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And the crowds that went before him  
and that followed him were shouting,  
“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!”

Matthew 21:9

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### This week's services

#### Sunday 24 March, 10.30am Palm Sunday

Matthew 22:41—46

In Jerusalem with Jesus. It really is all about Jesus!

**A service of music and readings for Easter - Palm Sunday evening at 7pm (note not 6.30pm as previously advertised)**

**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 Services at Barclay Viewforth 6.30pm for 7pm**

Join us for a Sunday evening service at Barclay Viewforth - 6.30pm for coffee/tea and cake. The service begins at 7pm.

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### What's on

<b>Monday 25 March</b>	<b>10am – 12 noon – Welcome Space</b>
<b>Thursday 28 March</b>	<b>7pm Maundy Thursday service &amp; meal St Michael's</b>
<b>Friday 29 March</b>	<b>3pm Good Friday service - coffee from 2pm</b>
<b>Monday 1 April</b>	<b>No Welcome Space</b>
<b>Wednesday 3 - Friday 5 April</b>	<b>Holiday Club at Polwarth</b>
<b>Wednesday 3 April</b>	<b>7.30-8.30pm - 4 Congregations prayer time at Polwarth</b>
<b>- join us this month as we especially pray for our Holiday Club</b>	

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### Stated Annual Meeting- Sunday 24 March

There will be a meeting of members of the congregation on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March after morning service** at which the **Annual Report & Accounts for 2023 will be presented**. Copies of the Abstract of the Accounts will be available on Sunday. If you want to see the full report please email [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org).

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## Have your say in the name of our new congregation

Edinburgh Canalside Church of Scotland  
Edinburgh Merchiston Church of Scotland  
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At this Sunday morning service on Sunday 24 March worshippers will each be given a voting sheet so that each can vote for their preferred name. If you're unable to attend on Sunday 24th March, please email your preferred name from the list of three above to [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) by **12 noon on Tuesday 26 March**. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this process so far. Please continue to pray for this process.

### Daily Prayers

Saturday 23 Mar	Pray for our service of music and readings for Easter tomorrow evening at 7pm. This week as we walk with Jesus in Jerusalem may we remember to pray for peace in Gaza and Israel in these days.
Sunday 24 Mar	Make way for Christ the King that he might ride in power to reign in our lives. Let our voices cry together 'Hosanna! Save us!', to the one who is the King of kings. Give thanks for another Palm Sunday on which we can follow Jesus our King.
Monday 25 Mar	As we remember our Lord Jesus cleansing the Temple, pray that in our following Jesus we may never exchange the joy of prayer for the noise of commerce.
Tuesday 26 Mar	As we remember our Lord Jesus teaching in the Temple, pray that we may be willing to sit before him and humbly learn from him of his grace and mercy as we follow on the way of the cross.
Wednesday 27 Mar	Give thanks for the example of that woman who anointed our Lord's feet in preparation for his burial, pray that our lives may be so generously offered in his service.
Thursday 28 Mar	'Do this to remember me'. Give thanks for the gracious self-sacrifice of our Lord Jesus for us and our salvation, let us pray for one another united together in our one Saviour and our Lord.
Friday 29 Mar	Pray for our Agape meal and communion service at St Michael's church this evening. 'How dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too.' Our Saviour did not die for himself, but for us, may our hearts be filled anew with love for him, as his heart is filled with love for us. Pray for our afternoon tea at 2pm and our Good Friday service at 3pm.

### Daily readings

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Saturday 23 Mar	73,1-11	Deuteronomy 15-16	Luke 1:58-80
Sunday 24 Mar	73,12-18	17-18	2:1-24
Monday 25 Mar	74,1-11	19-20	2:25-52
Tuesday 26 Mar	74,12-23	21-22	3:1-22
Wednesday 27 Mar	75	23-24	3:23-37
Thursday 28 Mar	76	25-26	4:1-21
Friday 29 Mar	77	27-28	4:22-44



## News from our Eco group

Well done and thank you to all who took part in the Big Plastic Count. Do remember to submit your results by 31 March via this link: <https://thebigplasticcount.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=060d34c10bc94b0ce9a5ad033&id=66263039e4&e=3184dfdf91>. If you've haven't finished your week of counting your plastic, don't worry- as long as the results are in by the end of March, that's fine. Please hold onto your survey sheets! We would like to collect them once everyone has finished their count. Thank you!

### **Earth hour Saturday 23rd March 8.30pm**

Join millions across the world and choose different ways that you can give an hour for the Earth. You could -switch off your devices and appliances for an hour and chat or play a game by candlelight - learn about ways to make your home green -make a planet friendly meal to share with others. You can find these and lots of other ideas especially relevant to Scotland, at [www.wwf.org.uk/scotland/earthhour](http://www.wwf.org.uk/scotland/earthhour). Have fun!

### **Consumed at Edinburgh science Festival - join in - its free Thursday 14 - 19 April - Granton Station Square (next to Wasps Studios**

Interactive exhibition **Consumed** Granton Station, Edinburgh. Bring the whole family around for fun games and hands-on displays for everyone to enjoy!

Learn how what we eat, what we wear and how we live can impact the world. Little changes in our daily habits can make a big difference for our climate. Find out how you can make positive changes that are easy on your wallet and great for the planet.

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## **Upcoming Services**

**Sunday 31 March, 8am    Easter Sunday - Service in Church Garden**

**Sunday 31 March, 10.30am    Easter Sunday**  
**Matthew 28:1—10            In Jerusalem with Jesus. It really is all about Jesus!**

**Sunday 7 April, 10.30am**

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**Note - start time of Palm Sunday evening service is 7pm**

## Craiglockhart Church

# Easter Services at Craiglockhart



### **Palm Sunday – 24 March**

**10.30am** – Our service for Palm Sunday morning.

**7.00pm** – Our service of music and readings for Easter. For the beginning of Holy Week we will hear again God's promises of grace in the Easter story and sing of his amazing love for us in Jesus.

### **Maundy – Thursday 28 March**

We will share in a joint service with others from the congregations of Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth, and St Michael's, at **St Michael's Church at 7.30pm**. This will take the form of an Agape Meal Communion. This occasion leads us, by song and words, through the events of the Last Supper and Gethsemane, while seated at table, centred around a light supper and an informal act of communion.



### **Good Friday – 29th March**

We will have a **Good Friday service at 3.00pm in the church**. There will be an **afternoon tea in the church hall from 2pm**.

Please come along and join us for tea and our Good Friday service.



### **Easter Sunday – 31st March**

**Service at 8.00am**

We are meeting at the church at 8.00am for our early morning Easter service, which this year will be held in our church gardens and will be followed by breakfast in the church hall.

**Service at 10.30am**

Our Easter Sunday morning service will be at 10.30am.



*All are welcome to all of our services.*



*Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart,  
Polwarth, St Michael's*

*Easter 2024*

**Maundy Thursday – 28 March**

**St Michael's 7.30pm** - Joint Communion Service with soup, bread and cheese supper.

**Good Friday – 29 March**

**Barclay Viewforth 7pm** – Tenebrae service

**Craiglockhart 3pm** – Service starts at 3pm Afternoon Tea served before

**Polwarth 7pm** – Evening Service

**St Michael's 7.30pm** – Tenebrae service

**Easter Sunday – 31 March**

**Barclay Viewforth 8.30am** – top of Blackford Hill

**Craiglockhart 8am** – Service in Church garden

**St Michael's 7am** – Communion Service in Garden

All four churches will then have an **Easter Day Service** at their usual times.

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Bookings are now open for the holiday club at Polwarth  
To sign up, scan the QR code on the poster or go  
to <https://form.jotform.com/240172992234355>

# HOLIDAY CLUB

3rd-5th April

10-12.30 P1-P7



EXPLORING WITH GOD

We hope you can join us for our Xpedition Force Holiday Club at Polwarth Parish Church this Easter. We will have games, crafts, songs, team challenges, circus skills and a messy challenge.

Over the three days we will be exploring the Easter story and finding out who Jesus is and how we can get to know him ourselves.

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

The cost will be £6 per person for the three days and will include a snack.

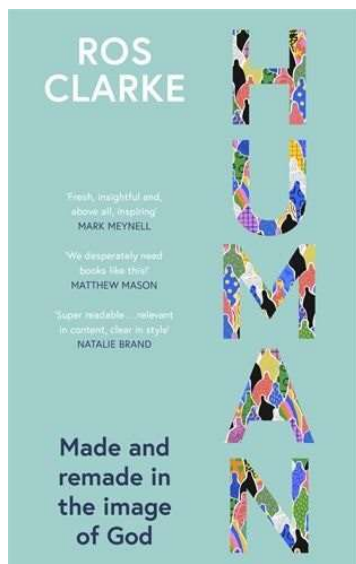
The holiday club team are from four local churches and SU Scotland and we have all have PVG checks. The churches are Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth and St. Michael's.

To find out more please go to



<https://www.suunion.com/2020/04/03/>

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## Book Group - Monday 15 April 7.30pm - Craiglockhart Church

### Human: Made and Remade in the Image of God by Dr. Ros Clarke

Being human is complicated! Our bodies, intellects and emotions are all God-given gifts, but we so often find them in varying states of disorder. How then, can we become the full bearers of God's image that we were made to be?

In response to this profound question, Ros Clarke helpfully outlines what the Bible has to say about the nature of humanity. Addressing our status as created beings; our purpose in God's world; our nature as body and soul; and our fall away from God, Human unpacks questions around the issues of identity, sexuality and gender. It then turns to Christ's example as the perfect human, and considers Jesus' teaching about each of us being loved, valued and redeemed. A teaching that remains foundational for all discussions around important topics like inclusivity, disability and race.

**Written with both humour and pastoral concern, and including a study guide to aid personal reflection and group discussion, this book will help you consider afresh what it means to be a**

human.

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**Music at Craiglockhart -  
Saturday 13 April at 7.30**

**George Coghill and Gina  
Baker in Church Sanctuary**

George is a Bass-Baritone. What he sings is usually termed "crossover". It will be a mixed programme of song: some classical (not heavy), some Musical Theatre, some Folk songs and a couple of "popular" songs. There should be something for everyone. Look out for posters with further details.

Tickets will be available soon on Sunday mornings from members of the Stewardship Team or email [office@craiglockhart.org](mailto:office@craiglockhart.org) to reserve them. Also you can just pay at the door!



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**4 Churches Dementia  
Awareness Evening  
Wednesday 8 May 7pm at  
Polwarth Church**

Do you know someone living with dementia?  
Are you involved in pastoral care in church?  
Do you want to know more about dementia?

If the answer is 'yes' to any of these questions come along to this evening to gain some insight.  
All welcome.

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St. Michael's Parish Church  
140 Years Service in our Community



# Lent Course

## ACT ON POVERTY

This shall be a series of meetings held in St Michael's Church Hall

All gatherings commence at 7.30pm

Tuesday 20 February – **Prophetic**

Tuesday 27 February – **Broken**

Tuesday 5 March – **Generous**

Tuesday 12 March – **Located**

Tuesday 19 March – **Hopeful**

Tuesday 26 March – **Together**

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### What's happening locally



#### 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





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If you have suggestions / features for future editions of Weekly News please send to [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) or [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org)



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