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Jesus said,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Matthew 11:4–6.

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## This Sunday

**Sunday 16 February, 10.30am**

**Matthew 11:1—19: On Mission with Matthew – A Questioning Baptist**

**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>

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## Upcoming Services

**Sunday 23 February, 10.30am**

**Matthew 11:20—24: On Mission with Matthew – Repent!**

**Sunday 2 March, 10.30am**

**Matthew 11:25—30: On Mission with Matthew – Come to Jesus**

**There will be a produce stall in the large hall after our service today.**

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**What's on**

Monday 17 February  
Wednesday 19 February  
Monday 24 February  
Wednesday 26 February  
Thursday 27 February

Welcome Space 10am - noon  
Romans Course 7.30 - 9pm  
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Bible Study 10.30-11.30

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### A Big Thank You !

There was another really good attendance at the Chogoria Lunch last Sunday with the **amount donated being £480**. That once again people sat on chatting for quite a time after lunch shows just how much these lunches contribute to our fellowship. **The next Chogoria Lunch, the last in the present series, will be on Sunday 9 March** when once again everyone will be very welcome.

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**Informal Bible Study**  
**Thursday 27 February 10.30-11.30am**

**We will be looking at Acts 25**

A small group of folks meet **fortnightly on Thursdays** in Craiglockhart Church Centenary Hall from **10.30-11.30 am on Thursdays** to read and discuss passages from the Bible. It's very informal and good to share doubts and thoughts with others about what the Bible is saying to us today. All welcome so please just drop in. .Everyone is welcome and bring your Friends.

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### Next Produce Stall - Sunday 2 March

#### After the service in the large hall

We are looking for the usual donations of home baking, tablet, lemon curd, jams, crafts, plants etc. **Please hand donations into the hall before the service but be sure to come for coffee afterwards to make your purchases.**

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**The Romans Course is a ten-session programme from the Bible Society which helps us to study Paul's letter to the Romans.**

We hope you can join us for a look through this important book.

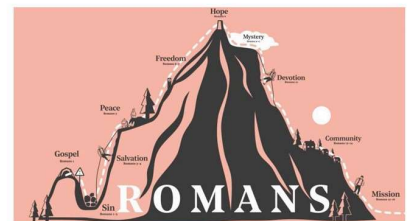
Using a combination of video, discussion and questioning we will discover Paul's teaching to the Romans.

If you haven't looked into the Bible before or don't think you know enough, then this is for you. We will enjoy exploring and sharing and learning together in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you want to know more contact [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) or just come along on the day.

Starting date: **Wednesday 22nd January 7.30pm till 9pm**

**Craiglockhart Church**



# A Moment of Calm

## Labyrinth Drop-In Evening



Immerse yourself in our beautiful sanctuary,  
*with its candlelit labyrinth,*  
which encourages us to travel deeply within  
ourselves, *and find a moment of calm.*

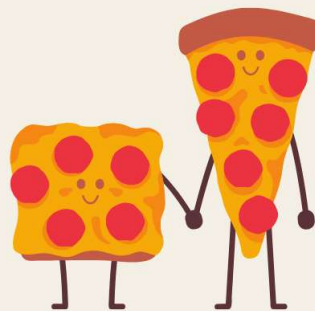
**Thursday 20th February**

**7.00pm to 9.00pm**

**Polwarth Parish Church, 36-38 Polwarth Terrace**

Scottish Charity Number SC004183

## 4 CHURCHES YOUTH GATHERING PIZZA AND CATCH-UP!



**5:30 PM, FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY**

Ellasaid (St. Micheal's church) is hosting this event at her flat.  
If you'd like to join please email her on: [ellasaid@protonmail.com](mailto:ellasaid@protonmail.com).

Ellasaid (St. Micheal's church) is hosting a get-together for the 20s and 30 year olds across all 4 churches. It will be at her flat on Friday, 21st February, after work. There will be pizza and no particular agenda - just a chance to (re)connect with one another. If you'd like to join please email her on: [ellasaid@protonmail.com](mailto:ellasaid@protonmail.com). She can also add you to the 4 Churches 20s and 30s WhatsApp group.

## Games Night

Are you interested in tabletop board games, or jigsaws. Well so are we. **On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month starting in February 2025 we will be opening the centenary hall in Craiglockhart Parish Church from 7.30pm for some board gaming fun.** Refreshments will be available as you play from our selection of board games and meet new people with similar interests. We will also have a selection of Jigsaws if you are looking for something a bit different.

Come along, join our community to meet new, likeminded folk and have a laugh a couple of Mondays a month. **If you are interested, or have any questions you can get in touch at [gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)**



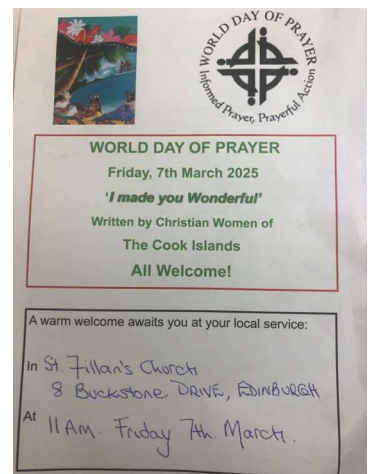
## Fortnighly Games Night

Craiglockhart Parish Church  
Church  
from 7:30pm  
Starting February 3rd

For more information email:  
[gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)

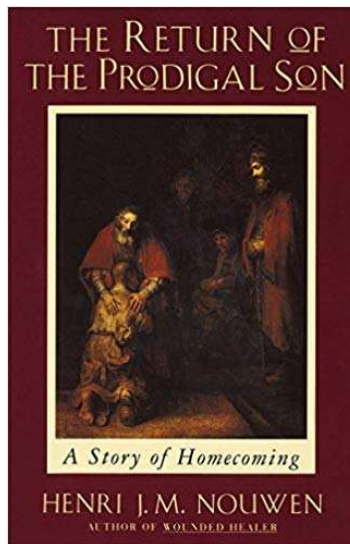
## World Day of Prayer

**St Fillan's Church, buckstone**  
The World Day of Prayer service is being held in **St Fillan's Church, 8 Buckstone Drive, on Friday 7 March at 11am.** This year the service has been prepared by the Christian women of The Cook Islands on the theme, 'I made you wonderful'. We are all invited to join this service.



## World Day of Prayer at St Michael's - Friday 7 March at 2pm





**Next Book Group- Monday 24 March, 7.30pm in Centenary Hall.**

**Henri J. M. Nouwen, “The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming”.**

Henri Nouwen shares his deeply personal and resonant meditation upon Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, inspired by Rembrandt's great painting, The Return of the Prodigal Son.

In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story "The Return of the Prodigal Son," Henri Nouwen probes several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life's journey, the author evokes a powerful drama of the parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers.

**The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. This is a book to return to time and again for inspiration and encouragement.**



### **Four Churches Prayer Time**

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.

**Face to Face Prayer Time will be on the first Wednesday of the month, meeting at Barclay Viewforth at 7.30pm. All are welcome.**

We know also that coming out to church on a Wednesday evening doesn't suit everyone, so we have decided to meet every week—the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm for an hour as before, but on the other Wednesday's we are going to meet on Zoom from 7-8pm. The details are below, but we will keep the link readily available for folk. Hope you can join us. **Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86524598405>**  
**Meeting ID: 865 2459 8405 If you would like more information please email [fionakolm@gmail.com](mailto:fionakolm@gmail.com)**

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## Easter Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for the Easter Holiday Club run by our four churches and taking place in Polwarth Church. If you would like to join the team please email or speak with Gordon McBirnie ([gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)) as soon as possible. If you know a primary school age child who might like to come please pass on the booking details.

# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

7TH TO 10TH APRIL



A Bible based holiday club

## POLWARTH PARISH CHURCH

36-38 Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh EH11 1LU

We hope you can join us for A Tale of Two Kings Holiday Club at Polwarth Church this Easter.

We will have games, crafts, songs, team challenges, great chat and a messy challenge.

Over the four days we will learn about King David and see how he points us to King Jesus.

This holiday club is for anyone who is currently in P1 to P7

The cost will be £10 per person for the four days and will include a snack.

The holiday club team are from four local churches and SU Scotland and we all have PVG checks.

The churches are Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth and St. Michael's.

To book click on the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://form.jotform.com/250402623197351>



Share the Easter story with your loved ones this Easter

Why not gift an Easter Egg with a Mission this year. Not for sale in supermarkets but you can order online at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) or by calling their order line on 01925 877004.



**Message from the Eco Team**

**Recycle your used pharmacy blister packs**

You will be very pleased to hear that there are now several branches of **Boots** in Edinburgh offering this service . **You can even earn points on your Boots advantage card by downloading their app** . You can recycle packs at branches in : The Gyle , St James Quarter, Cameron Toll, Princes St and Shandwick Place.

**Music at Craiglockhart**

**Friday 28 March**

at 7.30 in the Church Sanctuary  
in aid of the MND Association

featuring

**Ragged Glory Folk Band**



This four piece folk band play traditional and contemporary music. They have been playing together since 2010 and make a regular appearance each year at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. May and Jim Weatherston and Charlie Milne all met at Boroughmuir school while George Archibald hails from Newtongrange but they all share a passion for good music. They have played together in many venues across Scotland and we are delighted that they will be singing and playing for us in Craiglockhart

Tickets £10.00 from Kathleen Grandison  
[kathleengrandison@gmail.com](mailto:kathleengrandison@gmail.com) 07870193721,

at the church on a Sunday morning from any member of the Stewardship Team or at the door on the evening of the event.

Teas and coffee will be served after the concert





**Saturday Morning Coffee during Autumn/Winter at St Michael's**

**On the first Saturday of each month from 10.30AM to 12 Noon**

*ALL WELCOME*

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#### **4 Churches Social Events - Save the Dates**

**More details on each event will follow, but for the moment please save these dates in your diaries.**

**Feb/March - Arts/Crafts morning, Barclay Viewforth**

**Sun May 11 - Picnic/BBQ, Polwarth**

**What's happening locally**

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#### **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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