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**From the Minister – *Rev Dr Allan Vint***

I have been fortunate recently to have acquired a mini drone. This small flying machine produces some quite stunning photographs from above (such as the pictures on this page). Taking images like these is



fascinating as it provides a quite different perspective or view on familiar and well-known sites. Indeed, the aerial viewpoint gives a wider and more expansive appreciation of not only the subject of the picture but where it lies in its surrounding environment.

This new appreciation reminded me that one of the real benefits of taking time to read the Bible is that, in this remarkable book, we are provided with a God's eye view of the world, of humanity and of our own particular life. Having this heavenly standpoint allows God to wisely advise and direct us, knowing what lies ahead of us, what obstacles and problems we will face and how best we can traverse the landscape. From our own vantage point at ground level we have a much more limited ability to find the best way forward.



In fact, whilst we remain earthbound, we will need an expert guide to help towards that which is eternal. Thankfully, Jesus, (who is able to see everything), assures us that he knows 'the



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way' to the Father, the way to eternal life, the way to experience everlasting joy, peace and love.

The call of Jesus then is to lift our eyes to him, to trust him and follow him – he knows where he's going.



Our Daily Bread®

Over the past few months, I have been recommending that folks take away and use the 'Our Daily Bread' bible reading notes which are available in the church vestibule. These booklets are free of charge and a great encouragement to myself and so many others. These materials are also freely available online at <https://odb.org/> or via the 'Our Daily Bread' mobile phone app. I would encourage you to try it out.



*Thank You*

Annette, Janice and everyone involved in organising the annual Strawberry Teas event would like to thank all shops, businesses, local schools, surgeries and everyone who came along to the hall on the day for their support.

We would also like to thank Mossgiel Milk for donating the cream and A & A Spittal for donating half of the strawberries.

We received grant funding last year to continue this enjoyable event, so we were able to make it a "donation only" event with all proceeds being split between the local *Help our Ava* campaign and the *Messy Church* events run by the church. The magnificent sum of **£1190** was raised and has now been distributed to the local charities.



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Thank you once again for the support and look forward to seeing you again next year.

The Shoppers' Lunch continues to be a success and brings in around £250 per month for Outreach projects/costs. The proceeds from our May Shoppers' Lunch (£370) was donated to **Help Our Ava** charity.

We would like to thank the Old Folks Welfare Committee for their generous donation towards our Special Project fund. Once again, I would like to thank everyone who contributes regularly and for this I, as treasurer, am very grateful. Yours in Christ Elizabeth Morris *Treasurer*







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A fresh new way of  
experiencing church.....  
for children & parents/  
carers to enjoy together.

Our last Messy Church before the summer holidays was held on Saturday 17th June 2023. The theme was King of Kings and along with celebrating the coronation of King Charles we also learned that Jesus is King of King.

We watched a video all about what happens at a coronation of a King before it explained why the crown and the orb both have crosses on top of them, to help the King remember that Jesus and God is always with him as he carries out his duties in life.

We made crowns, hanging King of King decorations, clay models and bunting biscuits at the craft tables. As a coronation is a celebration we had party games including Pass the Orb and Musical Thrones.

The morning was finished off with a lunch of party food, mini hot dogs, chicken nuggets, wee sausages, sandwiches and cakes.

The next Messy Church will take place in September, please watch out for more information nearer the time.

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*Messy Church is a time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together through his word, through music and through prayer.*