



IN THE LOOP

Inspiring Hope, Sharing God's Love

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This Sunday at A & D

This Sunday we will be continuing in our series 'Real Discipleship' as we think about spiritual vulnerability. What is it that makes us real disciples of Jesus? What difference does that make in our daily lives? How is life different for those who truly follow Jesus? Is there a cost?

A circular graphic with a textured, parchment-like background. It features a large, dark brown cross on the left and a black line graph resembling a heartbeat or ECG line on the right. The text 'Real Disciples' is written in a bold, serif font across the center.

**Real
Disciples**

Calum will be leading us through **Mark 8:27-33**. Mark 8 is the pivotal point of Mark's Gospel. As you may remember from the Mark Drama, this is the moment when the excitement of all the miracles and teaching takes an ominous turn as Jesus turns his face towards Jerusalem and the suffering and sacrifice he must endure.

But what does this mean for us?

Welcome Home!

CALUM, LIZ, DOUGLAS AND FERGUS

We enjoyed having the Bynums over the summer and getting to know Peter and Stephanie. Calum and Liz seem to have had a great summer Stateside and if you'd like an insight into their life in NY state, Peter's church, and some snippets and opinions about the States, go on to listen again for Crossbeats for Sunday 26 July. They devoted the show to all these things. Here's the handy link for the show. [CROSSBEATS USA](#).

And welcome home to everyone else who has been away this summer!

WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION

ALL CHURCH FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY
16 AUG
2-4 PM

ACTIVITIES:

- **BBQ**
- **Music**
- **Games for Kids**
- **Coffee Teas**



To celebrate a new session for A and D

Billy Glazebrook's Farm 1/2 way between Strathaven & Drumclog
Laigh Crewburn Farm ML10 6QD

Holiday Club Fun

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUMMER?



During the summer we held our Holiday Club at Avendale Church. The club was 3 days long and was based on the Diary of a Disciple - the book of Luke. Each day was a different theme, the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard preparing their activity in advance and who helped make it great fun for the children. We had groups for craft, games, snack and chat. A special thanks to the Kitchen team who prepared lunch each day for volunteers and preparing lunch for the parents and carers who were invited to stay for lunch on the last day. Hopefully a seed has been planted!



Super Sunday

20 August

Messy Church is back!!! lots of fun with crafts , games, singing and of course a yummy meal. For all families - parents along with children. Free.



Followed by.....

Ignite 6.30pm

Featuring Lucie Hendry

Please invite friends and
neighbours to this.



Lucie Hendry is a lever harpist from north-east Scotland, currently working between Denmark and the UK. Lucie fell in love with Scottish folk music at an early age, and this gave her work a strong foundation from which it continues to evolve. In recent years, Lucie has been exploring the boundaries of her instrument, weaving other musical influences and styles into her work, and exploring different constellations of instruments. During this time, she has built her reputation in the folk scene, touring throughout the UK as well as mainland Europe.

From the pastoral care team

Family
news



KEEP US IN THE LOOP

Celebrating and supporting our congregation in good times and difficult times is core to how we love and serve each other. It is something we all do already but it's very helpful when that information is shared.

So we're asking that If you know of anything, particularly an illness, grief or other concerns you contact Edith Scott at [07800 822223](tel:07800822223) or Ian Douglas at [07742 022423](tel:07742022423) so that information can be shared appropriately for pastoral support.

But of course we also want to celebrate good news as a church. Maybe you know that someone is having a big birthday or other great news. If it's something to be shared we can share it here and keep us all in the loop!



Congratulations to Avril
and Gerald Dobson on
their Ruby Anniversary
on July 12th



Congratulations to
Margaret & Ian Douglas
on their Golden Wedding
Anniversary on August
7th



Update from Dawn Cunningham

Tabeetha School, the Church of Scotland's School in Ja7a, Israel

In a previous 'In The Loop' I shared a little of Tabeetha School with you. This has been a demanding year, due to ongoing conflicts in the area but Tabeetha has continued to provide students with stability, learning and a strong sense of belonging.

End of term update

Students return to school

After a period of Zoom learning during school closure, students were happy to return to school and reconnect with their classmates, teachers and daily routines. We are especially proud of our GCSE and A Level students, who continued preparing for and sitting their exams despite interruption to their learning.



International Fair

On 19 June, we celebrated our International Fair, bringing together students from all grades and families from our local and international community. The day included activities, family-led food stations and cuisine from around the world, including Tanzania, Russia, Germany, Persia, the Dominican Republic, Australia and China.

Grade 11 and 12 trip to Eilat

In June, Grade 11 and Grade 12 travelled together to Eilat for a trip focused on broadening horizons, strengthening friendships and enjoying time beyond the classroom.

Students took part in a boat trip, visited the aquarium and went hiking, with time to relax and reconnect after exams and recent disruption.



Sports Day

We were delighted to hold both primary and secondary Sports Day at school in June.

Students enjoyed a range of activities, including archery for primary students and team games such as volleyball. It was a joyful day of movement, teamwork and community after a challenging period.

We appreciate all who have prayed for the school, its students, their families and our staff during these difficult and uncertain times.

The year has brought its financial worries too and we are grateful to everyone who has supported us financially in the last 12 months, thank you.

Your Support in Action: 2025–26 School Year Impact Report

This year, the generosity of donors, churches, alumni, parents, friends and foundations helped raise **192,000 NIS** for Tabeetha School.

These funds supported clearly identified priorities across the school, including bursaries, learning resources, counselling support, the primary garden area, STEM development and general support during a demanding year.

Supporting families through bursaries

With generous support from the **Pears Foundation**, bursary support was provided to families facing financial hardship, helping students remain in the stability of the Tabeetha community. This support matters deeply. For students, continuity is not only about remaining in class. It means staying with familiar teachers, friendships, routines and a school community where they are known and supported.

Investing in learning resources

This year, **96,000 NIS** was invested in **school resources**, including books, classroom materials, phonics resources, counselling resources and the first phase of our STEM development work. Through the **Hope at Every Desk** campaign, supporters raised **33,000 NIS** to help provide essential books and learning materials, including new phonics books.

“My students are motivated, kind, and genuinely love learning. This year, I saw students not only learn phonics and reading skills but truly apply them to the world around them.” Grade 1 Teacher

Strengthening wellbeing and counselling support

Thanks to donor support, **2,000 NIS** was invested in counselling resources, including games, emotional regulation toys, sensory items and professional development resources.

“The new resources make the space more inviting and calming, encouraging students to spend time in the counselling room and feel safe, relaxed and supported.” Tabeetha School Counsellor

Developing the primary garden area

With generous support from **St Andrew Blackadder Church** and our wider community, **30,000 NIS** has been invested in the primary garden area, funding safety updates and new resources for outdoor learning and play. These resources have now been purchased and will be introduced in the new school year. They include open-ended building materials, manipulatives, peg wall resources, bicycles, tricycles and wheelbarrows. For our youngest students, the garden is an important learning environment. These improvements are designed to support expressive play, creativity, imaginative development, coordination and physical confidence.

Building the foundations for STEM learning

This year, **39,000 NIS** was invested in **Phase 1 of our STEM development work**, funding essential primary maths resources. These resources have now been purchased and will be introduced from the start of the next school year.

These resources include practical materials such as 3D shapes, base ten equipment, counters and other hands-on tools that help children explore mathematical and scientific concepts directly.

This first phase strengthens core classroom provision and prepares the way for the next phase of STEM development across the school.

Thank you

Thank you for being part of the Tabeetha community.

This year, we have been encouraged by those who have given, attended events, joined our webinar, shared our story, prayed for the school, connected us with others and continued to follow Tabeetha's journey.

To our donors, churches, foundations, alumni, parents and friends who contributed financially this year: your generosity has helped strengthen learning, wellbeing and opportunity across the school.

Every contribution, whether through giving, sharing, attending or supporting Tabeetha's story, has helped strengthen the same goal: ensuring that Tabeetha remains a stable, inclusive and nurturing place of learning.

As we look ahead to the new school year, we continue to raise support for school programmes and the next phase of our STEM development work.

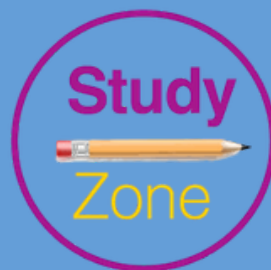
Support Tabeetha School: [Donation Page – Tabeetha School](#)

The text 'Thank you!' is written in a large, blue, cursive script with a slight shadow effect.

Joanne Morrison would like to thank the congregation at Drumclog for the flowers and their lovely warm wishes as she steps back from playing keyboard there for the last time. She has faithfully accompanied worship at Drumclog for 25 years with her exceptional musical skills and we are all so grateful to her for that.



Get the
details
ON THE WEBSITE



Get it in the Diary

These are exciting times as Lorna Wilkins takes on the role of leading Messy Church. It is really important that we support her in prayer and also her fantastic team of dedicated helpers who turn out faithfully to provide the food, craft support, chat and fellowship that makes Messy Church such a good connection point for our church.

A vibrant poster for Messy Church. The background is yellow with radiating lines. At the top left is the 'A+D Strathaven' logo. To its right, text says 'Painting, crafts, and lots of fun! You even get your tea!!'. The center features the 'Messianic Church' logo in white and yellow on a red splat. Below this, dates are listed: 'Join us at Avendale, Sundays 4 - 6pm', '20 September, 22 November', '13 December, 21 February', and '25 April, 23 May'. At the bottom, it says 'FUN AND FREE FOR FAMILIES WITH BABIES, TODDLERS AND PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN!' and provides the email 'INFO@AVENDALE-DRUMCLOG.ORG.UK'.

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Strathaven

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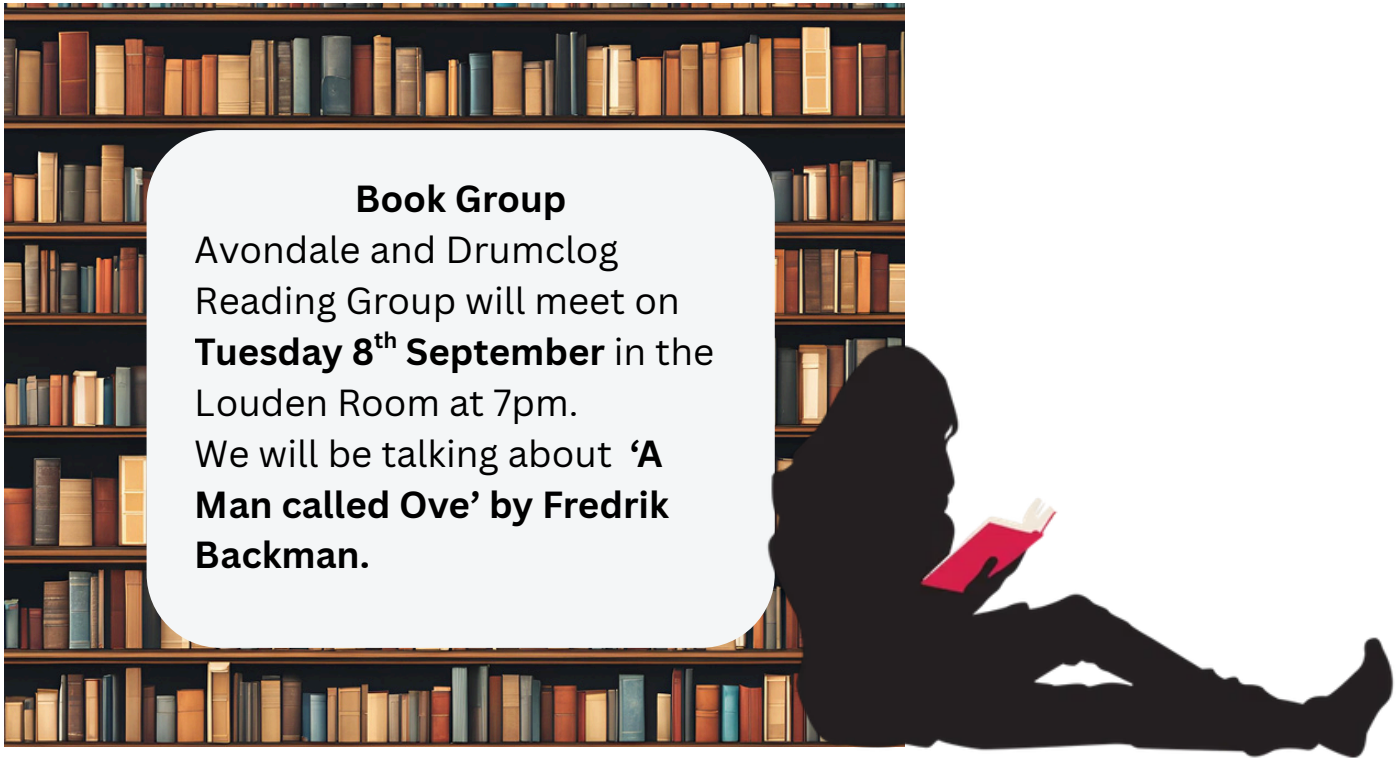
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Peter & Stephanie Bynum and their daughters Molly and Kate.



The Bynums were very grateful for the warm hospitality they received during their time here. We enjoyed his ministry among us and friendships were fostered. We are only sorry the weather wasn't a bit better!



Book Group

Avondale and Drumclog
Reading Group will meet on
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Louden Room at 7pm.
We will be talking about '**A
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Backman**.