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**Craiglockhart**  
Parish Church of Scotland

12 Thus says the LORD: "As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the people of Israel who dwell in Samaria be rescued, with the corner of a couch and part of a bed.

Amos 3:12

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## **This week's services**

**Sunday 3 September, 10.30am**

**Amos 3      The Lord Roars: What has Yahweh spoken about us?**

**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 3 September**  
**6.30pm for tea/coffee, 7pm for service At Barclay Viewforth. All welcome**

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## What's coming up soon

- Monday 4** Welcome Space 10am - 12 noon  
**Wed 6 Sept** 7.30pm – Prayer Time at Barclay Viewforth  
**Mon 11 Sept** 10am – 12 noon – Warm Space  
**Thu 14 Sept** 10.30am – bible study in the Centenary hall.
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### Four Congregations Implementation Team

Our four congregations, **Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth, St Michael's**, are journeying together towards becoming one united congregation. To take this journey forward our four Kirk Sessions have appointed an Implementation Team. The role of this team is not to make decisions but to gather information and prepare reports which will be discussed and decided upon by each Kirk Session.

#### **The members of the team are:**

**Barclay Viewforth:** David Clarkson, Elaine Coull, John Ritchie.

**Craiglockhart:** Jane Chidwick, Gordon Kennedy, Gill Robinson.

**Polwarth:** Margaret Anderson, Maureen Bowman, Karen Campbell (Interim Moderator).

**St Michael's:** Douglas Bannatyne, Judith Merton, Andrea Price.

OLM: Fiona Kennedy

This process of decision making by our Kirk Sessions will produce a Basis of Union and a Basis of Team Ministry for our congregations which will be presented to the congregations and voted on at congregational meetings.

The first meeting of the Implementation Team was on Monday 21 August. The Team is committed to keeping you, the members of our congregations and parishes, well informed about the process as we work through the coming months together. This first note is to let you know of the work of the team. The team have agreed a busy programme of meetings and already have a long list of important items to be working on.

**The work of this Implementation Team depends upon your prayerful support. Please do regularly pray for the team and the team members. Please join us at our monthly Prayer Times, 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at Barclay Viewforth.**

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## Communion Service dates for 2023 / 20224

24 September 10.30 am and 2pm

19 November 10.30 am and 2pm

28 January 10.30 am and 2pm

28 April 10.30 am and 2pm

23 June 10.30 am and 2pm



## Produce Stall - Sunday 3 September 2023 - after morning service

Please bring any home grown, home crafted and home baked items along to sell on **Sunday 3 September** .

Items can be brought before the service and left in the Large Hall. If you wish to hand in during the week contact

[office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org).

**All are welcome to come and buy from the stall to support our regular Produce Stall.**



**4 Churches - Praying and learning Together**

**Joint Prayer Course - Starts September - at**

## **Polwarth and Craiglockhart**

***'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.**

## **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.



## **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.

## **Time Out - St Michael's Church - starts September**



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**Music at Craiglockhart Saturday 9th September at 7.30**  
Still a few tickets left

**Blu Velvet Swing Jazz Band** performing traditional and modern Jazz, Blues and Americana songs. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. **Tickets £10 each available on Sunday morning from members of the Stewardship Team or email [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) to reserve them.** A proportion of the proceeds from this event will be given to the charity **Safe Families**.



Follow this link to find out about the wonderful work they do. [About Us - Safe Families](#)



## Bringing Hope - A Christian Befriending Conference

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](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org)**

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**Bridge Drive and afternoon tea - supporting Marie Curie Hospice**

**7 September Craiglockhart Church 1-4.30pm**

Cost per table of 4 is £60 (£15 per player) including afternoon tea, and raffle tickets for 4 (one per player). To book place cash or cheque (payable to Marie Curie) in an envelope, with one named person, their mobile number and email address on the front. Your table booking will be confirmed on receipt of payment, and your table ticket and 4 raffle tickets emailed to you. **Enquiries and envelopes to Nikki Holmes, 140 Craiglea Drive EH10 6PR Mobile 07816 832794 Email to [nikkibholmes@googlemail.com](mailto:nikkibholmes@googlemail.com) -**



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## Upcoming Services

**Sunday 10 September, 10.30am**

**Amos 4**

**The Lord Roars: The Holiness of God**

**Sunday 17 September, 10.30am**

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**Evening Service Sunday 10 and 17 September**  
**6.30pm for tea/coffee, 7pm for service At Barclay Viewforth. All welcome**

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**Missional Listening – Saturday 30 September 10am - 3.30pm**  
**Craiglockhart Church - see poster above**

**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

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### **Assisted Dying Forum - Barclay Viewforth**

**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.

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### **Barclay Church Golf Club Alfred G Cass Cup.**

First contested in 1932 this stroke play contest is held on the **Bruntsfield Link** across 18 holes. **This year the cup will be played for on Sunday 10 September. The first trio will tee off at 12.30pm** and the trophy presentation will take place at the end of play. **For more information or to register to play in this tournament please email Andrew Stevenson, [andrewstephenson@gmail.com](mailto:andrewstephenson@gmail.com), as soon as possible.**

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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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