

Believe or not the first glass of Coca Cola was served in 1886 in Atlanta. No doubt the company has gone through many changes since then and one of these significant changes is in its advertising. It's common to see someone drinking a bottle on a hot day looking like there is nothing better to quench your thirst.

It must be working because they sell millions of each day. Some of you may remember their slogan in the 1970's 'It's the real thing'. This was most likely in response to the emergence of other brands of cola and they wanted to make sure that everyone knew which was the real coke.

We all like to feel that when we are buying something we think is the real thing, that it really is. Whether that's in fizzy drinks or clothing or anything else that comes to mind.

Hebrews 8 tells us that Jesus is the real thing and that through his life, death and resurrection we can have a relationship with the real God.

There may be, as some have said, a marketplace of beliefs that people can shop in till they find one that suits them. But generations of believers have found that only Jesus offers the life we were meant to live. That is the life we talk about each Sunday and that we can talk about all through the week as we go about our daily lives.

Jesus is the real thing and only he offers the real life.

### **Sunday Services**

Work has started on our sanctuary project and at some point we will be having services in the large hall. This will depend upon what work is underway in the sanctuary. We hope to minimise the number of Sundays when we will be meeting in the hall.

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>

### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service this year will be on Sunday 10 October. Our theme this year will be climate care as we think of the wonders of God's creation and our duty as disciples of Jesus to care for all that God has created.

If you would like to bring a harvest gift to support the work of the Food Bank, please bring your gift to church on Sundays, or bring it down to the church during the week. To check if the church will be open during the week please email [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org)



## 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-dippyatcrochet/>

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

Our book group is meeting on Thursday 30 September at 7.30pm on zoom to discuss, John Eldredge, "All Things New"  
Please join us for this meeting,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82878504491?pwd=UUEyY1VhQWd2dW9YTDI1c1VtRTdldz09>

Meeting ID: 828 7850 4491

Passcode: 651652

## New Website

We have been working on renewing our congregation's website. It is still at the same address, [www.craiglockhartchurch.org](http://www.craiglockhartchurch.org)

The site is still under construction so not all the pages are filled in. Please let us know you feedback on our new website, email: [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org)

A big thank you to James McLean and Andrew Chidwick for all their help with and work on the new website.

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