

CCF Update

July 2017



July Rota

2nd

Communion: Vivianne

Prayer : Alan

Speaker: Robbie

Bible Club: May & Paul

9th

Prayer: Grace

Leading: Julien

Bible Club: Robert & Susan

16th

Prayer: Vivianne

Leading: John McNair

Speaker: Julien

Bible Club: All helpers

23rd

Prayer: Robbie

Praise: John McNair

Bible Club: Joe & Margaret

30th

Prayer: Robert T

Bible Club: All helpers

House Groups for 2017-2018.

We have decided to start our House Groups again. The response from the questionnaires handed out earlier in the year were very positive, with a good number of people expressing how much they have missed this particular meeting.

The theme for teaching in the House Groups will be "What Is?", followed by a particular subject e.g Faith, Repentance, Love.

We will be asking people to submit their names to join a House Group, so that we can gauge how many groups we actually require, rather than just assuming that everyone wishes to attend. This will be intimated in the coming weeks.

House Groups have their basis in scripture by way of encouraging the brothers and sisters, that together we may share, learn and fellowship together in Jesus name, so please consider this as we complete the preparations for September.

Here are some scriptural references to house group meetings in the Early Church.

1 Corinthians 16:19

The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord.

Colossians 4:15

Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house.

Acts 20:20

How I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

Romans 16:5

Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.

Acts 5:42

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Midweek Church will continue alongside this on the First Tuesday of the month.

Pastor Alan Welsh

Come and be transported to another world without leaving your own. You will step inside the daily life of a developing country, visiting homes, markets and schools. This is the first visit to Scotland so why not come along and bring a friend.

SEC Armadillo

Saturday 1st July

9.30 – 10.30 am

12.00 – 6.30 pm

Sunday 2nd July

9.30 – 10.30 am

12.30 – 3.30 pm



The Word of God

My bible holder is decorated with stickers. They are bright and colourful, illustrated with rainbows, balloons and candles and little phrases like God is Good; Love Lifted Me and God Cares. They are very cheery and brighten up a dull bible holder but are they really Christian?

Nowadays the Word of God can be found on keyrings, fridge magnets and all kinds of pretty trinkets. While there is nothing wrong with these things in themselves, are we in danger of forgetting the true value of God's Word simply because we see it everywhere?

William Tyndale considered the Word to be a pearl of great price; he gave up his liberty and his life in order to present it to the People. And some of those people were themselves burned and tortured for possession of this precious thing. In contrast, many of us will have several bibles in various translations; we'll have concordances, study aids and Christian books of all kinds. We forget that for most of the past 2000 years this has not been a normal state of affairs.

The Word of God is not sweet and pretty. Ephesians 6 states that it is a sword. A sword can be many things: an object of great beauty and artistry to be gazed upon in awe, or a plain and sturdy object, useful for mundane and everyday purposes. It is also a lethal weapon, used to defend and used to kill. The Word of God drips with the blood of those who love the Lord and of those who hate Him.

The more widespread something is the less valuable it becomes. It may be an uncomfortable question but how do we regard the Word in our everyday lives? Cheap Word or Costly Word? A pearl of great price or stickers on a bible holder...

Sharon Campbell

We intend to update the Church database and email it out to all names on the current database. If you do not wish your personal details to be shared in this way please advise Mary Douglas at the Admin Desk. If any of your details have changed recently please let Mary know. Thanks