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Craiglockhart
Parish Church of Scotland

The Lord GOD has sworn
by his holiness

Amos 4:2

This week's services

Sunday 10 September, 10.30am

Amos 4

The Lord Roars: The Holiness of God

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

All welcome to join any of our services in person or on our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@craiglockhartchurch3157>

Evening Service Sunday 10 September

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

What's coming up in September

Monday 11 **Welcome Space 10am - 12 noon**
Thursday 14 **Bible Study 10.30 am - Centenary Hall**
Monday 18 **Welcome Space 10am - 12 noon**
Monday 18 **Prayer Course - Craiglockart Church 7.30pm**
Wednesday 20 **Prayer Course - Polwarth Church 1.30pm**
Wednesday 20 **Cafe Church - Craiglockhart 7 for 7.30pm**



Craiglockhart Ladies Group

The first meeting of the session is on **Monday 11th September at 7.30 pm** in Centenary Hall when we look forward to welcoming current, former and new members. Membership is £15 for the year.

Next Communion Service

24 September 10.30 am and 2pm



Coffee With God - Wednesday 20 September 7 for 7.30pm

Coffee With God is our mid-week worship service. Meeting once a month we worship God as we sing, pray, hear from the Bible, chat and meet with God. A relaxed format with coffee and pastries served from 7pm and we'll begin at 7.30. Everyone is welcome.

This session our theme will be A Sting In The Tale. Jesus is well known as a wonderful story teller, the stories Jesus told always have a sting in their tale, just when you think you know what Jesus is talking about, everything changes. Come and join us to share these life-changing stories together.



4 Churches - Praying and learning Together

Joint Prayer Course - Starts September - at Polwarth and Craiglockhart

'To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing', Martin Luther

Prayer is to be at the heart of our relationship with God, yet it is not always easy for us. We can often be too busy with our lives, even our church lives, to put prayer at the centre of what we do. Sometimes it can be hard to know what to pray for, or what words to use, so we often don't attempt it. **To help us in our journey of prayer, the 4 congregations will be running The Prayer Course starting in September.**

Joint Prayer Time - starts 5 September at Barclay Viewforth

As part of our ongoing journey as 4 congregations into 1, prayer will play an important role in seeking out our vision for the new parish, and we will be starting to meet together for prayer from September onwards. Prayer Time will be on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm.



Alpha Course - starts Tuesday 19 September 7.30 pm at Barclay Viewforth

Please come along for this brilliant way of growing our Christian faith together. Invite friends / neighbours who may be interested in exploring their faith.

Time Out - St Michael's Church - starts September



Music at Craiglockhart Saturday 9th September at 7.30
Only a few tickets left

Blu Velvet Swing Jazz Band performing traditional and modern Jazz, Blues and Americana songs. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. **Tickets £10 each available on Sunday morning from members of the Stewardship Team or email office@craiglockhartchurch.org to reserve them.** A proportion of the proceeds from this event will be given to the charity **Safe Families**.



Follow this link to find out about the wonderful work they do. [About Us - Safe Families](#)



Bringing Hope - A Christian Befriending Conference

Loneliness and social isolation is a growing problem. Our modern way of life distances people further and further away from their family roots, and we're spending more time with technology rather than real people. Newcomers to the city can also struggle to make meaningful connections with local people.

As **Christians and churches** in Edinburgh, we can make a difference by **befriending** people in our communities as we demonstrate God's love in action. The conference will equip and inspire new and existing **befrienders** from churches to build meaningful friendships with professional boundaries and see lives touched by God's Spirit in our communities.

Come along and enjoy practical training sessions, prayer, a personal and biblical reflection on **befriending** by Andy Murray, Programme Manager (Scotland) from Safe Families, and the option to stay for a delicious lunch starting at 1pm.

The morning will be an opportunity to learn more about Befriending older adults, people facing homelessness, refugees and families in the city. **The cost is free but you are welcome to make a donation when booking on Eventbrite, or on the day. Find out more and book your place on Eventbrite - <https://bringinghope23.eventbrite.co.uk>**



Missional Listening

4 Churches Together

Sat 30 Sept

at Craiglockhart Parish Church

9.30 am for tea/coffee

10.00am-3.30pm

**Please give your name to your
office/admin if attending**

Missional Listening - what is it and how could we engage with it?

Come along and find out! This is a day for elders and anyone interested in our four congregations to hear from **Diane McWilliam from the Cinnamon Network**. As we continue on our journey together, it will be important to find out how we could go about listening to our communities to see where the Missional opportunities are.

Saturday 30 September at Craiglockhart Parish Church, 10.00 am to 3.30pm, coffee/tea from 9.30am. Lunch will be provided. To help with numbers for catering, if you are planning on coming along, please email office@craiglockhartchurch.org

Upcoming Services

Sunday 17 September, 10.30am

Amos 5 The Lord Roars: Who are we seeking?

Sunday 24 September, 10.30am

Amos 6 The Lord Roars: Words of Woe

On Sunday 24 September we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at our services at 10.30am and 2pm. There will be a retiring collection at our services to support our work with the Bethany Night Shelter during the coming session.

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Friday 6th October- Whist Drive- 2pm in the Large Hall includes tea and cream scones. Further details to follow.

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

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.

What's happening locally

Assisted Dying Forum - Barclay Viewforth

Wednesday 27 September, 7:30

The Assisted Dying Bill is due to be heard in the Scottish Parliament in the autumn, but how much do we know about it? It is really important that we, the public, can have a clear understanding about what this Bill might mean. To this end, Barclay Viewforth Church will host a forum with speakers from both sides of the debate.

For the Bill:

Liam Macarthur MSP (who is proposing the Bill)

TBC

Against the Bill

Dr Gillian Wright (Our Duty of Care - <https://ourdutyofcare.org.uk>)

Dr Gordon Macdonald (Care Not Killing - <https://www.carenotkilling.org.uk>)

Please note that this will be a ticketed event, with free tickets available from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/assisted-dying-forum-tickets-694389867787> If you are unable to access a ticket via the internet please contact the church office and a ticket will be reserved for you.

Assisted Dying Forum - follow up

Sunday 8 October 6:30 for 7:00 with Sue Begg (Hospice Chaplain)

Our Evening service will present some thoughts from a Christian viewpoint on this debate.



Barclay Church Golf Club Alfred G Cass Cup.

First contested in 1932 this stroke play contest is held on the **Bruntsfield Link** across 18 holes. **This year the cup will be played for on Sunday 10 September. The first trio will tee off at 12.30pm** and the trophy presentation will take place at the end of play. **For more information or to register to play in this tournament please email Andrew Stevenson, andrewstephenson@gmail.com, as soon as possible.**

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.

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



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