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**Craiglockhart**  
Parish Church of Scotland

Jesus said,  
“Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—‘I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.’”

Luke 5:23-24

**Sunday 11 January 10.30am**

**Luke 5 : 17-26 – Walk with Jesus- Jesus displays the power of God**

***After our service today we will share in Chogoria lunch.***

**Sunday 18 January 10.30am**

**Luke 6 : 39-45 – Walk with Jesus- Listen to Jesus**

**Sunday 25 January 10.30am**

**Luke 7 : 36-50 – Walk with Jesus- Welcome Jesus**

***We meet each Sunday for prayer in the McNab Room from 10.10am until 10.25am. All welcome to join any of our services in person or on our YouTube channel***

To access either the most recent You Tube recordings or audio recordings go to our website [www.craiglockhartchurch.org](http://www.craiglockhartchurch.org) and look for Media and you will see the links you need. For previous livestreamed services email [gordonkennedy@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordonkennedy@craiglockhartchurch.org) or [gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)



# Church of Scotland General Assembly

**Friday, 15 May to Monday, 18 May, 2026**



## **Can you help with stewarding at the General Assembly?**

Stewards undertake a vital role at the General Assembly to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending. Stewards provide a friendly welcome to the Assembly Halls; ensure the security of proceedings by checking passes; are alert to security threats and disturbances and have a responsibility to ensure the safe evacuation of the Assembly Hall if required.

Individual shifts last for three hours and volunteers can select the day or days upon which they would seek to help. A reasonably high level of fitness is required.

**For more details please contact Neil Proven, Chief Steward**

**[assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:assemblystewards@churchofscotland.org.uk)**

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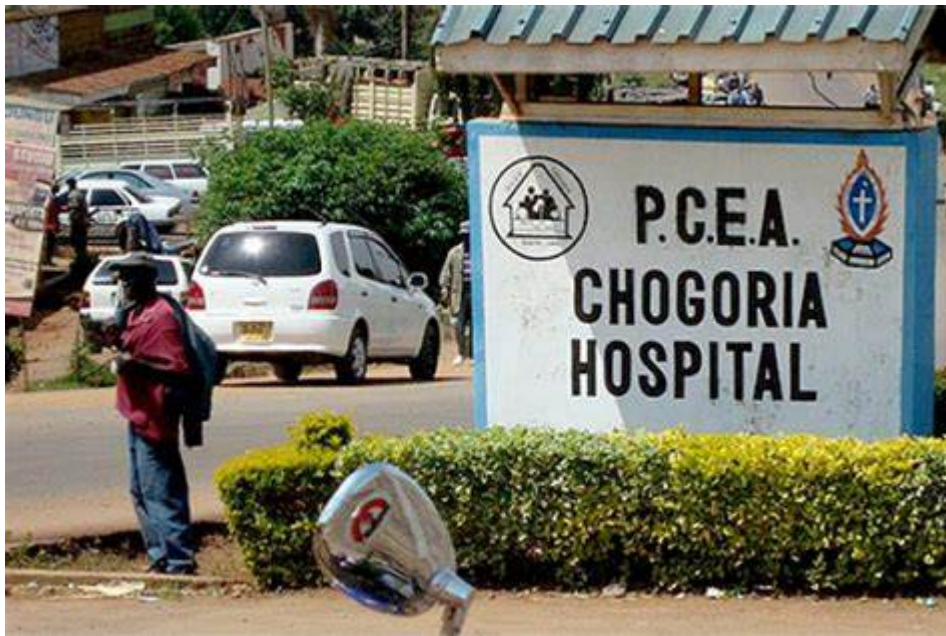
## **What's On at Craiglockhart**

**Monday 12 January    10am–12noon – Welcome Space**

**Wednesday 14 January    7.30-9pm new Bible Course starts - see below**

**Monday 19 January    10am–12 noon – Welcome Space**

**Tuesday 20 January    7.30pm – Kirk Session meeting**



### Chogoria Lunch - Sunday 11 January

Our next Chogoria Lunch is on Sunday 11 January after our morning service. Please join together for food, fellowship and fundraising for the wonderful work all at Chogoria hospital do.



### Informal Bible Study Thursday 8 January 10.30- 11.30am

**We will be looking at**  
**Revelation 6 6 - 8.1**

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

drop in - everyone is welcome and  
bring your Friends.

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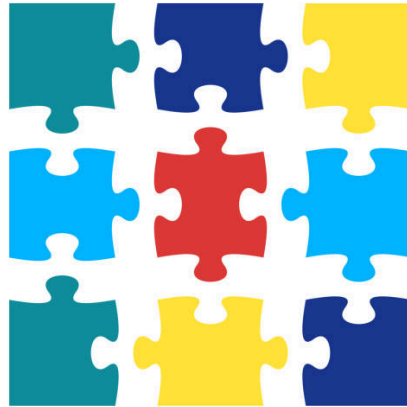
**Craiglockhart  
Church Weekly on  
Thursday 2-4pm (starting  
Thursday 22 January)**

We hope you can join us for a  
relaxed friendly group of people who  
enjoy doing jigsaws and meeting  
others.

Refreshments provided.

**For more information contact  
Gordon or just come on the  
day. [gordon@craiglockhartchurch  
.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)**

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# The Bible Course

Exploring the BIG story

## What is the Bible Course?

- ⇒ Understand the big story of the Bible
- ⇒ Follow the story of the whole Bible and see how it leads to Jesus

## Course Details

**Starts:** Wednesday 14th  
January

**Duration:** 8 Weeks

**Time:** 7.30pm—9 pm

**Location:** Craiglockhart  
Church

## Who is it for?

Everyone is welcome! No prior knowledge needed.

A relaxed, friendly atmosphere

To find out more contact [gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org)  
or just come along on the day



Craiglockhart Prayer  
WhatsApp group



## Craiglockhart Prayer Group WhatsApp Group

This group has been a source of much encouragement and sharing in the short time since it was launched. If you would like to join the prayer group, please scan this QR code with your phone camera. A small yellow box will appear. Click on the box and you will be asked if you want to join the WhatsApp group. Click request to join and one of the groups amins will admit you.

**If you have any problems or just want to find out more about it please contact**  
[tamzinmcbirnie@gmail.com](mailto:tamzinmcbirnie@gmail.com) or  
**either of the Gordons.**

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## Craiglockhart Ladies Group

Our meetings resume on the second Monday of the month until March. **Our first meeting will be held in Centenary Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 12 January 2026 when our speaker will tell us about a new charity venture called House of Hope.** They support people affected by breast cancer.

We welcome current members, new members and visitors. Further information from Mary Livingston 01314472590

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## **Craiglockhart Church Guild**

Everyone is welcome to join our Guild meetings. See below our programme for the coming months. Meetings are held in **Centenary Hall at 2:00 p.m.**

**followed by a cuppa and always good chat.** We start our 2026 programme with our Minister giving his thoughts on the Guild Theme for this year - 'Living Stones'.

**14th January 'Living Stones' Rev Gordon Kennedy**

**4th February Bare your Soul Margaret Boe**

**18th February Edinburgh Street Styles Jackie Sangster**

**4th March Fisherrow Fisherwomen Simon Fairnie**

**18th March Lunch 1:00 & AGM**

Join us for all or just those topics which interest you. You will be most welcome.

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## Bridge Drive Friday 30 January 2026 from 1.30pm.

Join in with our friendly **Bridge Drive** here in Craiglockhart Parish Church Hall on Friday 30 January 2026.

A delicious afternoon tea will be served. **Cost is £40 per table**, the money raised being for church funds to allow financing of Bethany meals for the homeless, contributions to the Food Bank and other charitable causes outwith the church.

To reserve a table, please contact either-

**Brenda Russell (07708189179) email [brenda.russell2@btinternet.com](mailto:brenda.russell2@btinternet.com) or Libby Campbell (07972853984) email [campbell.barnshot@btinternet.com](mailto:campbell.barnshot@btinternet.com)**

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## Our Winter Book Group

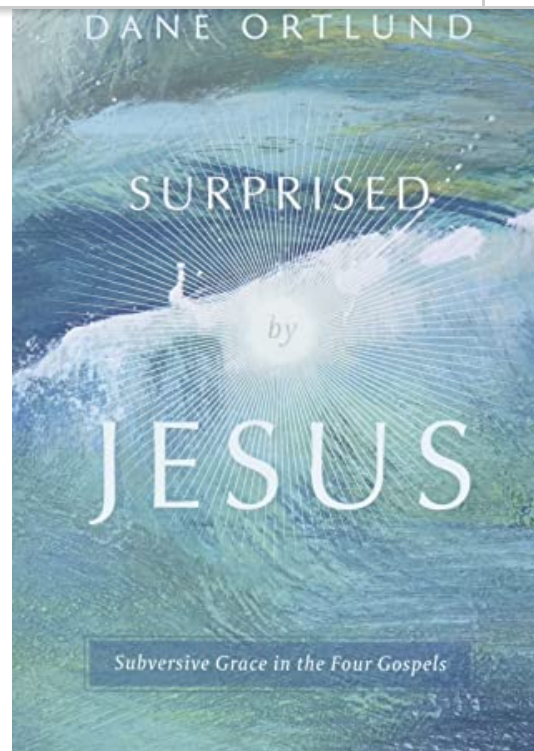
The next meeting of our Book Group is **Monday 2 February 2026 at 7.30pm**. At our meeting we will be discussing **Dane Ortlund's book, "Surprised by Jesus: Subversive Grace in the Four Gospels"**.

When God-in-the-flesh showed up twenty centuries ago in Palestine, the religious PhDs rejected him and the prostitutes and social outcasts flocked to him. Why? Because the open welcome of divine grace that Jesus offers, open to anyone who would simply leave their moral resume at home, is not predictable. It is not safe. It is subversive. .

In this book, Dane Ortlund reflects on this subversive grace as it uniquely emerges in each of the four Gospel accounts. In each Gospel, the message and mission of Jesus is deeply surprising:

- In Matthew, we see the surprise of disobedient obedience
- In Mark, we see the surprise of the king undergoing the fate of a criminal
- In Luke, we see the surprise of the insiders becoming outsiders and the outsiders becoming insiders
- In John, we see the surprise of the Creator of the universe becoming one of his own creatures.

Such surprises confound our law-marinated hearts. But the good news that Jesus won with his own blood



this good news and the scandalous mercy Jesus loves to pour out on needy sinners, on people like you and me.

Why not read Dane's book with us and come along to share in our discussion about this helpful book.



## Music at Craiglockhart Saturday February 28 at 7.30 in the Church Sanctuary

Concert featuring Sophie Askew Harpist in aid of The Macular Society.

**Tickets, priced £10.00, will be available nearer the time on Sunday mornings**

**from members of the Stewardship Team or email**

**[kathleengrandison@gmail.com](mailto:kathleengrandison@gmail.com) to**

**reserve them. You can also just pay at the door!**

*Sophie combines her passions in busy performing and teaching careers. She plays with orchestras and chamber ensembles across Scotland as a recitalist but also performs as a soloist or with flautist Rebecca Carson. She also takes part in functions and events. Sophie has broadcast live for BBC Scotland Television and Radio and STV. She has appeared as a guest recitalist and teacher at the Edinburgh Harp Festival, for numerous Music Societies and for the London branch of the United Kingdom Harp Association. Sophie recently performed the Mozart Flute and Harp concerto with Rebecca Carson in Gatehouse of Fleet and in May of last year Sophie had the great privilege and joy to perform the European première of Jennifer Higdon's wonderful Grammy*

*working with photographer Lesley Redfern to create a film to accompany John Cage's In a Landscape. Sophie is also a member of the band New Leaf, appearing on their most recent album The Year of the Ox*

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### **Wednesday Evening Social Badminton Club - New session starts Wednesday 7 January 2026.**

We meet in the church hall on Wednesday evenings from 8pm to 10pm, for fun, relaxed, social badminton, and new members will be made very welcome. **For more information telephone Averil Sutherland (07720 049 705) or just come along and join us.**

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# HOLIDAY CLUB

## POLWARTH CHURCH

**7TH - 10TH APRIL 2026**

**10-12.30**

Join us for 4 days of fun with games, crafts, bible stories, chat, snacks, messy games and lots more

The cost will be £10 for four days

To book use the QR code or this link

<https://form.jotform.com/253015162036344>

Booking will be open on 2nd November  
2025



For more information or if you have any  
questions email

[polwartholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:polwartholidayclub@gmail.com)

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## Our next Sunday Produce Stall - 1 March

We're looking for the usual donations of home baking, tablet, fudge, lemon curd, marmalade and jams. The latter sell very well! Please hand donations into the hall before the service but be sure to come for coffee afterwards to make your purchases.



## PREGNANCY COUNSELLING & CARE SCOTLAND

This is a small charity which as its name denotes assists women who require



need. These families must apply for help through a Health Professional.

Our local Baby Bank is at The Gyle Shopping Centre, almost opposite Waterstones Book Shop, with two toy giraffes in front. Donated clothes, equipment and toys are brought here, sorted out and organised by Volunteers, to be delivered to those in need.

**As well as the donations, which are continuously needed and delivered, new Volunteers are also very much needed and welcomed. A Volunteer can work as little as a few hours regularly in a week or a good many more if wished, amidst good camaraderie.**

Home knitted jumpers, hats and mitts, up to the age of two years, are greatly appreciated, particularly boys' garments, as less of these seem to be donated.

If anyone would like to do some knitting, wool can be supplied.

This is a very much needed Charity and help with any of the above would be so much appreciated.

**If you have any questions please contact :**

**Sharon on - 07762023083 or**

**Ursula on - 07828194771.**

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If you have suggestions / features for future editions of Weekly News please send to

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