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Craiglockhart
Parish Church of Scotland

Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened,
and do not be dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you
wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Services this week

Sunday 20 August, 10.30am

Back to School with God service

For this service, if you have any connection with a school: where you work, where your children or grandchildren study or teach, please let us know so that we can include this school in our prayers.

*Our **Minister Gordon Kennedy** will lead our service this Sunday*

We meet each Sunday for prayer in the McNab Room from 10.10am to 10.25 am. All welcome

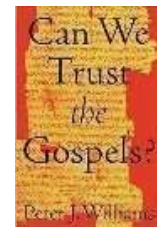
All welcome to join any of our services in person or on our YouTube channel <https://www.craiglockhartchurch.org/>-

Evening Service Sunday 20 August

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

Book Group

Join us to discuss our current Book Club read by Peter Williams - Can We Trust the Gospels? **Monday 28 August at 7.30 pm in the Church**



Welcome Space

Our Welcome Space starts up again on **Monday 21 August 10am - noon** . Why not bring your friends along for coffee and chat. No charge.

4 Churches - sharing food, faith and friendship

Summer Picnic with BBQ Food and refreshments provided

We are joining with our group churches to share food, faith and friendship in our summer picnic and BBQ. **If you plan to come please e mail office@craiglockhartchurch.org or fill in the sign up sheet in the Large Hall - just to get an idea of numbers.**



Autumn Steeple ready for distribution

Our **Autumn Steeple** is now available for delivery. If you are a distributor, please collect your bundle from Church on **Sunday 20th or Sunday 27th August**. A copy of the Steeple is now on the Church website so please encourage neighbours and friends who may not normally receive a copy to have a look. Also encourage them to click the **Subscribe button** to receive copies of our Weekly News to their e mail address

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4 Churches - Praying 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. See poster.**

Prayer Time

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, starting Wednesday 5 September meeting at Barclay Viewforth at

7.30pm. All are welcome.

Music at Craiglockhart Saturday 9th September at 7.30

Concert by **Blu Velvet Swing Jazz Band** performing traditional and modern Jazz, Blues and Americana songs. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. The band delve into the Great American Songbook and emerge with tasteful and lively modern arrangements. Songs from Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Ray Charles, Caro Emerald, Adele, Cole Porter, Amy Winehouse, Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, Van Morrison, Fats Domino, Carly Simon, Aretha Franklin, Diane Birch and Emeli Sande. They will do a couple of songs from each decade, starting with the 1920s through to present day. **Tickets £10 each available on Sunday morning from members of the Stewardship Team or email office@craiglockhartchurch.org to reserve them. Also you can just pay at the door**



News from our Eco Group - The Coat of Hopes

There is a wonderful film and Exhibition on at **St Mary's Cathedral in Palmerston Place daily at 2-3pm until 27th August (except 16th)**. It tells the story of the pilgrims who walked from the south of England to Glasgow for COP 26, travelling with the amazing 'Coat of Hopes' to which patches of sewn and embroidered 'hopes' were added as the journey progressed. The spectacular Coat really has been seen up close. More details about how the Coat came about can be found at www.coatofhopes.uk. The exhibition also includes **Natalie Taylor's beautiful Keeper of the Soils cape**, which walked with pilgrims from Edinburgh to Glasgow for COP26, gathering little pockets of soil as they went. All details with opening times etc can be found at <https://artandecology.earth/summer-programme/>

Recycling your old blister packs

St Michael's Church collects and recycles old blister packs. If you have any empty packs from vitamins/prescription pills etc then please do feel free to **drop them off at the Office during the week or on a Sunday morning before or after the Church Service.**



Sunday coffee

After our Service each Sunday we enjoy a cuppa and a wee biscuit, sometimes cake if there is a special occasion. It's a great chance to get to know folk and there is nothing nicer than hearing the Hall buzzing with chat. **Please come and join us. You'll be made very welcome.**

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 –**



Upcoming Services

Sunday 27 August, 10.30am

Amos 1+2 The Lord Roars Like all Nations

Sunday 3 September, 10.30am

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

All welcome to join any of our services in person or on our YouTube channel
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Produce Stall - Sunday 3 September 2023 - after morning service

Missional Listening – Saturday 30 September 10am - 3.30pm Craiglockhart Church

This is a day for elders and any interested members of our four congregations to learn about Missional Listening. Diane McWilliam from the Cinnamon Network will lead the day and outline for us what Missional Listening is and how our four congregations might go ahead with this mission opportunity. Missional Listening is a process for congregations, or groups of congregations, to engage with the community, to listen to what others say about the community with a view to identifying areas of mission into which the congregations can serve. Further details will follow.

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

Christianity and the arts at Barclay Viewforth

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A Sunday evening series 6-27 August 6.30 for 7.
(6 August 6.15pm for food)

We live in a city filled with the arts, no more so than during the Edinburgh International Festival and Fringe in August. Join us for some thoughts and discussions about the arts at our August evening gatherings.



Assisted Dying Forum

Wednesday 27 September, 7:30 @ Barclay Viewforth Church

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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.carenokilling.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.

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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 either Sunday 3 or 10 September. The first trio will tee off at 1pm 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, andrewtstephenson@gmail.com, as soon as possible.**

Colinton and Merchiston Community Choir

Come and Sing Day

Saturday 9 September 10am - 4.30 pm

Come and Sing with our experienced singers and those with no experience at all For more information go to www.colintonchoir.org

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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