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*Because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.*

Luke Chapter 1 v 78-79

This week's services

Sunday 3 December 10.30am

First Sunday in Advent

Luke 1:67—80 Sing in Hope

This is our annual gift service. Please bring a gift for a girl or boy of the family of a prisoner. Please bring unwrapped gifts or shop vouchers

2.30pm – Held in our Hearts memorial service

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>

Evening Service Sunday 3 December

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

What's on in early December

Saturday 2 Dec	Christmas Fair in aid of Barnardos 1.30-4 pm
Sunday 3 Dec	First Sunday in Advent Service 10.30am (Gift Service)
Sunday 3 Dec	Christmas Produce stall after morning service
Monday 4 Dec	Welcome Space 10am-12 noon Canalside Cafe
Wednesday 6 Dec	Guilds Together at Slateford Longstone Church 2pm



Christmas Produce Stall - Sunday 3 December 2023 (after Service)

We would really welcome the usual donations of home baking, jams and crafts. As It's Christmas we would love to have donations of your home made Christmas cards, crafts and any other festive produce you want to bring. Please drop off before the Service and **remember to drop by for a cuppa and to do your Christmas shopping.**



Sunday 3 December - Gift Service to support families of those in prison



Please bring a gift for a girl or boy of the families of those serving in prison. Please bring unwrapped gifts for young children or retail vouchers for older children. These gifts will be collected on Monday 4 December by Saughton Prison and distributed to the families.

**Monday 4 December -
Welcome Space - change of
venue**

On Monday 4 December our Welcome Space will be held in the **Canalside Cafe** from 10am - 12 noon. Please come along for coffee and a chat. Please let others know about the change of venue. From **Monday 11 December** we will be back in our usual space in the Church.



News from our ECO Group

**Scotland United for Action - 9
December 12.30pm**

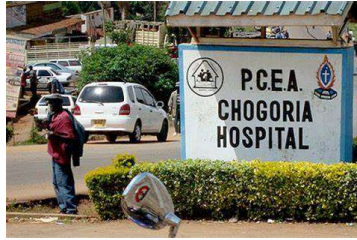
Join us **outside the Scottish Parliament on December 9th 2023 at 12:30** to take part in [Scotland United for Action](#), an event being organised by members of Stop Climate Chaos Scotland including **Christian Aid**.

This event is part of the COP28 Global Day of Action where people are gathering in locations around the world to show their decision makers that they want bold and decisive action on the climate and nature emergencies. There will be inspiring speakers, the opportunity to send a message to Scottish party leaders with your wishes for action in 2024, kid's activities, and more! **Bring your climate justice placard, wrap up and bring a broly in case it's raining!**

The Kirk Session warmly invites you to a Christmas Celebration at Craiglockhart Saturday 9th December 2023 2.30pm to 5.00 pm

All welcome for Afternoon Tea and entertainment by "The Forget me Notes" Please e mail to office@criglockhartchurch.org by 1st December if you would like to attend and to confirm if you require transport to and from the Church, Alternatively let Gill Robinson or John Murchison know at Church.





Next Chogoria Lunch - 10 December 2023

Our Christmas time Chogoria Lunch is on **Sunday 10 December**. Please join us and bring family & friends to support the great work done by Chogoria Hospital in challenging times.

Our Service of Light - Sunday 10 December 6.30pm

All welcome to our **service of light followed by refreshments and mince pies**. If you would like to make an entry in our **Book of Remembrance** which will be used at our Service of Light and your messages hung on our tree, please speak to Eleanor Young in the large Hall on **Sunday 3 December**. Alternatively, email your messages to her at deayint@talktalk.net.



Springwell Voices Choir Christmas Concert 1.30pm 14 December in Craiglockhart Church sanctuary

Springwell Golden Voices Choir (who rehearse in the church every week) invite you to a **Christmas Concert**. The first half will be music from the choir's current repertoire including songs from West Side Story and Cabaret. After an interval with **tea and mince pies** the choir will perform Christmas music with audience participation in well-known carols. **Everyone is welcome and it's free. Please come along, bring friends and enjoy an afternoon of music and fun. Let's try to fill the church to capacity.**



The Steeple Craiglockhart Church

Craiglockhart Church

Christmas Services 2023

Sunday 3rd December 10.30am
First Sunday in Advent – Join us as we begin the season of Advent.
Gift Service – We support a group who provide gifts for the children of prisoners at HMP Edinburgh. These gifts will be collected today. If you would like to contribute, just bring your gift to the service or drop it off in the week before. Please leave gifts unwrapped.

Sunday 10th December 10.30am
Second Sunday in Advent – We continue to explore the Christmas story

Sunday 10th December 6.30pm
Service of Light and Remembering
 This is a reflective service where we take time to give thanks for all we have and to remember the people we love who are no longer with us. Names can be given in the week before to be included in our book of remembrance and to have a special tag attached to our Christmas tree.

Sunday 17th December 10.30am
9 Lessons and Carols
 This service is meaningful to so many people. We will hear readings from the bible which tell of God's love in sending Jesus, our choir will share some pieces with us, and we will all get to sing some great Christmas carols.

Sunday 24th December 10.30am
Christmas Celebration
 This is a service with a difference. Lots of activities, Christmas carols, time to chat and explore what Christmas really means.

Sunday 24th December 6.30pm
Family Watchnight Service
 (No livestream at this service)
 This service is a firm favourite with families and people of all ages. We share the Christmas story using our famous knitted nativity characters and there will be an opportunity for children to join in. Or you can sit back and enjoy building your own nativity scene using our sticker sets. This service is a great way to spend time together on Christmas Eve.

Sunday 24th December 2023 11.15pm
Watchnight Service
 (No livestream at this service)
 Our traditional evening watchnight service. Many people enjoy being with others as Christmas Eve moves into Christmas Day. This short, reflective service will focus our minds on Jesus as we move into a busy day.

Monday 25th December 10.30am
Christmas Day Service
 (No livestream at this service)
 It is always good to meet together on Christmas morning and celebrate together.
 Children are encouraged to bring one of their gifts to show everyone.

Upcoming Services

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A date for your 20224 diary

Book Group

Monday 29 January 2024 at 7.30pm in Craiglockhart Church to discuss 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?



What's happening locally

Afternoon Fellowship at Barclay Viewforth - all welcome

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP



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.

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

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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