



IN THE LOOP

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All Church Prayer meeting Tuesday 10th September 7pm

With so much to give thanks for and the launch of many new things, it would be a great encouragement if you would manage along to this.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CALLING

This session Calum has been exploring what 'calling' is. Looking at some of the key people in the Bible, we see that God calls people in all walks of life and all ages to be part of the work of His kingdom. In fact we see that we are *all* called to something in God's service. We will end the series in a few week's time with some personal stories. Folk are realising the benefit of watching the sermons again on our YouTube channel. It's well worth doing this as we think about our own commitment and listen to what God is saying to us as individuals and part of the church.

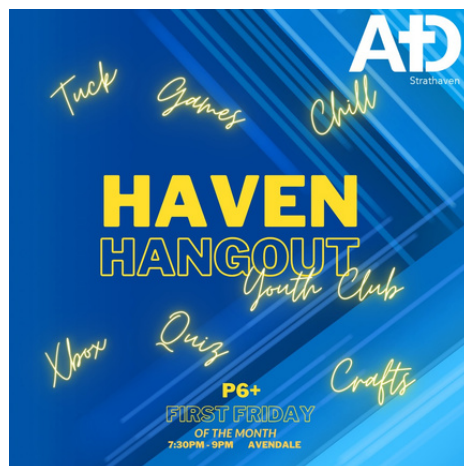
IGNITE KICKS OFF



A very interesting evening was had at the last Ignite hearing Jean Gibson talking about her 'calling' both in Africa and writing about significant people she has met along the way including Maud Kells - her book we've been reading during the summer. The theme of 'calling' is what Calum has been challenging us all on this season.

Next Ignite.....Sunday 22 September 5pm

Haven Hangout went really well last year with numbers growing. The leaders are geared up and raring to go for the new session. Check out the dates and let anyone you know in P6+ about it. Most of the kids have no other contact with the church. So please commit to pray for this, and if you want to assist up front or in the background, speak to Calum or Liz



2024-25 HANGOUT DATES	
6th September	4th October
1st November	29th November
7th February	7th March
4th April	2nd May
6th June	

DISCOVER LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS

321

Beginning soon.

Interested? Speak to a church leader or find out more at 321course.com

3-2-1 Course

Interested in exploring the Christian faith in a fun interactive way? Then this is the course for you!

4 week course
starting Thursday
12th September
in the Yoof Room

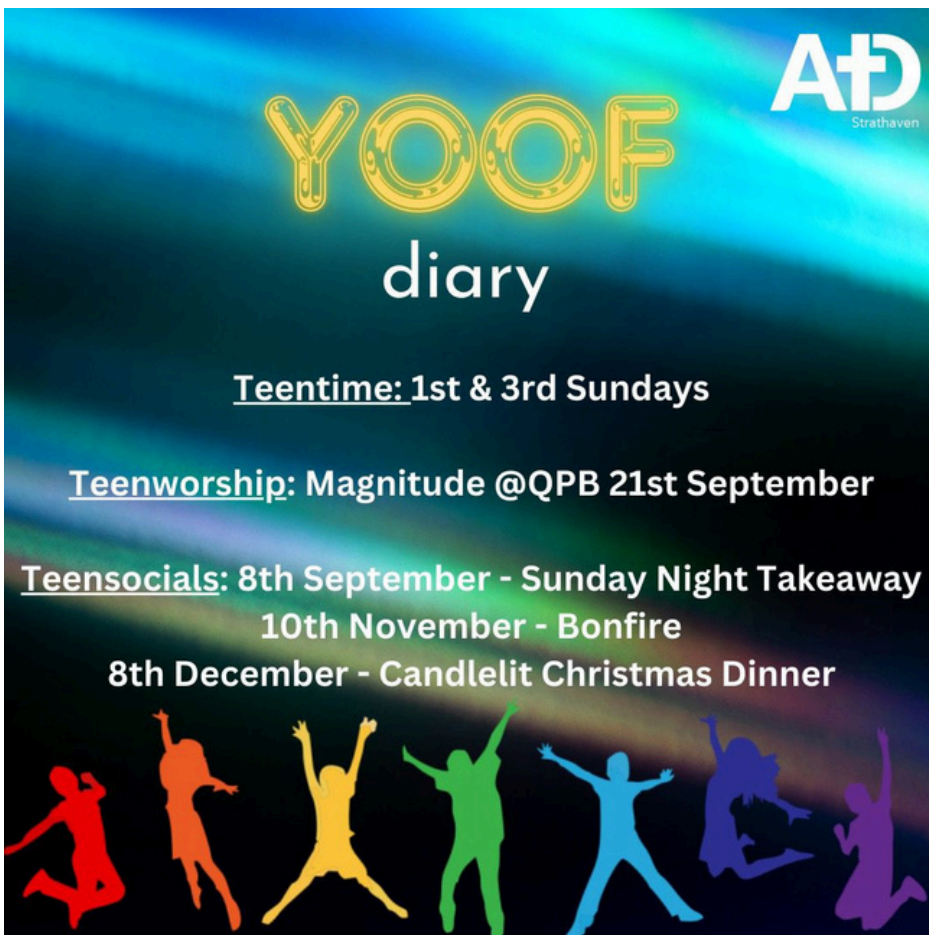
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Exploring

NOW!

Speak to Calum
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TEEN STUFF



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diary

Teentime: 1st & 3rd Sundays

Teenworship: Magnitude @QPB 21st September

Teensocials: 8th September - Sunday Night Takeaway
10th November - Bonfire
8th December - Candlelit Christmas Dinner



SUNDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY

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Sunday 8th September
6-8.30pm
Yoof Room

GAMES FOOD

Teentime will run on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the church service. This is a time for those in secondary school to get together and dive deeper into God's word over juice and some tasty snacks. We are being challenged to follow our call and look for ways we can serve our God. Our TeenSocial programme includes the legendary Candlelit Christmas Dinner. New this year we are hooking up with Magnitude and heading off to join hundreds of other young people in worship.



Especially for young men!



The Connect Groups are specifically for the younger men and women in the church - The Men's Connect (for those in 20's -40's) launches on 1st October with the staple curry night. Hosted at Barbara and Andy Lacey's house - come hungry and leave replete.

Especially for young women!



The Connect groups bring together our church family from both Drumclog and Avendale.

Connect Women starts its session in just a few days' time on 12th. September. So make sure to get it in your diary

More details from Jen Somerville (Drumclog) and Sandi Allan (Avendale).

A+D
Strathaven

CONNECT WOMEN
FELLOWSHIP FOR 20S - 50ISH WOMEN JUST LIKE YOU!

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30 - 9PM AVENDALE CHURCH

2024 DATES:
12 SEPTEMBER
10 OCTOBER
14 NOVEMBER
12 DECEMBER

BOOK GROUP



Last year, Liz Stark suggested we start a reading group which a small group of us enjoyed over the session. The group wants to continue, and aims to read five books between September and next May, roughly every second month (so not too arduous!): we are planning a mix of novels and non fiction- some have Christian themes, some don't, but we hope to bring a Christian perspective to the reading and discussing of these books.

Please do not panic that this is going to be an intellectual analysis or anything of the sort – there will be no tests! Instead everyone will have the chance to give their impressions of the books, although that is not compulsory either.

Our first meeting is planned for Tuesday, 24th September in the Loudon Room at the church- the date may change to suit those keen to join us.

The first book we will be reading is **The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox** by Maggie O'Farrell – I have a spare copy if you think you'd like to give it a go.

The second book for discussion in November will be **Audacity to Believe** by Sheila Cassidy, the story of a young British/Australian doctor who goes to Chile in the early 1970's to widen her experience, and finds herself imprisoned by the Pinochet regime. Her faith is challenged and deepened by these experiences and I found it a very gripping read, when I first read it in the late 1970's.

Any queries please ask me at church,
Alison Muntz

Fairtrade Fortnight: 'Be the Change'

Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 will run from the 9th to 22nd September It's 30 years since Fairtrade products

first hit the shelves and this year for Fairtrade Fortnight, we're spotlighting how YOU can 'Be the Change', by choosing Fairtrade every time.

Our goal is more than people just being aware, it's about them encouraging an active choice to support over 2 million Fairtrade farmers and workers across 58 countries, wherever possible, to ensure they can earn a fairer wage.

This year's campaign will highlight that however big or small a purchase this Fairtrade Fortnight, you have the power to **#BeTheChange**.

* When you choose Fairtrade, you contribute to a fairer, more sustainable future for food production.

* When you choose Fairtrade, you help ensure farmers receive a fairer price for what they grow. *

When you choose Fairtrade, you help rebalance power in supply chains.

Be The Change, Choose Fairtrade.



The Strathaven Fairtrade Group has asked the local supermarkets to highlight any Fairtrade products they are selling. Please look out for the fairtrade mark in the supermarkets and the smaller shops and cafes in Strathaven and beyond. If at all possible support the Fairtrade mark.



MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday 5th October

IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED YOUR PLACE
YET JUST LET MURRAY KNOW IF YOU
CAN - OR JUST TURN UP ON SATURDAY
5TH IF YOU FIND YOURSELF FREE.

YARN AT THE BARN -9-10 AM

13 BARN STREET



New session- new format - new faces!. We had a great launch of Messy church last Sunday. We have a lot of background activity going on - preparing a 2 course meal and craft prep etc. Thanks to all those who help. Speak to Murray or Anne if you feel called to join the team.

NEXT MESSY CHURCH 6TH OCTOBER.

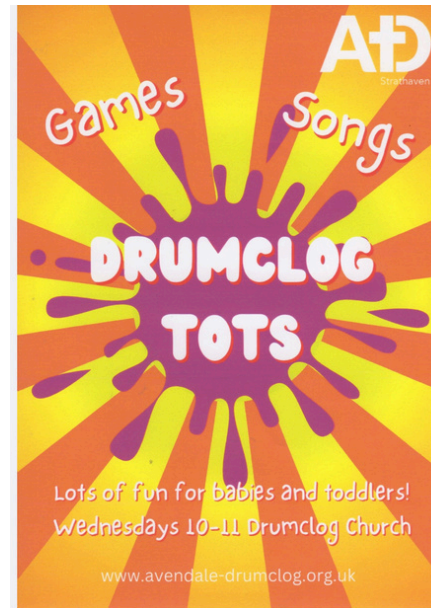
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please email info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk

[Click here to see the church diary](#)



Play time

We now have two really popular playgroups meeting. If you have time on a Monday or Wednesday morning to chat to and encourage young mums, then please speak to Lynn Dyer (Avenale) or Emma Scott (Drumclog). And don't forget to encourage any young families you know to join in.



Haven Coffee on a Monday morning is a great opportunity to call up a friend and bring them along for a cuppa and chat in our warm and welcoming Community Cafe. Take the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with your friends and neighbours and come along for some scrumptious home baking.

COMING SOON
Invitation

EVENTS THIS NOVEMBER



Street Food Event at Avenale



The Big Roast Meal at Drumclog



Sat 7th December will be the Christmas Fair

If you know of anyone who would like a stall, please email Heather, timothyewart30@gmail.com

Crossbeats Update

CROSSBEATS
WITH
CROSSBEATS TEAM

SPONSORED BY

AVENDALE & DRUMCLOG CHURCH

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE MUSIC,
HAVE A CHAT, AND INTRODUCE
LISTENERS TO NEW MUSIC.

SUNDAY
9AM- 10AM



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AVAILABLE ON SMART SPEAKER

We'll be having an update on Crossbeats and the vision and plans for it at the Avendale service on 22nd September. We are now in our third year of hosting this weekly programme of contemporary Christian music and chat on Avondale Radio.

Our aims this year are to

- Develop an increasing listening public
- liaise more with the public
- Look at new items such as interviews

This is a real opportunity for the church as we partner with Avondale Radio. In fact you may not be aware that the church sponsors the programme in support of Avondale radio.

What the team are asking of the congregation is that they help spread awareness of this programme and of course listen in.

Over the summer we tried a few new ideas. Why not listen in now to the Olympic special programme in which we reflected on what 'Glory' really is.

Click [HERE](#) to listen in :

Release International warmly invites you to a stunning production of ***If Prison walls could Speak*** by Artless Theatre Company in Burnside Blairbeth Church on Sunday 6th October.

Use the QR code to go to the booking page. Not suitable for under 11 years.



voice Artless Theatre Co.
IF PRISON WALLS COULD SPEAK
A TRUE STORY OF RESILIENCE
ESPIONAGE AND FAITH

Burnside Blairbeth Church
charity no. SC006433
Sunday 6th October
6.30PM | ages 11+
Adults - £8
Under 10 - £3 (booking required)
FOR MORE INFO: burnsideblairbeth.church

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