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LETTER



Dear Friends,

Welcome to this edition of *Newington Trinity News* and thanks to all who have contributed. It was great to see so many of the congregation present to say farewell to Sandy and Joy the other Sunday. Huge thanks go out to all those involved in organising and helping with the lunch and the event. I began to worry that the card I got for people to sign was not going to be big enough, but as you can see from the picture below it was just large enough.

It was of course a day tinged with emotion as we and they said farewell. Sandy has sent on his and Joy's thanks as below. Their thanks sit alongside William's for his 20th anniversary gift the previous Sunday.

With two vacancies now on the go, the Kirk Session is looking to progress the advertising of the posts as soon as possible. We look forward to confirmation from Presbytery of who the Interim Moderator will be for overseeing the two

positions. Once this is known we can work through the votes in Session which we will need to undertake for Sandy's vacancy. In other words, the Basis of Reviewable Charge (on which the congregation will have to vote as well) and whether to depart from the same sex provisions. While we recently voted on these matter in respect of the pioneer vacancy, we are required – and I have checked! – to do so again for the second vacancy. As before, there will be announcements read out on Sundays.

While all of this is underway we are looking to find a locum for the coming months. Meantime we are delighted that various preachers have agreed to provide pulpit cover. Our thanks go to them too.

As ever, Pauline Weibye and I will work alongside the staff team will keep you up to date in the weekly email and Sunday intimations.

God Bless,
Boyd
Boyd McAdam, Session Clerk

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM JOSEPH



Dear Friends,

I'm sure many of us will have seen a production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat. Possibly your children or other younger family members have taken part in a production. It is one of the most well know stories of the Old Testament. Moving away from the glitz of a production of Joseph, it is a story which deals with huge themes, Jealousy and Favouritism, Dreams and Resentment, God's intervention and Resilience, Forgiveness and Reconciliation and, of course, Human Trafficking and Slavery.

This ancient story tells of a land where people were freely and openly bought and sold and gives us insight into the human condition; the condition which enables one human to cause great suffering to another and it resonates with modern slavery systems and human trafficking, crimes so prevalent in our world today.

Human trafficking is organized crime which

involves exploiting people as possessions and around 20 million victims are trafficked yearly worldwide.

Just like modern day trafficking victims, Joseph was misled, confined, sold, resold, enslaved, sexually abused, and wrongfully imprisoned. For Joseph, it was God who helped him throughout as God used something that was evil and instead used it for good.

During my time as a port chaplain in 2020, I witnessed first hand the realities of human trafficking. That year, crew members from Ghana, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka were rescued from the west coast of Scotland, where they had been trafficked. These individuals had endured significant hardship and exploitation, a stark reminder that the horrors of slavery are not confined to ancient stories but are very much present in our modern world. Their experiences highlight the ongoing need for vigilance, compassion, and action against the organised crime of human trafficking.



There are many similar cases of individuals being brought to Scotland, anticipating a good job and conditions only to be forced into slave labour within the fishing, farming and sex industry.

Alongside, human trafficking is the criminal practice of people smuggling. Each day our TV, Internet and newspapers are full of statistics and opinions about migrants crossing the channel. We are bombarded by images of small vessels over filled with people or hotels filled with those stuck in the asylum system. Each number we hear or read represents one life, one woman, one man, one child; created in God's image.

Our faith is relevant to what is going on in our communities, in our world and we are being challenged to find more profound ways of putting our ministry and mission where our faith is; called to address social

injustices, care for the marginalised, and oppressed.

With anti-migrant protests taking place across the UK, including most recently in Falkirk and Aberdeen. This is an unsettling time for all of us, but most of all for those living in asylum accommodation.

As people of faith, we are called to offer a different story, one rooted in welcome and belonging, which can stand against narratives of hatred and division. This is no easy task, and one we cannot do alone, but now more than ever we must use our prophetic voice to call for healing and reconciliation in our communities.

For further information www.sfar.org.uk

Blessings
Pauline Robertson DCS
Parish Deacon

NEWS

AUTUMN AFTERNOON SERVICES

Anne Sturrock

Dates of autumn Afternoon Services to be held in the Bill McDonald Hall are Tuesdays 21 October and 2 December. All are welcome for 2.30pm in the Bill McDonald Hall via West Mayfield at Newington Trinity - Mayfield Centre with further details in the October/November Newsletter. Please note that this year we will not meet in September or November.

DOORS OPEN DAY

Saturday 27 September
10.00am to 4.00pm



We are taking part in Doors Open Day again this year and look forward to welcoming the public to our Mayfield site. The Cockburn Association theme for this year is 'Architectural Heritage: Windows to the Past, Doors to the Future.' This theme is particularly apt as we have lots to share about our beautiful windows and building. Anyone is welcome to this event so do feel free to come along yourself and bring a friend, particularly if you are new to the Mayfield Building and would like some background information on our beautiful main sanctuary. Refreshments will be available.

CRAFT FAIR AND MORE

Harvest fun for everyone! Saturday 18 October, 11.00am to 3.00pm at Newington Trinity - Mayfield. Craft stalls, refreshments, activities for all ages, with proceeds to be shared between Christian Aid and CrossReach.

KILT WALK 2

In addition to team lollipop (see page 13) Jen Cresswell is also walking the Kiltwalk to raise funds for Liberty in North Korea, a charity which has been supported for a number of years. Here is the link to Jen's Just Giving page.

www.justgiving.com/page/jen-cresswell-1755864725611?

MILERS UPDATE

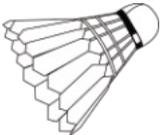
We have two walks planned for September.

On the **8 September** we're heading to Beecraigs Country Park near Linlithgow. This lovely park has a variety of woodland walks on good paths to suit all walkers. For the more adventurous there is the option of climbing Cockleroy Hill. There is a cafe which I'm sure will appeal to all! Contact Jean: jbleitch@gmail.com

On **18 September** we're off to North Berwick for a walk around Whitekirkhill. Again this walk should be suitable for all. Contact Susan: susan.g.wooding@btinternet.com

Travel will be by car share for both these walks.

LADIES BADMINTON



Ladies badminton meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Craigmillar Park Lower Hall at Newington Trinity - Mayfield, 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Anne Aithie at: aaithe@hotmail.com

TEACHING IN NAMIBIA

Zoe Ferguson reflects on her experiences as a volunteer teacher in Namibia, with Project Trust. Zoe received sponsorship for her placement from the Shierlaw Fund.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks or the generous £500 grant awarded to me in August 2024 through the Shierlaw Fund. This support made it possible for me to undertake a year long voluntary teaching placement in Namibia with Project Trust, an experience that has been deeply rewarding.

In September 2024, I travelled from Edinburgh to Otjikondo School Village Foundation, a rural school in North West Namibia. The 28 hour journey ended with a stunning sunset on arrival, a memorable welcome to what would become my home for the year. The school's motto, 'A single step forward,' perfectly captured the personal and professional journey I was about to embark on.

My accommodation was purpose built for volunteers, offering a comfortable and supportive base, including private rooms, a shared kitchen, and a braai area. Weekly food deliveries were coordinated with the school, and we supplemented these with produce from the school vegetable garden and locally sourced game meat.

As a volunteer, I taught Art and Physical Education to students aged 6 to 14, subjects not included in the national curriculum but which I know from personal experience are vital for mental and physical wellbeing. I taught classes to 40 children, alongside my co-volunteer from Project Trust. Our teaching day began at 6.45am

with a lively school assembly, followed by classes until 1.00pm. The first term was intense, especially as I had no formal teaching background, but the supportive staff helped me develop classroom skills and confidence quickly. Afternoons involved additional roles: I led a playgroup for younger pupils and ran activities including volleyball, crafts, and table tennis. Given Otjikondo's remote setting, all students board on site, funded by £100 annual sponsorships. This setup made extracurricular time particularly important for the children's wellbeing.



The final term was both emotional and fulfilling. I started a running club with a group of ten boys, a personal project that became a highlight. Watching them find joy and focus through exercise was incredibly rewarding, especially as it brought out confidence in students who often struggled academically or behaviourally. A new volunteer joined us, and my parents and a close friend from university visited. Much of our energy went into painting the backdrop for, and producing Africa Rocks, the school play. Despite last minute casting challenges, the students performed beautifully, an accomplishment that felt meaningful for all involved.

My time at Otjikondo has been filled with growth, connection, and purpose. I leave with a deep bond with the children and community, particularly my sponsored student, Angelo. I'm proud of what I've contributed and deeply grateful for what I've learned.

Thank you again for your generous support. This opportunity has not only shaped my year, it has shaped me.

JOIN OUR NEW BOOK CLUB



At the beginning of the year, a group of us suggested books that they had read, for the new group. The focus being on reading a mix of genres We have now chosen over a dozen books which are all very different. The choices for September to February 2026 are decided; see the choices for 2025 below. The remaining books will be selected at the beginning of 2026.

Each meeting will be held at 7.30pm, on the last Thursday of each month, apart from December which is on Christmas Day! All meetings will be in the Youth Room at Church House at Mayfield.

All the books are available in the library (although numbers are limited), kindle/ e-reader, charity shops, and on line. *World of Books* offers 4 books for the price of 3, most very reasonably priced with free delivery.

25 September *Dissolution* by CJ Sanson (Crime)

Discussion led by Joan Adam

The leader of historical crime, complex, and well researched, in both the political, social and religious perspective of the time. An explosive and dark introduction to the series set in Tudor in England.

October *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson.

Discussion led by Ailsa Garland

A beautifully written novel. It takes the form of an older church Minister whose health is failing writing letters to his young son. A fictional autobiography.

November *Orbital*

by Samantha Harvey. (Novella/ Short Story)

Discussion led by Alison Bogle

The first fiction book set in space. It takes place on the International Space Station. Focusing on the astronauts' reflections on the wonders and fragility of our planet. Winner of the Booker Prize 2024.

December Fun book discussion and social held earlier in December.

If you are interested in joining us, be assured: you do not have to finish every book or attend every month. This is a book group for fun, covering interesting topics and letting you try different styles of writing.

Any questions please get in touch: jaukpark@gmail.com

Joan Adam

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Newington Trinity Church
Priestfield Building
Dalkeith Road

Date: Saturday
20 September 2025

Time: From 10am till noon



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



MESSY CHURCH!



Since the beginning of the year Messy Church has gathered five times. In January we enjoyed a visit from Fischy Music: great music, actions and activity with new songs and ones we knew already. Fischy Music nurture the emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing of children through song and a lot of fun! We all certainly enjoyed this time.

February Messy was a fun opportunity to find out about Abraham and what happened when he followed God. Amongst other activities we went on a great journey round the building visiting the places Abraham and his family travelled to, made a camel and then enjoyed baked potatoes. Making a multicoloured coat, fat and thin cows, Egyptian necklaces and having a prison experience were part of the discovery of Joseph's life in March.

'Jesus is alive' was our post Easter celebration. We had an empty tomb, and a locked room with Thomas coming to an understanding about what had happened- all with eggs too!

Our final event was mostly outside until the rain came. We enjoyed bubbles, parachute, ball games then, inside, a Flash Mob telling of what happened at Pentecost in Jerusalem. With some fun songs and meals, it is a great way of finding out about God together.

We are now looking forward to re-starting Messy Church on Saturday 27 September 4.00pm to 6.00pm. We are returning to the Old Testament and finding out about Moses and how God guided him to save His people even though he was imperfect, just like we all are, a great story. We travel from the bulrushes to a bush and on the 31 October we will be finding out about Moses part 2, the Great Escape.

The November event on Saturday 29 will be looking at Elizabeth and Mary sharing their joy with *Joy to the WHOLE World*.

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

SCOUT UPDATE - MAYFIELD



We had another wonderful Summer Camp site near Carrbridge, enjoying the full range of weather from glorious sun to torrential rain that threatened to burst the riverbank at the site. Scouts are made of stern stuff, of course, and coped well under all conditions.

Activities included an incident hike from Slochd summit back to the campsite, a night exercise, patrol challenges, mountain biking, archery, paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming in the river, a 'Day out in Italy,' bushcraft and survival techniques. We also paid a visit to Inverness to the Aquadome and spent an afternoon with the head gamekeeper who explained the wide range of his work, including nature conservation

and fighting the biggest ever wild fire in Scotland just a few weeks before our camp.

Throughout the camp, whilst living and working as patrols, the scouts learned teamwork, resilience, new skills, how to face challenges and all the essential areas of personal development that is so unique to the opportunity of being a scout.

Alan Dickson
Scout Leader

Headquarters

Newington Trinity Church - Mayfield
18 West Mayfield,
Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ
Scottish Charity No SC006141



Fun, friends and new adventures.

Scouts.org.uk/join
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Aged between 6 - 7, 8 - 10 or 10 - 14?
Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

We're Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at the 28th Braid Scout Group and have vacancies. Every week we give young people skills, fun and adventure – from games and crafts at Beavers, badges and outdoor fun at Cubs to hiking, watersports and camping at Scouts

Sound good?

Start your adventure today.

Contact – Alan Dickson at
alanjdickson@live.co.uk for more details

**Meetings are at Newington Trinity Church
(formerly Mayfield Salisbury) at West
Mayfield.**

Beavers - 6.30 to 7.30pm on Wednesday

Cubs - 6.30 to 8.00pm on Wednesday

Scouts – 7.15 to 9.30pm on Friday

'God knows that I am equal.' Words that Bezwada Wilson from our partner organisation Safai Karmachari Andolan (SKA), shared recently when he was talking about his family being manual scavengers.

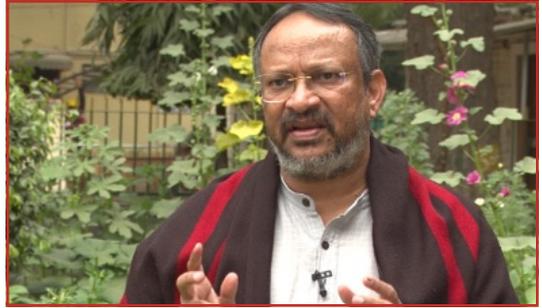
Manual scavengers are people from India's lower castes who have historically been the ones to clean human excrement from dry latrines by hand, and are often sent down to clear blocked drains, submerging themselves in excrement. Manual scavengers are people who are not afforded the rights and dignity that others are because of the caste they are born into.

Bezwada couldn't square his faith in a God who created and loved all equally, with the day-to-day reality of the life of manual scavengers, which is why he has dedicated his life to challenging the practice and liberating and rehabilitating people from it. Christian Aid has walked with Bezwada and SKA for 43 years as it has educated scavengers about their human rights in a democratic country.

Despite the Indian Government banning manual scavenging in 1993, the practice continues. Because of the stigma surrounding scavenging, many people were initially reluctant to admit to being scavengers and protest; and the caste-based discrimination made it very hard for people to access better employment opportunities. With training and support that has started to change.

Brave women have publicly burned their excrement collecting baskets, taken to the streets and challenged state governments when they claim that the practice no longer happens.

SKA supported the campaign by providing photographic evidence. When this was rebuffed as 'old pictures,' the women started to break the latrines. This meant that the police came, and reports were filed about the 'destruction of



government property'. It was these reports that then forced state governments to admit that the 5000-year-old practice was still continuing.

Over the years SKA has supported people to see their dignity and worth and have access to the training needed to escape this caste-based slavery. Working for equality and justice for all people is at the very heart of what Christian Aid does. Seeing all people as equal is something our world still struggles with, which is why the work of partners like SKA is so vital.

Prayer for an end to poverty

Creator God, you loved the world into life. Forgive us when our dreams of the future are shaped by anything other than glimpses of a kingdom of justice, peace and an end to poverty. Incarnate God, you taught us to speak out for what is right. Make us content with nothing less than a world that is transformed into the shape of love, where poverty shall be no more. Breath of God, let there be abundant life. Inspire us with the vision of poverty over, and give us the faith, courage and will to make it happen. Amen

Save the date! As part of our Harvest Festival Weekend celebrations, there will be a Craft Fair on Saturday 18 October, 11.00am to 3.00pm, in the Newington Trinity Mayfield Building. This will include craft stalls, refreshments and activities for all ages – fun for everyone! Proceeds will be shared between Christian Aid and Crossreach.

STREET PASTORS

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HELP!

We're seeking your support again for Street Pastors but this time we're donning tartan, t-shirts and stepping out in the KILTWALK to try and encourage you to throw any amount of money at us. The thing is: however much you donate to this fundraiser will be doubled by the generous sponsors of the Kiltwalk.

David and me, (your Street Pastors) are being joined by Catherine, Susan, Honey and Alastair to make up Team Lollipop and will be doing the BIG STROLL walking 11 miles with hundreds of other walkers representing many other charities. Starting in Musselburgh we finish in the Murrayfield Stadium. And take a look at our eye catching t-shirts specially designed for us by Eleanor Forbes and her brother David Forbes.

For more information about the work of Street Pastors do have a look at our Just Giving page, link below. But might I just add there are about 50 Street Pastors in

Edinburgh, all volunteers. They all must undergo training, and be equipped with an all-weather uniform, rucksacks containing blankets, hot drinks, snacks, lollipops and flipflops. Because of shortage of funds our two paid members of part time staff had to be cut to one, so Gerard McIver now is the Street Pastor Co-ordinator in addition to his previous role as Recruitment and Training Administrator. Charitable funding is so hard to come by these days but with your generous support I am

confident that we will be able to continue being a calming presence on the streets of Edinburgh city centre.

Here is the Just Giving Link:
www.justgiving.com/team/edinburgh-street-pastors-team-lollipop

We also accept cash, and we can do fancy things with QR codes!

Many thanks,
Team Lollipop



FAMILY FEATURES: BLESSINGS

What a summer! It feels to have lasted longer than usual and yet it feels a long time ago already!

Family Fun & Faith session and Holiday Club came and went with children and families enjoying the games, activities, fellowship, Bible stories and DIY smoothies from the Sustrans Smoothie Bike! - see picture right.

Sun and fun, memories and milestones have all been enjoyed and we are now moving ahead into the next phase of the year.

Exam results, applications and relocations complete, our young people are moving to their next steps in either school, other education or beyond.

Some of our Young Adults have moved to new jobs or are very nearly finishing PHD's and the youth and children's work team are gearing up for some new ideas and to spend time with our lovely youngsters.

Wherever or whatever our life stage, as we explored last week in the 9.30am service, we can take the blessing of Numbers 6: 24-27 with us and share with others. That may have been illustrated by mugs both 'ancient & modern' for the University students, or the blessing pictures Young Church are working on to decorate their group areas on Sundays.

Our children & young people are rooted in and branching out from both our spiritual and congregational generations.

Thank you all for being part of our church family and continuing to support them and each other; from generation to generation.

Bettina Hather
Children and Young Adult Worker



NEWINGTON TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome Lunch



What's it really like at our church? Get to know us over lunch!
Sunday 14th & 21st of Sept 12pm-2pm
18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ
newingtontrinityyoungadults@gmail.com



SOUTHSIDE FAITH CARE

Hi there everyone. There are five things I want to tell you about in this edition.

• **Discounted Transport:** Some older people find it difficult to attend our activities because of transport issues. We will trial a discounted travel scheme to/from our various activities. Please do contact us if you would like to know more about this.

• Walking Tennis:

Thursday afternoons - 2.00pm to 3.30pm
Our Walking Tennis is going great guns at Priestfield Tennis Club, Kirkhill Road, made possible with help from Tennis Scotland. So many benefits to enjoy, including improving your health and enhancing your sense of wellbeing.

You don't need to have played it before either. Equipment is provided, so no need to worry about that. It's a lovely group, warm and welcoming, and great company too. Why not come along and try it out – we have two 80+ year olds who love it!

• **Digital Advice and Support** sessions start in September. These sessions are popular!

Newington Trinity - Priestfield,
Tuesdays, for 10 weeks, 2-4pm. Starts: 23 September; Ends: 25 November 2025

Morningside United Church
Thursdays, for 10 weeks, 1.30pm to 3.30pm Starts: 25 September; Ends: 27 November 2025

Care Conversations

hosted by Southside Faith Care & Home Instead

3 Free Talks

Join us to listen, ask questions or share experiences. Light refreshments provided!

Navigating the Care Maze

Wed 8 October
11am-1pm

Understanding Dementia

Wed 12 November
11am-1pm

Power of Attorney

Wed 10 December
11am-1pm

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All held at Marchmont St Giles Church, 3 Kilgraston Road, EH9 2DW

• **Care Conversations** – Three Free monthly talks at Marchmont St Giles, EH9 2DW

Navigating the Care Maze
Wednesday, 08 October, 11am-1pm

Dementia Awareness
Wednesday, 12 November, 11am-1pm

Power of Attorney
Wednesday, 10 December, 11am-1pm

• My colleague Dan Taylor: has moved into a full-time position with Bethany Christian Trust. He left us on 25 July. We miss him hugely. We had a lovely 'Coffee and Cake with Dan' gathering that day to wish him every success. We are currently recruiting. We hope to announce who will be joining our small team in the next edition.

Contact Su for more information
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www.southsidefaithcare.org
Scottish Registered Charity, No. SC052304

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE PAULINE ROBERTSON DCS

Our new *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.

NEWINGTON TRINITY YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

AGES 18 - 35



NEWINGTON TRINITY CHURCH
WORSHIP 10:30AM



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THURSDAY CLUB SESSION 2025-2026

The club will recommence on the 2 October. We look forward to welcoming back all our 'old' friends and look forward very much to making some new ones too!

The programme for the session is below and will be available soon from the table at the West Mayfield entrance. Most grateful thanks to all who helped with the compiling of such!

On a final note... we would also welcome anyone who is able to help out as an occasional driver for members of the club who otherwise would be unable to attend. And of course, many thanks to our loyal team of drivers who continue to support us!

Deirdre Eustace

Convener

07785 301 182 eustacedeirdre@gmail.com

DATE GUEST

- 2/10 **Bobby's fiddler group**
9/10 **Mike Scott & Eddie Banks** *Going into the tunnels - Colinton*
16/10 **Lucy Richardson** *A Brief Look at the Commercial Premises on Ratcliffe Terrace*
23/10 **Selda & Alison** *duet with Linda on piano*
30/10 **Ken Williamson** *The Edinburgh Suburban and Southside Junction Railway*
- 6/11 **Jamie McIntosh** *Scottish Love in Action*
13/11 **Lynn Aitchison** *Newhailes House*
20/11 **Jackie Sangster** *Entertaining Archives from 1950's onwards*
27/11 **Christmas fayre & small decoration making**
- 4/12 **Elaine McKenzie and 'friend'** *Guide Dogs for the Blind*
11/12 **Maureen Kelly** *A Highland Village in Wartime*
18/12 **Christmas party** *Walter's Choir*
- 8/01 **Tom Kelly** *A Plague on your Polio*
15/01 **Joan Adam** *Visiting a Shaker Village in Maine New England*
22/01 **Wee Sangstream** *Burns Songs*
29/01 **Geraldine McFaul** *Walking from Home to Rome!*
- 5/02 **Patricia and Graeme** *Mexico*
12/02 **Susan Wooding** piano recital and song
19/02 **John Graham** *Chicago*
26/02 **Joe Waterfield** *Tours of Scotland in the 18th and 19th centuries*
- 5/03 **John Knox** *The Bawsinch Nature Reserve*
12/03 **Irene Malcolm** *The Knitted Gospel*
19/03 **Linda J Williamson** *Storyteller*
26/03 **Roy Johnstone** *Henry VIII ...as told by Henry himself!*
- 9/04 **Prue McLaughlin** *Lothiansound*
16/04 **Catherine Booth** *Cumbria Way Walk*
23/04 **Boyd McAdam** *Travel Talk*
30/04 **Margaret Grant** title tbc
- 7/05 **Summer party Members' Desert Island Discs**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Activity Groups, Kirk Session and Youth Group meetings TBC.
Please check the weekly news and email for updates**

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

September

Thu 4 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)

Fri 5 2.00pm First Friday Friends - Tenth Anniversary! (M)

Sun 7 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Service of Worship and Baptism (Rev Elisabeth Spence)

7.00pm Evening Communion (Rev Elisabeth Spence)

Tue 9 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Sun 14 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Worship and Holy Communion (Revd Dr Iain May)

10.45am Service of Worship and Holy Communion (Revd Dr Iain May)

12.00pm Student Welcome Lunch (M)

Tue 16 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Thu 18 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)

Sat 20 10.00am Macmillan Café Time (P) See page 8

Sun 21 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Worship (Revd Angus Mathieson)

10.45am Service of Worship (Revd Angus Mathieson)

12.00pm Student Welcome Lunch (M)

Tue 23 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

Thu 25 7.30pm Book Club (M) See page 7

Sat 27 10.00am Doors Open Day at Newington Trinity - Mayfield. See page 5

4.00pm Messy Church (P)

Sun 28 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am All-Age Worship (Rev Elisabeth Spence)

10.45am Service of Worship (Rev Elisabeth Spence)

Tue 30 10.00am Morning Prayers (M)

October

Thu 2 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)

Fri 3 2.00pm First Friday Friends (M)

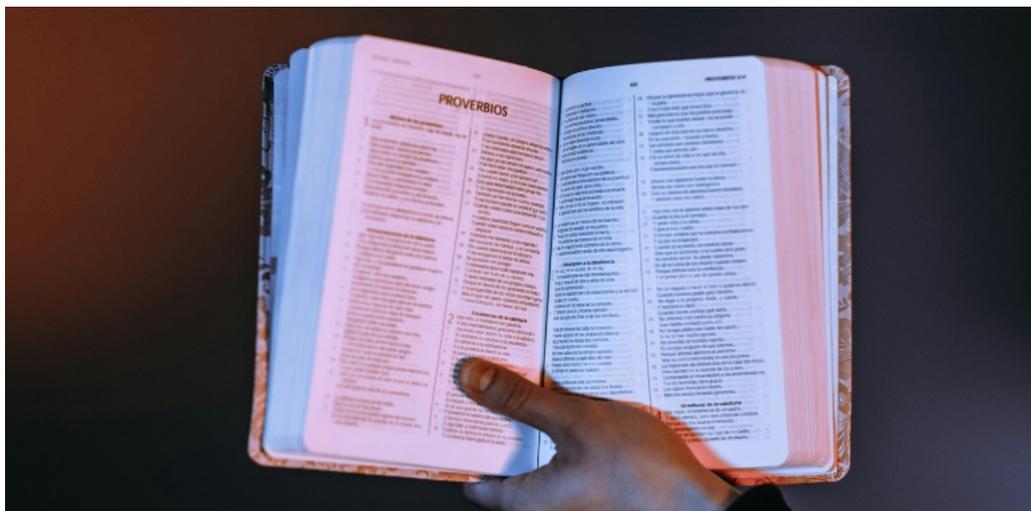
Sun 5 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am All-Age Worship (TBC)

7.00pm Evening Service (TBC)



THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



SEPTEMBER

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

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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

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths

Randolph Robertson
Anna Smith

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Children & Young Families Worker: Mondays

Manager: Monday afternoons & Fridays

Pastoral Assistant: Friday



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