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You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10

This week's services

Sunday 4 February 10.30am

Matthew 4:1—11

Who is the Messiah? Who resists temptation?

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 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

Monday 12 February Welcome Space 10-12 noon



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.**

This week's Bible Reading and Prayer Readings

Friday 2	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.
Saturday 3	Give thanks for our 4 congregations and pray for the first meeting of the Vision, Mission and Outreach team tomorrow afternoon. Pray that God will lead us all together in his way of mission and service in our parish.
Sunday 4	All hail the power of Jesus' Name and crown him Lord of all.' Pray for one another that the name of Jesus may be our constant hope and joy. Pray that we would all have opportunities to make known the power of Jesus' name to others.
Monday 5	Give thanks for our welcome space on Monday mornings, give thanks for all those who come along and pray that others will begin to join our times of coffee and chat.
Tuesday 6	Pray for the meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian this evening, pray for Andrea Price who will be installed as Moderator of the Presbytery for the coming year.
Wednesday 7	Give thanks for our 4 congregations time of prayer this evening, 7.30pm at Barclay Viewforth, pray that God's Spirit will establish a strong foundation in prayer for our new united congregation.
Thursday 8	Many Christians in South Sudan, who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus, have no source of income and no way of attaining food. Thank God that local churches are able to step in and help to meet their needs. Pray for an end to the persecution of Christians in South Sudan.
Friday 9	Give thanks for the work of the Edinburgh City Mission and pray for their work among refugees in our city, pray for a welcome and effective support for all those coming to our city in need.

	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
2	31.1-13	Exodus 17-18	Matthew 20:17-34
3	31.14-24	19-21	21:1-22
4	32	22-23	21:23-46
5	33	24-25	22:1-22
6	34	26-27	22:23-46
7	35.1-18	28-29	23:1-22
8	35.19-28	30-31	23:23-39
9	36	32-33	24:1-25

Upcoming Services

Sunday 11 February, 10.30am

Matthew 4:1—11

Who is the Messiah? Who fulfils the word of the prophet?

Sunday 18 February, 10.30am

Lent: Sunday 1

Matthew 21:12—17

In Jerusalem with Jesus. What is the Temple for?

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>

Our United Congregation -- last chance to make a suggestion.

Closing date Sunday 4 February

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 to pray for our future together. 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 have started to meet together for prayer. The next Prayer Time will take place on Wednesday 7th February. **If you would like more information please** email fionakolm@gmail.com

4 Congregations Faith & Food

Sunday 25 February
6.30pm at Polwarth. All welcome to share fellowship, food and faith together.



Bookings are now open for the holiday club at Polwarth at the beginning of April. To sign up, scan the QR code on the poster or go to <https://form.jotform.com/240172992234355>

HOLIDAY CLUB
3rd-5th April
10-12.30 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.

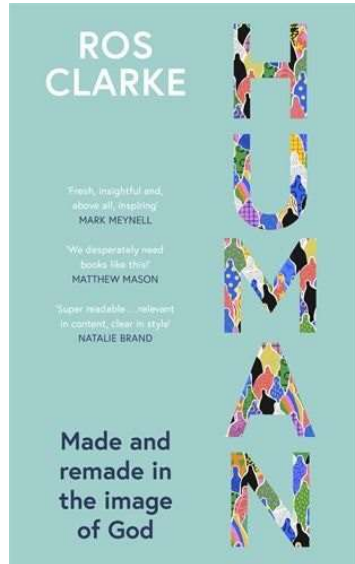
The holiday club team are from four local churches and SU Scotland and we have all have PVG checks. The churches are Barclay Viewforth, Craiglockhart, Polwarth and St. Michael's.

To find out more please go to <https://form.jotform.com/240172992234355>

In partnership with **Scripture union scotland**

Holiday Club - 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



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?

In response to this profound question, Ros Clarke helpfully outlines what the Bible has to say about the nature of humanity. Addressing our status as created beings; our purpose in God's world; our nature as body and soul; and our fall away from God, Human unpacks questions around the issues of identity, sexuality and gender. It then turns to Christ's example as the perfect human, and considers Jesus' teaching about each of us being loved, valued and redeemed. A teaching that remains foundational for all discussions around important topics like inclusivity, disability and race.

Written with both humour and pastoral concern, and including a study guide to aid personal reflection and group discussion, this book will help you consider afresh what it means to be a human.

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 !



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**



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Friday 1st March 2024

All are most welcome to a service in

St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

Palmerston Place, Edinburgh
at 11.30am.

Refreshments afterwards in the Walpole Hall
plus Palestinian handcrafts on sale from Hadeel
(www.hadeel.org)

The service will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@stmarysepiscopalcathedrale9988/streams>

This is not a political event. No flags will be allowed.

"I beg you to bear with one another in love"

Written by Christian Women
of Palestine

(Ephesians 4: 1-7)

World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee SC020446

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!

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