



# IN THE LOOP

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## The Joy and Opportunity of Pentecost

THE MISSIONAL CHURCH

This Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, is Pentecost Sunday, the day when we remember the beginning of Christ's Church.

Pentecost falls exactly 50 days after the Passover festival. It was (and still is) a day of celebration for Jews when Shavout is celebrated as a harvest festival. At this time the giving of the Torah to Moses is also commemorated. On that day Jerusalem was once again teeming with pilgrims coming together to celebrate. We read of representatives of the faith from across the known world hearing the Gospel in their own language.

Here, just 7 weeks after the debacle of his denial, we find Peter, unafraid, empowered and eloquent, speaking boldly about Jesus. What a transformation!

The Holy Spirit is for us all - indwelling, teaching, comforting, enabling, prompting.

In many ways Pentecost brings together a lot of our themes of the last months in Calum's series, "Being Church". We can recall the journey we had through the 7 churches in Revelation at the turn of the year. We have heard from members of the congregation leading our missional work, like Haven, youth work, and support and fellowship groups.



## Pentecost

THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS

So as we draw near to the end of this session let us contemplate all we have learned in the last 6 months.

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



## 'Pentecasts' draw to a conclusion

Did you manage to listen in to the 6 week Pentecost podcast series? Many have found these 6 podcasts by Calum and Murray helpful.

The two take the story of Pentecost and explore it in the context of our "Being Church" series. What does it say to us about our personal journey and commitment, our growth and activity as Christian's?

If you haven't yet done so, listen in and find out more. The Podcasts will remain on the website and youtube channel along with our 3 years of 40 day's readings and blogs.

[CLICK HERE TO GET THERE!](#)

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKER

# News

## school clubs holiday club barn dance school support

Jennifer has had a really busy time in the last few months settling into her role and kick starting a lot of activity.

The Tots group at Drumclog is growing and she has started an after school group at Gilmourton where she can tell a Bible story and work with the kids. Fantastic contacts!

The plan is to do something similar in Sandford this term.

A good show of the congregation turned out to support the Summer Fayres in both schools and of course the school helpers are continuing to do an amazing job with their weekly input.

Coming up is the big community outreach event. Bring a friend or just be part of the Avendale family in support of the Barn Dance in 2 weeks time.

This is a first for Jennifer's work so please make it a date in your diary!!

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All Welcome

# BARN

BBQ

# DANCE

Soft Drinks & Snacks for Sale      Live Ceilidh Band      Fun Family Night

**Friday, 29th May 2026**  
**7pm - 10.30pm**

*Get your comfy shoes on and join us for a fun, family evening of traditional Scottish dancing with live music from award winning junior accordionist,*

🎵 **Fin Hope and his band!** 🎵

Scan Me to buy tickets



Adults £10  
Children (6-18) £5  
Children under 5 - free  
*\*you will require a ticket for this event\**

Venue:  
West Blackmoss Farm  
Strathaven ML10 6RP

For further information contact: Jennifer 07526536058  
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Coming in the summer  
we have a 3 day holiday  
club based in Avendale

**29/30/31<sup>st</sup> July**  
**10am-noon**

Register: [info@avendale-drumclog](mailto:info@avendale-drumclog)



# Invitation and Sharing Days

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Both services are at 11 am**

**Drumclog Service followed by BBQ Lunch**

**Sunday 21st June**

**End of Session BBQ at Avendale  
after the morning service**

At the end of the school year and the beginning of the summer season of holidays we like to have a day to celebrate together. This year we are planning two BBQs using the church's fantastic new BBQ.

Of course this doesn't mean that that's the end of church for the summer season. While Calum and Liz are in America we will be welcoming Peter Bynum and his family from the USA. Details to follow in the next Loop.

And of course we'd encourage you to find a church when you're away. It can be such an enriching and encouraging experience for both you and the church you visit. And if you can't manage that - we're always online!

# GAME TIME



**Sunday  
14 June**

## Bring and share lunch and games afternoon

Sunday 14th June after the service at Avendale there will be a bring and share lunch in the hall. Please bring some food to share; plates and cutlery will be provided.

After this 2-4pm there will be a games afternoon in the hall. Please bring a game you'd like to play (board game, card game or any game), or just come along for company and a chat 😊

And please invite people you think would enjoy this. All ages welcome, and if you can't make everything, then just turn up for the lunch and/or games.

Hope to see lots of you!  
Anna

# 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

**PRAYER REQUEST**  
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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.

# Strathaven Gala Presence

SATURDAY 13 JUNE



We like to share the excitement of the big festival days in the town and use the opportunity to connect with folk and invite them to some of our activities. In the last few years we have erected a gazebo on Gala Day, the Balloon Festival in August and the Strathaven Agricultural Show in September.

The small team hands out fliers, chats with visitors and provides some simple crafts for kids. Through this contact we have welcomed new people into the church at Bugglets, Messy Church and regular Sunday worship.

Can you help for an hour or two at one of these events?

Let us know.



# Every Sunday 9-10am

ON AVONDALE RADIO



It's now 4 years since Angus and Murray first trusted their musical tastes to the airwaves, joining Avondale Radio in its very first week.

Now some 300 shows later, the team of Calum, Liz, Graeme, Chris and Murray continue to provide a weekly broadcast showcasing the variety and strength of contemporary Christian music.

Each show explores a Christian theme through chat about the lyrics of the songs, the story behind them and the artists themselves. The team have won respect for their professionalism and the quality of what they produce.

As the church sponsors the show we have the opportunity to talk about all that is going on at A and D. We want to make the most of this opportunity.

So PLEASE support us by tuning in and telling your friends to listen in too, either live at 9 on Sunday, or on catch up.

This month Calum and Liz are taking us on a 4 week journey through some of the most popular releases of 2026.

**JON US on 9 AM**  
**SUNDAYS**

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