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For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel:
Seek me and live
Amos 5:4

This week's services

Sunday 17 September, 10.30am

Amos 5 The Lord Roars: Who are we seeking?

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 17 September
6.30pm for tea/coffee, 7pm for service At Barclay Viewforth. All
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What's coming up

Monday 18	Welcome Space 10am - 12 noon
Monday 18	Prayer Course - Craiglockhart Church 7.30pm
Wednesday 20	Prayer Course - Polwarth Church 1.30pm
Wednesday 20	Cafe Church - Craiglockhart 7 for 7.30pm
Monday 25	Welcome Space 10am-12 noon
Monday 25	Prayer Course - Craiglockhart Church 7.30pm
Wednesday 27	Prayer Course - Polwarth Church 1.30pm

Next Communion Service - two services

24 September 10.30 am 2pm





We're starting up again each Thursday from 14 September at our usual time of 7.30pm - 9pm. Impact is our weekly youth club for P7s to S4s.

To find out more more contact Gordon at gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org or just turn up on 14th.



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 Weekly Prayer Course
- Starts 18th September at
Craiglockhart and 20th
September at Polwarth
'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.



Four Churches Time of Prayer

Barclay Viewforth Church

1st Wednesday of the month

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1.30pm in the Pillar Hall

4 Churches - Praying and learning Together 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.



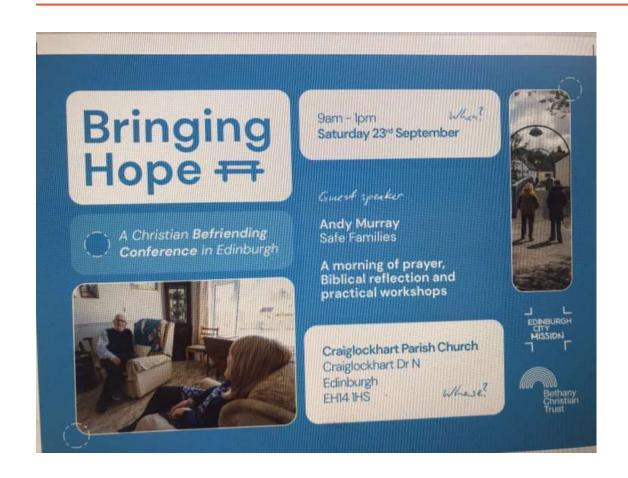
4 Churches - Praying and learning Together

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.



4 Churches - Praying and learning Together



Bringing Hope - A Christian Befriending Conference Saturday 23 September 9am-1pm at Craiglockhart

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



Annual Guild Service

Sunday 1 October, 10.30am

Retiring collection to support the Guild projects. Please go to Home | Craiglockhart Church to see details of the Guild's events over 2023/24.

Upcoming Services

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



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.



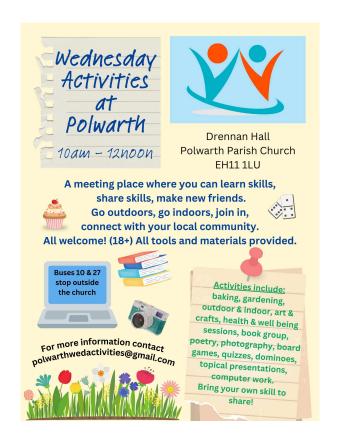
Polwarth Church Cafe

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.



Doors Open at St Michael's

St Michael's is participating in Doors Open Day on **Saturday 23 September.** The Church shall be open between 10 am and 4pm for a self-guided tour with various items of interest highlighted. Children shall have the opportunity to create a stained glass window to take away with them. Tea/Coffee/Cakes will be available for sale in the Church. All are welcome to come along.



Praise music at Usher Hall



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