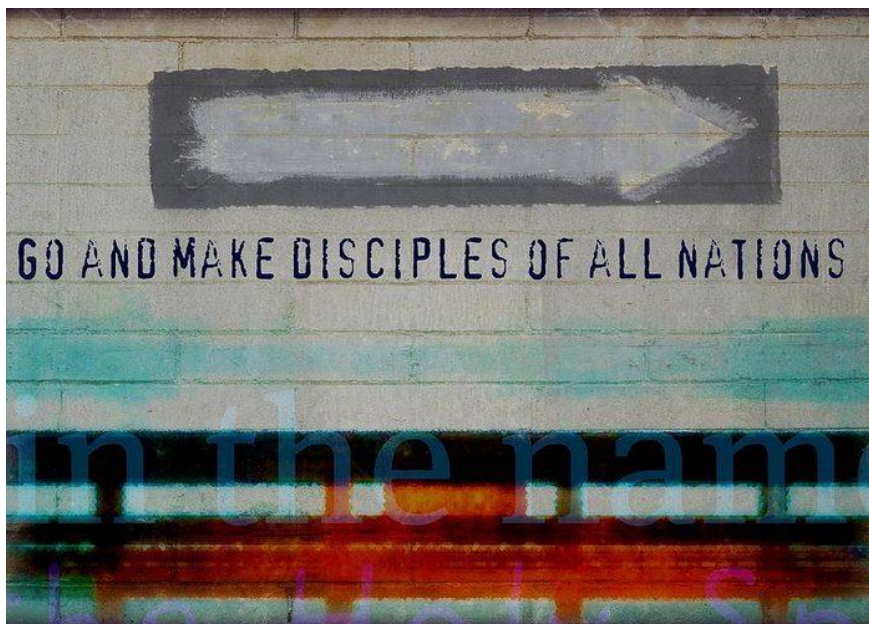




## Mission Bulletin



*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*  
- (Matthew 28:19-20)

**Welcome to our first Fife Presbytery mission bulletin!**

Following the success of our first Presbytery conference and meeting, we are delighted to bring you this newsletter filled with *News, Events, Training* and *Funding* information.

As we continue to navigate the global Covid-19 pandemic, we're here to encourage and support you in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

Please email your stories, news and suggestions for our next Mission Bulletin to Lorraine via [fife@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Remember to follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with our latest news.

Please forward this e-newsletter on to interested members, elders and leaders.

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## News



*Picture: Wee Wrigglers Group, Kirkcaldy: Torbain Parish Church*

### **Union is Strength - Lauren Jones, MDS, Kirkcaldy: Torbain and Templehall**

Covid has been a tricky time for churches everywhere, with the extended shutdown of in-person worship and seeing our halls and outreach activities

come to a stop. Since December 2019 I have been working at Torbain parish church as a locally funded Go For It grant pilot, for 10 hours a week doing community outreach.

In March 2020 things were starting to get busy – I had secured over £10,000 of funding for a lunch club and community fridge, and started a successful Messy Play class, linking in to the local nursery school, which was run at cost to help everyone access it no matter their financial position. By the end of March everything had ground to a halt and I had pivoted to primarily phoning elderly and vulnerable members of our congregation, and posting things online. Hardly the best outreach programme, but the best we could do under the circumstances. Torbain took its services online, and surprisingly we found we had people from across the world tuning in on a Sunday morning to watch and worship with us.

In October, with things gradually opening back up, a local health visitor brought it to our attention that diagnoses of Post Natal Depression were 50% higher than the year before, thought to be due to lockdown. We were able, with the help of some very willing volunteers, to start up a Wee Wiggler club, where mums of babies under 1 could come and make new friends, have a (hot) coffee, and just generally have a chat and a listening ear. That first class, open to 10 people, was filled within an hour of promoting it on facebook. By the end of December when those classes sadly had to come to an end due to lockdown restrictions tightening, we had three classes of 10 mums running each week, and a waiting list of 32 mums!

The unification of Templehall and Torbain churches has created a new opportunity – I've now been employed by the Church of Scotland as a Ministries Development Staff (MDS) worker, working for 3.5 days a week. The churches will come together officially on 24th February, via a Presbytery Zoom service. If someone had told me this time last year we would be conducting our Presbytery services over Zoom, I would have laughed!

We are continuing contact with our Wee Wrighlers mums via phone, Zoom and social media, and under the guidelines we are able to go for outdoor walks with up to 6 of them at a time, which we commence next week (hopefully it will be a bit warmer than this week!). Members from both churches have been incredibly supportive of me in my new role, and everyone has such fantastic ideas for outreach we can be doing in the future, which we've started planning for already. Although church unions can often be difficult, the Union between Templehall and Torbain is a blessing and an opportunity and it's clear that by working together we can achieve so much more than the churches could separately. - *Lauren Jones, MDS*

*Please keep the congregations of Templehall and Torbain in your prayers, as they prepare for their forthcoming union, that it brings strength and renewal to their church reinvigorating them for mission across their community.*

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16*

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## Events



### **Children, Youth and Family Ministry: Where Now?**

Hosted by Faith Nurture's Children's Development Worker,  
Monday 22nd February @ 7.30pm via Zoom

Book Now via: <https://cyf-where-now.eventbrite.co.uk/>

The purpose of these online gatherings is to provide an opportunity to connect with others serving in children, youth and family ministry, in order to share ideas and support one another as we seek to develop this area of ministry in these challenging times.

In recent months, so much of our ministry has been affected and changed as a result of COVID restrictions. Many things have stopped or had to be done in different ways. This has resulted in some losses but also created some new opportunities. That said, the context that we are serving in has had its challenges for a while now and, as expressed in the quotes below, we need to think radically about how we might better serve our children and young people now and in the future.

*'In many of our churches, children, young people and young adults are missing and the vast majority of adults in our population have not been*

*introduced to church or faith as children.' The Church of Scotland Radical Action Plan 2018*

*'This is a fulcrum moment for the church - we can either pivot back to what we were once before and continue a cycle of decline, or we can take what we have learnt during lockdown and return to our ancient ways of being together, all ages with and for one another.' D Philip 2020*

We believe that this online opportunity will be an encouragement to congregations as they seek to develop their ministry with children, young people and families, and would very much appreciate it if you could help to promote it in your area. I have provided below a draft post about this opportunity that you could add the date and adjust for your Presbytery Facebook page. The table below gives the dates for planned conversations offered for broad regional areas. Do let me know if there is anyone in your area who you might suggest to co host this conversation. The booking link for these conversations is: <https://cyf-where-now.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Finally, please also encourage people to subscribe to the [Children and Youth Newsletter](#) and join the [Now You're Talking Facebook](#) group, for ongoing support and resourcing. They can also email [childrenandyouth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:childrenandyouth@churchofscotland.org.uk) for any other advice or support.



Give, act and pray with us at a special online service hosted by Church Action on Poverty North East and Sunderland Minster

**6pm, 21 February 2021**

<https://newwineskins.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **New Wineskins: An online service for Church Action on Poverty Sunday**

6pm, 21 February 2021

Give, act and pray to ensure people on the margins are fully involved as we journey together

We live in tough times. The pandemic continues to highlight the inequalities that sweep too many people into poverty. But we have also been reminded of the values that matter most: mutuality, compassion and community. As we journey forward together, we have the chance to do things differently. If we are to build a society in which everyone can live a full life, free from poverty, we must ensure the voices of people who are struggling to make ends meet are heard.

Join people around the UK in prayer, giving and action at this special online event for Church Action on Poverty Sunday, hosted by Church Action on Poverty North East and Sunderland Minster.

Share a vision for a society founded on compassion and justice, where all people are able to exercise dignity, agency and power.

We will share together in worship and prayer. People will share their stories of poverty and speaking truth to power. We'll hear from decision-makers in the North East about how we can all work together to loosen the grip of poverty. And you'll learn how you can be part of the movement tackling poverty through giving, action and prayer.

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## **Training**

### **Fresh Expression: What does pioneering online look like?**

Register your place today for Pioneering in a Digital Age, Webinar on

Thurs 25th Feb, 10am-12 pm

This is the first of 2 webinars we're hosting on this topic, with the first focusing on Digital Community Engagement with

contributors:

Pete Philips - Director of Research at the Centre for Digital Theology

Bex Lewis - Senior Lecturer in Digital Marketing, Manchester Met University

Emma Major - Lay Pioneer and online practitioner.

Katie Tupling Disability Adviser for the Diocese of Oxford and online practitioner

Pioneers often spend their time getting to know their local context and building community by hanging out in cafes, chatting in the pub, or getting involved in social action projects with those around them. This is really hard to do when we are not allowed to physically gather. Is contextual mission possible in a digital space and if it is, what could this look like? There will also be a 'try it at home' challenge which you are invited take part in to feedback on at webinar 2.

Places are booking up fast so register your place today using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pioneering-in-a-digital-space-webinar>



**Youth for Christ: Sometimes it Hurts**

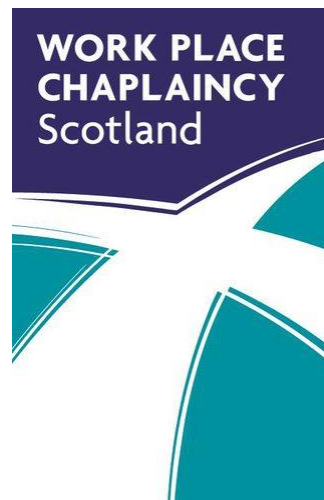
Very excited to announce the return of 'Sometimes It Hurts' - mental health and emotional wellbeing conference...we're taking it digital, so you can attend from your living room!

"Good mix of topics, professional speakers with lots of experience"

"Motivational to keep doing what I am doing & what God has called me to do/be."

*Booking details coming soon...*





### **Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy**

Who? Why? What? How?

If you want to know more about WPCS and you are interested in becoming a volunteer Chaplain, then this is for you! This introductory module helps you to understand the structures of WPCS and where you fit into the organisation. What is chaplaincy and what defines it from other arms of ministry and pastoral care? What is the theological understanding of the purpose and functions of chaplaincy? What are some of the skills required? How might it fit into your local workplace community and church context?

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paul Wilson ([paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk](mailto:paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk) or 07703 585987).

### **Cairn gathering: Re-imagining Church - Exploring what the future holds**

Wed 24th Feb - 10.00 - 14.30

We would like you to join us at the CAIRN Family day (24th Feb) to centre around Jesus and ask - what does it look like for us as a church to be healthy in the present and influential in the future?

There is an opportunity to come, learn from each other, listen to God and to begin to shape leadership for the next season, not just thinking about how we survive, reopen or pivot over the next six months, but to be stretched to explore church in

the future and for the future.

We will have a morning session (10-12) and an afternoon session (1-2.30) and have Alan Hirsch & Amy Summerfield speak that will change your thinking and expand your thinking, as well as smaller discussion groups and times to pray together with peers. The cost will be £15/ticket to contribute to the work of Cairn Movement.

For more information and to book please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cairn-gathering-re-imagining-church-exploring-what-the-future-holds>

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## Resources



### **TryPraying: Spring Campaign 2021**

A friend recently said, it's a good time to be reminded of the truth that God can make the empty place and the empty person full and it's exciting to have the opportunity to make this tangible and real together.

*"The beauty of trypraying is in its simplicity - use it and lose it. And yet wrapped up in that simple formula is a resource that is seeing lives change. Grab it and get on with it!"* (Martin Fair – Moderator)

This is the hope we have for our Spring campaign which will

run from 1st March - 4th April (Easter). ). Can I encourage you independently, or with other churches around you, to join us in making this a headline story where you live by...

- Organising a 1 hour prayer event / evening via Zoom for a SUNDAY in March 2021
- Order the pack of a banner, 100 booklets and perspex box at [www.thereishope.co.uk/resources](http://www.thereishope.co.uk/resources) (£150) and display your banner straight away.

For more information please contact David Hart, Trypraying Development coordinator by mail: [david.t@trypraying.co.uk](mailto:david.t@trypraying.co.uk)



### **Sanctuary First: Lent 2021 Lent Connect Booklet**

Our new and beautifully illustrated Lent Connect Group booklet is now available for download and printing from the website.

The booklet is filled with mindful prompts, questions and meditations for you to use in a variety of contexts. Go through the material on your own while journaling, meet as a small group online and reflect together, or with your own household.

Alternatively, you can join an already established online Connect group. If you would like to find out about joining an

established Connect group, drop us an email to [contact@sanctuaryfirst.org.uk](mailto:contact@sanctuaryfirst.org.uk) and we can put you in touch with the group leaders.

Read the Connect group questions [online](#) or download the booklet [HERE](#)

We hope you find this new resource very useful.

May God Bless you throughout this period of Lent, and draw you closer to Him.

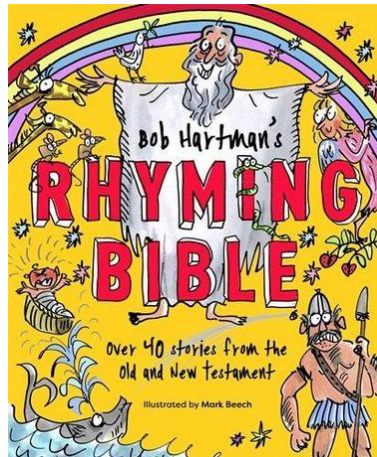
The Sanctuary First Team



### **Scripture Union: Jungle Adventure Holiday Club**

Coming soon... Jungle Adventure! A brand new Holiday Club resource for 2021

Developed to help children discover how Jesus is the greatest guide ever, Jungle Adventure is written for use in an outdoor woodland setting, with easy adaptations offered so it can be used in other settings



### **DramaKirk: Easter 2021**

For Easter, Drama Kirk is producing an engaging way to share the Easter story with Primary School-aged children, a series of five poems from Bob Hartman's "Rhyming Bible". Together, they tell the Easter story in an accessible way. We will perform the following:-

**Waiting in Line** – This poem introduces Jesus and lets us hear about various things he has done – and how wants to see children!

**The Clip Clop Beat** – On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey. Let's hear about what happened in a fun rap.

**Body and Blood** – The last meal Jesus shared with his friends. Find out what happens and what he tells them will happen next.

**When Jesus Hung Upon the Cross** – We look at what Jesus said on the cross and what happened that first Good Friday.

**No More Crying** – It's not the end of the story! Jesus' friends are sad...but not for long. Something amazing is about to happen!

Each section will last around 2 to 3 minutes and will be freely available on YouTube. If you have difficulty accessing it, we can provide DVDs. We plan to launch one per week from 1st March onwards and you can access them here –

[DramaKirk - YouTube](#)

All are welcome to use this fun way to tell the Easter story. We simply ask that you either email us to let us know you have used it, or complete our audience survey here -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLVW8X3>

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## Funding

### **The Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme**

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)'s Community & Third Sector Recovery programme aims to support charities (including churches, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations) that are supporting people and communities through the shift from lockdown to recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will be planning and implementing changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate.

The programme is currently open and has two strands: Adapt & Thrive and Community Recovery Fund.

In the simplest terms, Adapt & Thrive is capacity building to help organisations adapt, change, and thrive post-COVID-19. The Communities Recovery Fund is grant funding to deliver support and services in communities.

Money for Adapt & Thrive has to be allocated by the end of March but can be used for up to 12 months thereafter. No match funding required and grants range from between £5K and £75K.

For information please see [SCVO Website](#)

### **Aviva Grants of up to £50,000**

Available for Community Projects (UK) Aviva has launched the next round of its Community Fund. Aviva has teamed up with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder to offer funding of up to £50,000 to small charities, schools and community interest groups in the UK with innovative ideas that benefit their community. Every three months from January 2020 onwards, £250,000 will be split equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most. See

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/>

### **Funding to Create Resilient Rural Communities**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects from across the UK which are working to create resilient rural communities. The Prince's Countryside Fund will award funding from the Barclays 100x100 UK Covid-19 Community Relief Fund to support farming and rural communities to cope with the impact of Covid-19, to expand on new services that have emerged to support the local community during this time and to build future resilience. Applications are encouraged from community-led organisations with a turnover under £500,000 per year, from communities with a population of up to 3,000 residents. Examples could include rolling out longer term food and medicine delivery services; social groups to support isolated people; or mental health support. The Fund will close when enough eligible applications have been received.

See: <https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

### **Funding for Community Based Projects**

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants of an average of £5,000 to causes working at community level in the UK and developing countries which are less likely to be able to raise funds from other sources. Current UK funding priorities are: • Homelessness, • Penal Affairs, • Asylum Seekers and Refugees, • Community-Based initiatives for Disadvantaged Young People Aged 16 to 25. Overseas, Hilden concentrates on projects in developing countries working on community development, education, and health and particularly welcomes those that address the needs and potential of girls and women. Only applications submitted on the form supplied on the website will be considered. Hilden accepts applications at any time but the closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting of Trustees is the 16th April 2021.

See: <https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/>

### **Grants to Help Older People Lead More Fulfilling Lives**

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales to lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential. The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged. Funding of

between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Individual applications must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.

See: <https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk>

### **People's Postcode Trust Opens for Applications**

The People's Postcode Trust has re-opened its grants programme and will award grants on a monthly basis until October 2021. Funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust makes grants to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland under the following themes: • Improving mental wellbeing • Enabling community participation in the arts • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty • Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality • Improving biodiversity & green spaces • Enabling participation in physical activity • Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability • Increasing community access to outdoor space Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000, other not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to support both project and organisation core costs. The funding is available for 12 months. To be eligible to apply, organisations will need to have an annual income of below £1 million with preference given to those with an income of below £500,000 per year. The Postcode Community Trust will operate on a monthly basis. On around the 1st of each month, applications will open, and organisations will be able to submit their request for funding until the maximum number of 150 has been received until the 1st October 2021.

See: <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk>

### **AllChurches Trust**

AllChurches Trust like to fund projects that demonstrate an impact on people and communities. Applicants should include clear (and where possible, measurable) outcomes for projects and demonstrate how they will ensure sustainability beyond our funding. It's also important to show how additional funding support will be sought to enable the project to be completed.



Our open grants normally fund capital projects and equipment, not salaries or running costs, with the exception of our transformational and Hope Beyond programmes. In most cases, we give a small percentage of the project cost as this enables us to say yes to more worthwhile causes, although we do occasionally give larger grants.

See: <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund>

### **National Church Trust**

Funding available for Scotland's cash strapped churches and chapels

A range of grants are available from the National Churches Trust

Churches and chapels in Scotland needing funding for urgent repairs and maintenance are being encouraged to apply for grants from the National Churches Trust.

In 2021, the church support charity expects to allocate more than £1.5m to churches and chapels throughout the UK. Any church, chapel or meeting house in Scotland that is open for regular public worship can apply.

See: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/funding-available-scotlands-cash-strapped-churches-and-chapels>

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Don't forget to follow us via [Facebook](#) to keep up with latest news.

Peace & Blessings,

Neil Campbell  
Mission Director - Fife Presbytery

