



# Welcome

## TO 2025 IN A & D

It's the first In the Loop of 2025 and we have so much to look forward to. In particular throughout the next few months we have a big focus on Mark. (More of that later in this news letter).

But looking back we also have so much to give thanks for in 2024.

December was a hugely busy month with so many events. The church was buzzing. We welcomed performers and families from Gilmourton & Sandford Schools, The Community Choir and our own singing group for the Christmas 'Big Sing'.

The Christingle service brought in new families.

And of course we journeyed through the Christmas story with Calum keeping our focus on the true message of Christmas. God stooping low to meet and rescue his people.





# COMING SOON

## All Church Prayer meeting Tuesday 4th February 7pm

FOCUS on MISSION & OUTREACH.  
The next focus night on prayer will be led by Murray Herbert as we pray for the many outreach initiatives we have in 2025.

Do join us for this.



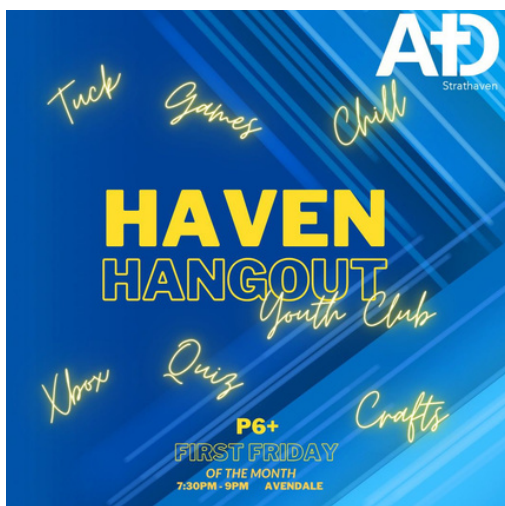
## IGNITE SUNDAY



We are back with Ignite again next **Sunday (26th January) at 5pm.**

Ignite offers the opportunity to engage in worship in a relaxed manner. Specifically this is something to which you may find it easy to invite someone who is unfamiliar with church.

**Next Ignite.....Sunday 26 January 5pm**



# Friday 7th February

## TELL THE KIDS



# 40 Days in Mark

**12 Feb-  
23 March**

In the early part of 2025 we will be focussing on Mark's Gospel.

Our church read through this year will take us through the fast paced Gospel of Mark in 40 bite sized chunks in 40 days.

Last year almost 200 hundred of us engaged with the daily Bible readings as we journeyed through Acts. This year we have ordered even more journals as we have even more people in the church!

You will be given your Journal at Avendale or Drumclog on Sunday 9th February or one can be collected from the Haven on Mondays. If you need one to be delivered to you just email the church website at [info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk](mailto:info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk) and we'll get one to you.

We kick off the actual read through on Wednesday 12th February and finish on Sunday 23 March.

Visit the website each day for a blog commentary on the day's reading written by our team in the church.



**29-30  
March**

**INVITATION  
EVENT**



15 of the congregation have now signed up to put the Mark Drama on in March just after we finish our read through of Mark.

If you haven't seen this production, it is an amazing representation of the Gospel in Mark in 90 minutes.

This is the perfect event for giving an invitation to a friend or neighbour to come along with you and see the drama.

There will be more details later. But in the meantime please pray for the cast, the director (Jamie) and above all the impact of this drama.

No Props. No Professionals. Just Gospel.





Let's  
Pray  
Together

Weekly prayer times

Monday 12 pm  
YOOF Room

Wednesday 8pm  
Zoom

Speak to Hugh Campbell for Zoom Link

Sunday  
9am Drumclog  
10.30 Avendale

# Scottish Night!



Traditional  
Scottish  
Steak Pie

Great News!

Our wonderful catering team have been persuaded to cook up a storm and have a good ol' Scottish celebration. A delicious 3 course meal will be served up with Scottish entertainment. £10 adult £5 child. Tickets are limited to 100 so if you snooze, you loose.



## Saturday 22nd February

Tickets available from Lorna Lennox from this Sunday

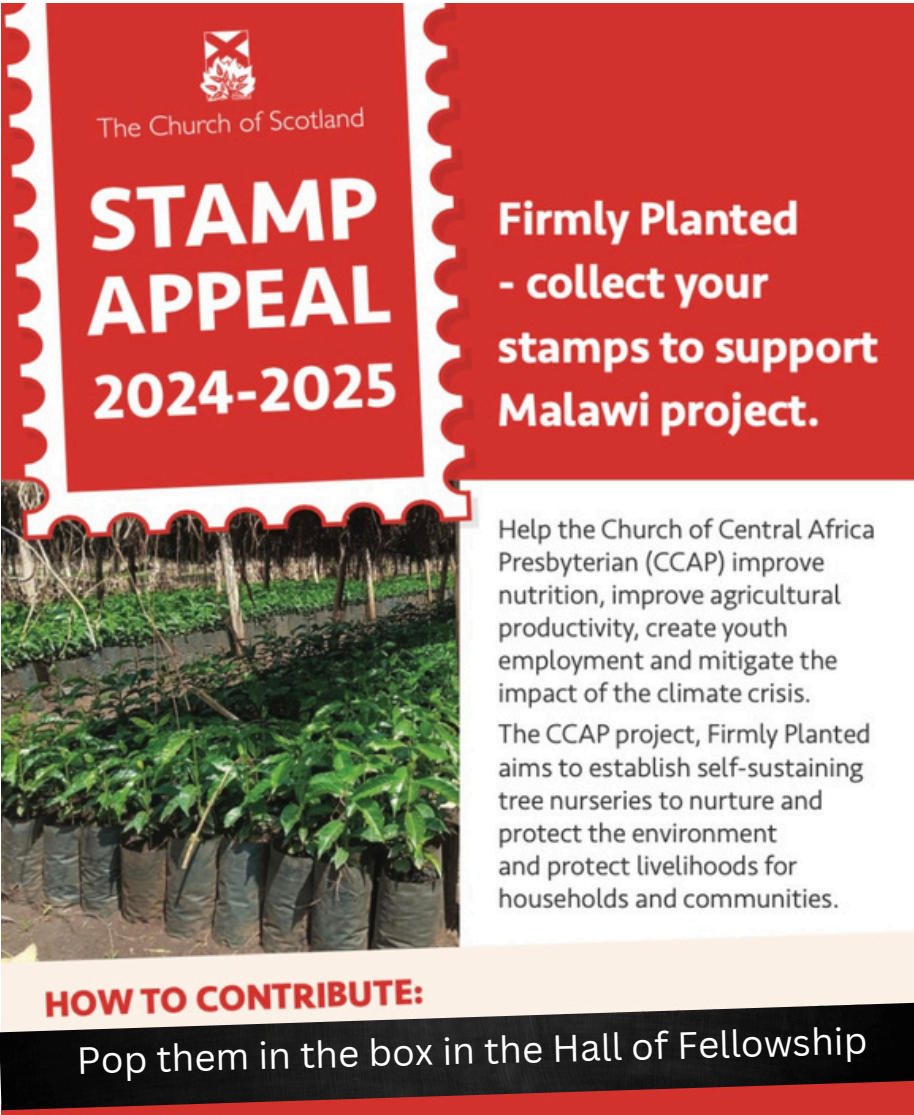


# BOOK GROUP



Our church book group will meet to discuss *The Carer* by Deborah Moggach on **Tuesday 28th January at 7pm in the Loudon Room**. This is a novel which is not too “heavy” and quite readable, with lots to talk about! If you are interested. The book is available to buy (try World of Books for secondhand copies), probably through the library, and I have a copy, I can lend out. Speak to me if you’d like more info,

Alison Muntz



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## STAMP APPEAL 2024-2025

**Firmly Planted  
- collect your  
stamps to support  
Malawi project.**

Help the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) improve nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, create youth employment and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis.

The CCAP project, Firmly Planted aims to establish self-sustaining tree nurseries to nurture and protect the environment and protect livelihoods for households and communities.

**HOW TO CONTRIBUTE:**  
Pop them in the box in the Hall of Fellowship

**When preparing Stamps for recycling  
Would you please trim the envelope to**



**approximately 3/8<sup>th</sup> of inch (1 cm)  
all round the stamp Thank You**

# MEN'S BREAKFAST



# Saturday 15th February

BOOK YOUR PLACE - JUST LET MURRAY  
KNOW IF YOU CAN COME - OR JUST  
TURN UP ON SATURDAY 15TH IF YOU  
FIND YOURSELF FREE.

YARN AT THE BARN -9-10 AM

13 BARN STREET



# Huge Crowd at Messy Church

77 BELLIES FILLED

There were 77 at Messy Church last week including some brand new faces. Hugh and the magnificent catering team fed the lot. But more importantly we considered the generosity and reliability of God's given promises.

Become part of this amazing monthly event. Hands and helpers always needed to welcome, feed families, join the craft making. Age range - about 0 to about 80+!

**NEXT MESSY CHURCH Sunday 2nd February .**



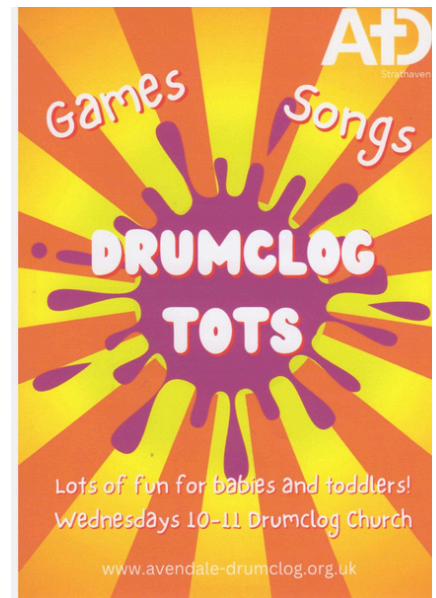
**Next  
Messy Church  
2nd Feb 4-6**



# Something for Everyone



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



The church has focussed on invitation and hospitality throughout the last couple of years. As we seek to bring others to faith our generosity in hospitality and welcome is such an amazing opportunity and gift.

Bring a friend to the Haven and treat them!



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Our connection groups run separately for men (20-40s) and women (20-50s) age groups. And give the opportunity to make those connections that are difficult on a busy Sunday.

Details from Chris Somerville/ Murray Herbert (men)  
or Sandi Allan / Jen Somerville (women)





# DRUMCLOG GUILD



Tuesday 21st January  
7.30pm @ Drumclog  
Guest speaker is Hugh Campbell who will be sharing about his visits to Japan

# YOOF



## TEENTIME

1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month  
11am @ Avendale



## BETHANY

Every Wednesday  
2-4pm @ Avendale

A group for woman who have lost a loved one.

We offer support, friendship and share practical advice.

We offer a warm welcome to ladies coming to terms with bereavement.



## Avendale CRAFT GROUP

TUESDAYS 1:30 - 3:30  
AVENDALE CHURCH HALL

Come along with your current project and a mug. We'll provide the welcome and the cuppa!



## TAKETIME

take time

### IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday 28th January, 1.30-2.30pm  
@ Powmillon Hall, Avondale Community Wing

Sunday 9th February  
7.30pm @ Avendale

Email [info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk](mailto:info@avendale-drumclog.org.uk) for more details

Need help with exam revision? Contact Study Support Zone at [sszone246@gmail.com](mailto:sszone246@gmail.com)

STUDY

Returning in March; dates tbc  
Spaces for  
**Geography, Biology and Chemistry**

## 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



# Home Bible Study

4 groups meet weekly  
details from Calum



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