

# THE SCOTS KIRK PARIS

#RestezChezVous

## Keeping in touch



**BUT STAY IN TOUCH TOO!**



The SKP has been working hard to increase its online presence. Our website has been revamped and contains many photos which remind us of more convivial times. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook and don't forget to tune in to our Sunday morning services on Youtube. If you use Zoom, join us afterwards for a virtual coffee between 12 and 12.30 (the link will be sent every Sunday along with the link to the service).

If you need to talk, Jan can be contacted on the number at the bottom of the page or on 06 77 68 83 37.

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## Hello everyone!

Here we are in week 6 and for many of us it will be exactly like week 5! We probably all have our routines by now. Some of us will be getting up later than we used to, others will perhaps be going out for an early run, others again might be coloring and drawing all day but no matter what we're doing we're all learning to enjoy life at a slower pace. Whatever the week holds, we still have our Sunday morning services to look forward to thanks to the hard work of all those involved in preparing them. Our SKP community is alive and kicking and surely we will have a renewed sense of togetherness when we finally meet up again in rue Bayard .

Bon courage everyone for week 6!

## The number 6 in the Bible

*In the Bible, the number 6 symbolizes man and human weakness.*

*God created man on the 6th day (Genesis 1:31).*

*The fourth commandment tells us to work for 6 days and rest on the seventh (Exodus 31:12-17).*

*Jesus turned 6 jars of water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 2:6).*

*Jesus was found innocent by 6 different people: Pontius Pilate, Pilate's wife, King Herod, Judas Iscariot after the devil left him, one of the thieves hanging on the cross next to Jesus and the Roman centurion guarding Him during the Crucifixion (Luke 23:14, Matthew 27:3, 19).*

*Jesus was asked 6 times to show signs that proved he was the Son of God (Matthew 12:38, 16:1, 24:3, Luke 11:16, John 2:18 and 6:30).*

## 6 ways from Sunday

The idiom *six ways from Sunday* means in every way possible, having done something completely. It appears to have originated in America in the middle 18th century as *both ways from Sunday* and *two ways from Sunday*. The first of these referred to the eye condition known as strabismus which gives someone the appearance of looking in two different directions at the same time.



From there both terms took on the meaning of looking at something askew. After evolving again to mean to be at a loss, it took on its current meaning in the late 1800s. Today there are many variations - six, seven, nine; from to, for - but the meaning is always the same.

For example:

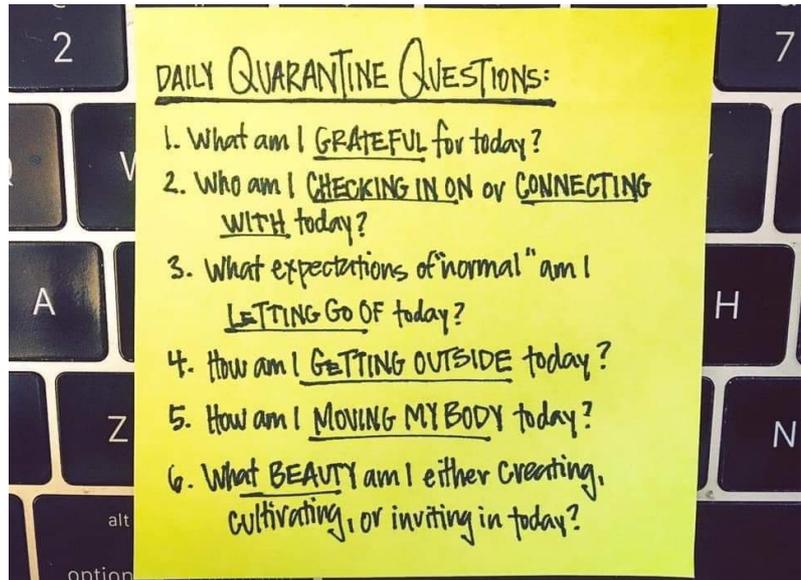
"The song has been covered six ways from Sunday by a range of artists" (*Rolling Stone Magazine*).



**Happy birthday if you're having a virtual celebration this week!**



## 6 questions to ponder...



## 6 instances when children didn't quite get it right...



*(Nothing has been corrected and original spelling has been left in)*

- One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony which is another name for marraige.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
- Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire during the night.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.



There is one very important day during **Week 6** of our confinement and that is World Earth Day, celebrated annually on 22nd April. This year marks 50 years of Earth Day.

The theme for Earth Day 2020 is climate action. Even though we are temporarily hearing new birdsong, seeing fish again in the canals of Venice and encountering wildlife in our streets, the climate change challenge is, of course, still very much with us.

Visit [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) to find out how you can act for the planet during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We at the Scots Kirk Paris are registered as a Church of Scotland eco-congregation, meaning that we are committed to taking care of our environment to the best of our ability and to thinking about the effects of everything we do on our surroundings. The minister and elders have been talking about this subject and hopefully we will be launching a number of new initiatives in the not too distant future. Go to [ecocongregationscotland.org](http://ecocongregationscotland.org) or its equivalent in France [egliseverte.org](http://egliseverte.org) for more information about what the Church in Scotland and France is doing to help preserve the planet.



Meanwhile, here are **6** interesting facts about our Earth:

1. The earth's atmosphere extends to a distance of 10,000 km into space. 75% of that atmosphere is contained within the first 11 km.
2. The earth doesn't take 24 hours to rotate around its axis. It actually takes 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4 seconds.
3. A year on earth is not 365 days, it's 365.2564 days. The extra 0.2564 is why we have to have a leap year every four years (except when the year in question is divisible by 100, unless it is divisible by 400). 1900 was not a leap year, 2000 was!
4. The earth is not flat but neither is it round. It is actually a flattened sphere. The measurement from pole to pole is 43 km less than the diameter across the equator.
5. The Challenger Deep at the southern end of the Mariana Trench is the deepest point in the ocean (10,290 m). The trench is in the ocean territory of the Federated States of Micronesia.
6. Mount Everest is not the highest point on the earth. That title goes to Mount Chiborazo in Ecuador. This is because the earth is not a perfect sphere.



## It happened...

6000 years ago

Hunting and farming begin impacting the natural world in irreversible ways according to studies of plant and animal fossils.



600 years ago

Beijing is declared the capital of the Ming dynasty. The name means "northern capital".



60 years ago

Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela form OPEC.



6 years ago

The WHO identifies the spread of polio to at least 10 countries as a major worldwide health emergency.



6 months ago

A law comes into force in Florida allowing teachers to carry guns. Guns are considered as an "essential item" during the lockdown in the US.

AND OF COURSE **6 WEEKS AGO**, ALL THIS WAS JUST BEGINNING!



Erratum: In last week's issue the Domaine de Longchamp was indicated as being 10 minutes from Porte Maillot. It should have read "10 minutes by bus (no. 241 or 244)".