

THE SCOTS KIRK PARIS

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Keeping in touch



We at the SKP have been fortunate to be able to stay in touch over the weeks through a variety of initiatives. Our website, Facebook page and Twitter account were already up and running before the lockdown but we now have a WhatsApp group, Messy Flat meetings and virtual coffee get-togethers on Zoom, and of course our Youtube channel for Sunday morning services. We are indebted to all those who have been working hard to preserve our sense of community.

Don't forget your smartphone can be used to make calls too! Jan can be contacted on the number at the bottom of the page or on 06 77 68 83 37.

sending virtual hug



Hello everyone!

Theoretically there is no lockdown week 9 since some of the restrictions have been lifted. However, parks are still closed in the Paris region hence this floral 9! Hand sanitizer and masks are going to be with us for some time yet and there is a widespread feeling of apprehension as we approach our new-found "freedom". On Sunday Jan prayed for all those who were feeling at the end of their tether and reminded us that God ultimately is in control. In Isaiah 41:10 we read "*So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand*".

Bon courage if you're going back to work or school this week.



The number 9 in the Bible

The number 9 is used 49 times in Scripture and symbolizes divine completeness.

Christ died at the 9th hour of the day.

There are 9 fruits of God's Holy Spirit - faithfulness, gentleness, goodness, joy, kindness, long-suffering, love, peace and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

In the Bible, 9 people are recorded as having leprosy (Moses, Miriam, Naaman, King Azariah and the four lepers of Samaria).

9 people are recorded in the Bible as having been stoned - a Sabbath-breaker (Numbers 15:36), a blasphemer (Leviticus 24:14), Abimelech (Judges 9:53), Achan (Joshua 7:25), Zechariah (2 Chronicles 24:21), Adoram (1 Kings 12:18), Naboth (1 Kings 21:10), Stephen, the first Christian martyr (Acts 7) and the apostle Paul (Acts 14:19).

At the 9th hour of the day a Roman centurion, Cornelius, was told in a vision to contact the apostle Peter. He was eventually baptized, becoming the first recorded Gentile to convert to Christianity (Acts 10).

Intriguing facts about the number 9

If any natural number is multiplied by 9 and the digits of the answer are repeatedly added until it is just one digit, the answer will be 9:

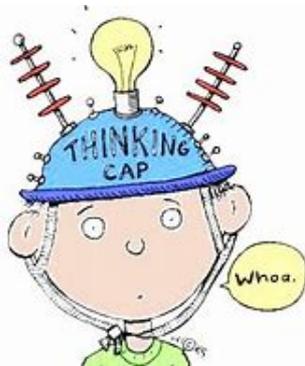
$$36 \times 9 = 324 \quad (3 + 2 + 4 = 9)$$

If you divide a number by the number of nines corresponding to its number of digits, the answer is always a recurring decimal:

$$897/999 = 0,897897897$$

When you add 9 to any other number then reduce the answer to a single digit, it always comes back to itself, as if nothing had been added:

$$7 + 9 = 16 \quad (1 + 6 = 7)$$



And some common idioms

A cat has 9 lives

To be on cloud 9

A stitch in time saves 9

Dressed up to the nines

A 9-day wonder

No doubt there are many more!



9 church notice board howlers

1. The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
4. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
6. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
7. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
8. This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
9. The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours".



Quotes around the number 9

"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help'", Ronald Reagan

"I wake up every morning at nine and grab for the morning paper. Then I look at the obituary page. If my name is not on it, I get up", Benjamin Franklin

"When I was young, I observed that nine out of ten things I did were failures. So I did ten times more work", George Bernard Shaw

"His genius he was quite content in one brief sentence to define; of inspiration one percent, of perspiration ninety-nine", Thomas Edison



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women who didn't get the credit they deserved...

Have you ever noticed how few women feature among our most famous scientists and inventors? Here are nine whose accomplishments (scientific and otherwise) were unfairly attributed to men and whose names are almost unknown to the uninitiated.

Elizabeth Magie: Round about the turn of the 20th century, Elizabeth Magie created "The Landlord's Game". It was transformed by Charles Darrow, a heater salesman, into the game we know as Monopoly and pitched to Parker Bros who finally bought Magie's patent. The rest is history.



Hedy Lamarr: More remembered as a Hollywood actress than an inventor, she and composer George Antheil worked on a radio guidance system for allied torpedoes during WW2. Their idea was stolen by the navy and patented in the 1960s, paving the way for today's Wi-Fi and Bluetooth wireless technologies.



Margaret Knight: In 1868 Knight invented a machine for folding and gluing paper bags. One day a machinist visited the plant she was working in and filed for a patent for her invention under his own name, Charles Anan. Thanks to all those who had witnessed her work and could testify to her sincerity, she was ultimately awarded the patent and all future royalties by the courts.

Ada Lovelace: Lord Byron's daughter was an erudite mathematician and in 1843 was working with Charles Babbage on his Analytical Engine, an early prototype of the computer. She made an extensive contribution to what would eventually become computer programming and algorithms but she is largely overlooked today.

Lise Meitner: Lise Meitner was a student under physicist Max Planck. As the Nazis rose to power she was forced to flee from Germany to Scandinavia from where she continued to correspond with her research partner, Otto Hahn. The two worked together to outline the concept of nuclear fission. But when the paper revealing their discovery was published, Hahn omitted his partner's name and he was the sole recipient of the Nobel prize in chemistry in 1944.

Trotula of Salerno: Trotula was a doctor in 11th century Italy who wrote about women's health. She has been acknowledged as "the world's first gynaecologist". However, over the years doubt was cast on her authorship because male historians and medics were skeptical that a woman could have produced such important work. Many male physicians claimed her findings as their own.



Rosalind Franklin: In 1951 Franklin was studying DNA when she produced a groundbreaking image. This image was shown without her permission to James Watson and Francis Crick who were subsequently credited with discovering the double helix. The two men were awarded the Nobel prize in medicine but made only passing reference to Rosalind Franklin's contribution.

Margaret Keane: At the beginning of her painting career, Margaret Keane was completely unknown. Her famous "Big Eye" paintings were sold by her husband Walter as his own. When she finally found out and confronted him, he used threat and intimidation to keep her quiet. The two finally went to court where each was asked to paint; of course the result was obvious and Margaret finally obtained the recognition she deserved.

Candace Pert: When Candace Pert was a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University she discovered the receptor that allows opiates to lock into the brain, a game-changing revelation. Her professor, Dr. Solomon Snyder, was given an award and when she protested about not being acknowledged, she was more or less told "that's the way it is".





flowers you can eat



Hibiscus - use in cakes, soups and of course tea

Lilac - use as a garnish or add to summer punch

Violets - add the flowers to salads or use them to make jellies and sweets

Jasmine - most commonly used in tea (*Jasminum sambac* only, the others are poisonous!)

Lavender - put in a glass of champagne or sprinkle over chocolate cake

Rose - all varieties are edible; use for anything from desserts to drinks

Carnation - a peppery, spicy flavour to add to salads

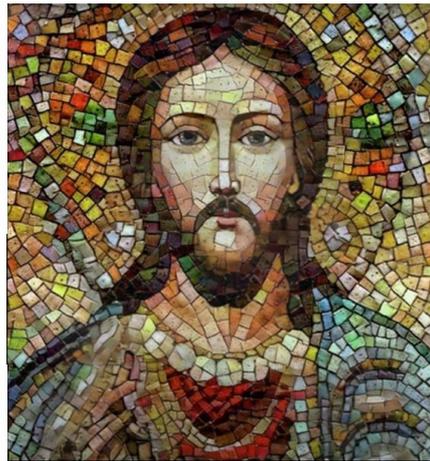
Honeysuckle - add to salads and desserts but avoid the poisonous berries

Squash blossoms - eat raw or fry in batter; especially good with goat's cheese



Messages from Sunday's service

Be still
AND know
THAT I AM
GOD
-PSALM 95: 10



He that dwelleth in the secret
place of the Most High
shall abide under the Shadow
of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in Him will I trust.

Psalms 91:1-2

My peace
I give unto you
Let not your heart
be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.



John 14:27

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and
pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked ways,
then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin
and will heal their land. > Chronicles 7:14