



IN THE LOOP

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This Sunday @ A & D

PHILIPPA HANNA LEADING AT AVENDALE

It's a big weekend at A&D - one of the busiest in the year so far.
Please pray for the Haven Hangout Team on **Friday**. Upwards of 35 young folk are expected.

On **Saturday** we host the *Strathaven Churches Together* event with our old friend, well known Christian singer/songwriter, Philippa Hanna and her band.

Then on **Sunday** at Avendale Philippa will be taking part in the morning service with input also from our church band. This is a great opportunity to invite folk along.

Sunday at Drumclog as usual at 9.30 am.

Sunday afternoon at 4pm sees Messy Church and we are so encouraged to have new families attending.

Finally, **Sunday evening** brings time to relax and meditate in God's presence at Take Time - 7pm in the Avendale sanctuary.

And if you think all of this is quite a weekend - spare a thought and some words of encouragement for our Audio and Tech team who have to work hard to keep it all ticking over.



Bible Readings & Blog

JOURNALS COMING NEXT WEEK

We are hugely excited to be launching this year's 40 day Bible readings and blog in 2 week's time, Sunday 15th February.

There are over 200 journals ready to go and *everyone* will receive theirs over the next 2 Sundays.

We start the read through together on Monday 16th February, finishing by Palm Sunday.

When we began this church family initiative 2 years ago we read through Acts. Last year we focussed on Mark's Gospel reading right through and then held the Mark Drama in November.

This year we are thinking again about the young church and how it relates to us today as we read the 'Prison Epistles'. These are the 4 letters that Paul wrote while in prison to the Ephesian, Philippian, and Colossian churches, and lastly to Paul's friend Philemon.

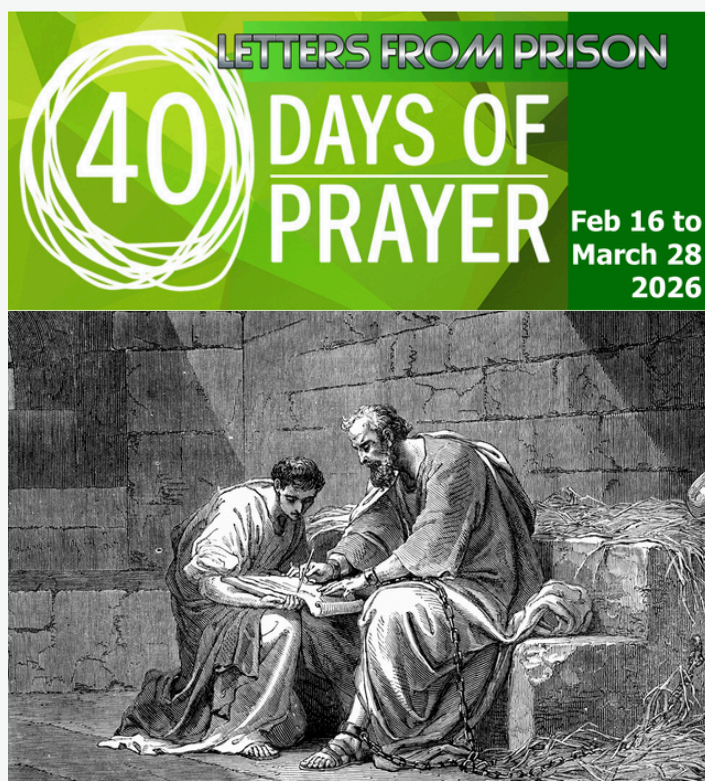
As always, our in-house team of writers (there are 6 this year) have been working very hard to write reflections and a blog that is real and lively for us.

The blog is available on the church website - follow the link below to "40 days of prayer".

If you prefer to listen rather than read, 6 readers from the church read the daily reflections.



[Click here to go to the blog \(from 16th Feb\)](#)



Your journal contains a brief introduction, a reading plan and space for your own reflections.

Each week we have 6 daily readings and a 'rest day' on Sunday to allow us to catch up.

While we have set aside 240 copies, so that we each have our own journal, we know that people from outside our congregation do like to join us on this annual journey. So share the website link!

Lines, triangles squares and mores

NEW FOR THIS YEAR

You might find it easiest to read through yourself but why not consider joining with others to discuss what you are learning in:

Twos - (lines)

Threes - (triangles)

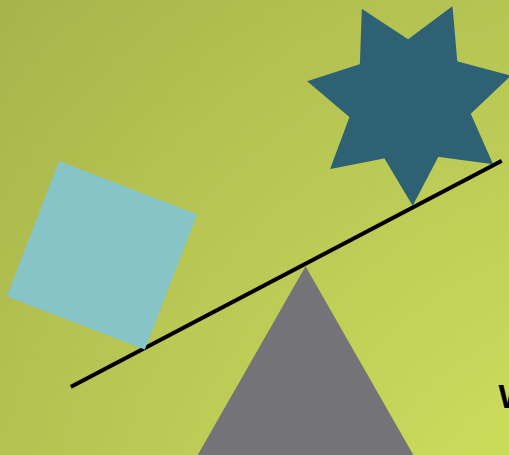
Fours - (squares)

Mores - housegroups

Let us know how you get on! We'd love to hear.



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



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As a reminder, the home groups are currently

Wednesday evening - at Alastair and Jeanette Lohead's
and David and Caroline Moreland's

Thursday afternoon - at Tony & Muriel Mitchell's led by
Andy Meikle

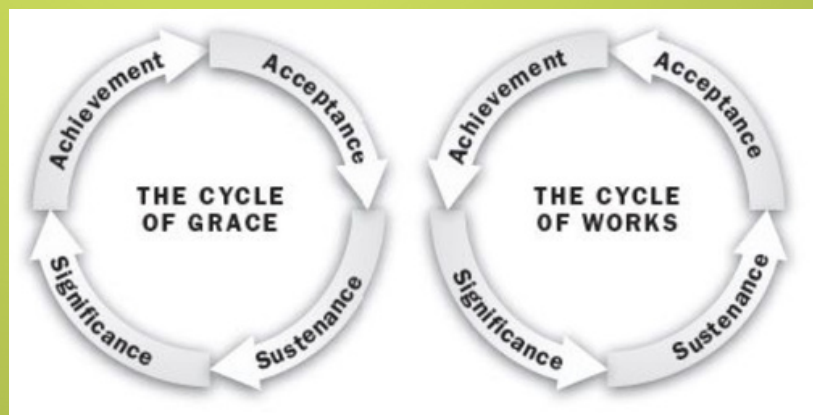
Thursday evening - at Andy and Barbara Lacey's

Men Connect are looking at meeting as a group.

Why not ask a friend or two to join with you in your
reading journey

sermon series

THE CHURCH



Last week Calum continued leading us in thinking about the Church in his challenging series. We have been reflecting on the positive and negative aspects of the churches in Revelation. Last week we looked at the cycle of Grace - seeing that *acceptance* comes first. Crucially it is not good works and good deeds that lead to our acceptance by God, but rather that His grace and acceptance of us comes first. Our works are in response to this. Have another listen on the YouTube channel - or catch the last 2 weeks of Crossbeats on Avendale radio where Calum has been talking a bit more about these things.



CURRY
night

MEN CONNECT

Coming 26 February
our lads in 20's-40's
are treating themselves
to a curry with chat

Details from
Andrew McArthur
or email the church office

Going from Strength to Strength

The
Haven

AVENDALE CHURCH KIRK STREET

Every Monday 10-11.30
real coffee - great cakes

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‘SAGE’ Men’s Group

*Occasional outings
to interesting places with coffee shops*



Bothwell Parish Church

*Guided tour with lunch to follow at
Chapterhouse Cafe*

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Leaving Strathaven 9.30am

Returning approx. 2.30pm

**For further information, costs and to book your place,
please contact Alastair Strang 07711 281039
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