

THE SCOTS KIRK PARIS

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Keeping in touch



The doors of our physical church in rue Bayard have been closed for two months now. But the doors of our virtual church have been flung wide open and are set to stay that way even after the lockdown is no more than a distant memory.

Our SKP community has been fortunate enough to stay strong through email, Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, Zoom meetings and Youtube services. We are all looking forward to the day when we can meet up again in person, albeit with a certain number of precautions no doubt. Until that day comes...



Hello everyone!

This is the last in our series of weekly lockdown newsletters. It is justified by the fact that even though the lockdown was partially lifted on 11th May, we in and around Paris at least are still not back to normal. Plus 10 is a nice round number to finish with! And last but not least, in the words of the song, "my inspiration has run dry" - the higher the figures, the more difficult it gets!

I do hope you've enjoyed reading these "newsletters". I don't claim to have told you anything you didn't know already but I would like to think that in some cases you will have been prompted to take to Google to research some of the articles in greater depth.

My apologies for the sometimes less-than-perfect presentation. I'm learning as I go along!

Bon déconfinement à tous. Take care.



The number 10 in the Bible

In the Bible, the number 10 signifies testimony, law, responsibility and the completeness of order.

In Genesis 1, the phrase "God said" occurs 10 times.

God gave man the 10 Commandments, ten representing man's responsibility to keep them.

10 generations of man had lived on the earth before the flood came and Noah entered the ark.

10 women are recorded as having caused the death of another person (Judges 4:21, Judges 9:52-53, 2 Samuel 20:1, 21-22), 1 Kings 3:19), 1 Kings 18:4, 1 Kings 21:9-10, 2 Kings 6:24-29, 2 Kings 11:1, Esther 9:13-14 and Matthew 14:8).

God sent 10 plagues on ancient Egypt to free His people (the river Nile turned to blood, plague of frogs, plague of lice, swarms of beasts, plague on cattle, boils, storm of hail, thunder and lightning, locusts, darkness over the land for three days, death of the firstborn of both man and beast).

Did you say 10?

We are lucky to have a congregation made up of many nationalities from all five continents. Here's how you say 'ten' in 10 of our SKP family languages.



Shi



Dix



Deich



Zehn



Zece



Tien



Mewa



Dez



Mười



Ten

Apologies to those I've missed out but 10 is 10!

And no matter where you come from...



Have you been paying atTENTion?

Here are 10 questions to find out how much you remember from the six previous newsletters!

1. How tall is the statue of Christ the Redeemer?
2. When is World Earth Day?
3. How many libraries are there in Paris?
4. What did Margaret Knight invent?
5. How many works of art are on display at La Défense?
6. Why are mushrooms good for us?
7. What does the name Beijing mean?
8. Are all varieties of jasmine edible?
9. Where was James V of Scotland born?
10. When was Machu Picchu built?



10 bits of miscellaneous 10-based information

First the obvious one! British Prime Ministers live at 10 Downing Street. But did you know that this has been their official residence and office since 1735?

Crabs have 10 legs which makes them decapods. The first pair is used for defense and catching food and the other four pairs for walking (sideways since one pair follows the other).

The Korean alphabet, known as Hangeul, has 10 vowels. It was created in 1443 and contains 40 letters in all.

10 seconds determines a knock-out in boxing. According to the Guinness Book of records, the fastest knock-out occurred in just 4 seconds in 1947 when Mike Collins floored Pat Brownson with his first punch. There was no count.

10 was a sacred number for Pythagoras because $1+2+3+4=10$ (1: existence, 2: creation, 3: life, 4: the elements earth, air, fire and water).

The word 'decimate' comes from the number 10 and means to be reduced by a 10th. In ancient Rome, the killing of one in 10 soldiers in a cohort was a punishment for cowardice or mutiny.

The colourless, odourless gas neon owes its name to the Greek word for new. It has atomic number 10.

In music, the interval of a major tenth is an octave plus a major third. I just copied this one but I need an explanation!

Canada is the 2nd largest country in the world by land mass, and has 10 provinces.

Every 10 minutes one kind of animal, plant or insect dies out forever. Not a happy fact to end with.

Scottish Ten

The Scottish Ten was a five-year project funded by the Scottish Government to create accurate digital models of Scotland's five World Heritage Sites and five other World Heritage Sites elsewhere. It was initiated in 2009 as part of a larger project to digitally document the 500 most at-risk heritage sites around the world. The Forth Bridge has since been added to Scotland's list of heritage sites.

The five Scottish sites



New Lanark was founded in 1786 by David Dale who built cotton mills and housing for the mill workers. The mills operated until 1968. After a period of decline, the New Lanark Conservation Trust was founded in 1974 and by 2006 most of the buildings had been restored.

Neolithic Orkney consists of four sites: Maes Howe, the Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and Skara Brae. The sites were proclaimed a World Heritage Site in 1999. They are all found on the Mainland of the Orkney Islands.



St Kilda is an isolated archipelago 40 miles west-northwest of North Uist. The islands are home to a unique form of stone structure known as cleitean (stone storage huts). The entire remaining population of Hirta, the only inhabited island, was evacuated in 1930.

Edinburgh's Old Town and New Town are together listed as a World Heritage Site. Scotland's capital is the UK's second most visited tourist destination, attracting 4.9 million visitors in 2018. The University of Edinburgh was founded in 1582.



The Antonine Wall was built by the Romans between the Firth of Clyde and the Firth of Forth and was the northernmost frontier of the Roman Empire. Construction began in 142 AD and took about 12 years to complete. There were originally 19 forts along the wall.

The 5 other sites

- Mount Rushmore (USA)
- Rani ki Vav (India)
- Eastern Qing Tombs (China)
- Sydney Opera House (Aus.)
- The Giant Canilever Crane (Nagasaki, Japan)

10 facts about rue Bayard

1. It is in the 8th arrondissement of Paris.
2. It begins at 16, Cours Albert 1er and ends at 42 avenue Montaigne.
3. It was named after Pierre Terrail de Bayard (1476-1524), a hero of the Wars of Italy, a period of struggle between the European powers to gain control of the Italian peninsula.
4. The authorization to build the road was granted by royal decree on 23rd July 1823.
5. Publisher *Groupe Bayard* had its head office at no. 3 until 2008.
6. No. 7 was the home of the duc de Choiseul and his wife, an American by the name of Claire Coudert who was the muse and model of Auguste Rodin.
7. Gustave Doré, painter, sculptor and illustrator, had a studio at no. 3 rue Bayard. The original building was demolished.
8. The Norwegian Embassy is located at no. 28.
9. The brick and stone townhouse at No. 1 was built in the style of Louis XIII by Charles Ferry. French statesman Jules Ferry, his brother, died there in 1893.
10. The previous Scots Kirk building at no. 17 was demolished in the late nineties and our current building was inaugurated in 2002.



And finally, as we, the international SKP family, look ahead with varying degrees of uncertainty...

