and still time to get on with all your other Saturday stuff.

Contact Murray on 07900656762 to book your place.



**You'll be given your Journal and guide at church on Sunday 28th.** If you are not going to be there please contact us at [info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk](mailto:info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk) and we'll deliver one. Or collect one on 29th at the Haven



# Over 100 at the combined Messy Church and His Kids Party

## YOUTH PROGRAMME GROWS



There was a huge turnout at the Christmas Family party with sterling work by the catering team (again). Families joined together in a variety of games including the 'minute to win it' challenges. The Laceys triumphed overall. Santa visited and every child received a book.

His Kids put on a fantastic nativity (The Three Trees) and we are seeing new families join us at church.



Messy Church resumed last week with 18 families booked to come. Usual mad crafts as we explored Jesus the great teacher.

Keep spreading the word and be sure to bring kids you know along if you can.









# COMING SOON



Click here to see the church diary

Just a few dates for your diary as well as all the usual stuff!



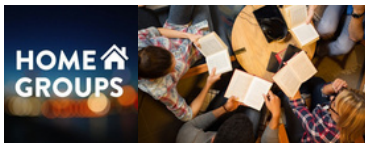
**31 January to 10th March - Don't forget to get your journal and guide on Sunday 28th at the services.**



**Exciting times as we explore the new opportunities we've been offered for Drumclog.** There will be a "What Happens Next?" meeting after the Drumclog church service this Sunday (21st January) to explore possible ideas for new uses of the Drumclog buildings



**Saturday 27 January - tickets from Lorna Lennox. A fantastic night with a real Scottish flavour**



**Restarting at the end of January - a study in the life of Moses.** Details on the church calendar or from Calum, David Moreland, Hugh Campbell or Alistair Lohead. There are three groups meeting (Wednesdays 2.30 and 7.30 and Thursday at 7.30)



**Sunday 28th January 6.30pm. Avendale.** Join us for music, worship, and this week hear from a few of our members about how they came to faith and what living as a Christian means to them.



**Saturday 3rd February. Avendale. 10-12.30.**

This is crucial for everyone in the church involved in dealing with vulnerable individuals. (Children's work - pastoral visitors etc.) See separate email

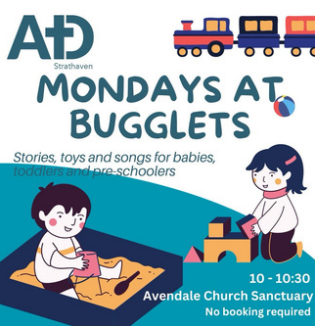


**Next date 18 February. 4-6** Continuing our series - 'getting to know Jesus' we'll be looking at the parables & doing the usual crazy stuff.

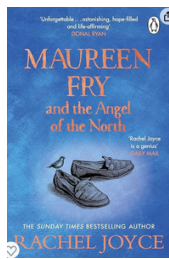


**Next Haven Hangout - 2nd February**

A great group of P6-S2 meet once a month **7.30 -9pm**



# Book Group



Tuesday 30th January

7pm

Avendale Church

# Membership

TIME TO CONSIDER?

If you've been worshipping with us for a while, and feel that God is calling you towards membership - please contact Calum. Membership is an important part of our commitment to God and each other in the church as we grow in faith together. You can contact Calum at [minister@avendale-drumclog.org.uk](mailto:minister@avendale-drumclog.org.uk), or just speak to him after the service on a Sunday.



# Prayer

TIME TO CONSIDER?



Remember the prayer times before the services each week and do seek out the prayer team both at Drumclog or under the gallery to the right of the chancel (looking at it) if you would like someone to pray either with you, or for you, after the service at Avendale.

## DONT FORGET THE OTHER WEEKLY PRAYER TIMES

**Mondays - 12pm** Immediately after Haven

**Wednesdays. 8-9pm** online zoom prayer time - contact Hugh for details

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# Safeguarding Training

SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 10 AM -12.30

*For Pastoral visitors & anyone working with children*

Anyone dealing with potentially vulnerable individuals (children, the elderly, disabled or mentally vulnerable) really requires training in order to understand their responsibilities as church volunteer or worker. We have arranged in house training for all involved in youth and children's work, pastoral visiting and any other interested parties. Your safeguarding certification may require updating. This short course is run by the safeguarding team from presbytery and will take place on Saturday morning 3rd February. Please contact Hugh Campbell to book your place on 07944645940







## NEW OPPORTUNITIES AT AVONDALE RADIO

As some at Drumclog may have learned from Les Hogan at last Tuesday's Guild, Avondale Radio which is now reaching its second birthday, has gone from strength to strength. With listen again now active the station as a whole was listened to over 100,000 times in the last year.



We joined the station on the opening week in March 2022 and have had an amazing opportunity to talk about faith through the songs we play and discuss. The church now officially sponsors the show and this gives us the chance to highlight the many things going on in A&D. Please pray for the team as preparation and recording takes quite a bit of time and commitment.

Crossbeats is one of the most listened to shows on the whole station. We have many listeners locally but also know we're tuned into from across the whole of the UK and even abroad.

In this coming year we really want to make more contact with the listening public - especially locally - so we are encouraging you to email in to the show on the station email with comments, maybe requests and certainly we really want to push the listen again feature.

Spread the word - tune in - listen again! Click [HERE](#) -

The main live Crossbeats show is on Sundays 9-10 am  
The 'lighter' Crossbeats Rewired is on Wednesdays 3-4 pm

Or listen again to anything you've missed [HERE](#)



Recording the new jingle