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This week's services

Sunday 28 January 10.30am

Matthew 3:13—17 Who is the Messiah? Who does John baptise?

At this service we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

All welcome to join any of our services in person or on our YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@craiglockhartchurch3157>

We are back in our newly decorated Sanctuary. Thanks to all who helped with this.

What's on

Monday 29 January	Welcome Space 10-12 noon
Monday 29 January	Book Group 7.30pm
Monday 5 February	Welcome Space 10-12 noon
Wednesday 7 February	4 Congregations Prayer Barclay Viewforth
7.30-8.30pm	
Thursday 8 February	10.30-11.30am Bible Study - Centenary Hall



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.

From Sunday 28 January, for seven weeks. We'll be looking at the New Testament book of Colossians. This sermon series will be shared by David Clarkson, Fiona Kennedy and Gordon Kennedy.

The letter to the Colossians is one of the last letters written by the apostle Paul during his time of imprisonment. Having followed Jesus for many years and preached the gospel to many, Paul writes in this letter of the need for disciples of Jesus to Continue In Christ. This challenge is as relevant for us today as it was for the Colossians in Paul's day. **You are all welcome to come and join us for this time of reading Colossians and challenging one another to Continue In Christ.**

Book Group - Monday 29 January 7.30pm - Craiglockhart Church

At this group we'll be discussing Tim Chester's book Enjoying God: Experience the power and love of God in everyday life. We believe in God, we serve God, we love God, **but do we ENJOY God** as much as we can? Does our head knowledge translate into affection of the heart? Do we have a meaningful relationship with someone we can't see? Do we feel excited about God every day, in every context?

This isn't a book about the Trinity. It's a "how to" book exploring how we relate to God (for which we need a true understanding of the Trinity). In day-to-day life, how do the three persons of the Trinity relate to us, and how do we respond?



This week's Bible Reading and Prayer Readings

Friday 26	Pray for the work of the Bethany night shelter, and for those of our congregation serving in the Bethany Winter shelter preparing meals during this season.
Saturday 27	O Lord, our hearts are cold and slow to pray, by your Spirit light such a fire within us as will never be put out, but will burn for your glory and see the name of the Lord Jesus honoured among all peoples.

Sunday 28	'Behold the Lamb who takes our sin away', give thanks to God for his gifts of bread and wine that we might remember Jesus our Saviour, pray for all who will worship at our Communion services today.
Monday 29	Give thanks for our Book Group meeting this evening, pray for good discussions about our book which will encourage us to enjoy God.
Tuesday 30	Pray for the ongoing violence in Gaza and Israel. Pray for those involved in discussions about prisoner exchange and the release of hostages that this may happen soon. Pray for an end to the destruction of home and hospitals and all this time of conflict.
Wednesday 31	Pray for the work of the Food Bank at Holy Trinity Wester Hailes, give thanks for all the volunteers who support this work and pray for all those who come along that they will receive food and much more from the work of this Food Bank.
Thursday 1	Pray for mission in our parish, that God will give us a vision of how we can serve him in making Jesus known. Pray for the Vision Mission and Outreach team of our 4 congregation's which is meeting on Sunday afternoon.
Friday 2	Pray give thanks to God for his work of creation and all the beauty there is in the world around us. Pray that we would all be engaged in the work of creation care and that we would do all we can to reduce the negative impact of our lives upon our planet.

	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
26	24	Exodus 2-3	Matthew 16
27	25	4-5	17
28	26	6-7	18:1-20
29	27	8-9	18:21-35
30	28	10-11	19:1-15
31	29	12-13	19:16-30
1	30	14-16	20:1-16
2	31.1-13	17-18	20:17-34

Our United Congregation - Our Name - your chance to participate

Our four Kirk Sessions have agreed a **process for selecting a new name for our new united congregation**. We are beginning work on this in January and aim to have a new name agreed by June this year.

The General Assembly have instructed that Congregational names must have three elements, a geographical reference, additional words to identify the congregation within that location, and the words 'Church of Scotland'. For our congregation this will look like 'Edinburgh: ?? (Church of Scotland)'. The central element is what we are seeking to agree at this time. The four Kirk Sessions have agreed that we will not consider a new name which is simply a long list of the names of the existing congregations, i.e., Edinburgh: Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth and St Michael's (Church of Scotland).

The first step in our process is to invite members of congregations to propose names. Over three weeks, beginning on Sunday 14 January until Sunday 4 February members will be invited to submit their suggestions for a name. At our services on Sunday we will have slips of paper and pens and a box to post your suggestions in. If you would like to email a suggested name for our new united congregation please email it to: office@craiglockhartchurch.org

During February each Kirk Session will consider all the proposed names and select three from all those suggested. Each Kirk Session will submit the three names to the Implementation Team, giving a total of 12 proposed names for a further sifting. There will be a further round of congregational and Kirk Session involvement in April and May and details of this will be given nearer the time.

Please do pray that we will agree a new name for our united congregation which will reflect our mission. Please do talk with one another about your ideas

for a new name and please do join in this process to help us agree our new name.



4 Congregations praying together

All welcome at Barclay Viewforth on Wednesday 7 February 7.30-8.30pm

Holiday Club 3-5 April - Volunteers please

If you would like to be part of the team for the holiday club that we are running together with our partner churches on 3rd.

5th April, could you email Gordon McBirnie to confirm. gordon@craiglockhartchurch.org



P1s - P7s all welcome at Expedition Force - see poster below

Please bring your children or grandchildren and spread the word to your friends and neighbours. Cost is £6 and includes snacks.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 4 February, 10.30am

Matthew 4:1—11 Who is the Messiah? Who resists temptation?

Sunday 11 February, 10.30am

Matthew 4:1—11 Who is the Messiah? Who fulfils the word of the prophet?

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>

Will you be a Climate Voter?

A General Election will be happening some time in 2024. Greenpeace is urging us to take part in 'Project Climate Vote' to push the next government, whoever they might be, to take serious and meaningful action against climate change.

You can sign up via www.greenpeace.org.uk where you can also download a poster to display in your window. Let's show visible support for climate as a top voting priority - to whichever party may come canvassing!





HOLIDAY CLUB
3rd-5th April
10.30-12 P1-P7

Xpedition force
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.bottolton.org.uk/2023/03/23/4535>

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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**

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.

Weekly Activities at Polwarth



Wednesday
Activities
at
Polwarth
10am - 12noon

Drennan Hall
Polwarth Parish Church
EH11 1LU

A meeting place where you can learn skills,
share skills, make new friends.
Go outdoors, go indoors, join in,
connect with your local community.
All welcome! (18+) All tools and materials provided.

Buses 10 & 27
stop outside
the church

For more information contact
polwarthwedactivities@gmail.com

Activities include:
baking, gardening,
outdoor & indoor, art &
crafts, health & well being
sessions, book group,
poetry, photography, board
games, quizzes, dominoes,
topical presentations,
computer work.
Bring your own skill to
share!

If you have suggestions / features for future editions of Weekly News
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