

At our service yesterday (22 August) we celebrated Back to School with God. It is good for us to pray for our school not only on one Sunday each year, but as often as we pray.

There is a phrase which has been used to describe one of the goals of education, lifelong learning. It is not the goal of our schools to teach pupils some lessons, fact about history, how to read and count. It is the goal of our schools to teach pupils how to learn and to plant within them the desire to keep on learning all through their lives.

What a great goal, let's especially pray for this for our schools this year.

Lifelong learning must also describe the disciples of Jesus. We don't learn everything about Jesus on that first day we come to faith in him. Everyday we learn from Jesus as he shows us more of his wonderful love. Everyday we learn from Jesus as he shows us new opportunities for service in his Kingdom. We don't grow beyond those first lessons we learned of Jesus, rather everyday Jesus adds to what we know of him and his amazing grace.

Lord, open my eyes to see what you will teach me today.

### **Sunday Services**

From Sunday 22 August we will be using all the pews in our sanctuary to welcome one another to our services. We will be seating only one household group in each pew and alternating seating in pews to allow some physical distancing between each pew. We will be adding some more chairs at the front of our sanctuary while still observing some distancing between the chairs.

While maintaining some distancing these cautious steps will significantly increase the capacity of our sanctuary for services.

Face coverings and the track and trace system will continue to be in use for the foreseeable future. Booking to attend services is no longer required, however, if you want to book to come to our services on Sundays, please phone 07856 923 681. If you haven't booked please do come on Sundays and we can take your contact details when you arrive for the service.

It is important that if you have been at church on Sunday and have a positive test you let us know about this.

We will continue with the use of hand sanitiser and will continue to do everything we can to welcome you all to our services safely.

We will continue to broadcast a service at 10.30am on Sundays which will be on our YouTube channel,

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRBBa9pHWuZsfhPFPwUrE4g>

### **The Steeple**

We are putting together an edition of The Steeple. Could any articles, together with pictures, logos, website links, please be emailed to Sheena Cowan at [Sheenac@btopenworld.com](mailto:Sheenac@btopenworld.com) by the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

If you would like to help deliver copies of The Steeple please contact Alistair Munro to help with this.



Nine sponsored walks and one 33 mile run (es-team Leader, Angus Moyes, will run around the whole city of Edinburgh – around 33 miles!) to surround all Edinburgh schools in prayer for the new term!

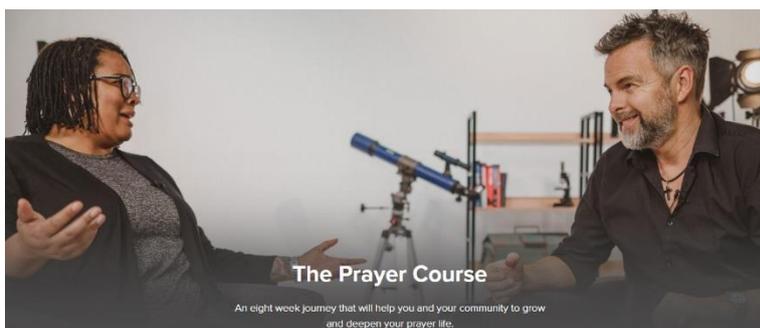
Join us on Saturday 28th August as we walk to every school in Edinburgh.

Nine separate teams will be leaving at 2pm from locations around the city, following pre-planned routes. By around 5.30pm, we'll have visited every school in Edinburgh! 18 months on from Covid halting SU schools' ministry, this is an opportunity to highlight our continued desire to see a Christian witness in every school in Edinburgh.

**The following paragraph, including web site address is different from last week**

Gordon, Tamzin, Cameron and Ben are walking as one of the nine teams from Balerno High School to Pentlands Primary school. If you would like to join them for all of part of the walk please contact Gordon ([gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)). If you would like to sponsor them for this walk to support the work of SU in schools in Edinburgh, you can drop a donations into the church during the week, Gordon is working from the office most days, bring a donation to church on Sunday. To donate online please use this website:

<http://www.justgiving.com/surroundthecity>



## The Prayer Course

The prayer course is an eight week journey in prayer. With a film each week of a conversation between Poppy Williams and Pete Greig, this course will encourage our praying.

The films are about 20 minutes each and will be followed by a discussion and a time to put what we have been learning about prayer into practice. We are starting on Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm. The course will take place over Zoom and each session will last about 1 hour including

watching the excellent Prayer Course videos. If you want to know more email [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org)

The zoom link for The Prayer Course will be:

Topic: The Prayer Course

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83514864269?pwd=QUZRNGFmb2ZISnYwZDJUa2xDb3pKZz09>

Meeting ID: 835 1486 4269

Passcode: 529239



Yellow Canaries

We would like to create a flock of yellow canaries to decorate the gates, fences and trees of our church grounds. We hope this will remind all those who see them of the climate crisis and the need to engage with the COP26 summit.

There are patterns to make yellow canaries  
knitting

<https://craftivist-collective.com/blog/2021/06/canary-knitting-pattern/>

crochet

<https://craftivist-collective.com/blog/2021/06/canary-craftivists-crochet-bird-pattern-by-dippycatcrochet/>

felt

<https://craftivist-collective.com/blog/2021/06/free-felt-canary-pattern/>

If you can't access the internet but would like a copy of one or all of these patterns, please phone Gordon Kennedy, 0131 444 1615.

Please join us to make a flock of yellow canaries for our church grounds.

## **Book Group**

For our summer reading before our meeting in September our book group is reading: John Eldredge, "All Things New" and Tod Bolsinger, "Canoeing The Mountains". You can get copies of these books at the Faith Mission Bookshop or from an online bookseller.

Thank you for reading this email, and please do pass it on to others who may find it interesting,

Yours,

Gordon Kennedy