

Hello!

Well, what a difference a week makes in meteorological terms. Last weekend, in what was still Spring, we basked in 28C. This week we are in the official Summer, and yesterday was freezing! All those winter jumpers I had put away thinking they wouldn't be needed for a while are back in the drawer again. I will never understand the vagaries of the Scottish weather.

This week I have spent a little time trying to improve my wood-turning skills. A hobby that I enjoy but don't usually find time to do as much as I would like. I was given an old lathe several years ago, and was then sent on a 'taster' course to learn. That got me hooked and I enjoy nothing more than turning a piece of wood and trying to create something. I often end up with just a pile of shavings, but it's fun all the same! When I first started, I worried about things not turning out correctly, but my instructor's comment was 'at the end of the day, it's just another piece for the fire', so I carry on - creating lots of pieces for the fire! I decided I would use up some of the small branches that we have pruned from our trees over the months and try and create some skittles with which our grandchildren might enjoy playing. Initially I thought I should make them all the same, but I'm not that good! Each one is different. Each has its own 'style' and colour depending on the wood being used. I found a scrap piece of mahogany and that has created a deep brown skittle. Oak is more golden, and sycamore and beech are creamy and almost white. Each type of wood reacts differently too to the tools. I am just amazed, though, that when they are all put together, I have done five so far, they look like a set, a little family even though no two are the same. When I asked my grand-daughter how many I should make, she thought for a moment and then answered '100'...so I've got a bit of a way to go!

This week we have been witnessing the justified public outcry at the appalling murder of George Floyd. When will we all learn and accept that we are all made by God, in His image? Even though we are each different and unique we are all part of God's family. We are each precious and loved by our Creator. We all share the world God made for us and we should love and care for each other.

Attached in the reflection on Trinity Sunday, please share it with who you wish.

Take care of each other. You are precious and loved by God, and so is the person next to you.

Blessings

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