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**Craiglockhart**  
Parish Church of Scotland

One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4.

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It is with deep sadness that I share with you the news of the very sudden and unexpected death of Andy Bathgate. For many years now Andy has been a friend to us at Craiglockhart. Andy served as an elder and recently has supported our children's and youth work. Andy finished his term of service as Session Clerk in June, having served in this role during the challenging lockdown years. Andy was a faithful and committed supporter of the work of prayer in the life of our congregation sharing in setting up our Sunday morning prayer meeting this year.

Beyond Craiglockhart Andy served as a travelling secretary for the University and Colleges Christian Fellowship before serving as the Director of Scripture Union Scotland and recently Andy has been an active volunteer with the Edinburgh City Mission, Andy was serving at the food bank at Granton earlier this week.

Please do pray for Alyson and all the others in Andy's family that day by day they would know the strong arms of Jesus surrounding them and holding them in his grace and love.

There had been a planned pulpit swop for this next Sunday which has now been rearranged and I will be leading the service at Craiglockhart this week.

**Gordon Kennedy**

### This week's services

**Sunday 22 October, 10.30am**

Amos 9      The Lord Roars: The End

**Sunday 22 October - Evening Service**

**6.30pm for tea/coffee, 7pm for service At Barclay Viewforth. All welcome**

**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

- Monday 23**      **Welcome Space 10am-12 noon**
- Monday 23**      **Prayer Course - Craiglockhart 7.30pm**
- Wednesday 25**      **Prayer Course - Polwarth 1.30pm**
- Wednesday 25**      **Time Out, St Michael's 7.30pm**
- Thursday 26**      **Bible Study, Craiglockhart 10.30-11.30am**
- Monday 30**      **Welcome Space 10am-12 noon**
- Monday 30**      **Prayer Course - Craiglockhart 7.30pm**
- Tuesday 31**      **Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm**
- Wednesday 1**      **Prayer Course - Polwarth 1.30pm**
- Wednesday 1**      **Prayer Time - Barclay Viewforth 7 for 7.30pm**

### 4 Churches - Praying and learning Together

**Wednesday 25 October    Time Out, St Michael's 7.30pm**



### 4 Churches - Faith and Food Sunday 29 October

We are having a time of joint worship, fellowship and a light finger buffet on the dates shown below, in each of our church buildings. They all begin at 6.30pm with a light finger buffet. The first of these will be at **Barclay Viewforth on Sun 29 October**. All welcome.



A blue rectangular poster with a white cross on the left and a white plate with a hand holding a fork on the right. The text is centered and reads:

## Four Churches Faith and Food

Sun 29 Oct -Barclay Viewforth  
Sun 25 Feb - Polwarth  
Sun 28 Apr - St Michael's  
Sun 23 Jun - Craiglockhart

6:30 - 8:00 pm      Worship,  
Fellowship,  
Light Buffet

### 4 Churches coming together

Put these dates in your diaries and come along and share fellowship, friendship and food together. All welcome. More details will be confirmed nearer the event dates.



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## Four Churches Social Events Save the Date

Sat 18 Nov - Beetledrive  
(Barclay Viewforth)  
Sat 20 Jan - Burns Supper  
(Craiglockhart)  
Sat 11 May - Quiz  
(Polwarth)



### **Blythswood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2023**

Shoe boxes are filled with small, practical items and distributed, to schools, hospitals, orphanages and households in low-income communities. Each box should contain a toothbrush, toothpaste, underwear, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat. All sweets must have sell by date of March 2024 or beyond. Multipacks cannot be used. **If you are interested in filling a box or providing filler items please leave these under the table at the North Aisle Door before 5 November and we will take to Barclay Viewforth Church** who are co-ordinating the Appeal. You can also volunteer to help at Barclay Viewforth to fill and pack boxes. **Please e mail Julie at [admin@barclayviewforth.org.uk](mailto:admin@barclayviewforth.org.uk)**. if you can help on the sorting days set out below at Barclay Viewforth

**Monday 6 November 10am-12pm, 2-4pm, 7-9pm.**

**Tuesday 7 November 10am-12pm, 2-4pm, 7-9pm.**

**Wednesday 8 November 7-9pm (Wednesday daytime fully booked).**

**Thursday 9 November 10am-12pm, 2-4, 7-9pm.**

**Friday 10 November 10-12 noon**



### **4 Churches Easter Holiday Club 2024**

The 4 churches together are planning a 3-day **Easter Holiday club on the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. The Holiday Club will be held at Polwarth Church and will run from 10-12.30 on each of the days. **We need a team for the week**, and we want to invite



you to join us. Holiday clubs are a fantastic thing to be involved with, lots of fun, lots of energy and a great way of sharing the gospel with a group of children.

We will provide training for those of you who have not been involved in a holiday club before. **If you are interested or want more information contact Gordon McBirnie [gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org) or let your Minister know and they can pass on your details.**

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## Upcoming Services

**Sunday 29 October, 10.30am**  
Amos 9      The Lord Roars: The End

At our service today we will celebrate the admission of new members and the sacrament of baptism.

**Evening Service Sunday 29 October**  
**6.30pm for tea/coffee, 7pm for service At Barclay Viewforth. All welcome**

**Sunday 5 November, 10.30am**

We will be having a pulpit swop today, Gordon Kennedy will be leading the service at Barclay Viewforth and David Clarkson will lead our service at Craiglockhart.

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**Music at Barclay Viewforth - Saturday 4 November at 7.30pm**

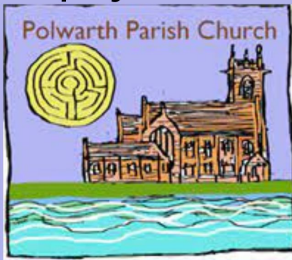

Rachel Walkinshaw, Worship Leader at BVC is holding a concert at BVC on 4th November to mark the release of her new album under the umbrella of her singer-songwriter work rather than my worship work.



**Saturday 11th November Film Matinee in the Church Sanctuary**  
2pm - 5pm including refreshments after the film. Further details to follow.

**Tuesday 14 November - Polwarth Church**

**Time for Reflection**  
Polwarth Parish Church  
Second Tuesday of the Month, 11.30am-12 noon  
a time for quietness and prayer



**Saturday 9th December - Kirk Session Christmas Party at 2-5pm**  
in the large hall Invites will be issued nearer the time but anyone of any age

is welcome to attend this happy occasion.

## Saturday 2nd December - Craiglockhart

Raising funds for Christmas meals for homeless



### What's happening locally

**Afternoon Fellowship at Barclay Viewforth - all welcome**

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# AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

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## **Autumn/winter 2023**

All events start at 2pm unless stated.

### **Tuesday 5 September**

Ugandan experience

### **Tuesday 3 October**

Mary's meals

### **Tuesday 7 November**

Lawyer information POA, wills

### **Tuesday 5 December**

Christmas lunch Golf Tavern

(Four church beetledrive,  
Saturday 18 November  
6.30pm.





## 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.

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 28 October

Barclay Viewforth are having a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 28 October at 10.30-12.30. All welcome. **Note revised date.**

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## Weekly Activities at Polwarth



**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](mailto: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!

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