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Welcome to our New Community Engagement Worker

We are delighted to welcome Jennifer Templeton to the post of Community Development Worker. Jennifer has been a member of A&D for a long time and of course is already well known to many of us.

But this role is new and we are excited that she is taking on the tasks of developing our connections with the Sandford and Gilmourton schools as well as the impact of both our campuses in Strathaven and Drumclog. It's a role that requires our practical and prayer support. In coming weeks we'll bring you more details of what is developing.



Jennifer will begin her new post in mid October after the school holidays

Being church

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS CURRENT SERIES?



If you've missed any of this series you can catch up on our YouTube channel by [CLICKING HERE](#)



The book of Revelation can seem a bit daunting. But there is so much that we can learn from it.

In this series Calum is exploring with us the seven churches addressed in chapters 2 and 3. They were real congregations in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) and the messages were real for them. But these are also symbolic lessons for all believers.

The churches - Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea - each receive a message from Christ through John, commending strengths, exposing weaknesses, and offering promises to those who overcome. We have already seen that Ephesus was praised for endurance but rebuked for being hard hearted. Smyrna was encouraged to remain faithful under persecution.

Overall the letters remind us to hold firmly to truth, resist compromise, and remain devoted to Christ despite trials. They are very relevant for us in modern day UK with all its pressures to conform. The promises given—such as eternal life and a place with Christ—point to ultimate victory for the faithful. Still to come:

5th October - Compromise in Pergamum
 19th October - Too tolerant in Thyatira
 9th November - Sleepwalking in Sardis

Other Services:

Friday 10th October - 10am Gilmourton school Harvest Service at Drumclog

Sunday 12th October - Melville Crossthwaite leading services

Sunday 26th October - All age Harvest Celebrations

Sunday 2nd November - Open Doors Chris Greenhaulgh

Sunday 16th November - both services at 11am

Drumclog invitation service led by Calum followed by community lunch.

Avendale Service led by Iain Cunningham



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



Friday 3 October Haven Hangout this Friday for P6-S2



For all Hungry Men!! Saturday 4th October at Cinnamon - 13 Barn Street.

Join us for an hour of banter and fellowship over breakfast from 9-10 am.
Book your place by contacting Murray Herbert.



Next date 5th October 4-6pm Do tell families you know and invite them to our ever popular monthly all age Messy Church. Like to help? We can always use helpers for chatting to parents, helping with crafts or being part of the team providing food for the families.



On Tuesday 6th October from 1.30 - 2.30pm, Taketime Together will be held in the home of Margaret and Dan Miller, Crosshill Road, Strathaven. For more information contact Sandi Allan.

Also on **Sunday 12th October at 7.30pm** in Avendale sanctuary our next led Take Time Christian meditation.



8 and 9 November 7.30pm The dramatic and engaging Mark Drama is planned for the beginning of November.



Sunday 30th November Sunday evening special with Sam Hibbard and Lewis Haxton



Starting Wednesday 8th October and Thursday 9th October at 4 locations in evenings and afternoons across Strathaven. Speak to David Moreland or Calum for details. At these groups you will experience warm fellowship, practical and spiritual support as you bond over reading God's word together. Ideally most people in both churches should attend one of these.



the mark drama

**Gripping drama - Mark's evidence -
your verdict - in 90 minutes**

Tickets £1

Please book through the Church or

Find **TICKET SOURCE** on the church website

www.avendale-drumclog.org.uk

Avendale Church - Strathaven

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November 7.30 pm

Click the image above to go to the ticket site

Invitation Time

**Time to consider who
you will bring to our
outreach event this
November**

Now that we have a full cast (of 15) we are absolutely delighted to be going ahead with the Mark Drama in the first week of November (just 5 weeks away). This is a powerful drama that presents the whole of Mark's Gospel in 90 minutes.

This is one of our big invitation events for this year, so please consider who you will bring. We've priced tickets at £1 to cover the bulk of the costs due, and tickets can be bought either through Ticket Source (link on the church website) or by speaking to Graeme Lacey or Murray Herbert for a cash purchase.

So please get your ticket and one for your friends and help us fill the two nights of the performances. We are limited to 120 tickets per night and expect these to go! So book early.

Get your tickets here

Click the image above or go to **TICKET SOURCE**
on the church website
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Let's Connect!

Women's Connect (our group for women who are 20-50's) Contact Lesley Steven



MEN CONNECT

Men's Connect is our group for men who are 20-40's. Contact Chris Somerville to be included in the info circle. Programme to follow.

Prayer

TIME TO CONSIDER?

DONT FORGET THE OTHER WEEKLY PRAYER TIMES

Mondays - 12pm Immediately after Haven

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



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.



Ignite

**Sunday 30th November,
6.30pm @ Avendale -
FREE ENTRY!**

(Please consider giving a
donation towards costs)

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We are excited to be welcoming singer/songwriters Sam Hibbard and Lewis Haxton to 'Ignite' on 30th November @ Avendale.

Sam is a Singer/Songwriter, Worship Leader & Drummer based in Scotland. His music style is a blend of singer-songwriter and Contemporary Christian & Gospel. Sam has been writing and releasing music since the age of 15 and he is passionate about writing songs that carry a message of hope, influenced by his faith.

His worship leading has led him to travel in and around Scotland, it has also led him overseas. He has a desire to create spaces for people to encounter the love and freedom of God.

His 2017 debut EP "Higher Ground" and second EP in 2020 "Falling Upwards" were both released off the back of successful crowdfunding campaigns. He is now working with a team of creatives for his third short album.

Lewis is a Scottish worship leader and songwriter who has a deep desire to see God's Kingdom advance and revival ignite across the UK. His songs include "King of Grace", "Riding In" and "Prince of Love", each carrying a message of hope, reverence, and a desire to draw people closer to the heart of God.

Every Sunday 9-10am

ON AVONDALE RADIO



Don't forget to listen in and to publicise our involvement with Avondale Radio. It's always important to raise awareness of all that's going on here in A and D. And our own radio show does just that. We also get to engage in conversations about Jesus.

Through talking about and showcasing contemporary Christian Music we have an amazing opportunity to do these things.

September saw Calum and Liz reflecting on some brand new music along with their eclectic chat about the contemporary Christian music scene. Murray and Graeme explored the theme of what church is to align with Calum's current teaching series in the book of Revelation. They played a run of songs talking about church.

Looking ahead there will be a "Special" coming up with Sam Hibbard and Lewis Haxton who are coming to Ignite in November. We also plan that in at least one show we will be asking the question. "What films have you seen based on real life stories that you have enjoyed?" Perhaps you could support us by writing in with some of your own.

Each week we like to showcase that Christianity is alive, vibrant, fulfilling, exciting, sensitive, thoughtful, and as many other positive adjectives that you might like to choose.

So

- If you haven't listened in yet - try it out.
- If you you've missed any shows use the listen again feature.
- If you haven't told anyone else to listen in, please do so today.
- If you can...please contact the Crossbeats team via info@avondaleradio.com with requests, comments, suggestions, chat. Interaction like this is helpful!!

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Streams Studio

ALASTAIR LOCHEAD SHARES THIS
STORY ABOUT HIS YOUNG
NEPHEW DAVID'S VISION



Just over three years ago a young Scotsman, working diligently in his spectacles and spec frames business in London, had increasing concerns for young christians and others his own age. He saw them going in the front door of churches and realised over time few of them were really committed and involved. Many stood near the back door of their churches and some disappeared without trace.

Having prayed about this issue with a few of his Christian mates, David thought through how such folk, and others, could be reached and encouraged. They decided to try and record a few brief stories of actual life.experiences of some twenty and thirty year olds - how, for example, in their feelings of loss and despair, some had reached out to God in a prayer of desperation - or how some had had life changing experiences and had been helped by a Christian or a radio program or podcast

Over time and with some good quality recording equipment, a library of brief 5 or 6 minute talks and/or interviews began to build. The main concern now was how to communicate with needy young people the fact that such an encouraging resource was - and is available !

They prayed about this, knowing they could not afford expensive advertising. 12 interviews were tentatively put on YouTube - and the response was almost instant ! Several folk wrote in with encouraging feedback about how they had been helped. Some described their position, having been to Sunday School years before, and wanted to know more about the Christian faith. As additional brief talks were recorded and added to the library, the decision was made to put some of these on to Instagram and then later on to the TikTok network

A brief comment from the streams-studio.com report last year indicated average views per video grew from 14,000 in 2022 to 344,000 in 2024 ! In June 2024 they reported that their first video to reach 10 million views - “ Megan Fate - For Our Good ” had struck home to many individuals, many of whom had sent feedback expressing their appreciation !

The same report indicated that TikTok videos had by then been watched for over 214,000 hours !

Many of the feedback comments have included the word “needed”. viz. “ I’m sobbing because I needed to hear this “ “I’ve needed this message for so long ! Thank you ! “

“I needed this - it spoke to my heart and soul ! “ “Thank you !. I really needed to hear this. I’m in such a struggle in my faith recently and you’ve put things into perspective ! “

More recently, its been reported that a major milestone was passed in July by which time over 100 million views on videos had taken place! One single 5 minute video by Ian Simkins has been viewed more than 1.5 million times this year !

Enough of statistics - please take a few minutes to look up streams-studio.com and delve into the current library of well over 300 videos of 5 or 6 minutes each. It is amazing how God is using this method of communication to show His love and care for all mankind. Many of the feedback comments indicate that this ministry is of great value and help to so many needy folk. New interviews and brief talks are added to TikTok, Instagram and YouTube each month. Please pray for this ministry and for its future development. Many thanks ! “

Find 'Streams Studio' on the web, Instagram, YouTube and Tik Tok and listen in to short messages like these .



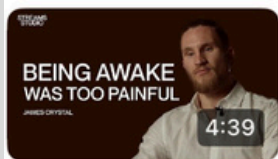
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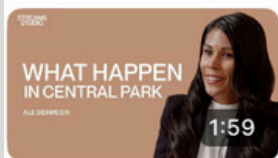
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666 views • 1 year ago



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439 views • 1 year ago



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