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This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Matthew 2:15.

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**This week's services**  
**Sunday 14 January 10.30am**

**Matthew 2:13—23    Who is the Messiah? Who does Herod try to kill?**

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### **What's on in January**

<b>Sunday 14 January</b>	<b>Chogoria Lunch</b>
<b>Monday 15 January</b>	<b>Welcome Space 10-12 noon</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 January</b>	<b>Guild talk 2pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 January</b>	<b>Coffee with God 7 for 7.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 21 January</b>	<b>Kingdom Builders 2.30-4 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 25 January</b>	<b>Bible Study 10.30-11.30</b>
<b>Monday 29 January</b>	<b>Book Group 7.30pm</b>

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### **Bible Reading and Prayer**

We have produced a monthly prayer diary and bible reading calendar for some years. In a change, we will include bible readings and themes for daily prayer in our weekly news. Please join us in prayer and bible reading.

### **Daily prayer**

<b>Friday 12</b>	<b>Give thanks for the decoration work being carried out in our sanctuary, pray for our services while they are being held in the Large Hall on Sundays.</b>
<b>Saturday 13</b>	<b>Pray for the work of Chogoria Hospital, give thanks for the work of training medical staff for service. Pray for our Chogoria lunch tomorrow that many of us would join in this lunch and support the work of Chogoria hospital.</b>
<b>Sunday 14</b>	<b>"Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above." Give thanks for the gift of</b>

	God's Holy Spirit who is a seal upon our lives of God's love for us.
Monday 15	Give thanks for our welcome space resuming again this morning. Pray for all those who will come along that we may be encouraged in our meeting together.
Tuesday 16	Pray for Tearfund's work of Church and Community Transformation, give thanks for this work in Rwanda where violent gang leaders have been transformed by the gospel into valued and productive members of their communities.
Wednesday 17	Give thanks to our God for our Guild branch, for all the members of our Guild who serve in our congregation. Pray for Gordon Kennedy speaking at the Guild this afternoon on the theme of Old Wineskins, New Wine.
Thursday 18	Give thanks to God who calls us to share in his work of mission, pray that God's mission of grace and blessing would extend, through the service of the church, to all nations.
Friday 19	Pray for all who are suffering from poor mental health, may they find the support they need from carers, family and friends, may they know God's presence strengthening them day by day.

### Daily readings

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
12	Psalms 12	Genesis 24-25	Matthew 9:1-17
13	13	26-27	9:18-38
14	14	28-29	10:1-20
15	15	30-31	10:21-42
16	16	32-33	11:1-19
17	17	34-35	11:20-30
18	18:1-24	36-37	12:1-21
19	18:25-50	38-39	12:22-50

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During the Christmas season we were able to support the work of the **Food Bank at Holy Trinity Wester Hailes**. We received the following email:

***To the congregation of Craiglockhart,***

*Thank you so much for this donation. As you will understand the need for the crisis support that is given through the foodbank sadly just does not go away. Winter is a particularly challenging time of year, and the numbers seeking help peak in January following all the expense of Christmas and keeping physically warm. We were pleased that due to specific ring-fenced donations we were able to provide additional Christmas meal supplies, and toys and wrapping supplies at the last foodbank that was run before Christmas. With such an all-engulfing societal event as a commercial Christmas it can be extremely difficult for people if they are unable to engage in it to some extent. That week the foodbank supported more than 70 households.*

*The crisis support has continued through the 'festive season', with the foodbank running in a different way over the last two weeks (in order to give volunteers a much-needed break), but still offering support to those who need it.*

*With kind thanks,  
Fiona M M Watson  
Foodbank and Café Team Lead*

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## **Our United Congregation - Our Name**

Our four Kirk Sessions have agreed a **process for selecting a new name for**

**our new united congregation.** We are beginning work on this in January and aim to have a new name agreed by June this year.

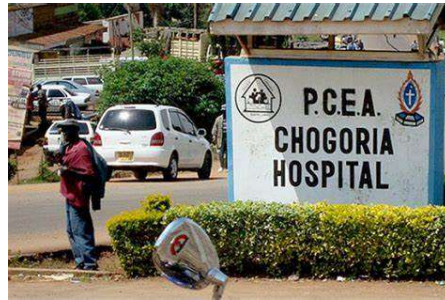
The General Assembly have instructed that Congregational names must have three elements, a geographical reference, additional words to identify the congregation within that location, and the words 'Church of Scotland'. For our congregation this will look like 'Edinburgh: ?? (Church of Scotland)'. The central element is what we are seeking to agree at this time. The four Kirk Sessions have agreed that we will not consider a new name which is simply a long list of the names of the existing congregations, i.e., Edinburgh: Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth and St Michael's (Church of Scotland).

**The first step in our process is to invite members of congregations to propose names. Over three weeks, beginning on Sunday 14 January until Sunday 4 February members will be invited to submit their suggestions for a name. At our services on Sunday we will have slips of paper and pens and a box to post your suggestions in. If you would like to email a suggested name for our new united congregation please email it to: [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org)**

During February each Kirk Session will consider all the proposed names and select three from all those suggested. Each Kirk Session will submit the three names to the Implementation Team, giving a total of 12 proposed names for a further sifting. There will be a further round of congregational and Kirk Session involvement in April and May and details of this will be given nearer the time.

Please do pray that we will agree a new name for our united congregation which will reflect our mission. Please do talk with one another about your ideas for a new name and please do join in this process to help us agree our new name.

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## Chogoria Lunch - Sunday 14 January

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at our next Chogoria lunch after our Sunday service.

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## Wednesday 17 January - 7 for 7.30pm at Craiglockhart Church

We are continuing our theme - **A Sting in the Tale**. This season we are hearing some of the stories Jesus told which have a sting in their tale. This week we are hearing the story about two builders and how they built their homes.



## Wednesday 17 January - 2pm at Craiglockhart Church

At this session we welcome Rev Gordon Kennedy to discuss - A reflection on the Guild theme. The Guild theme is "new wine, new skins".

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**Kingdom Builders - Saturday  
21 January 2.30-4pm  
Craiglockhart Church**

**Our theme will be Joshua and the Walls. There will be snack, story, songs, lego building, crafts and activities. All families are welcomed. For more information contact [craiglockhartkingdombuilders@gmail.com](mailto:craiglockhartkingdombuilders@gmail.com)**



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## **Upcoming Services**

**Sunday 21 January 10.30am**

**Matthew 3:1—12      Who is the Messiah? For whom does John prepare the way?**

**Sunday 28 January 10.30am**

**Matthew 3:13—17      Who is the Messiah? Who does John baptise?**

**At this service we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.**

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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.

## Four Churches Burns Supper

Saturday 20 January 2024 at  
7pm in Craiglockhart Church

Tickets are now on sale,  
priced £15.  
Please e mail  
[office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto: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.

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**Book Group - Monday 29  
January 7.30pm -  
Craiglockhart Church**

**At this group we'll be discussing  
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?



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**What's happening locally**

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**Please support us - bring your friends and family  
Saturday 20 January 10-12.30 Polwarth Church**



### **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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## 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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