

I wonder if you've noticed but the badge of the Boys' Brigade has the motto 'Sure and Stedfast'. No, there isn't a spelling mistake there, in the 1611 King James Version of the bible in English 'stedfast' is how they spelt 'steadfast'.

The way we write, speak and spell in modern UK English has changed a lot since the early seventeenth century. Linguists tell us that US English is more traditional than UK English, so perhaps we should be writing color! But no, I don't think going back like that is going to catch on.

Most often language changes slowly, but it does change. If you trace the spelling of words and the usage of words over decades or centuries the changes can be vast and often unstoppable.

We can't stop change. It happens all around us, whether we like it or not, change is life.

Yesterday, today and for ever, Jesus is the same (Hebrew 13:8). That means when we read that Jesus is a sure and steadfast anchor for our lives this is not only true for those who lived in the first century AD and received the letter to the Hebrews. Because Jesus is always the same he is our anchor today.

The world may change around us, but we have a strong and firmly fixed anchor in our Saviour Jesus. Today if you feel tossed about in the storms of life, trust Jesus, he is there for you always.

### **Sunday Services**

Please join us for our Sunday service. This week work begins on our sanctuary refurbishment project. Our pews have been sold to Glasgow Architectural Salvage, who will turn them into beautiful furniture and next week the carpet in the sanctuary is being lifted and we hope will be able to replace the carpet in the Centenary Hall. We hope to be able to use the sanctuary on Sunday 19 September but will make a decision later this week. We will for some Sundays use the large hall for services but hope to minimise the time we are out of the sanctuary.

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>



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**

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

### **Floral Art Demonstration**

Craiglockhart Parish Church  
Monday 1st November at 7pm.

Our demonstrator is Derek Armstrong from Carlisle.  
Derek is a superb demonstrator and good entertainer, and our club is very pleased to have been able to book him.

His title is Back to Celebrating in Style

Tickets are £10 each available from:

Joyce Rutherford  
joyce.rutherford@btinternet.com  
or 0131 443 2536

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Yours,  
Gordon Kennedy