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SOMETHING YOU GO TO,
IT'S A FAMILY
YOU BELONG TO.**

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'We are ambassadors for Christ'

Some thoughts.....

Last week I was thinking about Calum's Road and, by the way, you can buy the book on Amazon at £7.95 in paperback or £5.95 for Kindle version. [Buy the Book here](#)

I want to go back to Raasay again this week (well in fact I would happily live there if the weather was always as nice!!) – anyway back to Raasay for a path we walked – confusingly called 'The Burma Road'. When you experience the peace and quiet of a Raasay day it's difficult to imagine the place just over 100 years ago when iron ore was being mined at the south end of the island. When we walked that area it was peaceful and all that remained of what must have been a noisy busy industrial site were the broken down buildings, and a footpath along the remains of the old railway line which served the mines. It was during World War 1 and the mines were worked by around 300 German POWs. Part of our walk took us along 'The Burma Road' which I thought was named after the Burma Railway built by British POWs of the Japanese in WW2 but seemingly it wasn't named until the 1950s by construction workers finding they had to deal with tree covered terrain resembling the jungle – not quite so romantic!

What struck me though was not the name or the beautiful views but the relics of 100 years ago. Unknown men (and they were probably all men) who laboured to build roads and railways; who tunnelled into the hillside to dig out the iron ore; all gone, most forgotten but who left evidence of their existence, their hard work, their life. As one old hymn says 'Only remembered by what they had done.' Both Calum (from last week) and those prisoners left something of themselves on the island of Raasay. It's not a big leap to ask ourselves what legacy will we leave behind – what will your legacy as a Christian be?

Robert

16th September

Baptist Union of Scotland Prayer Calendar 2023

Here are the subjects for prayer this week..

W/c 17th September

Montrose Baptist Church
Motherwell Baptist Church
Nairn Baptist Church
New Prestwick Baptist Church, Ayr



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You can sign up for prayer points via Facebook at

<https://scottishbaptist.com/prayer/>



From Rev. 14:13 ¹³ ... Blessed are those who die in the Master from now on;"and blessed rest from their hard, hard work. None of what they've done is wasted; God blesses them for it all in the end."

Church This Week

Sunday 17th September

11.00am morning Worship – Donna

To join on zoom just click the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85227893884>

6.00pm The Romans Course 2 – refreshments served from 5.50pm

Thursday

10.30am Prayer Time – in church and on zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81347026860?pwd=Tk1RQm5ldDIRTk5tc0dEOUIZVtDUT09>

Friday

9.00-12.00 The Lighthouse Babies & Toddlers

Preachers

September

17th Donna

6.00pm The Romans Course 2

24th Rev Andy Scarcliffe

6.00pm The Romans Course 3

October

1st Church Anniversary with Andrew and Marie Hyde

8th Archie

5.30pm Family Fellowship

15th Donna

6.00pm The Romans Course 4



Think you know it all? 31

ANSWERS

How well do you know your '-ologies'? What is the field of study?

Anthropology **Humankind**

Arachnology **Spiders**

Campanology **Bell ringing**

Cardiology **The heart**

Conchology **Shells**

Dermatology **The skin**

Geology **The earth**

Haematology **Blood**

Meteorology **Weather**

Nephology **Clouds**

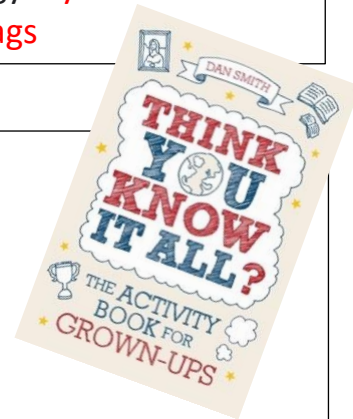
Oology **Eggs**

Ophthalmology. **Eyes**

Ornithology. **Birds**

Pharmacology. **Drugs**

Vexillology **Flags**



Think you know it all? 32 - African Capitals

Can you name the country whose capital is.....

Abuja

Addis Ababa

Asmara

Bamako

Cairo

Dakar

Freetown

Harare

Kampala

Khartoum

Kigali

Luanda

Lusaka

Mogadishu

Monrovia

Nairobi

Ougadougou

Rabat

Tripoli

Windhoek

The Romans Course – great attendance at the first meeting!!!

The second study is tomorrow evening at 6.00pm. If you missed the first and want to get involved just come along and we'll bring you up to date.

Robert

Mozambique gained independence less than 50 years ago. It's developing rapidly in its cities, while subsistence farming is still the norm in most rural areas. The threat of hurricanes is very real, and the country is still recovering from the damage caused by Cyclone Idai in 2019.

SUNDAY 17

Pray for peace in Cabo Delgado Province, where an Islamist group has been killing people since 2017 and many people have been displaced from their homes.

MONDAY 18

The new board of the Baptist Convention of Mozambique took up its responsibilities in August. Ask God to give them wisdom and vision, and pray that they will govern with transparency and strong leadership so that believers in their churches will grow in their faith.

TUESDAY 19

Carlos Jone has been appointed as temporary pastor of the First Baptist Church in Beira following the death of Pastor Mosse. Pray for strength and wisdom as he leads the church while also working with self-help groups and supporting farmers in an agroforestry project in Sussundenga.

WEDNESDAY 20

Elections in October will appoint the mayors in many cities. Pray that this process will be peaceful and that all parties will accept the results.

THURSDAY 21

Lift up a new sewing project for widows and the most marginalised in Beira. Pray that it will provide a sustainable income for those in the greatest need.

FRIDAY 22

AMAC provides legal aid and mediation services for vulnerable people in Beira and Maputo. Pray that this work will bring justice to many who would otherwise be unable to access legal services.

SATURDAY 23

BMS worker Jane Edwards supports AMAC in their Beira and Maputo offices. Pray that their legal education work will raise awareness of family, land and labour laws and protect the rights of widows, women and children.

Bible Reading_this week we continue in Paul's letter to the Christian individuals and groups meeting in Rome. If you can join us for the Romans Course it will help with you reading.

- 17th Romans 7
- 18th Romans 8
- 19th Romans 9
- 20th Romans 10
- 21st Romans 11
- 22nd Romans 12
- 23rd Romans 13



Where, what and when 24. The Divided Kingdom 3

Where?

The divided kingdom – Judah in the south, Israel to the north. Elijah was probably born in Tishbe which is thought to have been on the east of the River Jordan.

What?

While the kings ruled in Israel and Judah God raised up a series of people we know as the Prophets who brought God’s word to the king and the people. Elijah was a prophet who operated during wicked King Ahab’s reign and crossed swords with him and Jezebel. If you attend this church, Donna is in the middle of a series on Elijah at present – come and hear more about this extraordinary character. We’ll look at one incident.

Read: 1 Kings 17

- Which promise did God make to Ahab through Elijah?
- From what we learned about Ahab previously, why did God do this?
- In verses 2-5 how did God look after Elijah?
- Imagine the bread and meat that the ravens brought.
- Read Leviticus 11:13 where Ravens are described as ‘unclean’ and the eating of them is forbidden. Note that God can use ‘unclean’ things for his purposes.
- Where was Elijah sent when the brook dried up with the drought?
- What food supply did the widow have?
- What was she just about to do when she met Elijah?
- How did God provide for Elijah and the widow and her son in verses 14-16?
- What other miracle was performed for the widow by Elijah – verses 17-23?
- How did the woman know Elijah was a man of God?



When?

Elijah lived from around 900bc to 849bc.

<u>Duty Rota</u>		Preaching	Door	Vestry Prayer	Communion Prayer
September	17	Donna	Mark	Robert	
	24	Andy	Lindsay	Jim B.	
October	1	Andrew & Marie Hyde	Doreen	Donna	Jim B.
	8	Archie	Kevin	Mary	
	15	Donna	Isobel	Jen	
	22	Andy	Phyllis	Eddie	
	29	Robert	Linda	Linda	

Are you amazed by Jesus? – 5.

Carrying on from last week where we thought about the authority with which Jesus spoke.....

Reading: Matthew 7 v 24-29



²⁴ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Thoughts:

If we do accept the authority of Jesus - what is there in this passage that calls for a response from us?

Well I don't think it needs me to tell you what it says – those who hear Jesus words, instructions, and follow them have a proper foundation for life – 24/7 life. It doesn't mean that storms won't arise. It doesn't mean that things will always go swimmingly but it does mean that with the right foundations in place we can weather the storms that come. In our age the idea of having a foundation like this is not too popular – I'll make my own foundation thanks. We can't be too prescriptive. And how many people run into trouble because they do not have the proper foundation in place.

As an individual what is your foundation and will it stand when the storms come?

Similarly as a church do we have a proper foundation – is the life and teaching of Jesus what our church is based on? If it is then the church will stand when storms come – as every church has felt.

Listen to Jesus and put it into practice. Let's follow his instructions. We might well be amazed by what happens!!

What famous mothers might have said.

Columbus' Mother: "I don't care what you've discovered, Chris. You still could have written."

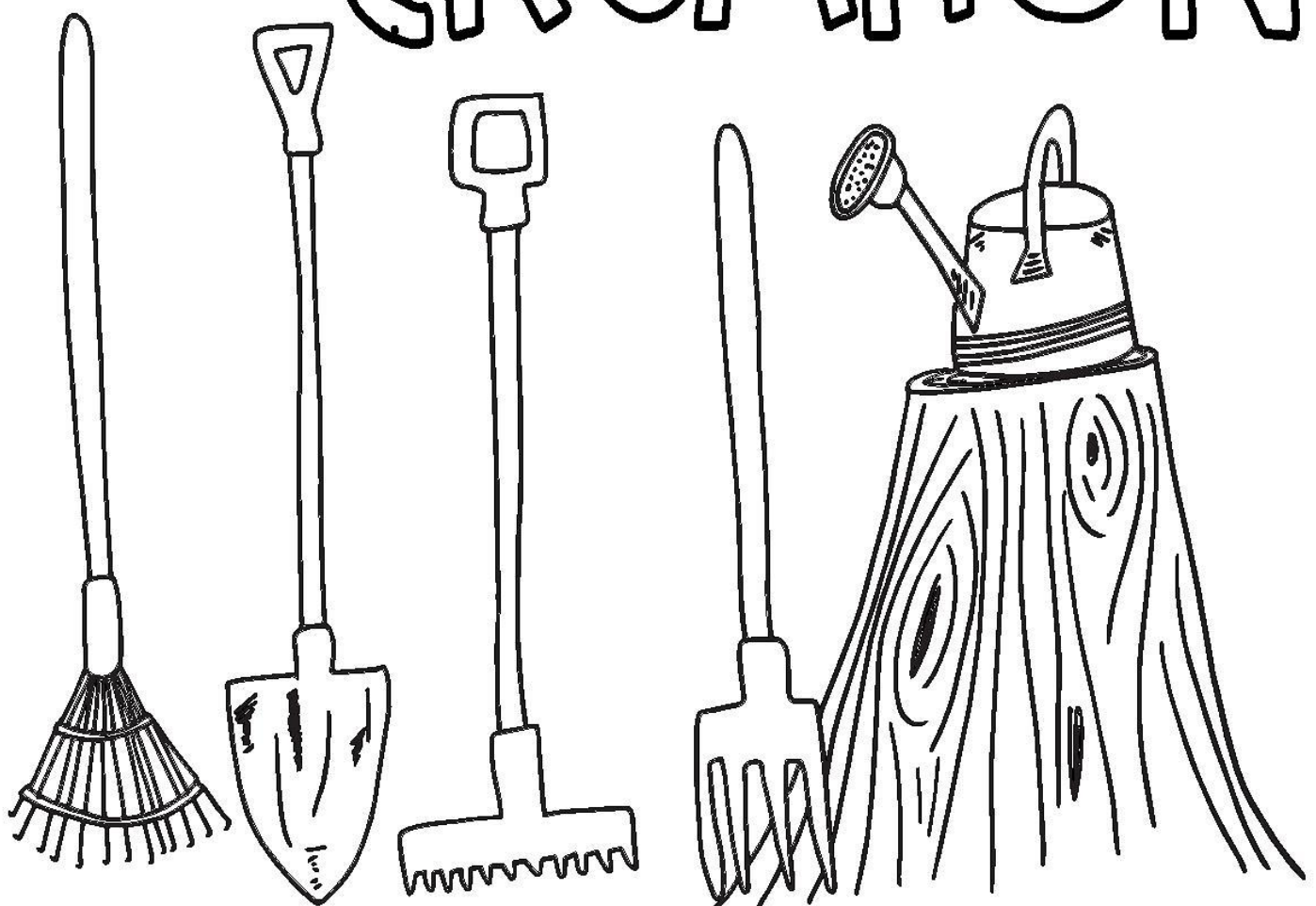
Michelangelo's Mother: "Mike, can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

Mary's Mother: "I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better mark than you."

Batman's Mother: "It's a nice car, Bruce, but do you realize how much the insurance is going to be?"



I AM A NEW CREATION



THEREFORE IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS COME:
THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

The Prayer Wall

Dear Lord,
As I look back over the past week I can see times when I have been true to what I believe and other times when I haven't been the person I should be. As I think over these times please forgive me and give me the strength not to make the same mistakes again.
In Jesus' name

Father - I remember the people of Libya who are trying to make sense of that flood which took so many lives. I pray that you would work in that country to bring to power a stable, caring government. Give comfort to those who mourn. Bless the rescuers as they continue to retrieve bodies. In the midst of devastation and death may your Spirit be at work.
Amen

Father – thank you for this fresh new day. Help me to honour you in everything I do and say. In Jesus' name.
Amen

Lord God, thank you that you are God and that you will restore this broken world.
Amen

Father, I don't really understand how the economics of this world work but it can't be your will that millions live and die in poverty while some live lives of luxury. Father raise up a generation of politicians who care about injustice and will work to end it.
Amen

Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
(Psalm 25:4-5)

Lord God, thank you for all the glimpses I see of your hand at work in ordinary Christians. Thank you for every kind act and generous word, every cup of water given in your name.
Amen

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

*Father, as I look forward to another week help me to live for you, to tell those I meet about your love for them, and honour you in everything I do.
In Jesus' name, Amen*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV*