



This week's services
Sunday 17 December 10.30am
Third Sunday in Advent
Nine Lessons in Carols

We meet each Sunday for prayer in the McNab Room from 10.10am until 10.25am. All welcome.

All welcome to join any of our services in person or on our YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@craiglockhartchurch3157>

What's on in December

Sunday 17 Dec **Service of Nine Lessons in Carols 10.30am**
Sunday 17 Dec **Kingdom Builders 2.30-4pm**
Monday 18 Dec **No Welcome Space - resumes Monday 15 January**
Sunday 24 Dec **Three services - see below**
Sunday 24 Dec **Carol singing - see below**



Chogoria Lunch - Thank You

While there was just a modest attendance at last Sunday's Chogoria Lunch the efforts of Liz and her team brought out the Christmas spirit in those who were there with the remarkable sum of **£440 being donated**. The next Chogoria Lunch will be on Sunday 14 January 2024

Kingdom Builders - Craiglockhart Parish Church

Kingdom Builders is a new venture, to replace the former Messy Church. It is for families to come together to share in Bible stories, songs, Lego building, craft activities and snacks. **The first Kingdom Builders will be on Sunday 17 Dec, 2.30-4pm to celebrate Christmas together.** All families are very welcome.

For more information contact craiglockhartkingdombuilders@gmail.com.



Sunday 24 December at 6.30pm - Family Watchnight Service

This service is a firm favourite with families and people of all ages. We share the Christmas story using our famous knitted nativity characters and there will an opportunity for

...your own activity scene using our sticker sets. This service is a great way to spend time together on Christmas Eve.

Join us for some carol singing around Craiglockhart

Sunday 24 December at 7.15pm after Family Watchnight Service

Carol singing on Christmas Eve will resume after an absence during the pandemic, along the same lines as in the past. We will meet after the Family service on the 24th (about 7.15 to 7.30) and decide on a street to sing in for about an hour. Special requests can be made but no promises! We make a collection for charity. **If you haven't been before do come as it is good fun and usually has a surprisingly positive impact on our Craiglockhart neighbours. Children and dogs welcome!**



Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 3rd December 10.30am
First Sunday in Advent – Join us as we begin the season of Advent. Gift Service - We support a group who provide gifts for the children of prisoners at HMP Edinburgh. These gifts will be collected today. If you would like to contribute, just bring your gift to the service or drop it off in the week before. Please leave gifts unwrapped.

Sunday 10th December 10.30am
Second Sunday in Advent – We continue to explore the Christmas story

Sunday 10th December 6.30pm
Service of Light and Remembering
This is a reflective service where we take time to give thanks for all we have and to remember the people we love who are no longer with us. Names can be given in the week before to be included in our book of remembrance and to have a special tag attached to our Christmas tree.

Sunday 17th December 10.30am
9 Lessons and Carols
This service is meaningful to so many people. We will hear readings from the bible which tell of God's love in sending Jesus, our choir will share some pieces with us, and we will all get to sing some great Christmas carols.

Sunday 24th December 10.30am
Christmas Celebration
This is a service with a difference. Lots of activities, Christmas carols, time to chat and explore what Christmas really means.

Sunday 24th December 6.30pm
Family Watchnight Service
(No livestream at this service)
This service is a firm favourite with families and people of all ages. We share the Christmas story using our famous knitted nativity characters and there will be an opportunity for children to join in. Or you can sit back and enjoy building your own nativity scene using our sticker sets. This service is a great way to spend time together on Christmas Eve.

Sunday 24th December 2023 11.15pm
Watchnight Service
(No livestream at this service)
Our traditional evening watchnight service. Many people enjoy being with others as Christmas Eve moves into Christmas Day. This short, reflective service will focus our minds on Jesus as we move into a busy day.

Monday 25th December 10.30am
Christmas Day Service
(No livestream at this service)
It is always good to meet together on Christmas morning and celebrate together. Children are encouraged to bring one of their gifts to show everyone.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 24 December 10.30am
A Christmas Celebration

Sunday 24 December 6.30pm
Family Watchnight Service
Note no livestream at this service

Sunday 24 December 11.15pm
Watchnight Service
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Monday 25 December 10.30am
Christmas Day Service
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Four Churches Burns Supper

20 January, 7pm
Craiglockhart Parish
Church

Tickets £15
BYOB

Tickets are limited, and can be bought from your Church Joint Events team reps. Please also let them know of any dietary requirements.

Saturday 20 January 2024 at
7pm in Craiglockhart Church

Tickets are now on sale,
priced £15.
Please e mail
office@craiglockhartchurch.org
or speak to **Sandra Millar** to
reserve your tickets . Please
also advise any dietary
requirements. Tickets are
limited so get them quick.

A date for your 2024 diary

Book Group

Monday 29 January 2024 at
7.30pm in Craiglockhart Church to
discuss Tim Chester's book
**Enjoying God: Experience the
power and love of God in
everyday life.** We believe in God,
we serve God, we love God, **but do
we ENJOY God** as much as we
can? Does our head knowledge
translate into affection of the heart?
Do we have a meaningful
relationship with someone we can't
see? Do we feel excited about God
every day, in every context?

This isn't a book about the Trinity.
It's a "how to" book exploring how we
relate to God (for which we need a
true understanding of the Trinity). In
day-to-day life, how do the three
persons of the Trinity relate to us,
and how do we respond?



What's happening locally



Polwarth Church Cafe

The cafe is open 10.30am until 1pm every Tuesday in the Drennan Hall. Come along and enjoy a range of teas, filter coffee, sweet treats and soup.

Weekly Activities at Polwarth

A flyer for Wednesday Activities at Polwarth. The title is written on a piece of lined paper. To the right is a logo with two stylized human figures in blue and orange. Below the title, the location and time are listed. The flyer describes the activities as a meeting place for learning, sharing skills, and making friends. It lists various activities like baking, gardening, and photography. Contact information is provided at the bottom. The flyer is decorated with icons of a cupcake, a laptop, a camera, and a stack of books.

Wednesday Activities at Polwarth
10am - 12noon

Drennan Hall
Polwarth Parish Church
EH11 1LU

A meeting place where you can learn skills, share skills, make new friends.
Go outdoors, go indoors, join in, connect with your local community.
All welcome! (18+) All tools and materials provided.

Buses 10 & 27 stop outside the church

For more information contact polwarthwedactivities@gmail.com

Activities include:
baking, gardening, outdoor & indoor, art & crafts, health & well being sessions, book group, poetry, photography, board games, quizzes, dominoes, topical presentations, computer work.
Bring your own skill to share!

If you have suggestions / features for future editions of Weekly News please send to office@craiglockhartchurch.org or office@craiglockhartchurch.org

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