

Calendar for September 2016

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	10:30	Presbytery Prayer	Haddington
	13:00	SU	Grammar
	19:30	Bible book Home Group : details of venue, 01368 459082	TBC
2 to 4		Lammermuir Festival Practices	Church
4	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Guest Preacher (Minister on Presbytery Business)	Church
7	19:30	Home Group	The Idle's
8		Presbytery Review	Dalkeith
8	19:30	DCT	Methodist's
9 to 11		Lammermuir Festival Practices and performance	Church
11	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Re-Dedication Service - Jeremiah 31:21-34 Revival Blessings	Church
12	19:30	Presbytery Review Team Meeting	Dalkeith
14	19:30	Prayer Meeting	Church
15		Training Day - Growing	N. Berwick
16	19:30	Home Group	The Idle's
18	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Roles - Guest Speaker	Church
21		Training Day	Edinburgh
22	13:00	SU	Grammar
25	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Harvest Thanksgiving; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Growth	Church
	12:15	Bring and Share Lunch	Church
	18:30	Open Door - Genesis 1:24-31 Recycle ALL litter	Church
26	10:30	Meeting with the Moderator	Church
	17:30	Kirk Session Meeting	Eden Room
27	19:00	Presbytery Review Team Meeting	Pencaitland
29	12 to 2	Ploughman's Lunch	Halls
	17:00	Presbytery/Moderator Meeting	Dalkeith
	19:30	Presbytery Meeting	Musselburgh

Please pray for all other Church activities and for our community!

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THE GUARDRAIL



Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life,
but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.
- PROVERBS 19:16 NIV

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Which of God's guardrails are YOU happy to leap over? Do you keep the Sabbath Day holy? Do you dismiss some bits of God's word?

THESE COMMANDMENTS THAT I GIVE YOU TODAY ARE TO BE ON YOUR HEARTS. IMPRESS THEM ON YOUR CHILDREN. TALK ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU SIT AT HOME AND WHEN YOU WALK ALONG THE ROAD, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU GET UP. Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

Sunday & Special SERVICES		READERS	PRAYERS
4 th 11:00	Guest Preacher	Linda Greig	Catherine Hodgson
11 th 11:00	Jeremiah 31:21-34 Revival Blessings	Jason Kay	Michael Veitch
18 th 11:00	Roles - find out where your strengths lie.	Joan Hancock	Rachel Mylne
25 th 11:00 18:30	Harvest Thanksgiving; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Growth Open Door Genesis 1:24-31 Recycle ALL litter	Barbara Leslie	Youth

Ministers Letter September 2016 : The rule of LAW

Law is restrictive. That is the kind of view someone like Friedrich Nietzsche, the German atheistic philosopher would assert. He wanted to break the rules that did not suit him. He did break the rules (God's), one example resulted in him contracting syphilis. Here is one of his liberal quotes:

'Anything in existence, having somehow come about, is continually interpreted anew, requisitioned anew, transformed and redirected to a new purpose.'

It is that kind of liberal view that entices humans to re-write God's **Law** for today's culture or to fit *current* views. So old rules and definitions are re-written as if we now know better than those in the God breathed scriptures. Is God not the same **yesterday, today and forevermore**? Did He get it wrong back then? If so, He is not God at all and we can all put ourselves or anything we like in pole position guiding our lives.

In 1 Corinthians 10:23 it says, **"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive.** The context in the chapter is to keep us from **setting our hearts on evil** like *their* ancestors did ,...so that you might be saved. 1 Corinthians 10:6, 33.

The **Law** is NOT our enemy. Without it there is anarchy and immorality abounds. God's **Law** however, has even better advantages. The truth is the **Law** of God, His word, the Bible, shows us what He is like and what values He wants us to live by. But the reality is that it shows up our inherent sinfulness too. This is true for all of us.

So our choice is to readjust, seek forgiveness, change our ways etc. to discover His grace or just head off with our own rules. The latter, won't prevent us from feeling guilty, but after a while we can get used to trying to bury that deep at the back of our minds. We then avoid God, but life is passing and the locusts are eating it too quickly. Nothing lasting remains.

The rule of Law in our Church is the word of God and it is given so that we can learn God's solution to our sinful plight. He has come down to us and He wants to meet us and guide us in life. He offers forgiveness and LOVE.

And what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you for your own good? Deuteronomy 10:12-13

To walk in His ways we need to know the scriptures and know Him. I urge you all to catch every opportunity to hear God speak and to meet Jesus at all the things your Church runs. Alpha is just one truly great opportunity. Consuming spiritual food through bible reading or under the preaching of God's word are of much more significance than many people know. *Grasp the nettle, grab the opportunities and be blessed by YOUR GOD Gordon*

Named Person Scheme

At the end of July the United Kingdom's Supreme Court ruled against the Scottish Government's controversial named person legislation, finding that its provisions on information sharing breached human rights. Nigel Kenny, The Christian Institute's Scotland Officer (who will be speaking to us on Sunday 6th November) explains what this means for families across Scotland: "In the weeks since the Supreme Court struck down the Holyrood legislation and declared it to be beyond the powers of the Scottish Parliament to pass into law, there has been a lot of bluster and spin from politicians and those charged with implementing the scheme. There has been talk of "business as usual" by East Lothian Council and a commitment to "carry on sharing well-being concerns" as if they were all child protection issues, yet the Supreme Court has deemed such information sharing to be illegal without the parents' express consent.

The illegality of the scheme cannot be fixed by mere 'tweaks' of the legislation. There will need to be a radical overhaul. The Supreme Court and the Holyrood Parliament will have to be satisfied with proposals Scottish Ministers bring forward. Only then will the Scottish Parliament be able to amend the legislation. **The key point is this: if a new Named Person policy goes ahead it will be a shadow of the full-blown scheme that was originally proposed.**

In marked contrast to his initial bluster, Deputy 1st Minister John Swinney has already warned local authorities in pilot areas to make it clear that a named person's advice is *optional, not compulsory*. He has also advised them to examine their information sharing procedures carefully to ensure they comply with data protection and human rights laws.

Whatever it may be saying in the media, so far in practice the Scottish Government seems to be heeding the Supreme Court's directive.

We give thanks to God for this landmark judgment, and we urge you to **keep on praying** that in the months ahead the Government - politicians, Councils and Health Boards - properly understand the problems with the Named Person scheme. It could yet be a very long and involved process before the implications of the judgment are fully worked out.

In one devastating line from the judgment, the Supreme Court justices observed:

"The first thing that a totalitarian regime tries to do is to get at the children, to distance them from the subversive, varied influences of their families, and indoctrinate them in their rulers' view of the world."

I am sure that you will agree, we do not need a communist type government. We need to stand up against this indoctrination in all areas of civil life.

Seen and Heard Conference - Saturday 24 September

Encouraging and equipping children's ministry



Get tips and ideas from experts in workshops. Discover great ministry resources in the exhibition. Be inspired during the main sessions. Connect with other people doing similar work

Workshops include - How to talk so children listen and listen so children talk - How to make a multi-age group effective - How to cast a vision for children's ministry - How to help children be whole life disciples - How to encourage children to worship and pray - How to show the bible is alive and relevant - How to help children discover who Jesus is - How to serve children in your local community

When: 24th September 9.30 - 4.30 at St Paul's and St George's Church, York Place, Edinburgh

Cost: £30 includes lunch, refreshments and all sessions, including two workshops. Group discount available. Students/unwaged/retired: £15

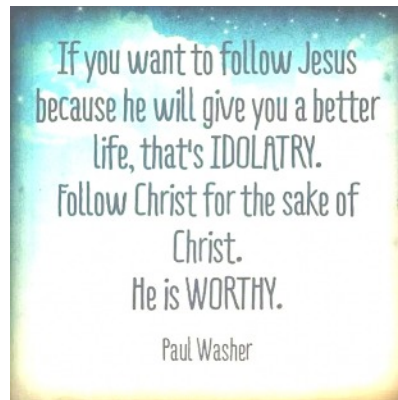
For more information call 0131 524 0138 email: seenandheard@psandgs.org.uk or check facebook

The Go Conference is SU Scotland's national youth conference –for those ready to make a difference in their school, community and church.

- For S1–S6
- Friday 14 – Monday 17 October, Lendrick Muir
- £89

www.suscotland.org.uk/goconf
or speak to Helen



You Say...	God Says...	Bible Verses
I can't figure it out	I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired	I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible	All things are possible	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me	I love you	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself	I forgive you	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it	It will be worth it	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough	I will give you wisdom	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able	I am able	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on	My grace is sufficient	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it	You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage	I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid	I have not given you fear	II Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone	I will never leave you	Hebrews 13:5

Miss_ion Matters (from Helen, Miss_ionary correspondent)

Continuing to inform your prayers with information from the Open Doors World Watch List and Operation World. (I have paper copies of the 2016 Watch List. If you would like a copy, ask me.)

#6 PAKISTAN

Leader: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Population: 192.8 million (3.9 million Christians) Main Religion: Islam Government: republic Source of Persecution: Islamic extremism

Area: 796,095 km², which includes 83,700 km² of UN-divided Kashmir controlled by Pakistan. Arid mountains in the north and west. Desert in the east and southeast. Vast irrigation schemes in the fertile Indus River valley.



Its government alternates between inept civilian parties crippled by infighting and corruption, and autocratic military dictatorships. Economic and social development is then hindered, while too much power and wealth lies in the hands of a few elite. The country is under stress from fundamentalist forces in Pakistan's west and neighbouring Afghanistan as well as in the Punjab. Tensions with India and long-standing troubles in Kashmir, a region driven by religious and political divisions, also threaten stability.

Pray that Pakistan would be freed from spirits of lawlessness and violence which continues to bleed the nation dry.

Pray for the raising of leaders of integrity and a government that will be effective in moving the nation forward, and that they will protect the vulnerable. Since Pakistan persists as a nation at all is a testament to the amazing resilience and adaptability of its people.

The 2010 monsoon floods wrought devastation from north to south as a gorging Indus River swept away homes, farmland and even entire villages. At least 1,500 people were killed, hundreds of thousands left homeless and an estimated 20 million affected by disease or lack of basic resources.

Pray for Christians – those from Pakistan and those bringing aid from outside – to demonstrate the love of Jesus in meeting both the short-term and long-term needs created by this disaster.

Pray also that God might use this tragedy to open new doors for the gospel into these regions, among the least reached in the world.

Christians experience more violence in Pakistan than almost anywhere else.

The nation's blasphemy laws are used to settle personal scores, particularly against minorities including Christians. Minority groups must always act with caution in case an allegation of blasphemy is raised. The government ignores calls to amend the laws, and some politicians have ties with Islamic extremists, making them opposed to speak out in defence of minorities.

Churches can work and meet unhindered, but they are monitored, and sometimes their services are interrupted or attacked. Many hire guards to protect their meetings.

Christians are treated as 4th class citizens. A girl was told: "You are clever, you are gifted. But you are a Christian, so you will become a sweeper. Why wouldn't you convert to Islam?" Women and girls are particularly vulnerable. Catholic NGOs estimate that every year in the region of 700 Christian girls are kidnapped, forced to convert to Islam and to marry a Muslim.

In March 2016, 69 people were killed and more than 280 injured in a suicide bombing attack in Lahore. Most of the victims were Christian women and children. The explosion occurred close to the children's swings in Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park. The park is popular with Lahore's Christian community and was packed with families over the Easter weekend. The Taliban faction Jamaat-ul-Ahrar issued a statement claiming responsibility for the attack. "The target was Christians, they were celebrating Easter." Thousands of protesters marched in support of Mumtaz Qadri, executed for murdering the Punjab governor Taseer. Taseer spoke out against Pakistan's blasphemy laws, calling for a pardon for a Christian woman, Asia Bibi, sentenced to death accused of insulting the prophet Muhammad. His outspoken views angered some and his murderer was seen as a hero who fought for the honour of Islam.

Blasphemy is a huge issue in Pakistan. Anyone convicted, or even just accused, of insulting Islam risks a death at the hands of vigilantes, or even prison officials.

PLEASE PRAY For :

- Safety for Christians in Pakistan (particular protection for women and girls)
- Comfort and courage for Christian children, who are often bullied at school and e.g. even banned from using the same water fountain as others, as they will 'defile' the water source
- Strength for Muslim-background believers, who are often physically attacked, rejected by their communities or even cursed using occult practices.

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit” Psalm 34:18



THE ALPHA COURSE will start on 13 September and run on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9.30 pm until December. There will be a break for half term. The venue this year is the Black Agnes (Castle Hotel) on Dunbar High Street.

Alpha is the best known and most effective course to introduce people to Christianity. This year' Alpha is being promoted by a global advertising campaign starting on 1st September. Watch out for a certain adventurer fronting this campaign under the banner 'Bear's Story'.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE? What about that friend who has big questions to answer? Can you accompany them? Why not come yourself?

Please register in advance so we can cater for you: an evening meal will be provided. You can find out more details from:

[church web site](http://www.dunbarparishchurch.org/alpha-course) www.dunbarparishchurch.org/alpha-course or

[search Face Book](#) for Dunbar Alpha Group.

You can register by e-mail: alternatively speak to Martyn Cox.

Alpha can truly benefit everyone.

Many Atheists, Agnostics and Searchers find answers through it.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"
Romans 10:14



RWANDA



Now that we're back from our trip, we want to tell you what a great success it's been. Maman Sarah's house is now virtually complete and the transformation both mentally and physically in the family was staggering. The house was officially dedicated whilst we were there and we were delighted to discover that representatives from both the district and regional governments had asked to attend. This project is the first of its kind and Dunbar Parish Church has set a benchmark for future builds. This is the first house in the region to be

formally handed over to its recipient fully equipped including pots, pans, cutlery with all fixtures and fittings.

You can see from the photo that the dejected and vulnerable family we found two years ago are now filled with a new vitality and hope for the future. We send a big thank you to all who have contributed both in our congregation and community. **Margaret Croft**

Plans - watch out for :-

War Room - the Film will be shown on Sunday 27th November at 6:30 - 8:00 pm (It is rated PG). This film has been described as INSPIRATIONAL - Bring a friend (There will be snack's on sale or feel free to bring your own) adults £2 under 16's £1. Proceeds to a Christian Charity.

With the Guild.....

Dedication Service on the 11th October at 2:30 pm in the halls.

25th October at 2:30 pm in the halls with Jim Herring with Part Two of "Dunbar in the 50's"

Hall Bookings

Please Contact: Sonya Young she keeps the master diary and updates the hall one. email bhraggie@tiscali.co.uk Telephone: 07874 816326



See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. **Isaiah 43:19**

DATE	SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS	FLOWERS in CHURCH	CLEANING ROTA (U) = upstairs (D) = downstairs
September 4	September <i>Jonathan Idle</i> Moira Anthony Lindsay Barley Rob Barley Val Collin Will Collin Christine Idle Moyra Wright	September Convenor: VACANT Mrs M Hastie	5 Jenny & Ian Manning (U) Moyra Wright & Anne Creedican (D)
11		Mrs M Coltart	12 Sandy & Ian Darling (U) (D) vacant
18		Mrs L Veitch	19 Jenny & Jason Kay (U) Gordon & Gail Stevenson (D)
25		Mrs I Johnston	26 Jonathan & Christine Idle (U) Val & Will Collin (D)
October 2	October <i>Ian Hastie</i> Denise Brunton Margaret Croft May Low Lena Glass Derek MacDonald Margaret MacDonald Ian Manning Lorna McLeod	October Convenor: Moira Anthony Mrs E Cumming	3 Margaret & Derek MacDonald (U) Lorna McLeod & Margaret Croft (D)
9		Mrs G Grandison	10 Margaret & Ian Coltart (U) (D) vacant
16		Mrs Mrs L Glass	17 Fiona Fleming & Barbara Leslie (U) Gill Phillip & Alistair Matthews (D)
23		Mr K Duncan for the late Mrs M Duncan	24 Laura Pulner & Laura Girvan (U) Ian & Jenny Manning (D)
30		Mrs M Anthony	31 Moyra Wright & Anne Creedican (U) Sandy & Ian Darling (D)

There are *Flower Rota Vacancies* if you would like to put flowers in the Church please speak with **May Low**.

You can put flowers into the Church for an **anniversary** or **in memory of a loved one**, you don't necessarily need to be added to the rota in order to do this.

Please speak with May Low or the Flower Convener for that month to help you organise this.

Article Series 8 (pt 5) "The Law of God FIRST"

Please read *Daniel 3:1-15*: We will not Bow to Idols !

Are you image conscious? How vain are you really? I suspect not many of us will attain the levels of vanity of Nebuchadnezzar. A 90 foot high by 9 foot wide golden statue beats Saddam Hussein's 39 foot high one which was brought down during the Iraq War.

The thing about vanity is that vain people want others to notice and pay homage to them in some way. Nebuchadnezzar demands this by decreeing a new **Law**, and the training for ensuring people know this, comes at the dedication service v2. So civilians and civil servants are present *en masse* v3. A herald v4 announces the new decree which is basically, whenever you hear all the instruments playing, it is time to bow down and pay homage (or worship) to Nebuchadnezzar, in the form of his new giant idol v5.

There are consequences if you do not - a fiery furnace v6. A typical trick of Satan is to be deviant and direct people to the opposite of truth. God makes His commandments which say, "do not worship false gods or idols", so that you will receive His blessing. Otherwise you are heading to the fiery furnace. The devil loves to deceive and leaves us in a quandary or in ignorance and away from God's rich blessings.

The training begins v7 and the new **Law** is imposed. Their evil scheme is anti-Semitic hatred v8. The perpetrators v9-11 approach the vain king and declare themselves humble and fully committed to him. "We want to bring it to your attention that those Jews listed in v12 are disobeying your great new **Law**. They worship another God, not you."

Nebuchadnezzar is enraged v13. This is beyond contempt. It is highly disrespectful to his status and challenges his authority. So he summons those listed, Daniel and his two best friends, to hear their side of the story v14. He further gives them "a chance" to bow down and "walk away free" v15. Obey my **Law** instead of your God. However it is not a good option for Christians ever. (Many persecuted Christians face this dilemma)

Yet *King vanity* even declares that no "god" will be able to rescue you" if you do not bow down and worship my idol. Of course Christians know that no **god** (small **g**) can rescue anyone. The living LORD **God** (big **G**), **God almighty** however is real and can.

One of Satan's modern lies is that no-one will be burned in hell because God is not real. So there is no need to follow Him or to look for Him, or to search for purpose spiritually or to live by God's moral standards. So people aimlessly live for themselves and make idols of all kinds of vastly inferior things. Yet our amazing God can and does save *us* from the fiery furnace if we live to bring honour to Him.

The **Law** of life is that our worship is directed to what we have first in our priorities. If it is **God**, then superb; if not beware. It is easy to be drawn away from His blessings?

Yours Gordon.

My 1st Book of questions and answers!

Section 5 - Salvation

44. Who is God's Son?

Answer: The Lord Jesus Christ

The angel answered,
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.
So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

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Opt - ins : Serving

There are many rota's you
can serve on among us.

Add your name where you
are **gifted to serve**.

Coffee/Tea rota

Cleaning rota

Sunday Bible reading rota

Sunday prayer rota

Film night catering rota

Prayer Breakfast leader rota

Prayer Breakfast catering rota

Your Elder

All members and adherents
should contact their elder if
they know of any pastoral
needs. If you don't know who

DPC Verse for 2016

From the rising of the sun
to the going down of the
same the Lord's name is
to be praised Psalm 113: 3

*The law of the LORD is
perfect, it refreshes the soul.*
Psalm 19:7

Bible Book Club

Meeting next on

1st September

Meetings will be held at
various venues always check
with Emma/Lorna

Starting Amos

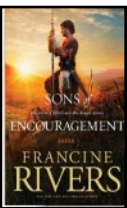
Sons of Encouragement

by Francine Rivers

ISBN: 1414348169 on Kindle too

We are exploring 5 Biblical men who stood
with faith heroes and changed eternity:
Aaron, Caleb, Jonathan, Amos & Silas.
All answered God's call to serve without
recognition or fame and gave everything,
knowing their reward might not come until
the next life. We are now onto Silas.

This is another amazing book which brings
the bible to life. It's not too late to join
join...If you are interested call *Emma
Weaver* for details of venue, 01368 459082.



Transport to the Church: We can arrange for someone to bring you to church and take you home each week. Please phone **Jenny Manning** by the Thursday evening, on **01368 840334**. If you could offer someone a lift, even occasionally, you could be a reserve driver, please let Jenny know, it would be greatly appreciated.

PASTORAL TEAM

Do you know someone who could use some pastoral help?

Perhaps someone infirm, lonely, or bereaved of a loved one? Maybe an illness or operation or other suffering has knocked you a bit? Any member or adherent who is interested contact Moyra Wright (tel. 863316) or Mike Bigden (tel. 865385) directly or via any Church member. The pastoral team are genuinely interested in your well-being.



Pastoral Notes

We recently offered God's loving compassion to the families listed below, whom we remember in our prayers

Amelia (Millie) Petrie

Joan Gillian

Rosalind Stewart

BASICS BANK BUDDY SCHEME

If you are not already part of the Buddy Scheme please drop an email to basicsbankbuddy@gmail.com and you will be kept up to date with a weekly email and shopping list.

Sermon's are available on the Church website. Use the link on the Home page (www.dunbarparishchurch.org) to access them

PLEASE PRAY...

For your office bearers and all who lead and teach in Your Church here. Pray for more resources to share the load and for all those we can aid in Christ's work.

Prayer Breakfast Rota

04 Sept - Alison Mitchell
11 Sept - Emma Weaver
18 Sept - Ian & Margaret Coltart
25 Sept - Youth team

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

2nd & 4th Wednesday's at 7:30 pm In the Eden Room

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

Martin Luther King JR

Magazine Input :

Please send your items in by **Monday 19th September**
Magazine - out on 25th October
or if you would like a regular E-Magazine

Tel: 862903 Denise or email: dmburton@gmail.com

Weekly Notices : Contact Denise

TEEN PAGE... As I sat down to start writing this, I can't believe it's been four years since the last Olympics, in London. At that time, in the teen page, I touched on the word "legacy". Once again, in Rio 2016, this term has been relevant. What are the long-term benefits to a country which has a fragile economic state, when millions have been spent on new stadia and facilities, while many nearby live in appalling conditions. Crime and political unrest threatened to disrupt the games, before they even started. So, what does this word legacy actually mean? Here's what the dictionary says "*something that is a result of events in the past*".



Some of you may be leaving school or home, moving on to study or work. You may be moving from primary to High School. Even if your circumstances may not have changed, those around you may have. So, here is a challenge. Over the last four years, between London 2012 and Rio 2016, what legacy have you made? Every time you met someone new, spoke to a friend, or spent time with family, you left some impression on them. So, as you move on, what legacy do you leave behind? Was it good or not so good?

Of course, dwelling on the past can be destructive but looking back can be useful too. As long as we are willing to learn from our experiences and mistakes. We need to recognise when we could have done better and realise when we didn't take the chances God presented to us.

Deuteronomy 6: 5 – 7

*You shall love the LORD your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

In Deuteronomy we are told to love the Lord, to keep his words on our heart, and talk to others about them. We're not told to talk about our faith only at church or when on official church business, but **all** of the time, when you teach your kids, when you sit in your house, when you

walk down the street, when you lie down and when you get up!! Basically, we are to live out our faith in everything we do, every day. So, how do we become more aware of opportunities to demonstrate our faith, when we're busy, tired, stressed, in a bad mood, timid, shy, scared or nervous? One way, is just to be more aware of those around us. We don't need to look for some major crisis or a friend in dire need, we can leave an impression wherever we go. We may never know the effect that smiling and chatting, a kind word or encouragement may have on someone who may be feeling down or lonely. Small acts can showcase the love of Jesus to a stranger. If you are waiting for the big day when someone approaches you, asking about Jesus, you may well miss the hundreds of small opportunities and interactions you have every day, then when the big opportunity does come along, you might find you're not prepared for it!

So, when the next Olympics come around, Tokyo 2020, what legacy will we have left over these four years on our school friends, our flatmates, our workmates, our own families or even the strangers we might have only met once?

Make it our goal to leave a legacy that is pleasing to God.

Blessings Derek



**Learn a carol in British Sign Language (BSL)
to include at a Christmas service.**

'ADVENT CHALLENGE' WORKSHOP

A training day to enable participants to teach others as well.
No previous experience required, just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

DUNBAR PARISH CHURCH HALL, SATURDAY OCTOBER 8th, 10am - 2pm

Cost £15 (concessions available)
Children welcome. Refreshments provided but bring your own lunch.

Contact Maryclare on 865120 or email Maryclare.Jenkins@btinternet.com

Maryclare is willing to provide on-going support for anyone participating in this challenge.
The Church of Scotland is keen to remove barriers for deaf worshippers.

Please pray for this initiative and consider participating in this challenge.

The LAW of God

Love makes the **law** enjoyable. Anyone who loves God delights in keeping **His precepts**. *Walter J. Chantry*

Anyone who does not set themselves under the **law of God** sets themselves above it. *John Blanchard*

The **law** discovers the disease. The gospel gives the remedy. *Martin Luther*

The consciousness of sin alone leads people to turn to the Saviour from sin, and the consciousness of sin comes only when people are brought face to face with the **law of God**. *J. Gresham Machen*

God is love, and **law** is the way He loves us. But it is also true that God is **law**, and love is the way He rules us. *G.S. Lee*

The **law** tells me how crooked I am. Grace comes along and straightens me out. *D. L. Moody*

The **law** is meant to lead sinners to faith in Christ by showing the impossibility of any other way. *C. H. Spurgeon*

Christ has redeemed His people from the curse of the **law** and NOT from the command of it; He has saved them from the wrath of God, but not from His government. *A. W. Pink*

It is the function of the **law** to convict *men* of their sin and drive them to faith in God's promise. Consequently in the Old Testament saints were saved by their faith in God's promises, and not by their obedience to the **law**. *G.B Wilson*

When the **law of God** is written in our hearts, our duty will be our delight.
Matthew Henry

Starters for Sunday!
Start Sunday morning with a nice breakfast, coffee or tea, in good company. 9:30 in the Eden room. We chat over breakfast, then have a short time of reflection and prayer prior to worship at 11:00.

No need to worry, you can just sit back and listen or join in. If you are able to help in leading or catering speak to Michael Veitch or email:

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for more information.

Communion

In order to maintain accurate records of our Communicants, the Kirk Session is encouraging the congregation to hand in their Communion cards in the tray provided in the narthex. If you do not have one, can you please take one and place it in the tray, or fill in the sign-in sheet on the table.

The next Communion is **Sunday 30 October 2016**.
Thank you for your co-operation.