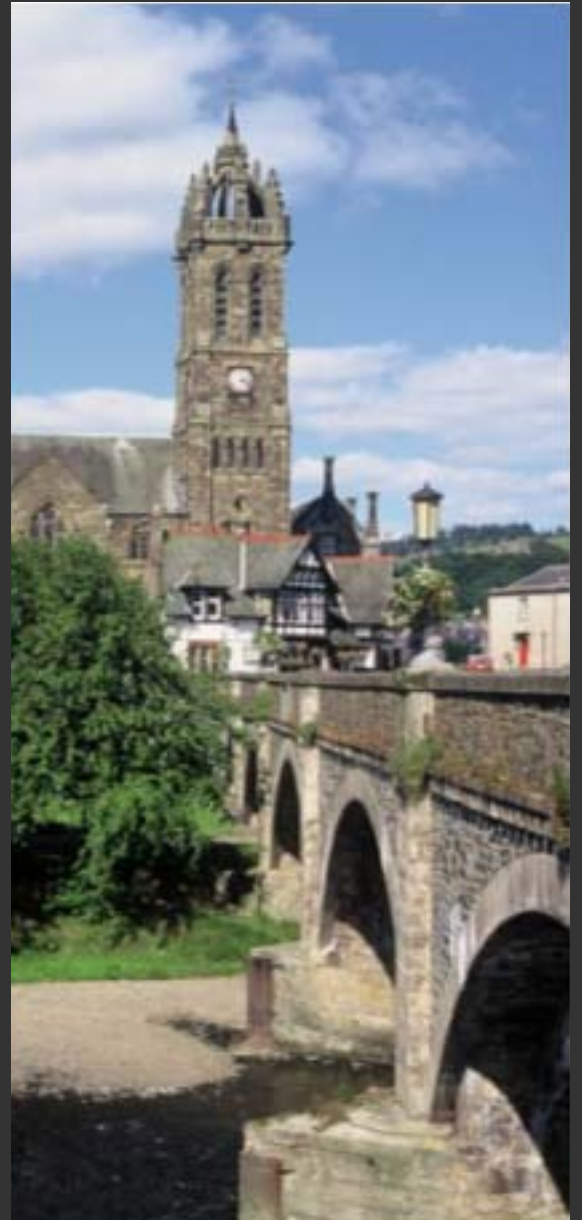




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**Peebles Old
Parish Church of
Scotland
with
Eddleston Parish
Church of Scotland**



September 2019



Daily Worship

in Peebles Old Parish, 10am

Daily Worship Leaders August/Sept

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|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Mon. 2nd | Geoff Goldstraw | Jer2:23-27 | September |
| Tues.3rd | Isabelle Coghill | Jer 3:1-14 | |
| Wed. 4th | Mary Wight | Jer 3:15-25 | |
| Thurs. 5th | Calum Macdougall | Jer 15:10-21 | |
| Frid. 6th | Janette Cameron | Psalms 139:1-6,13-18 | |
| Sat. 7th | Elizabeth Parker | Matt 10:34-42 | |
| Mon. 9th | Charles Aitchison | 1 Tim 3:14-4:5 | |
| Tues. 10th | Lily Swinney | 1 Tim 4:6-16 | |
| Wed. 10th | Marjorie Renton | Luke 18:18-30 | |
| Thurs. 12th | David Donaldson | 1 Tim 1:1-11 | |
| Frid. 13th | Haisley Moore | 2 Pet 2:1-10a | |
| Sat. 14th | Janet Macdougall | Psalms 14 | |
| Mon. 16th | Frances Carrol | 1 Tim 1:18-20 | |
| Tues. 17th | Alistair Robertson | 2 Pet 3:8-13 | |
| Wed. 18th | Wilma Barrett | Psalms 94 | |
| Thurs. 19th | Tom Fairbairn | Rom 3:1-8 | |
| Frid. 20th | Calum Macdougall | Rom 8:31-39 | |
| Sat. 21st | Rachel Forsyth | Psalms 79:1-9 | |
| Mon. 23rd | Geoff Goldstraw | Acts 4:1-12 | |
| Tues. 24th | Isabelle Coghill | 1 Cor 9:19-23 | |
| Wed. 25th | Mary Wight | Luke 20:45-21:4 | |
| Thurs. 16th | Janette Cameron | 2 Cor 8:8-15 | |
| Frid. 27th | Charles Aitchison | Eph 2:1-10 | |
| Sat. 28th | Pauline Copeland | Psalms 91:1-6,14-16 | |
| Mon. 30th | Lily Swinney | Amos 6:8-14 | October |
| Tues. 1st | David Donaldson | James 5:1-6 | |
| Wed. 2nd | Haisley Moore | Psalms 119:49-56 | |
| Thurs. 3rd | Marjorie Renton | Psalms 37:1-9 | |
| Frid. 4th | Frances Carrol | Rev. 2:12-29 | |
| Sat. 5th | Elizabeth Parker | Matt. 20:29-34 | |

From early in its history, the church has developed forms of daily worship. At the Reformation, the people were encouraged to join in daily worship in their parish churches, and the 1564 book of Common Order made provision for daily services.

Pastoral letter

September 2019



'When I was pegging out the washing this afternoon..... '

Now, you're right; you've probably never read a Pastoral Letter that began with that. This isn't a Letter from Calum but from his assistant, the OLM who is writing to you this month. A final letter from Calum will have to wait for the October edition.

But back to the washing. When I was pegging out the washing, I was suddenly reminded vividly of being 'allowed' to peg out handkerchiefs when I was little, because you can't really go wrong with those. Nothing as demanding as sheets or shirts. I would stand on a box to reach the line and my mother would let me have a pile of handkerchiefs and tea towels and I would feel immensely proud of being able to complete my task. I was still in my comfort zone with those uniformly shaped items; my life had yet to progress to the later laundry challenges of specialist soaking, stubborn stains, silks and fine woollens....

Last Sunday many of you will have heard David Arnott preaching on 'Creative Insecurity' and he spoke of God reaching us through our insecurities (just as God did with Abram, Moses and Saul). It seems that it is so much easier to reach us when we are outside the certainties and predictable patterns that we've come to cherish and rely on. Is it not the case that when we're unexpectedly struck by illness, or incapacity or suddenly removed from our familiar certainties, we are ready to hear that 'still small voice' in a new way?

We know we're all having to face challenges ahead with the changes facing not just our own parish but the Church of Scotland as a whole. There will have to be a radical realignment of parishes and presbyteries. We've already begun the process with discussions with our neighbours in Upper Tweeddale and had a splendid Pot Luck lunch for elders last Sunday.

Personally, I find this prospect quite exhilarating. The Chinese maxim is that 'Crisis means Opportunity' and there

are so many opportunities ahead of us with the present crisis in the Church. There are too many buildings to maintain; there are not enough ministers - we have to re-think how we manage resources; more of us will need to have the confidence and willingness to be trained to lead worship. We will have to think seriously about moving from pegging out the handkerchiefs to tackling more demanding tasks. Even if it feels daunting, we may find that God equips and leads us when we feel insecure and ill prepared for the uncharted landscape ahead.

And I'm happy to report that Calum is making great progress after surgery earlier in the month. That's the reason he's asked me to write on his behalf. Janet has assured us that he's been having enforced rest for the past three weeks as the doctor ordered - and do you know, he's not even allowed to peg out the washing.

God bless you all.

With love
Pamela.

News from Peebles & Eddleston

What we're up to.



Interim Moderator

Presbytery has appointed The Very Rev. Dr Finlay Macdonald to be Interim Moderator in our forthcoming vacancy. Dr Macdonald, served as parish minister, first in Menstrie and then at Jordanhill, before being appointed Principal Clerk of the General Assembly, a post in which he served from 1996 to 2010. He was Moderator of the General Assembly in 2002-2003.

Dr Macdonald is a keen musician and indeed as a teenager he was a church organist before commencing his studies for the ministry. With his wife Elma, a retired teacher, he lives in Innerleithen.

We look forward to working with Dr Macdonald whose appointment as Interim Moderator is from the beginning of this month. In the meantime however he will only be involved matters relating to the vacancy. Our vacancy will begin on 1st October.



**Guild of Friendship
COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 5th October
From 10-12
in the MacFarlane Hall
All the usual stalls
Entry £1.50**

**If you need any further
information please contact
Elizabeth Fairless**

A Bite and a Blether

A Bite and a Blether has been busy over the summer months with friends old and new attending. For a minimum donation of £2.50, come along and enjoy a bacon roll or vegetarian alternative, home baking, tea or coffee and enjoy the camaraderie. A carry out service is available too. A warm welcome awaits all ages.



Eddleston Church Clean

The monthly church clean will take place on Monday 30th September at 9.30am

Junior Choir & Eddleston Voices

Both the choirs have started back and we are delighted to welcome new members to The Voices. All children of school age are welcome to the Junior Choir and anyone over the age of 16 is welcome to join Eddleston Voices. The ability to read music is not required and no audition is necessary. For further information please contact Lorraine Mulholland - Lorajazz@aol.com or telephone 01721 730332. A warm welcome awaits.

Scones and Songs

Eddleston Voice, the community outreach choir, is raising funds for Eddleston Parish Church by holding a Scones and Songs Coffee Morning in Eddleston Village Hall on Saturday 21st September from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Junior Choir, Eddleston Voices and Guest Singer William Holmes. There will be the usual stalls and donations are very welcome. The event is being sponsored by Glenrath Farms Ltd, the scones are being donated by Forsyth's of Peebles and plants by Pentland Plants. Tickets £3 are available from choir members



Peebles Churches Together Friday September 20th at 7pm.

"Blessed are the Peacemakers" - reflections on life and ministry in the land of the Holy One'.

An evening with the Rev Kate MacDonald, a priest of the Scottish Episcopal Church and currently working as a Church of Scotland minister in Tiberias in the Holy Land.

Kate is looking forward to telling us of life in her local context of the north of Israel, though with a brief history & explanation of the wider situation. There will be light refreshments, photos, prayers, discussion and time for questions.

The evening, which is open to members of all local congregations, will be hosted by St Peter's and convened by the Rev Cedric Blakey. Cedric has visited the area on 6 occasions, the most recent being when he escorted the Primus, Bishop Mark and his wife Jane on a visit to Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Holy Week this year.

Everyone is welcome.



Mindfulness Course

A short (8-week) course in Mindfulness is offered to those interested, each week on Monday at 11.00am and Tuesday at 7.00pm in Eddleston Parish Church. Mindfulness is about helping people to be "in the moment" by focussing on the here and now. As such it has been a very useful tool in treating stress, depression, anxiety and fear, among other things. The proposed course is very basic and each session would last about half an hour. For further information contact Calum Macdougall.



A New Initiative

Starting in October at a date and time TBC we are trying a new initiative with a series of sessions called "An Hour With....." on a Sunday afternoon in the church. This could be music or something else. More in formation will appear in the October Magazine.

Craft Group

The craft group restarts on Thursday 12th September at 1.30pm in the church.

Retiral Buffet Lunch at Eddleston



Eddleston Parish Church is marking Calum's retiral after 18 years of ministry in Eddleston and Peebles Old with a Buffet Lunch and Presentation following Worship4All on Sunday 1st September in the Village Hall.

FAREWELL SOCIAL EVENING

Revd. Calum Macdougall



**Friday 27th September 2019 7pm
in the MacFarlane Hall**

As you will have read in these pages Calum is retiring from the ministry and from Peebles Old and Eddleston and we will be marking this in a number of ways in September.

Thank you for your timely responses to this invitation and we're delighted to say that this farewell event is now fully subscribed. Thank you also for your very kind and generous donations to the retirement gift from the congregation to Calum and Janet.

The evening will include a tribute, entertainment, a presentation to Calum and Janet from the congregation of Peebles Old and of course refreshments.

We look forward to you joining us on the evening of September 27th in The MacFarlane Hall.

It's not too late however to make a contribution to the presentation and you can do this by enclosing a cheque made out to "Peebles Old Parish Church" with this form to Peebles Old Parish Church, High Street PEEBLES EH45 8SW

Words of Wisdom

Do You Have This Joy?



'This is the fresh, new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us'
Hebrews 10:20 TLB

In the Old Testament there were more religious laws than anybody could possibly keep: over six hundred. And every time you failed, you had to offer an animal sacrifice as atonement. This resulted in people trying and failing; feeling guilty and trying harder; failing again and making more sacrifices. It was a never ending cycle.

Then Jesus came and opened up 'the fresh, new, life-giving way...for us' to have a relationship with God. His way included forgiveness for sin, and the replacement of sacrifices with faith in Him. For many it was just too good to be true, so they kept working and trying to impress God with their goodness. Are you doing that?



One Christian author writes: 'I lived that way for years. It meant having to do everything perfectly; otherwise I was in trouble with God. Since this was an impossible standard to keep, it stole all my peace and joy. While I was trying to walk in love, I wasn't a very loving person. I couldn't give others what I didn't know how to receive myself! I wasn't receiving God's mercy for my failures; therefore I couldn't offer it to anybody else. I tried to

follow all the rules, many that weren't even scriptural – just things to feel guilty about. But thank God I don't have to live that way anymore. Now I'm not working to be saved, I'm working because I am saved! My salvation isn't based on what I do, but solely on what Jesus has done for me'.

When you understand this truth, your relationship with God is no longer a job – it's a joy.

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Bell-tower Craik

More tea Vicar?



Critical Male Thinking At Its Best!

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: £2.97 a pint (This is where it gets scary!)

Woman: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose

Woman: So a beer costs £2.97 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at £267.30. In one year, it would be approximately £3207

...correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: If in 1 year you spend £3207, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at £64152, correct?

Man: Correct

Woman: Do you realise that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No

Man: So, where's your Ferrari then??



The hard core fans were at the back, playing air-organ

Hymns For All Things

The Dentist's Hymn

The Optician's Hymn

The Builder's Hymn

The Electrician's Hymn

The Golfer's Hymn

The Taxman's Hymn

The Politician's Hymn

The Estate Agent's Hymn

The Gossip's Hymn

Crown him with many crowns

Open my eyes that I may see

The Church's one foundation

Send the light

There is a green hill far away

I surrender all

Standing on the promises

I've got a mansion, just over the hilltop

Pass it on

How can you be part of this Magazine?



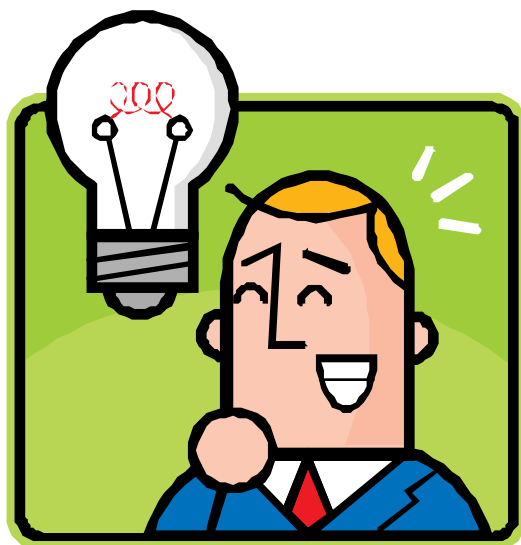
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We're looking out for travel stories, life stories, recipes, jokes and articles that would brighten up our magazine pages. Don't just leave it to the small band who contribute regularly...get involved yourself.

Just think you could see your own thoughts and words in print and be able to share the things that inspire you about life, worship, travel, cooking, or even The Old Parish Church itself.

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CHURCH ORDERS (PEEBLES)

READERS

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| September | 1 | Isabelle Coghill | Jeremiah 2:4-13 St Luke 14:1 and 7-14 |
| | 8 | Tom Fairbairn | Jeremiah 18:1-11 St Luke 14:25-33 |
| | 15 | Janette Cameron | Jeremiah 4:11-12 and 22-28 St Luke 15:1-10 |
| | 22 | Elizabeth Parker | Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 St Luke 16:1-13 |
| | 29 | Ronald Ireland | Jeremiah 32:1-3a and 6-15 St Luke 16:19-31 |
| October | 6 | Margaret Ireland | Ruth 2 St Luke 12:13-21 |
| | 13 | Frances Carrol | Jeremiah 29:1 and 4-7 St Luke 17:11-19 |
| | 20 | Elizabeth Parker | Jeremiah 31:27-34 St Luke 18:1-8 |
| | 27 | Isabelle Coghill | Joel 2:23-32 St Luke 18:9-14 |

DUTIES

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|------------------|--|
| September | Caroline Lazenby Elizabeth Parker |
| October | Douglas Cunningham Elizabeth Fairless |

Please note: Elders unable to undertake any of the above duties are asked to arrange for a substitute and let the Session Clerk or Ruth Kerr know. Duty elders should be in place by 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month, when there is an evening service, one of the duty elders should be in place for 5.30pm.

SHORT ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| September | 25 | Cathy Davidson | Ronald Ireland |
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THE BELL RINGERS

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| August | 1 | Jeanette Mackison (am and pm) |
| | 8 | Margaret Anderson |
| | 15 | Fiona Taylor |
| | 22 | Anne Derrick |
| | 29 | Mary Hudson |



FORTHCOMING SERVICES EDDLESTON

September

| | | |
|-------------|----------|--|
| Sunday 1st | 11.45 am | Worship4All – Twelfth after Pentecost Service conducted by The Rev Marion E. Dodd |
| Sunday 8th | 11.45 am | Morning Service – Thirteenth after Pentecost |
| Sunday 15th | 11.45 am | Morning Service – Fourteenth after Pentecost |
| Sunday 22nd | 11.45 am | Morning Service – Fifteenth after Pentecost |
| Sunday 29th | 11.45 am | Morning Service – Sixteenth after Pentecost |

October

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| Sunday 6th | 11.45am | Worship4All – Harvest Thanksgiving, Service in Village Hall |
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FORTHCOMING SERVICES PEEBLES

September

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| Sunday 1st | 10am | Morning Service – Twelfth after Pentecost Service conducted by The Rev Marion E. Dodd |
| | 6pm | No evening Service |
| Sunday 8th | 10am | Breakfast Church – breakfast served in the MacFarlane Hall from 9.30am Thirteenth after Pentecost |
| Sunday 15th | 10am | Morning Service – Fourteenth after Pentecost Laying up of the Colours of Peebles Branch, RBLS |
| Sunday 22nd | 10am | Morning Service – Fifteenth after Pentecost |
| Sunday 29th | 10am | Morning Service – Sixteenth after Pentecost with Short Order of Holy Communion |

October

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| Sunday 6th | 10am | Morning Service – Harvest Thanksgiving |
| | 6pm | Monthly Evening Service |

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTERS

PEEBLES

MARRIAGE

24th August

Miss Victoria Courtney to Mr Daniel Mulvee
now in Western Australia

Flower Calendar

Convenor: Rachael Forsyth 01721 724693
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| 1 | Donor Arranger | Mrs Esther Sadler Ruth Forsyth |
| 8 | Donor Arranger | Mr Trevor Nicol Janet Macdougall |
| 15 | Donors Arranger | Mrs Raeburn Stephanie Porter |
| 22 | Donors Arranger | Mrs Ella Rae Rachael Forsyth |
| 29 | Donors Arranger | No donor Fiona Hamilton |

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| 6 | Donor | Mrs Kirsty Davidson Harvest Flowers |
| 13 | Donors Arranger | Mrs MacLeod Rachael Forsyth |
| 20 | Donors Arranger | Mrs Jeanette Cameron Gill Arnott |
| 27 | Donors Arranger | Mrs Shirley Richards Ruth Forsyth |

Distributors required

If you can help distribute flowers, please let one of the flower committee know or phone Rachael Forsyth on 724693

Remember that we have our very own Facebook page.

One of the most frequent updates on there are our wonderful flower arrangements that are displayed in the church each week. It's worth a look in to see the marvellous work of our flower arrangers.



A very warm welcome to Our Organisations



You'll receive a warm welcome at any of our groups, whose details are given below. For further information about each organisation, please see our website www.topcop.org.uk

| Group | Where and when we meet | Contact |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Choir | Song School Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm (not July and August) | Sarah Brown (Director of Music) 07597 394059 |
| SHARE | We meet in the MacFarlane Hall, once a month at 2pm on a Sunday afternoon. Dates will be announced. | Cathy Davidson 01896 830419 |
| Flower Committee | Meets once a year as a whole group, Members take their turn at arranging the flowers in church each week and at major religious festivals. | Rachael Forsyth 01721 724693 |
| Bellringers' Group | Members take their turn on the Sunday Bell ringing rota and ring on other community occasions if they wish. | Anne Derrick 01721 721075 |
| Guild of Friendship | Members meet together twice a year. The Guild visits housebound members of the congregation. The number of homes and frequency of visits is flexible and can easily be arranged to suit the availability of the Visitor | Elizabeth Fairless 01721 720344 |
| Traidcraft | Members take turns at the purpose-built cupboard selling Fairtrade goods after morning worship each Sunday | Dorothy Russel 01721 720583 |
| 'Green Team' | Help to provide ideas for each of us to better care for God's creation. | |
| Toddlers' Group | MacFarlane Hall Tuesdays in school terms. 9.30-11.00am TEA LADIES REQUIRED | Please speak to the Minister or Session Clerk |
| Bacon Rolls | Friday mornings. Join a team taking your turn preparing and serving Bacon Rolls. Each team is 'on' once every 6 weeks. Great fun! | Janette Cameron 01721 722528 |

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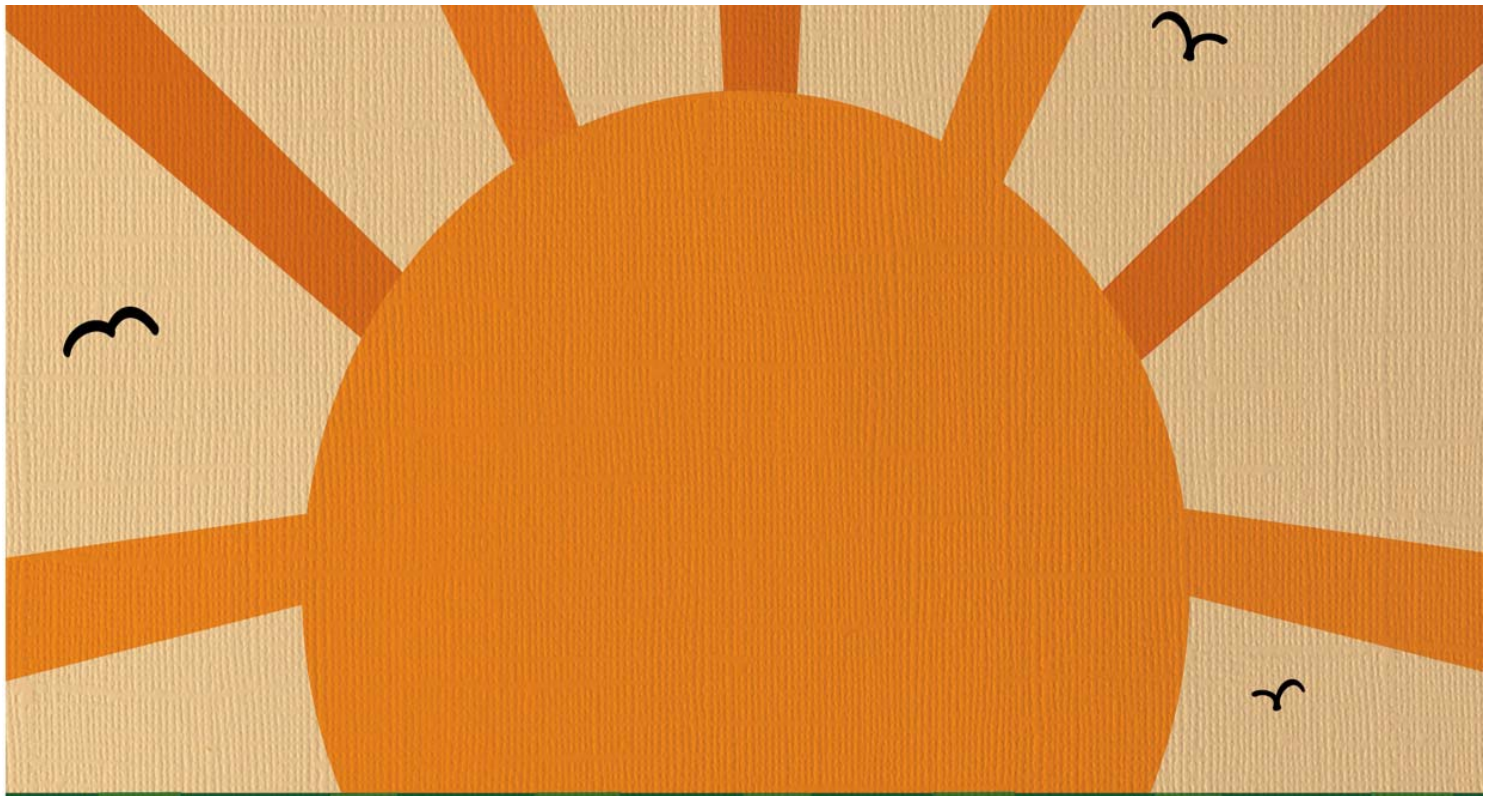
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*Your mercies
are new every morning;*

*great is your
faithfulness*

Lamentations 3:22-23