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**Craiglockhart**  
Parish Church of Scotland

The LORD roars from Zion  
and utters his voice from Jerusalem  
Amos 1:2

**Sunday 27 August, 10.30am**

**Amos 1+2    The Lord Roars Like all Nations**

**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 27 August**

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

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### **What's on this week**

**Monday 28    Welcome Space 10am - 12 noon**  
**Monday 28    Book Group 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 29    Kirk Session 7.30**

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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.

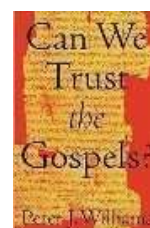
The first meeting of the Implementation Team was on Monday 21 August. The Team is committed to keeping you, the members of our congregations and parishes, well informed about the process as we work through the coming months together. This first note is to let you know of the work of the team. The team 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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### 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 is running again each Monday 10am - noon** . Why not bring your friends and neighbours along for coffee and chat. No charge.

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## 4 Churches - sharing food, faith and friendship

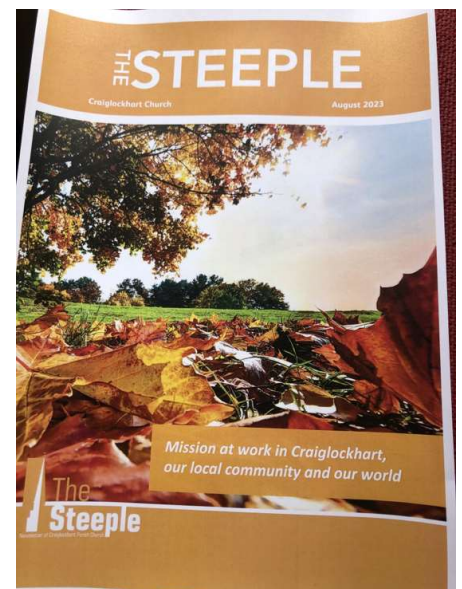
### Summer Picnic with BBQ Food and refreshments provided

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](mailto: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

There are still some **Autumn Steeples to be collected by distributors**. 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 [www.craiglockhartchurch.org](http://www.craiglockhartchurch.org)



### 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 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.**

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## 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](mailto:office@craiglockhartchurch.org) to reserve them. Also you can just pay at the door**



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## Chogoria Lunches

A new rota has been e mailed to all those who kindly volunteered to prepare and serve these lunches. A copy of the Rota is also on display in the Large Hall. If you need to swap could you please arrange this yourselves and notify Ian McLeod at [twomacs@btopenworld.com](mailto:twomacs@btopenworld.com).

Here are the dates for your diary for all to join together for lunch and to support this great cause

8 October  
12 November  
10 December  
7 January  
4 February  
5 March



## 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 –****



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## Upcoming Services

**Sunday 3 September, 10.30am**

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

**Sunday 10 September, 10.30am**

**Amos 4      The Lord Roars: The Holiness of God**

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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

### 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.



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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 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, [andrewtstevenson@gmail.com](mailto:andrewtstevenson@gmail.com), as soon as possible.**

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**St Michael's Church**  
Slateford Road EH11 1NX

## "Time Out"

*30 minutes of quiet, thought and prayer*

Last Wednesday of the month  
19.30-20.00

**A TIME FOR EVERYTHING**  
- ECC 3:1

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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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