

NO service at Drumclog this Sunday

Special invitational joint service at Avendale 11am



As part of our outreach and hospitality, our big event this Sunday brings everyone in the church together. All age service at Avendale at 11am for you and your guests followed by a 'street food lunch'. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

7 different food options on offer. It is free, but donations to cover costs would be helpful. Let's give everyone an especially warm welcome .

December Diary

Selection Box. Donations for Santas sack at the Christmas Fair would be appreciated.
 Please leave in church office this Sunday.

7th Saturday - Christmas Fair 10am

8th Sunday - Soup lunches across the houses. Host or join a group after church for Soup & bread to foster deeper relationships within the church family.

12th Sandford & Gilmourton Christmas service 7pm

15th Sunday His Kids/ Messy Church Christmas Party 4.30- 6.00pm

Service of Lessons & Carols 7pm (music & carols from 6.30pm)

17th Tuesday- Avendale Big Sing with the Sandford & Gilmourton choir and our own singing group. 7pm

22nd Sunday - Christmas jumper service

24th Christmas Eve- Christingle Service of carols, Avendale Church 5pm
 - Christmas in the Country, Drumclog Kirk, 7pm

Christmas Day - 10am Avendale Church

29th Sunday - Joint songs of praise at Drumclog 11am - Soup lunch to follow

5th January - Sunday Joint service at Avendale

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Especially for young women!



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

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



CONNECT WOMEN

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

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

12 DECEMBER

MEN CONNECT

A+D's group for men 20s-40's

FELLOWSHIP

The Pizza night was good fun in November - 28 pizzas made as a practice for Street Food Sunday. We'll be organising the next connect event in January. *Fellowship and friendship building for the guys*



MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday 14th December

IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED YOUR PLACE YET JUST LET MURRAY KNOW IF YOU CAN - OR JUST TURN UP ON SATURDAY 14TH IF YOU FIND YOURSELF FREE.

YARN AT THE BARN -9-10 AM

13 BARN STREET



Haven Hangout

There's a good core group coming to Haven Hangout and having a great time.

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

If you wish anything included in the newsletter, please email info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk

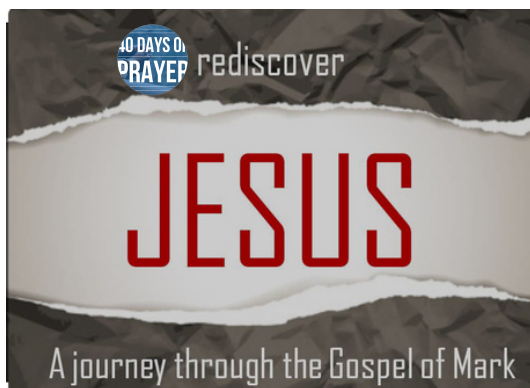
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Focus on Mark

2025

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First

Following on from our journey through Acts earlier this year - this is advance warning of that from January 22nd till March 2nd 2025, the whole church will be reading through Mark's Gospel in 40 manageable daily chunks. Once again there will be a daily blog and commentary on the website - and this year we plan to have an audio blog available as well.

And this is linked to the encouragement to spend some time daily over the 40 days, praying specifically for God's Kingdom to grow in our community here in Strathaven and the surrounding area

And then



No Props. No Professionals. Just Gospel.

We are delighted to announce that we have managed to secure a director to bring the Mark Drama back to Avendale in late March 2025. It's a few years since 15 from the congregation brought Mark's Gospel to life in two sellout shows using this amazing production. We are looking for roughly 8 men and 7 women from the church (in the 'about 20' to 'about 40's' age range).

There are no lines to learn (except for the part of Jesus) but familiarity with the Gospel of Mark is all that is required and a willingness to follow the direction of the producer for acting out scenes and ad libbing a bit. It is amazing how easy this is! But also how powerful it is. Certainly it's hugely engaging for the audience and rewarding for those taking part.

An information night will be announced soon - but more details from Murray Herbert - or any of the past cast.

YOOF NEWS!

BONFIRE BONANZA



On a chilly, dry and clear November night 15 well wrapped up teens congregated at Blackburn Mill for their annual Bonfire Bonanza. In great spirits from the start three groups of teens set off into the inky darkness to seek out selfies with items around the small holding, taking photos with old machines, beehives and old (!) leaders. A slippery tug of war, lit by torchlight, saw an outstanding team beat two other yoof teams and the leaders (did they have the advantage of gravity on their side? We will never know!). After all that exertion we gathered round the bonfire, fairy lights twinkling in the background as we toasted marshmallows, shared hot chocolate and sang some of our favourite worship songs. As the flames died down and we prepared to depart, we reflected on God's call to us to share His light with the world in Matthew 5:14-16.

90th Anniversary Drumclog Kirk Guild

On Saturday 2nd November 44 members, friends and guests had lunch in the church hall to celebrate Drumclog Kirk Guild's 90th Anniversary.

Margaret Elliot, our longest serving member, cut the birthday cake and wished the guild every success in the future.

Our Minister Calum and Secretary of Lanarkshire Guilds Together Anne McIntyre congratulated the guild on their 90th birthday and wished them many more successful years.

We were entertained by Jimmy Anderson and the very talented Templeton and Anderson families.

A lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.



Armistice Parade on 10th November

Armistice Parade on Sunday 10th November Avondale and Drumclog Church remembered members of our congregation, whose names are recorded on the plaque at Avondale Church, who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

104 Men of Avondale Parish made the Supreme Sacrifice during the World War of 1914 to 1918 of whom 22 were members of our congregation.

35 Men of Avondale Parish made the Supreme Sacrifice during the World War of 1939 to 1945 of whom 5 were members of our congregation.



I was honoured and privileged in being asked to join the remembrance day parade and to lay a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of Avondale and Drumclog Church. The respect shown at the memorial for those who fell in conflict the world over was quite palpable and found to be a humbling experience.

Marshall Harkness

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.



Crossbeats continues as a key link with the community. A chance to showcase and discuss Christian songs, to highlight what is going on here at A+D and to be involved in a growing community group. This year we are hoping to build a greater listening public and to engage more with listeners through emails and interviews. Please continue to listen - to share it with others for listen again and of course to pray. Sharing links on social media is a great way of spreading the info!

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