

I came across a website recently where people post about situations which ended up in some kind of conflict or disagreement. They lay out what happened and share their reasons and maybe some background if it's relevant and ask the internet if they thought they did the right thing.

An opportunity is given for people to respond telling the person that they were right in their actions or telling them that they were in the wrong and should have acted differently. Many times, these responders tell a story of their own showing how what they did was better than the original poster of the story.

It's a popular website and seems to fill a need partly at least in people for justification. They pretend they don't care, but in fact they care very much, enough, in fact, to ask complete strangers to judge them. What they are looking for is agreement. People to say, they acted properly, and the other person was in the wrong.

We all want acceptance and to think that people generally have a good opinion of us, but the internet has made it possible for us to see what people have done in places we would never previously have heard of and to pass opinions on people we have never met.

But in the end, probably only a few people's opinions have much impact on us, and their love and acceptance mean the most.

But the one person who knows us most is God and his opinion of us should be the one we think most of. Those of us who are Christians know that God loves us and accepts us because of what Jesus did for us, his opinion does not change and although he is saddened when we go our own way, his love goes with us wherever we are, and his forgiveness is always available when we turn to him.

For those who don't know Jesus, his love is there for you and his acceptance is also there for you. We would love to welcome you to our services and share God's love with you anytime.

## **Sunday Services**

Please join us for our Sunday service. We are using 32 chairs at the front and all the pews in our sanctuary. Being able to sing together and have our choir share in our services are a blessing to us all.

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-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.

### **News from Chogoria Hospital**

We have received from Alison Wilkinson the following news from Chogoria Hospital.

Greetings / Updates from Chogoria - 20th August 2021

Dear Dr. Alison and Friends in Scotland. I trust you are well. warm greetings from us.

We thank God for sustaining us and for his love and care.

Time has gone very fast and the year is half done.

The hospital has continued providing care despite the COVID situation. our COVID ward has been busy with referrals from within the region. We have coped very well with the challenge. The COVID situation in the country is still high with high concentration in Nairobi and its environs.

Our clinical coverage has improved with the following resident consultants: Physician, 2 general surgeons for the purpose of surgery residency program, 1 missionary orthopaedic surgeon who is with us for 2 years, paediatrician, and gynaecologist. The 2 residency programs have continued with no hitches and currently we have 3 residents in surgery and the family medicine residency has already qualified 4 residents We continue taking 12 MO interns per year.

With infrastructure the Nursing school building project is in advanced stage and will be completed by end of November 2021. We now have enough operating space and surgery has done well.

Our dialysis unit is the best in the region with a large clientele. Seems to be a lot of kidney failure.

The church is already planning for the centennial celebrations which are planned to run from 4th October to 9th October 2022. There are many activities that are in discussion to mark the same.

We thank you for being true friends.

Catherine Munene,  
Chief Executive Officer.  
PCEA Chogoria Hospital.



We (Angus, Lesley and Zonya) want to give a particular thank you to everyone at Craiglockhart Church for the incredible support and generosity you have shown us for our sponsored and prayer walk, Surround the City, last weekend. There was such a good number of you who joined us for the walk and so many who have supported us – we are very grateful to you all.

It was a great afternoon, aided by such beautiful weather! Lots of miles walked, lots of schools prayed for, lots of miles run (in Angus's case!) and new friendships made. We are delighted to be nearing our target of £5000. Thank you so much for your significant contribution to that and for your partnership with us. It means a huge amount.

Sincerely,

Angus, Lesley and Zonya  
es-team

## **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