

# THE STEEPLE

Craiglockhart Church

Easter 2023

*Fix your eyes upon Jesus and this Easter you will see the splendour of the Risen King and know the joy and peace of Easter for yourself.*



Worship with us  
this Easter

Join us at our  
programme of  
Spring events.

# A Ray of Light

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given. Not only in the little town of Bethlehem, but also in the empty tomb of Jerusalem.

Look at it one way and the wondrous gift of Easter is nothing. There is nothing in the empty tomb, there is no body there. Mary turns around and see him standing there, but there is no touch of his hand, only his voice calling her name. This nothing is an opportunity for his enemies to spread lies about him. His disciples came at night and stole his body. The foolish women went to the wrong tomb. He didn't really die, he fainted and re-lived in the tomb before escaping and making his way to France (well, why not? He had to go somewhere).

Look again, with eyes wide open, seeing all that there is to see. An immovable stone is rolled away. A dead body leaves behind the unneeded grave clothes. Unbelieving guards are stunned by the earth shaking as he steps from the tomb.

His rising was not accompanied by the sound of trumpets, his stepping from the tomb was not filmed for TV. The resurrection is not on display for the sceptical, the certain, the confident, the frightened. In the silence of the presence and purpose of God the Father, Jesus the Son is raised to new life and the Kingdom of God breaks into our lives. In eternity the wondrous gift has been silently given to a waiting world.

A bright ray of light makes not one sound. The bright beam of glory is seen by eyes looking for Jesus, eyes which trust the life of God's Kingdom more than the death of the grave. Fix your eyes upon Jesus and this Easter you will see the splendour of the Risen King and know the joy and peace of Easter for yourself.

**Gordon Kennedy, Minister**

## Show the Love!

If you are coming to church, or just passing by, be sure to notice the blue and green hearts decorating our gates and garden. These hearts remind everyone how much we at Craiglockhart care about God's beautiful world, on land and sea.



**Please write to your MP or MSP to ask for urgent action on climate change?**

You can find out how to do this and lots more about the project at

[www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love](http://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love)



## Give the gift of the Easter story



Why not swap your usual brand of Easter egg and gift or donate a Real Easter Egg.

Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. All these eggs are Palm Oil free and the Original, White and Dark eggs are plastic free. **Find out more from The Meaningful Chocolate Company website.**

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# *Easter Services*



## **Palm Sunday – 2 April**

As we begin Holy Week we'll hear again God's promises of grace in the Easter story and sing of his amazing love for us in Jesus.

**10.30am- our service for Palm Sunday morning.  
7pm - our service of music and readings.**

## **Holy Week**

We have services at 7pm on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** of Holy Week.

## **Maundy Thursday**

**Polwarth Church in the Drennan Hall at 7.30pm**

Our joint service with the congregations of Barclay Viewforth, Polwarth, and St Michael's. This will be 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 Walk of Witness – 7 April**

Walk with us from Barclay Viewforth to Craiglockhart. Stops for worship at Barclay Viewforth at 10am, St Michael's at 10.45am, Polwarth at 11.15am, and 12 noon at Craiglockhart. The service at Craiglockhart will be followed by lunch for all.

## **Good Friday Evening Service**

7pm in Craiglockhart Church.

## **Easter Sunday Dawn Service – 9 April**

All are invited to meet at Craiglockhart Church gate at **7.30am** to walk together to Craiglockhart Hill for our informal Easter service followed by breakfast back at the church hall.

## **Our Easter Sunday morning service**

will be at **10.30am**.

# Join us at our Spring Events



## Messy Easter Saturday 1 April 4pm – 6pm

Kids, bring your Mums, Dads, grandparents, friends and join us for messy fun.

Share together in learning about God's love for us all in Jesus through fun games, arts and crafts and song.. We've had a great time this year learning that God is Good from the stories of Noah and Moses. As always, we'll finish with sharing food together. If you would like to know more about Messy Church, you can email us at: [Craiglockhartmessychurch@gmail.com](mailto:Craiglockhartmessychurch@gmail.com)

## Coronation Lunch



### Sunday 7 May– Craiglockhart Church

Everyone is welcome to join us for a buffet lunch after the Sunday service to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. To help us know how much food to make, please send an email to [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) with details of how many are coming or add your name to the list in the Church Hall.

## Music@Craiglockhart

Saturday 25 March 7.30

at Craiglockhart Church

Join us for a concert by the Springwell Golden Voices Choir.

Tickets £ 10.

Contact

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

to reserve your ticket and pay at door.

## Join our Book Group

**Monday 27 March at 7.30pm** at Craiglockhart Church to discuss Tommy MacNeil's book "Sleeping Giant: A Call to the Church to Awake and Arise".



Tommy's book is about mission and renewal in the church. This is a very encouraging call to the church to wake up and live in the word of God and the Spirit of God. Tommy is the minister at Martin's Memorial Church in Stornoway and Sleeping Giant is Tommy's first book.

**Wednesday 3 May at 7.30pm** at Craiglockhart Church to discuss Ray Simpson's book, "St Aidan's Way of Mission".



In 635AD Aidan was called from Iona to establish a mission work in Northumberland. Although Aidan founded the monastery on Lindisfarne he travelled widely in Northumberland serving the mission of God. Ray Simpson is the founder of the Community of Aidan and Hilda ([www.aidanandhilda.org.uk](http://www.aidanandhilda.org.uk)) and has written many books on the Celtic church. This book takes lessons from the life of Aidan and applies them to mission in our contemporary situations. This is a very helpful book in highlighting lessons which we can learn from the Celtic tradition for service in our city and nation.

## Summer Outing

**Friday 23rd June 2023 to Dumfries House**

Join us to learn more about Dumfries House part of the Prince's Foundation. Set in 2 000 acres, the stunning estate and 18th century house is one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes and has an unrivalled collection of Chippendale furniture. We'll have the opportunity to explore the grounds after the tour, have lunch and then enjoy tea and coffee in the **Coach House Café**.  
**Dumfries House ([dumfries-house.org.uk](http://dumfries-house.org.uk))**



**Cost of £42 includes lunch, guided tours and return coach travel. Coach leaves Craiglockhart Church at 10.15 am returning there by 6pm.**

Book up soon by e mailing [office@craiglockhartchurch.org](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) or speaking to one of the Events Team at Church.

# The Eco Team needs your help!

**Sunday 4th June after morning service in The Centenary Hall ,  
Craiglockhart Parish Church**

We are sure there are many excellent eco-friendly activities going on within the congregation and wider parish. Now it's your chance to tell us all about it! Come along and chat to us on Sunday 4th June and add your action to our board .

Tell us about what you're already doing such as:

- Signing petitions supporting or seeking action on environmental matters
- Membership of RSPB, The Woodland Trust, Friends of Craiglockhart Hill, Stop Climate Chaos or Greenpeace
- Being a collection point for a Terracycle project
- Now driving a hybrid or electric car
- Cooking on an induction hob
- Keeping warm with your home heat pump

Big or small, we'd love to hear about anything you are doing. We are applying for an Eco Congregations Bronze Award , and we'd like to show just how much we all care about our precious environment and the challenges it faces.

## Your Community Council



# Craiglockhart Community Council

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For information on our area, local issues, public meetings and much more, see our website - <https://www.craiglockhart.org/>

We have over 400 residents on our mailing list, but we are always happy to add more. To join please send an email to [craiglockhartcc@gmail.com](mailto:craiglockhartcc@gmail.com) or use the Contact Us form on our website.

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