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LETTER FROM REVD DR ANNE LOGAN

Dear Friends,

Before I leave you in the capable hands of your new minister, I would like to express some thanks. The staff team, William, Pauline and Bettina have shouldered extra responsibilities, without complaint and I owe them much. The Session Clerks, Boyd and Pauline have worked tirelessly and efficiently and made my life very much easier. It was, of course, wonderful to have Angus as Locum. I will continue my role from October onwards, only with the Nominating Committee.

However, I also want to thank you as a congregation and community for continuing your faithful ministry in this parish, despite all the upheaval and uncertainty that a vacancy brings. I will leave you with a couple of pieces of advice. First of all: when MaryAnn arrives, remember to tell her your name for at least the first six times you meet her – it takes quite a time for a new minister to get to know everyone, but reminding her of your name, will make that easier. Secondly: remember God's words from



Isaiah 43 about not always looking back to the past but rather looking out for the new thing that God is doing.

The past often looks comfortable through the rose-tinted lenses of nostalgia – but the new opportunities and new challenges that God offers are exciting and offer hope.

Blessings!

Anne
Revd Dr Anne T Logan
Interim Moderator

REVD DR MARYANN RENNIE



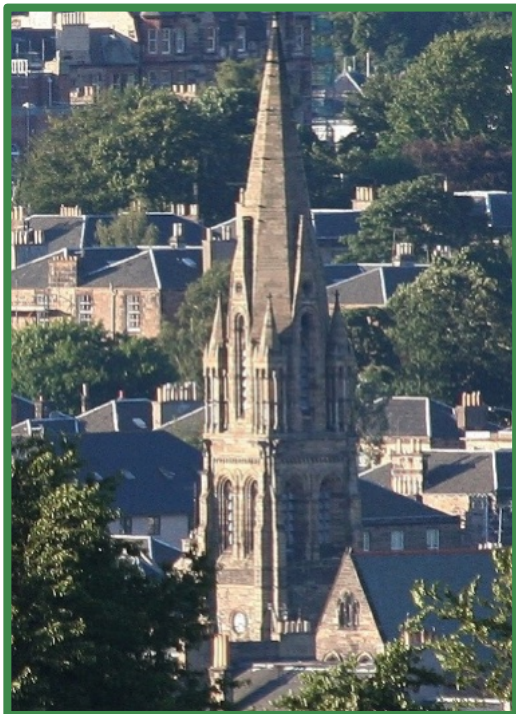
SERVICE OF INDUCTION

We are delighted to be able to announce that the service of induction of the Revd Dr MaryAnn Rennie will take place at Newington Trinity - Mayfield on Wednesday 30 September at 7.00pm.

Presbytery will be leading the service and everyone is invited to mark MaryAnn's role in helping us along our congregational pathway.

Please do come along if you are able to do so.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON



Dear Friends,

There were reports this week of the dangers of constant scrolling on phones and being driven by algorithms to watch more and more. This affects both children and adults meaning they spend more time in front of screens and less on getting out and about and doing things. I think I also need to take a break from watching the news every night and stop the incessant flow of tragedies, wildfires, famine and warfare which have become such a regular depressing drum beat.

So it is so it is perhaps time to focus our attention more on ourselves and what we can do for our local community. As you are aware, there has been a theme for many weeks now about stewardship. This is not just about money - although that is important - but also about using our time and talents to help and make a difference

in preserving our community and in promoting our mission.

The Kirk Session agreed that as the new congregation of Newington Trinity, we should have a stewardship season. To support that, a leaflet has been prepared which is included with this magazine (page 9 onwards), the weekly email and also on the church website.

We invite you not to scroll through it quickly but to read and reflect on its messages and think about how you focus your time and efforts. You may be doing all you can, in which case many thanks. But if possible, do review any arrangements you may have in place for giving and supporting the life of the congregation. God bless and thank you.

Boyd McAdam
Session Clerk

TEACHING IN HONDURAS



My Teaching Experience in Honduras

This interesting report was sent to us by Georgina Graham, who spent a year teaching in Honduras as a Project Trust volunteer. She received support from the Shierlaw Fund.

Overall, it was a year that challenged me in so many different ways. It wasn't the experience I expected before I arrived, but it taught me a huge amount, both professionally and personally.

At the beginning of the year, I started teaching Reading to the fifth grade students. There were so many kids in that class who were badly behaved, and some who struggled a lot and didn't have the support they needed, unfortunately.

Not long after that, the history teacher left the school, so I was asked to cover the History classes. I ended up teaching a huge number of students, including some who were actually older than me. At the time, I was 17, and a few of my 12th grade students were 19 or even 20, which was definitely an unusual experience.

Teaching History was a challenge. I had never studied History at school, especially not US History, so I was learning many of the topics while teaching them. If I'd had more time, I would have loved to study the content before teaching it to them.

In December, the new History teacher arrived. I knew I was going to miss the older ones because they had a much better level of English, so I could speak to them and have proper conversations with them. But I was moved to first grade as a full time assistant. I knew that it would be harder from a language-barrier perspective, but the little ones did make me laugh a lot!

Working with the younger children was good in a different way. They completely stole my heart. They were kind, funny, caring, and every single one had their own unique personality. Saying goodbye to them at the end of the year was one of the hardest parts of leaving.

One of my favourite memories was teaching some of the first graders how to play "I Spy" in English. We'd often sit together during lunch, playing the game. It was funny because I could understand what they were saying in Spanish, but they had to work hard to understand my English. It was a lovely way for us to learn from each other.

I also had a small reading group who would sit with me on the benches to practise reading. They'd hug me, climb on me, play with my hair, and make me feel incredibly welcome.

One of the challenges in first grade, though, was feeling like I had a purpose there. The class teacher and the students naturally communicated in Spanish, so even though I could understand around 80% of what was going on, I was supposed to be there to teach English, and sometimes I just felt like I couldn't give them as much English as I would have liked. I understand that it is only natural that the teachers want to speak in their own language, and that it's easier to communicate with the children in Spanish, but every day I felt guilty because I had got more Spanish out of being there for 1 year than the students had got out of being in a bilingual school.

I learnt a lot throughout the year, especially socially. Living and working in another country, besides teaching, is about adapting, communicating, being patient, and learning how to work with people from different backgrounds. I learned how important clear communication is, how to set better boundaries, and how much personal growth can come from stepping outside your comfort zone.

One of my biggest personal achievements was how much my Spanish improved.



Living in Honduras gave me the opportunity to use the language every day, and I became more and more confident in Spanish as the year went on. I also fell in love with Honduran culture and met so many wonderful people.

Looking back, this year wasn't always easy, but it challenged me, helped me grow, and taught me lessons that I'll carry with me for the rest of my life. I'm very grateful for everything I learned, for the people I met, and for the opportunity to teach and experience life in Honduras.

Georgina Graham

PARISH DEACON

PAULINE ROBERTSON DCS

OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
In our journey through life, we encounter individuals that leave a lasting mark on our hearts. It is with this in mind that we introduce the *Book of Remembrance* to our church community. It serves as a memorial to the love they shared with us. The book will be kept in the south transept within our church, allowing all members of our community to view, reflect upon and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us.

Should you wish to include the name of a loved one in the *Book of Remembrance*, please complete a form and return. By doing so, you help us create a lasting tribute. *The Book of Remembrance* is not just a record of names; it reminds us of the connections we share, the love that binds us, and the faith that sustains us.

We hope that this *Book of Remembrance* will bring comfort, honour the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future with hope and faith.

PASTORAL CARE
If you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit or phone call please contact Pauline Robertson, Parish Deacon.

WEEKLY EMAIL
Each week an intercessory prayer email is circulated. If there is anyone or situation you would like to have added to our confidential email or you would like to receive the email, please contact Pauline.

Pauline's email address is
parishdeacon@newingtontrinity.org her
phone number is 07587 043191.

NEWINGTON TRINITY BOOK GROUP

The Newington Trinity Book Group is a small group which meets on the last Thursday of the month. We read a mix of genres, from thrillers and crime to classics, nature writing and biographies.

All the books have been read by one member of the group and the discussion provides us with an opportunity to explore different topics and types of books.

During the coming year, we'll be reading books by authors including Maggie O'Farrell, Kate Atkinson and Benjamin Myers, as well as some lighter books by Alan Bennett and Terry Pratchett. We'll also be reading Stevenson's classic *Kidnapped* and a fascinating fictional autobiography of Julian of Norwich.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 24 September at 7.30pm in Church House when our book for discussion will be *The Cement Garden* by Ian McEwan. We'd be delighted to welcome you along to join us. And you don't have to read every book – the discussion about each one has been so different, some people loving a book and others not remotely enthusiastic.

To find out more, contact Joan Adam on jaukpark@gmail.com or 07933 113 633



NEXT AFTERNOON SERVICE



The next Afternoon Service will be held soon, on **Tuesday, 1 SEPTEMBER** at 2.30pm in the Bill McDonald Hall [via West Mayfield level access] and led by Pauline Robertson, DCS., Parish Deacon. (Unfortunately this time the date clashes with the Guild Meeting).

These are short, informal services seated around tables and followed by light refreshments until around 3.45pm. If you haven't attended in the past and would like to join us, we will be really glad to welcome you. If you need further information please get in touch with Pauline Robertson on **0758 704 3191/** parishdeacon@newingtontrinity.org or Anne Sturrock/ afternoonservice@newingtontrinity.org

As usual, everyone always made most welcome - please do come! It's always a special afternoon together.



We had another wonderful Summer Camp at our favourite place near Carrbridge. 20 Scouts attended the nine day camp and enjoyed warm sunny weather that allowed them to swim in the river every day.

Activities included Bush Skills, Archery, Team challenges – including dousing for water - a day long incident hike based on Lord of the Rings, and a visit to the Aquadome in Inverness. We spent our usual half day helping the Estate Head Gamekeeper with the fencing designed to help the endangered Capercaillie.

A full day was devoted to A Year in the Life where every hour was based on a month and an activity that always happened on that month. We started by having haggis for breakfast to symbolise Burns Night and ended with a lavish Christmas Dinner. A special guest appeared at the last event dressed in red and white robes with gifts for all!

We included a visit to the Highland Wildlife

Park which was greatly enjoyed by the Scouts. This was an unscheduled part of the programme and replaced our planned visit to Loch Morlich Watersports Centre for our usual day of watersports and mountain biking. The Centre was one of the many businesses badly affected by the huge wildfire into the Abernethy area. We heard a lot of detail from the head gamekeeper of the Estate where we camp.

We realised that our loss was minor compared to the people that had to evacuate at short notice, the losses to business and the massive damage to one of the most beautiful parts of the Cairngorm National Park. The message of Climate Change could not have been clearer.

Alan Dickson
Scout Leader

Headquarters
28th Braid Scout Group
Newington Trinity Church - Mayfield
18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ
Scottish Charity No SC006141



Beavers After another busy, successful term that included the Explorer and the Camp Craft badges, the Beavers enjoyed the last night of the term with a fun sports evening in the Church Garden and s'mores on a barbecue.

Cubs Over the summer term, Cubs enjoyed a varied programme. We completed both the Road Safety and Pioneering badges. We completed some orienteering at Craigmillar Castle and finally made it to our twice-rearranged visit to Liberton Fire Station. To mark Cubs' 110th birthday, we joined with other Cub Packs (as well as Beaver Colonies marking 40 years of Beavers and Squirrel Dreys marking 5 years of Squirrels) for an activity day at Bonaly. Cubs enjoyed some axe throwing, backwoods cooking and use of Bonaly activities.

Scouts The 35th Scouts had a superb summer camp at Escrick, North Yorkshire,

camping with 8 other troops from across England. This annual camp is a mini-jamboree and this year we had total of 87 scouts, 32 explorers/YL and 66 adults who enjoyed a warm, dry camp.

With such a large camp we can offer scouts a wide range of activities; archery, kayaking, air rifle shooting, air museum visit, electronics badge, communicator badge, pioneering, artist badge, craft badge, athletics badges, forester badge, model making, photography, geo-caching, navigation and survival skills as well as traditional patrol based camping. Our 12 scouts embraced these activities and between them earned 60 badges and awards that were presented at our final campfire on the Friday evening.

Headquarters

35th Braid Scout Group
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2 Marchhall Place, Edinburgh EH16 5HW
Scottish Charity No SCO35115



OUR JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

Thank you for your support for Newington Trinity Church.

By setting out what we already do together and what we might do in the future we hope this leaflet encourages you to share the joy of Christ with others. Your generosity, service and faith – your stewardship - is the bedrock on which we do so.

Stewardship aims to support the people, activities and moments that make up our life as a church. Money is an important, indeed essential, component. If we cannot fund what we need to do, we cannot survive as a congregation. However, while there is a focus on funding this stewardship season, this leaflet is about more than money. It invites you to think about how you can help in a variety of ways.

Our theme for this season is joy: the deep joy that comes from knowing we are loved by God and called to share in God's work. When we give our time, skills or money, we do so in response to that love.

In these pages, you will see how your support helps our ministry and mission: touching lives, building relationships and strengthening our community as we follow Christ together.

With every blessing,

The Kirk Session



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WHAT WE ALREADY DO

Your gifts of money, time and talent support our church and help others.

All money given to Newington Trinity Church supports our ministry and mission, both locally and more widely. Our spending can be grouped into two main areas: **Worship and Prayer** and **Nurturing Communities**.

The diagram opposite shows in broad outline where our money in 2025 went on activities, supported by the work of our volunteers and staff.

Worship and Prayer: Worship is at the centre of our faith. Through music, scripture, prayer and preaching, we grow closer to God and to one another. We are strengthened to share the love of Christ in the world.

Sunday services are at the heart of our worship. Our worship leaders, along with organ and piano musicians and choir lead us in praise and we hear readings and teaching on the Bible, within our beautiful sanctuaries, regularly at Mayfield and occasionally at Priestfield.

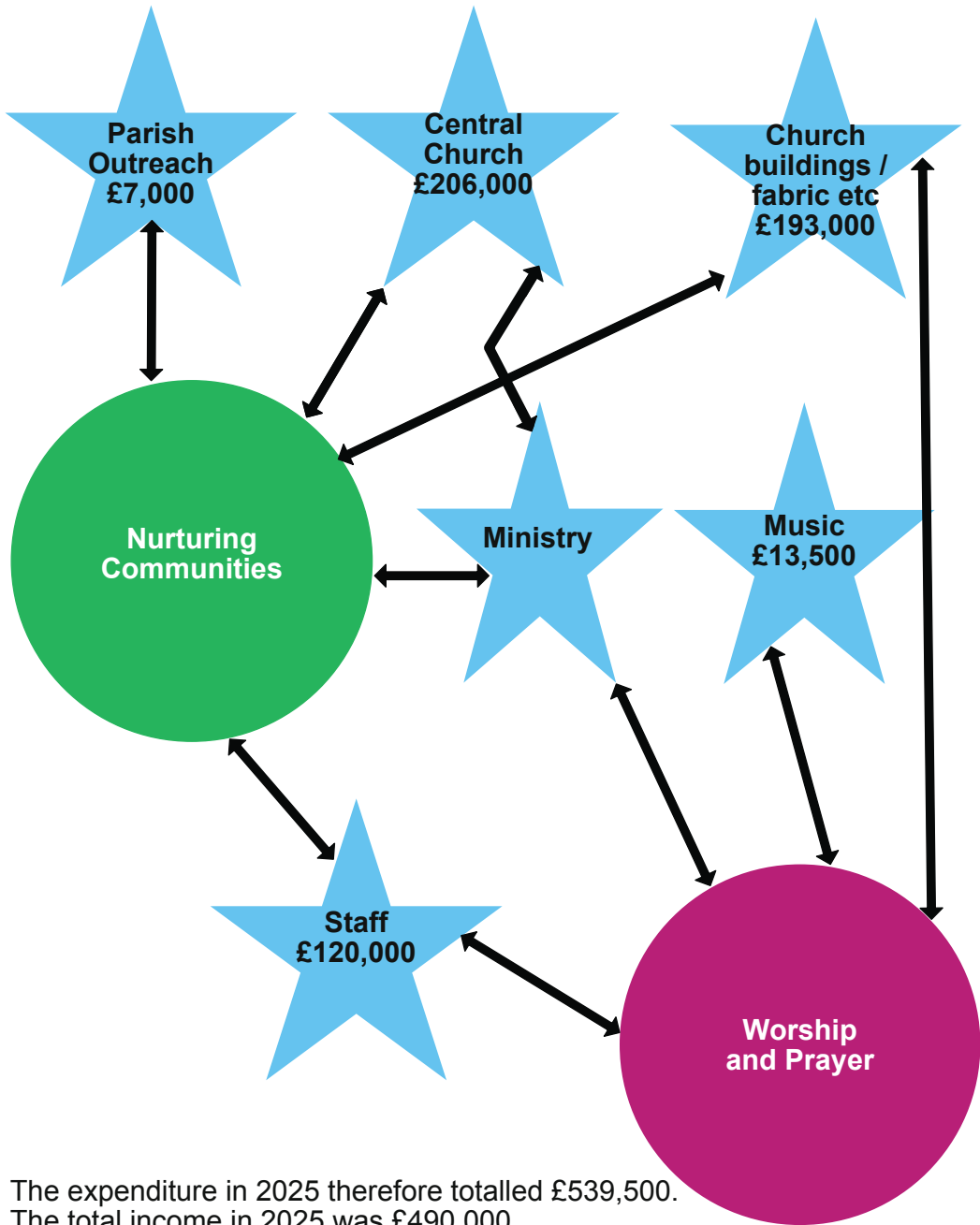
During the early service our young people meet for Young Church to learn about Christ through stories, crafts and activities. Each service is followed by a time to gather for fellowship over tea and coffee and biscuits.

Your giving helps support our ministry. Our Parish Deacon and Child and Young Adult Worker are paid for directly by the congregation as are our Organist and other staff. This makes it possible for us to offer regular and varied worship and prayer.

Alongside Sunday morning services, we offer Sunday evening communion, weekday afternoon services in the Bill McDonald Hall, Praise and Prayer at Priestfield, and Messy Church. House Groups meet to discuss matters of faith, scripture and share ideas. We also welcome other Christian communities to worship in our buildings. Special services during the year include Holy Week, Remembrance and Christingle, as well as those at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Children from the local primary school visit from time to time.

Nurturing Communities: The people who make up our congregation, our parish and our wider community are central to all we do. It is our mission to serve them as best we can. In our new united congregation we are doing this in a variety of ways. Our summary annual report on our website (www.newingtontrinity.org) sets out what we do already in so many ways.

All figures relate to 2025 spending, and are approximate.
Full accounts are available on request.



The expenditure in 2025 therefore totalled £539,500.
The total income in 2025 was £490,000.
This left a shortfall of £49,500 (nearly £1,000 a week).



Our Child and Young Adult Worker has regular slots in the local primary school to provide support to staff and pupils, and a team of volunteer gardeners has contributed to the green area at the centre of the campus.

We are blessed with many spaces which we rent out at moderate cost (and in some cases for nothing) to those wanting to use them. This allows the uniformed youth organisations, music groups, exercise classes and much more to take place in an affordable and comfortable way.

Our volunteers also work in the wider community. For example, we have two teams who work on the Bethany Christian Trust Care van, working with the homeless. We have some who volunteer during the night time as Street Pastors, caring for the vulnerable and providing comfort to those in need, and others who volunteer at Newington Foodbank every week.

Our Financial Situation

A large chunk of our expenditure just has to be paid. We are required to meet our bills such as insurance and for power; and to maintain and indeed improve the fabric of our buildings. This is so they are safe and comfortable for the congregation and people in the community to use, and to allow us to deliver our mission to those in the congregation and beyond, whether young or old.



Like all Church of Scotland congregations, we contribute to the central church by a levy (Giving to Grow) which is used to support ministry teams, those congregations struggling to meet their obligations and our wider mission. As part of the Church of Scotland we also have a commitment to serve those in the parish, whether members of our congregation or not.

The fabric costs in 2025 were high both as a result of the union at the start of 2025 and as a result of the vacancies. The vacancies provided the opportunity to undertake building repairs and improvements ready for the future. Some of these expenses will continue in 2026 and beyond. A particular cost is the work on replacing the heating system in the sanctuary at Mayfield.

This will provide a space that is warm and welcoming for worship and community use long into the future using modern heating technology that supports our commitment to the environment. The previous system was put in well over a century ago and it is time for us to renew it for future generations.

The heating project will, in the main, be covered by our reserves, helped by the sale of the former Craigmillar Park church building and manse. However, under charity law - and like all congregations Newington Trinity is a charity - we are required to maintain a certain level of reserves. So we cannot keep drawing on these reserves over the years. Looking at 2025, in broad terms our expenditure was £539,500, whereas our income was £490,000. That left a shortfall of £49,500: nearly £1,000 a week.

The deficit is likely to be similar for the next few years. We are always looking to save on expenditure, and our volunteers, working with the staff, help with this to a great degree. However, if we are to meet rising costs and move forward as a congregation in this parish, we need to review and increase our income.



WHAT WE WISH TO DO

Our union has brought fresh energy, new friendships and new opportunities to share the Gospel. Our growing ministry team is vital to this work. We are also blessed with buildings where we can worship, meet and welcome others.

Our church community is strong because people give in many different ways. Each gift of time, skill or money matters. Together, we follow Christ and support the church for those who come after us.

We are looking forward with excitement to the arrival of our parish minister the Rev Dr MaryAnn Rennie and to the prospect of a Pioneer Minister in the near future. A group has been laying the foundations for his or her arrival, getting ready to provide support. This will include looking at opportunities to do more in the community above and beyond our traditional activities as set out above.

We also need to maintain what we have and we also wish to improve our resources where possible providing more opportunities for engagement with the congregation, the wider community and to support our mission.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

This stewardship season has a focus on giving generously. Financial giving is not the only kind of giving: opportunities to offer your skills and volunteering are also important.

This season we would like everyone to think about what you can give to help our church remain stable and sustainable. The various ways of doing so are set out below. We ask each of us to think prayerfully and hopefully about our giving, trusting that in giving we also receive the joy of the Lord.

WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for every gift of money, time and talent given to Newington Trinity Church. Below are some ways to give. If you have questions, please speak to an elder or contact the Treasurer, Charles Garland, at treasurer@newingtontrinity.org

• Gift Aid

If you give by standing order or online and are a UK taxpayer, **Gift Aid can increase your donation by 25%** at no extra cost to you. A Gift Aid form is enclosed and is available on request from the Gift Aid Convener, Sean McKenna at offerings@newingtontrinity.org

• Standing Order

A standing order is the simplest and most cost-effective way to give money to our Church. A standing order form is enclosed or can be provided on request from the Freewill Offering Convener, Sean McKenna at offerings@newingtontrinity.org If you already contribute this way, we invite you to review your giving.

• Online Giving

You can give online using the donations button on our website at: www.newingtontrinity.org

• Sunday Worship

The open plate will continue to be available during Sunday worship.

• Volunteering

There are opportunities for everyone to support the work of our church. Look out for opportunities in the weekly email and in our parish magazine. If you have time to spare or a particular skill you think would be helpful, please see one of our clerks.

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If you are considering a legacy to the church in your will please ask for a leaflet from the Treasurer, Freewill Offering Convener (details above).



*However you support Newington Trinity Church
Thank you and God Bless you*



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GIFT AID DECLARATION

Boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid allows Newington Trinity Church to claim an additional 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you.

Gift Aid Declaration

☐ I want to Gift Aid my donations and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Newington Trinity Church.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Your details

Title: _____

First name or initial(s): _____

Surname: _____

Full home address: _____

Postcode: _____

Date: _____

Please let us know if you:

- want to cancel this declaration;
- change your name or home address; or
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate, you can claim additional tax relief on your Gift Aid donations through your Self Assessment tax return or by asking HMRC to adjust your tax code.

Please return this completed declaration to Newington Trinity Church.

For church use only

Donor reference: NT _____

Date received: _____

Declaration recorded: ☐

Scanned/filed: ☐

Return Details: Church Office, 18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ / offerings@newingtontrinity.org

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REGULAR GIVING BY STANDING ORDER

Thank you for supporting the work, worship and mission of Newington Trinity Church through regular giving.

Setting up a new standing order

You can set up a standing order using your bank's online or mobile banking service, or by contacting your bank.

Please use the following details:

Account name: Newington Trinity Church Receipts

Sort code: 80-02-73

Account number: 00514627

Payment reference: Please use your **surname and first initial**, where possible, so that we can identify your giving. For example: **SmithJ**

Already giving by standing order?

Thank you for your ongoing support.

As part of our stewardship campaign, you may wish to review your regular giving and consider whether the amount remains appropriate for your circumstances.

If you decide to change your regular gift, you can normally amend your existing standing order through your bank's online or mobile banking service.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid can increase the value of your donation by **25p for every £1 you give**, at no additional cost to you.

If you have not already completed a Gift Aid Declaration, please complete the accompanying form.

If you already have a valid Gift Aid Declaration with Newington Trinity Church, **you do not need to complete another one simply because you change the amount of your standing order.**

Thank you

Thank you for your regular giving and for supporting the life and work of Newington Trinity Church.

The Spirit of the Lord is in me.
This is because he, God chose me to tell the
Good News to the poor.

It is Church but not as you know it! It is a way of being Church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

At the beginning of the year we enjoyed a great Family Ceilidh led by Ceilidhkids, finishing with a time to look forward to finishing the Moses Story. It was a really enjoyable, exuberant time.

Messy Church will come together again on Saturday 26 September 4.00pm to 6.00pm. This will be a day for rejoicing at a time of harvest that God provides for us in many ways.

All families are welcome and/or if you would like to help please contact Diane Cross at: **trudacross@msn.com**



SOUTHSIDE FAITH CARE

ACTIVITIES/TIMES 2026	SEPT	OCT	NOTES
TUESDAYS	DATES	DATES	
NEW Reminiscence Series 13:30 - 15:30 (fortnightly) 1. School Days 2. Edinburgh 3. Maria Short's Observatory on Calton Hill popular entertainment or a disgrace to the city? * 4. Childhood	8 22	6 20	Newington Trinity Priestfield 2 Marchhall Place, EH16 6QR Memories of school days; Edinburgh as it once was; childhood games and toys; Session 3: Guest speaker Catherine Booth*
CRAFTS 13:30 - 15:30 (monthly) Newington Trinity Priestfield	15	13	Bring along your home craft projects or try something new and blether.
WEDNESDAYS			
NEW Keeping Yourself Safe 10:30am-12 noon 1. Scams: Impersonations HMRC, Banks, Investments, Pensions 2. Digital Frauds and Scams** 3. Doorstep Crime-Rogue Traders Blackford & Grange Church 3 Kilgraston Road, EH9 2DW	23	7 21	Speakers: New series Trading Standards Scotland and Police Scotland/Barclays Bank* provide invaluable information to help you, with case studies and insights. Opportunity to seek guidance from the experts.
THURSDAYS			
Sporting Memories - weekly 10am - 12 noon Newington Trinity Priestfield	3, 10, 17, 24	1, 8, 22, 29	If... "folks you know <u>don't</u> like talking about sport, but you do, well, this is for you!"
Walking Tennis - weekly 14:00 - 15:30 Priestfield Tennis Club, 2-4 Kirkhill Road, EH16 5DE	3, 10, 17, 24	6, 13, 20, 27	"Walking Tennis gives me 5 "F's"... FUN, FITNESS, FRESH AIR, FOCUS & FRIENDS!" (Jane, 81yrs)
NEW Digital Support Sessions 13:30 - 15:30 (fortnightly) Morningside United Church 15 Chamberlain Road EH10 4DH	17	1,15, 29	With Tap into IT. Helps you to keep connected. Remember to charge up and bring your phones/tablets/ laptops!
FRIDAYS			
Man Friday - weekly 10:00 – 12 Noon Newington Trinity Priestfield	4, 11, 18, 25	2, 9,16 23, 30	"We are here for the chat, the banter and the biscuits!" Come along and join us!

Contact: Roseanne : 07587 014948 | Activities Co-ordinator | Tues – Friday | 9.30-4
 Su : 07478 543510 | Development Lead | Tues – Thurs | 9.30-4

OFFICE: Newington Trinity Priestfield, 2 Marchhall Place, Edinburgh EH16 5HW
hello@southsidefaithcare.org | www.southsidefaithcare.org

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOXES



Thank you so much for your support for the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal in 2025. Last year Blythswood sent over 85,000 shoeboxes to eight different countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. So, from those, Blythswood deliver these gifts, thank you so very much.

Since the first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993, Blythswood have sent more than 2.8 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need.

Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

If you are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas by sponsoring a shoebox. Information is on the website below. If you would like to fill a shoe box, or share with someone else, the leaflets will be available soon. As I know, it is good to have some notice to do this as we need the boxes in by the end of October!

If you would like anymore information please ask Diane Cross.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

<https://blythswood.org/shooboxappeal/>



Response to the Ebola outbreak

Following the confirmation that more than 2,000 people have now died from Ebola in eastern DRC, Christian Aid's Head of Global Humanitarian Response, Salome Ntububa, who is based Goma, said: "This is a terrifying time for people in eastern DRC. The fact it took nearly three months for the first 1,000 people to die from Ebola but less than three weeks to reach the grim milestone of 2,000 deaths shows that this Ebola outbreak is at real risk of spiralling out of control.

"Without a vaccine for this strain of Ebola, the only way to save people's lives is to make sure people know how to prevent the spread of the disease. It is also vital for those feeling ill to seek medical attention and quarantine at a treatment centre before they infect anyone else. However, the lack of transport and poor roads in eastern DRC makes it hard for people to receive the care they need in time.

"The situation is made far more complex by ongoing conflict in Ituri province, which both hinders people reaching treatment centres but also pushes people into already overcrowded displacement camps, where it is even easier for the disease to spread.

"Christian Aid's local partners have been working with trusted local leaders, including pastors and priests to combat the misinformation that has hampered the response so far. Unfortunately, still too many people are reluctant to let loved ones

go into quarantine in case they die while away from their family.

"While there has been considerable progress in the response on the ground, including the recent opening of a 100-bed treatment centre in the town of Bunia, in Ituri, the scale of the unfolding crisis means without additional emergency funding from the international community we are likely to see a speeding up of disease transmission and a further spike in the number of deaths."

There are currently more than 4,000 Ebola cases confirmed but ongoing conflict and displacement make it hard to confirm numbers and increases the risk of regional outbreaks.

This is **the 17th outbreak** - and the largest - in the DRC and the pace of transmission is outstripping the response capabilities.

Christian Aid's partners, Communauté Baptiste au Centre de l'Afrique/Baptist Community in Central Africa (CBCA) and Ecumenical Development Support Office (BOAD) are helping to share life-saving public health messaging to reach more than half a million people. They are also supporting frontline health workers by supplying 20 health centres across Ituri with essential supplies including mattresses and blankets as well as tents so they can isolate and treat Ebola patients.

There will be an opportunity to donate in support of Christian Aid after the Harvest Service on Sunday 25 October 2026.

A PRAYER FOR THE EBOLA OUTBREAK

Loving God, you see us and know us.

You are present with us in times of
suffering.

We pray to you for all people affected
by the Ebola outbreak.

Comfort those who are ill,

Sustain those who grieve,

Watch over those who deliver care.

We pray for the safety and health of
our partners and medical staff as they
treat those affected.

We pray for strength for communities
and families in the Democratic
Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

We pray that breakthroughs will come
swiftly as new vaccines and
treatments are developed.

We pray that the world would unite to
take action and to support our global
neighbours.

Loving God,

we ask this in Jesus' name

Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Youth Group Details from Bettina: youth@newingtontrinity.org

Please also note the weekly news and website calendar

Events at Mayfield Building = (M). At Priestfield Building = (P)
Services will take place at the Mayfield building unless otherwise noted.

AUGUST

Sun 30 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service - Revd Angus Mathieson
Thereafter Young Church Team additional needs training workshop
10.45am Service of Worship - Revd Angus Mathieson

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)
2.00pm Afternoon Service in the Bill McDonald Hall (M)
2.00pm Southside Guild at the Salisbury Room (M)

Thu 3 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)

Fri 4 1.30pm First Friday Friends (M)

Sat 5 10.00am Café Time for Macmillan Cancer Support (P)

Sun 6 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am All-Age Joint Service (M)
5.30pm Youth Group. (Venue tbc)
7.00pm Evening Service of Holy Communion (M) - Revd Dr Anne Logan

Tue 8 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Sun 13 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service and Communion (M) - Revd Dorothy U Anderson
10.45am Traditional Service and Communion (M) - Revd Dorothy U Anderson

Tue 15 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Thu 17 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)

Sun 20 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service (M) - Revd Dorothy U Anderson
5.30pm Youth Group. (Venue tbc)
10.45am Service of Worship (M) - Revd Dorothy U Anderson

Tue 22 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Sat 26 4.00pm Messy Church (P)

Sun 27 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Service (M) - Bettina Hather and Pauline Weibye
10.45am Service of Worship (M) - Pauline Weibye

Tue 29 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Wed 30 7.00pm Induction of Revd Dr MaryAnn Rennie as Minister of Newington Trinity Church. Service held at NT-Mayfield followed by refreshments

OCTOBER

- Thu 1 2.00pm Thursday Club (M)
 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)
- Fri 2 1.30pm First Friday Friends (M)
- Sat 3 10.00am Café Time supporting LiNK (Liberty in North Korea) (P)
- Sun 4 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 10.30am All-Age Joint Service (M)
 7.00pm Evening Service of Holy Communion (M)
- Tue 6 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)
 2.00pm Southside Guild at the Bill McDonald Hall (M)
- Thu 8 2.00pm Thursday Club (M)
- Sun 11 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
 9.30am All-Age Worship
 10.45am Service of Worship
- Tue 13 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)
- Thu 15 2.00pm Thursday Club (M)
 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)
- Sun 18 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**
 9.30am All-Age Worship
 10.45am Service of Worship

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Song of Songs 5,6 / I Timothy 5
- 2 Song of Songs 7,8 / Psalms 99-101
- 3 Isaiah 1,2 / I Timothy 6
- 4 Isaiah 3-5 / II Timothy 1
- 5 Isaiah 6,7 / II Timothy 2
- 6 Isaiah 8,9 / Psalm 102
- 7 Isaiah 10-12 / II Timothy 3
- 8 Isaiah 13,14 / II Timothy 4
- 9 Isaiah 15,16 / Psalm 103
- 10 Isaiah 17-20 / Titus 1
- 11 Isaiah 21,22 / Titus 2
- 12 Isaiah 23,24 / Titus 3
- 13 Isaiah 25,26 / Psalm 104
- 14 Isaiah 27,28 / Philemon
- 15 Isaiah 29,30 / Hebrews 1
- 16 Isaiah 31,32 / Psalm 105
- 17 Isaiah 33,34 / Hebrews 2
- 18 Isaiah 35,36 / Hebrews 3
- 19 Isaiah 37,38 / Hebrews 4
- 20 Isaiah 39,40 / Psalm 106
- 21 Isaiah 41,42 / Hebrews 5
- 22 Isaiah 43,44 / Hebrews 6
- 23 Isaiah 45,46 / Psalm 107
- 24 Isaiah 47,48 / Hebrews 7

- 25 Isaiah 49,50 / Hebrews 8
- 26 Isaiah 51,52 / Hebrews 9
- 27 Isaiah 53,54 / Psalms 108,109
- 28 Isaiah 55,56 / Hebrews 10
- 29 Isaiah 57,58 / Hebrews 11
- 30 Isaiah 59,60 / Psalms 110,111

OCTOBER

- 1 Isaiah 61,62 / Hebrews 12
- 2 Isaiah 63,64 / Hebrews 13
- 3 Isaiah 65,66 / John 1
- 4 Jeremiah 1,2 / Psalms 112,113
- 5 Jeremiah 3,4 / John 2
- 6 Jeremiah 5,6 / John 3
- 7 Jeremiah 7,8 / Psalms 114,115
- 8 Jeremiah 9,10 / John 4
- 9 Jeremiah 11,12 / John 5
- 10 Jeremiah 13,14 / John 6
- 11 Jeremiah 15,16 / Psalm 116
- 12 Jeremiah 17,18 / John 7
- 13 Jeremiah 19,20 / John 8
- 14 Jeremiah 21,22 / Psalms 117,118
- 15 Jeremiah 23,24 / John 9
- 16 Jeremiah 25,26 / John 10
- 17 Jeremiah 27,28 / John 11

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