

THE STEEPLE

Craiglockhart Church

Easter 2024

*The peace of Easter
is a peace made
on the cross*



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Easter Peace



There is great irony in a city whose name is Jerusalem, ‘city of peace’, having suffered the violence of war and conflict for centuries. Today Jerusalem is a divided city, torn apart by warring factions, each claiming the city as their city. Over the years many have tried, and tried very hard, to make peace for Jerusalem, and for the surrounding lands. At best a wary pause in the conflict before peace is abandoned once more.

Easter is when the Prince of Peace came to the city of peace and made peace.

Jesus, born in an occupied territory, in a conquered nation, lived all his earthly days under the shadow of violence and war. He knew, far better than we do in our quiet Edinburgh streets, the fear of war. The prophets foretold him, naming him the Prince of Peace. Jesus made peace by submitting himself to violence and death.

The cross is a symbol of the most cruel and oppressive death. Reserved for those whose death was to serve as a terrifying example of Imperial power, even the word was shunned. A death which must not be named. And it is here, with wide–open arms that the Prince of Peace takes upon himself the full account of violence and hatred, not just of his era, but of all times. Jesus took it all. Jesus bore it all. Jesus made an end to it all.

Some years later, reflecting upon the peace-making victory of the cross, a man called Paul wrote, “Jesus himself is our peace, he has made us both one and broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:14). Jesus made peace by breaking, tearing down the walls which divide us from one another, which divide us from our Father God. In a great reversal, where all the violence of all the ages fell upon him on the cross, from him and his sacrificial death flowed out all the peace we need to live renewed and restored lives.

The only peace we will know in our lives is that peace which has been made for us on the cross of Christ. The only peace that will endure and flourish between nations and peoples is that peace which has been made for us on the cross of Christ. The peace of Easter is a peace made on the cross. **This year Jesus calls you to his cross. Jesus welcomes you to the shadow of peace and a new life of hope in his cross. All are called, all are welcome, you can come to the sacrificed Prince of Peace and know the blessing of his peace in your life.**

Gordon Kennedy, Minister



Informal Bible Study - Making sense of what the Bible is telling us today

A small group of folks meet fortnightly, on a Thursday, in Craiglockhart Church Centenary Hall from 10.30-11.30 am to read and discuss passages from the Bible. It's very informal and good to share doubts and thoughts with others about what the Bible is saying to us today. All welcome so please join us. We are looking at 1 Peter who is writing to an exiled church.

11 April 25 April 9 May
23 May 13 June 27 June



We are running the Bible Course on Monday evenings starting from **Monday 22nd April from 7.30pm at Craiglockhart Church.**

Sometimes the Bible can seem big and confusing, and we can find it difficult to see the whole picture.

The **Bible Course lays out the whole story in eight sessions** and helps us to make sense of it all. There is a short film from the Bible Course creator, Andrew Ollerton followed by some chatting together. We hope you can join us for a laid back, friendly and fascinating course. For more information or to tell us you are coming contact **office@craiglockhartchurch.org**

Coffee with God Café Church at Craiglockhart



Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm with coffee and cake from 7pm.

Coffee With God is our mid-week worship service. Meeting monthly to chat, sing, pray, hear from the Bible and worship God in a relaxed format.

**Wednesday 24 April
Wednesday 15 May
Wednesday 19 June**



Kingdom Builders

Kingdom Builders is for families to come together on **Sunday afternoons 2.30-4pm** to share in Bible stories, songs, Lego building, craft activities, games and snacks. Contact **craiglockhartkingdombuilders@gmail.com**

for more information.

**Sunday 21 April
Sunday 19 May
Sunday 16 June**

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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.



EASTER

The Women's Story

The Easter story brought to life

Sat 30th March, 2pm
West Princes St Gdns
Free & unticketed

www.easterplay.org

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 all have PVG checks. The churches are Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth and St. Michael's.

To find out more please go to



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News from our ECO Team



We are delighted to have been awarded an **Eco-Congregation Scotland Bronze Award**.

Note from the award Assessors about our ECO Team – “this is a group who have environmental issues clearly in focus and their practical approaches give building blocks for the future, especially when considering the proposals via Presbytery of Edinburgh for unions and worship hubs - in fact they have the scope to be a lead partner with the other churches in developing an environmental and ecological strategy for all within the proposed Union”

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

Greenpeace and Tearfund are amongst the environmental organisations asking for our support in this important survey of the amount of plastic we have to deal with on a daily basis.

It's very easy to sign up via www.thebigplasticcount.com

Print off a survey sheet and stick it to your fridge. During **11-17 March** (or any other 7 day period before 31st March) simply record the plastic you

have had to deal with each day. There are clear instructions on what to do. This is NOT about how much you can manage to recycle. It is a count of how much plastic we are all faced with every day. Once all the results have been submitted at the end of March this will provide evidence to put pressure on the UK Government to take strong action at the upcoming Global Plastic Treaty talks, hopefully striving for the sorts of measures we need to end the age of plastic.

Produce Stall, Sunday 2nd June

After the service in the large hall

We are looking for the usual donations of home baking, tablet, lemon curd, jams etc. Please hand donations into the hall before the service but be sure to come for coffee afterwards to make your purchases.



What's on for Spring and Summer

All welcome to our Spring and Summer Social Events

Music at Craiglockhart

**Saturday April 13 At 7.30
in the Church Sanctuary**

George Coghill and Gina Baker Concert

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.

Tickets £10 each available on Sunday mornings from members of the Stewardship Team or email office@craiglockhart.org to reserve them. You can also pay at the door! Proceeds to Safe Families www.safefamilies.uk



Summer Outing to New Lanark

Friday 28 June 2024

Leaving the Church at 10.15 am by coach returning to the church for 6pm. Cost is £40.00 including: return coach, lunch in the Mill Restaurant at 12.30pm and guided tour 1.30pm. We'll have the opportunity to wander along the Clyde after the tour or have coffees/ teas in the Cafe

New Lanark is a former 18th century cotton spinning mill village located on the banks of the Falls of Clyde just under 1 hour from Glasgow and Edinburgh. It is recognised as one of Scotland's 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites .Find out more from www.newlanark.org



All welcome just add your name to the list on the Stewardship Notice Board or email kathleengrandison@gmail.com. Don't delay as the coach only takes 49!

Produce Stall, Sunday September 1

After the service in the large hall

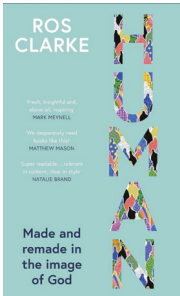
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Book Group

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?

This book will help you consider afresh what it means to be a human. All welcome to chat through our thoughts and questions on the book.

Craiglockhart Photo Competition

**Sunday
September 8**



We had a very successful photo competition a few years ago. This time we would like to challenge you to take photos of our very own Craiglockhart. They could be buildings, nature, views - the choice is yours. Please print your photos 10x8 size and hand them in to the Church by 1 September. Mount them on a piece of card if possible with a title and put your name and contact number on the back. We look forward to seeing what you capture. If you have questions please e mail kathleengrandison@gmail.com or phone 07870193721.

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