



**WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am**  
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I read something this week (A motivational article to set you up for 2023) which talked about being 'warm'. Not *actually* being warm (although I advocate that for everyone's health) but it meant warming to everything and everyone you come across. A bit like being that person whose glass is always half full, someone who sees some good in everything and everybody. The article also included this quote: 'Being kind is never wasted'. None of which I could argue with, especially when thinking of these words from 2 Timothy 2:24  
*"And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone,..."*

### **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**

As a Western Group pulpit exchange is happening on Sunday, we will be led in worship at our 11am service by Revd Dr James Connolly, minister at Dundee West Parish Church.

Grant will be taking the morning service at Menzieshill Church.

### **LAST WEEK'S COMMUNION SERVICE**

Seventy-eight people participated in the Sacrament of Holy Communion last week. Evelyn Matthew emailed to say that she had heard so many positive comments on last Sunday's service that she felt she had to write something for the Newsletter. I am more than happy to share Elspeth's reflection with you:

#### ***Give Thanks***

Give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for the meal of The Last Supper shared with his disciples, the night before his sacrifice for us.

Give thanks that we can now share that meal in remembrance of him.

Give thanks to Grant our minister for leading the beautiful Communion last Sunday.

To sit round the tables and share the bread and wine with our friends in church was a most moving experience. Give thanks.

And 'thank you', Evelyn.



### **PASTORAL CARE**

If you, or anyone you know, needs pastoral care then please contact Grant by mobile: 07507710871 or by email: [GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:GMaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## PASTORAL CARE COURSE

- *How might we better support the bereaved?*
- *How might we be more present with those who are housebound?*
- *How might we provide a ministry of listening to those who need someone to speak to?*
- *How can we walk alongside those who are facing difficult moments in life?*

Over the last year, the “In-Group” has been exploring ways in which to develop and deliver pastoral care as a church. The group have identified a Pastoral Care Course to “help anyone who takes it, to learn more about the many ways God uses us to move toward others with wise pastoral love”. **Is this something you would be interested in?**

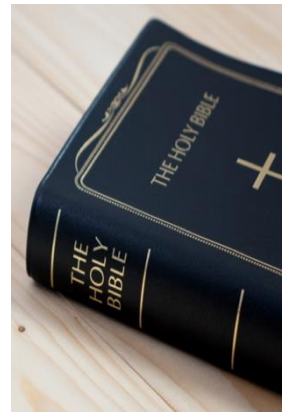
The course is 9 sessions and is provided by Biblical Counselling Scotland and Crosslands Training. It would require a degree of commitment with each session involving 2 hours of personal learning. There will also be a monthly gathering when we will be able to share with one another what we have been learning and discovering. The Kirk Session have agreed to meet the cost of the course for anyone participating. Ideally, the group will come together and start the course just after Easter. If you would like to take part please contact Grant by January 31<sup>st</sup> E: [Gmaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Gmaclaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk) M:07507 710 871

## CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE – TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The group will start again on Tuesday 17th January at 2pm in the Session Room. Looking at ‘Prayers in the New Testament’, this series will run for 8 weeks.

## CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE – TUESDAY EVENING

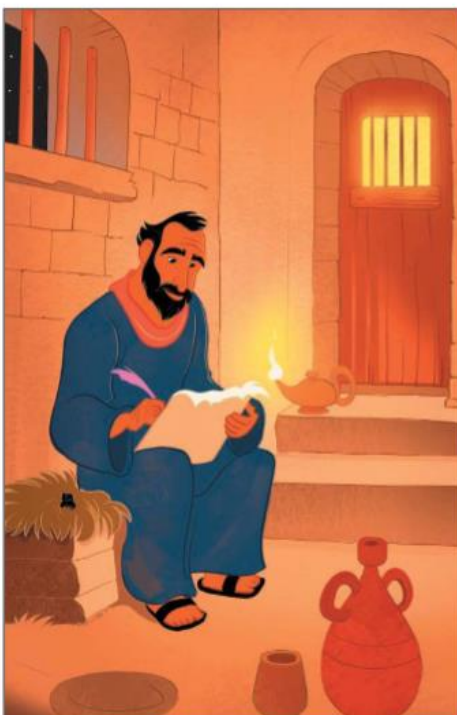
The group started last week on Tuesday 10th January in Room 1 (upstairs) at 7.15pm. The 10-week series will look at the Apostles' Creed.



## FOR THE YOUNG (OR YOUNG AT HEART)

### **Paul's Letter to Timothy Spot the Differences**

Compare the picture on the left with the picture on right. Circle the 12 things that are different.



The apostle Paul was a close friend and to a young man named Timothy. Paul and Timothy worked together during Paul's missionary efforts. When Paul was in prison he wrote letters to his friend to encourage him to continue to teach about God's love.