

Hello, Fife Presbytery

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
21st May 2021



We are delighted to bring you our latest 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

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IN THIS WORLD

You will have
TROUBLE

BUT TAKE HEART!

I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.

JOHN 16:33

News



Concern for Israel and Palestine, by Maureen Jack

Neil Campbell (Fife Pres. Mission Director) has asked me to write a short piece on why concern for Israel and Palestine is part of the mission of the church, and to outline the Church of Scotland position on the current conflict.

How could concern for Israel and Palestine, the birthplace of our Christian faith, not be part of our church's mission? Christians from Bethlehem prevented from spending Easter in Jerusalem. Muslims stopped from going to worship at Al Aqsa. Children in the southern West Bank needing a military escort to school to protect them from violent settlers. Families in Hebron woken at 2am by soldiers breaking into their home to arrest their teenage son – or maybe just as a training exercise. Women in Umm al Kheir weeping because their homes have been demolished. Farmers losing their land to yet more settlements. The Nassars, a Christian family, spending years in court to prove ownership of their farm. Gaza fishermen shot at if they stray too far from shore. A woman in Gaza who has not been able to visit her mother in Jericho in years. Young Israelis imprisoned because their conscience does not allow them to serve in occupied territory. Periodic rocket fire by Gaza militants causing fear among folk in the south of Israel (for rocket numbers see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_Palestinian_rocket_attacks_on_Israel). Israeli and Palestinian parents sobbing together because they have each had a child killed by 'the other side'.

The fourth Mark of Mission is 'To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.' In Israel and Palestine we see injustice, and violence, and a desperate need for peace and reconciliation. The context of the current crisis is the injustices the 54-year Israeli occupation inflicts on Palestinians through its breaches of international law. The CofS is

fortunate to partner with wonderful Christian, Jewish and Muslim organisations that work through nonviolent means for justice and equal rights for all. The leader of one, a Muslim, said once, 'We pray that God will show us a way to serve our community.' And the Nassar family farm has a stone engraved with 'We refuse to be enemies.' We have much to learn from our partners.

The CofS has a particular concern and responsibility, because we have had a presence in the land for over 150 years: the CofS owns and runs churches in Jerusalem and Tiberias, Tabeetha School in Jaffa, a hotel in Tiberias, and a guesthouse in Jerusalem. In Israel and Palestine we have two Mission Partners, over 160 staff, pupils at Tabeetha, members of our congregations, and colleagues in partner churches and organisations. Christians, Jews, Muslims. In the current crisis some will be sheltering in bomb shelters in Jaffa while others are in Gaza, with nowhere to shelter – joined by their common humanity and by their connection to the CofS.

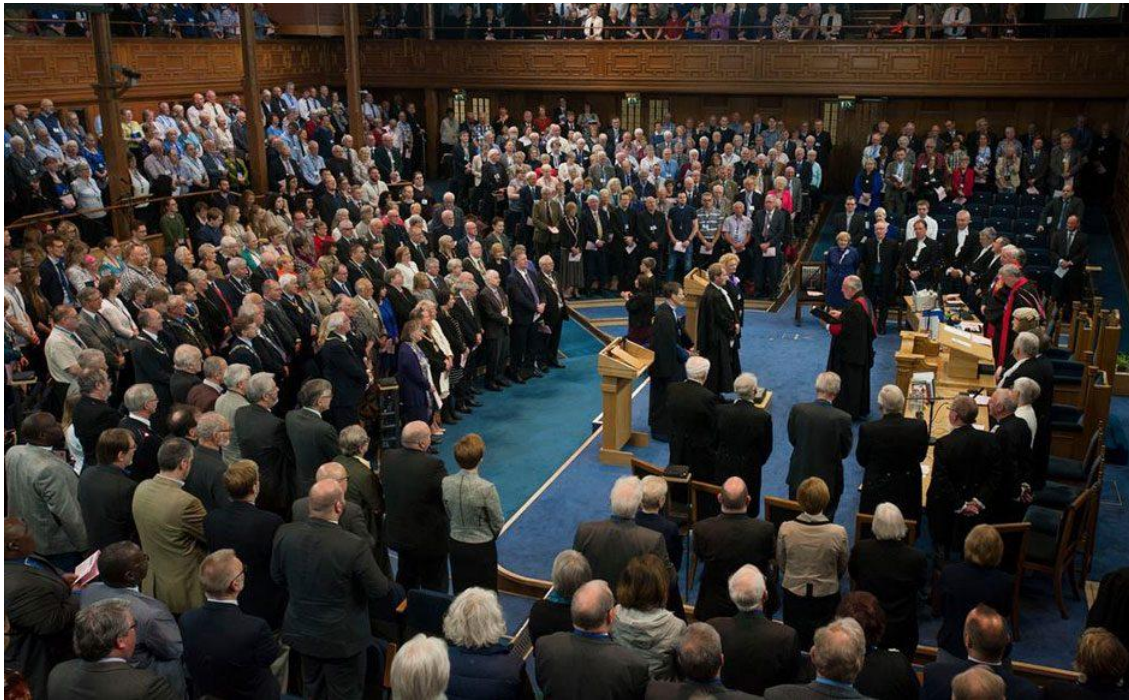
The CofS has called on the UK government to use its influence to help bring an end to the violence in Jerusalem, Gaza, and throughout Israel and the West Bank. It endorses the call by Bishop Azar, Lutheran Bishop of Jerusalem, for all parties to respect the longstanding agreement which guarantees access for all three faiths to their holy sites in Jerusalem during religious celebrations. And it expresses concern about Israeli plans to evict Palestinian families from their homes in occupied East Jerusalem. The CofS is clear that violence is never the answer, despite the structural violence suffered by the Palestinian people.

An end to the current upsurge in violence and loss of life is, of course, urgent. But it is not enough. It is crucial that the long-term injustices also end. As Christians, we must continue to pray and work for true peace.

For the full CofS statement, please see <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/articles/israelis-and-palestinians-urged-to-bring-an-end-to-violence>

For information on some CofS partners, please see <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world-mission/our-partner-churches/middle-east>

Maureen Jack is currently a member of the Faith Impact Forum, but writes in a personal capacity. She has lived and volunteered in the West Bank as a human rights monitor. She is Presbytery Elder for St Andrews: St Leonard's.



General Assembly 2021

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is the supreme court of our church. Meeting annually, it hears reports, makes law, and sets the agenda for the national church. The Assembly will meet online again, for a second year. Opening on Saturday 22nd May and running until Thursday 28th, Prince William, The Duke of Cambridge and Earl of Strathearn, will serve as the Lord High Commissioner, Her Majesty the Queen's representative.

Each Presbytery sends commissioners of Ministers, Deacons, Elders and Youth Reps to attend.

This year discussions will include: Developing ecumenical relations and strengthening ties with the Scottish Episcopal Church; Considering authorising Ministers and Deacons to conduct Same Sex Marriages; Approving a new Mission Plan Act; The remarkable work of local congregations during the pandemic and the challenges ahead; Preparations for COP26; and much more too.

Reports for this years Assembly are now available and can be accessed via: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/general-assembly/reports-and-additional-documents>

Opportunities

GROW: Schools and Churches Youth Worker



SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES YOUTH WORKER

Are you an enthusiastic, energetic, self motivated individual who is passionate about sharing the Gospel with Young People?

Based in Glenrothes Fife, GROW is an established interdenominational Trust created by local churches in partnership with Scripture Union Scotland, to employ a youth worker to share the significance of Jesus into our schools working alongside existing Ministry teams and churches. You will also work with church teams supporting leaders and young people in their faith journey.

We offer you the opportunity to build on the existing structure with the flexibility to use your initiative and creativity to develop new ideas. You will be supported by our volunteers and management team and have the opportunity for ongoing training and development through our partner SU Scotland.

Contract: Initial 2 years with a view to extending the contract (37.5 hours Per week)

Salary: From £20,000 -£25,000pa dependant on experience

For more information including job description and application pack, please

contact: Chris Hay

Email: mdchay50@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 4th June 2021

Interview date: 26th June 2021 (in person if covid rules allow)

This appointment will be subject to a satisfactory PVG scheme Disclosure. It is also an Occupational Requirement that the post-holder demonstrates a personal faith in Jesus Christ

Glenrothes and Region Outreach Worker SC 034830



Events

Talking Mission: *Five Marks of Mission* With Rev. Dr Donald MacEwan



Date: 21st April 2021

Time: 7.30-8.30pm



We're delighted that our second Talking Mission evening is with the Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Theological Forum, on the subject *Five Marks of Mission*.

The five marks have been adopted as a working definition of mission and it will be important for us to develop an understanding of them as we consider our mission planning, both at a congregational and presbytery level.



Talking Mission Series: Five Marks of Mission
with Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Theological Forum

Hosted by Neil Campbell, Fife Presbytery Mission Director,

Available Now via: https://youtu.be/_Sj0xIqy4r4

The purpose of these monthly online gatherings is to develop an understanding of contextual mission across our new Presbytery. A 20-30 minute talk with a missional focus followed by an opportunity for questions, reflection and discussion. These events are open to all across the Presbytery. Booking is requested to aid with preparation. For those unable to attend the event will be recorded and available to view via the Presbytery YouTube.

On Wed 21st April we welcomed Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Theological Forum, who discussed with us the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the Theological Forum. It will be important for us to develop an understanding of these as we consider our mission planning, both at a congregational and presbytery level. You can now access our latest talking mission via:
https://youtu.be/_Sj0xIqy4r4

At our previous talking mission, we heard a deeply insightful, challenging and inspirational mission talk from Very Rev Dr John Chalmers about the *Faith Action Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps*.

You can still access and view our first talking mission via:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g>



Reimagining the Future Webinars - Videos Now Available

Videos of the presentations at the Reimagining the Future webinar are now available to watch and share.

1. Embracing Change - Martin Fair
2. Learning from research - Sarah Holmes

3. Lightning talks - children's ministry, family ministry, youth ministry, worship, community

How might you use these to 'reimagine the future' in your church context?

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcE1-KuB42WIa5SmLRKd5jG9FY5TLwVyg>



Messtival 2021

The Messy Church online Festival is this Saturday 22nd May! There will be exciting workshops to join in with and get some great new ideas from and in the afternoon we will be gathering together online for the BIGGEST MESSY CHURCH IN THE WORLD - make sure you let us know how many people have joined in from your household.

For more information and to book your FREE place:

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messtival>



Together for our Planet: Faith Communities and COP26

Interfaith Glasgow and Interfaith Scotland are teaming up to present an information and discussion event on Monday 24 May from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Glasgow will take centre stage for the United Nations Climate Change summit (COP26) this November, as countries come together to negotiate the future of our planet at the biggest conference the UK has ever hosted. This is a unique opportunity for faith communities in Scotland to foster unity and apply their faith in local action together.

Join to find out about COP26, why it matters to Glasgow, Scotland's faith communities, and the world, and how you can get involved. Hear from inspiring speakers and discuss your thoughts with people from other backgrounds about how you and your faith community can take action.

For more information and to book see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/together-for-our-planet-how-faith-communities-can-engage-with-cop26-tickets>



Pioneering and the Contemplative - Live Conversation

Wed 26th May, 1-2 pm UK live on the Fresh Expressions [Facebook page](#) and YouTube Channel for a conversation with:

Elain Heath - Author, speaker, retreat leader, consultant and President of Neighborhood Seminary, a non-profit to provide theological, practical, and spiritual formation for lay people to know how to help their neighborhoods flourish by participating with what God is doing in their neighborhoods.

Ian J Mobsby - Missioner & New Monastic practitioner, speaker and writer. Assistant Dean for Fresh Expressions & Pioneer Ministry at The Diocese of Southwark

For more information and to view, please see:
<https://www.facebook.com/freshexpression>

THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 8:00PM

FINDING
TIME TO REFLECT
JESUS IN
THE STORM
TIME TO REFRESH

SPEAKER PROF. JOHN SWINTON

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CVE Scotland: Finding Jesus in the Storm

are delighted to provide an online space for reflection and refreshment during these challenging times. Tailored for those who work in and with schools, Professor John Swinton will share with us from his expertise in the fields of mental health, disability, pastoral care and spirituality. Both mental health and additional support needs are

significant areas of concern for those in education and this event provides an opportunity to both learn from a leading teacher in associated fields and also reflect on what that means for our own school settings and ourselves.

We are really looking forward to John sharing with us his insights into mental health challenges and spirituality and the encouragement that there is lifegiving hope for everyone in the midst of the storm. During the event there will be spaces to recharge, discuss, think and respond, through breakout room, audio-visual media and Q&A times.

For more information and to register, see: <https://cve-scotland.org.uk/finding-jesus-in-the-storm>



Intergenerational Church Webinar 3: Insights from the Scriptures

21st June, 7.30-9.00pm

An opportunity to reflect on being intergenerational church through exploring the scriptures together

Throughout scripture, from the initial beginnings of the Israelite community, through the period of the kings, the exile and post exile, and beyond to the time of Jesus and the early church, all ages were an integral part of the worshipping community of faith.

Join us as we explore together some passages of scripture to see what they have to say to us today about being intentionally intergenerational, about intergenerationality being at the core of everything we do, and about being together, developing faith experientially.

This online webinar is for anyone interested in intergenerational church (although connected to the previous intergenerational church webinars this is a stand-alone event so you do not need to have been at the previous ones to take part).

For more information and to register, please see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intergenerational-church-3-insights-from-the-scriptures-tickets>



Magnitude Youth Festival

Launching on the evening of Saturday 24 July, Magnitude 2021 is a 5 day hybrid festival, streaming live to your local youth groups across the nation with evening gatherings, morning sessions, engaging seminars, challenges, worship and time to respond to God.

The programme is aimed at young people aged 11-18.

You are invited to join us for Magnitude 2021.

Magnitude is brought you you by SU Scotland, Powerpoint and friends.

For more information, please see:

<https://magnitude.org.uk/2021>



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Cinnamon Incubator Competition 2021

The Cinnamon Incubator Competition is an annual search to find ambitious church-led social action initiatives that want to replicate their work through churches across the country.

This year they're looking for church-led projects supporting adults with employment, education and training.

What's the prize?

Five finalists have the chance of securing a place on the coveted Cinnamon Incubator programme. Over the course of the two years, they'll receive training and coaching to help them put in place strong foundations, make key connections and develop the capacity to grow. A place on the Cinnamon Incubator Programme is worth more than £21,000. Just five places are available each year on a strictly invitational basis, so this really is a prize money can't buy. What's more – the two winners will also receive a £25,000 development grant and all Cinnamon Incubator finalists have a chance to pitch their initiatives to a group of hand-selected philanthropists and potential donors at the Cinnamon Incubator Competition Final.

Who can Enter?

We're looking for church-led initiative that are:

- helping individuals retrain
- building confidence and skills
- providing connections to work
- creating employment opportunities
- developing apprenticeships
- reaching those not in education, employment or training

Of course, we know the church is incredibly creative, so this list is by no means exhaustive.

For more information and to apply, see:

<https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/incubate/>

Training



Exploring Muddy Church

Mon 24th May - 7.30pm via Zoom

Exploring and considering opportunities for developing Muddy Church as Covid-19 restrictions change

This session will look at how Muddy Church can offer opportunities and develop outreach in your community beyond Covid restrictions. We will journey through some of the ideas of Muddy Church and explore what we can do, how we can do it and most importantly why.

For more information and to register, see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-muddy-church-after-covid-tickets>

 The Church of Scotland

Elders Conference 2021

ELDERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE

A Series of Webinars on
Discipleship, Worship, Leadership & Relationship
7-9pm on 3, 10, 17 & 24 June



Elders Conference 2021 – ‘Eldership in Times of Change’

A series of Learn webinars on Thursday evenings 3, 10, 17 and 24 June (7–9pm).

The Covid-19 pandemic has been affecting every aspect of congregational lives,

raising numerous fundamental and practical questions. Looking at today's eldership in relation to worship, discipleship, leadership and relationship, Elders Conference 2021 will reflect on the significance of elders' role in these areas and explore how effectively and efficiently they could play their parts in times of change. It will nurture and guide participants to enhance their understanding of these areas and to take an active part as inspirational leaders in their church ministries.

Details about this event follow below with a link to its online booking page. We'd really appreciate it if you were able to forward the details on to others in your Presbytery who might be interested.

3 June – 'Eldership and Worship'
10 June – 'Eldership and Discipleship'
17 June – 'Eldership and Leadership'
24 June – 'Eldership and Relationship'

For whom: Elders and those in church leadership roles in the Church of Scotland

Ticket: Free

Booking: <https://elders-conference-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please contact Hongsuk via HUm@churchofscotland.org.uk if you have any questions about this conference.



Family Ministry Unpacked

A series of sessions from Core Skills in Family Ministry including reflections around digital engagement and the impact of the pandemic

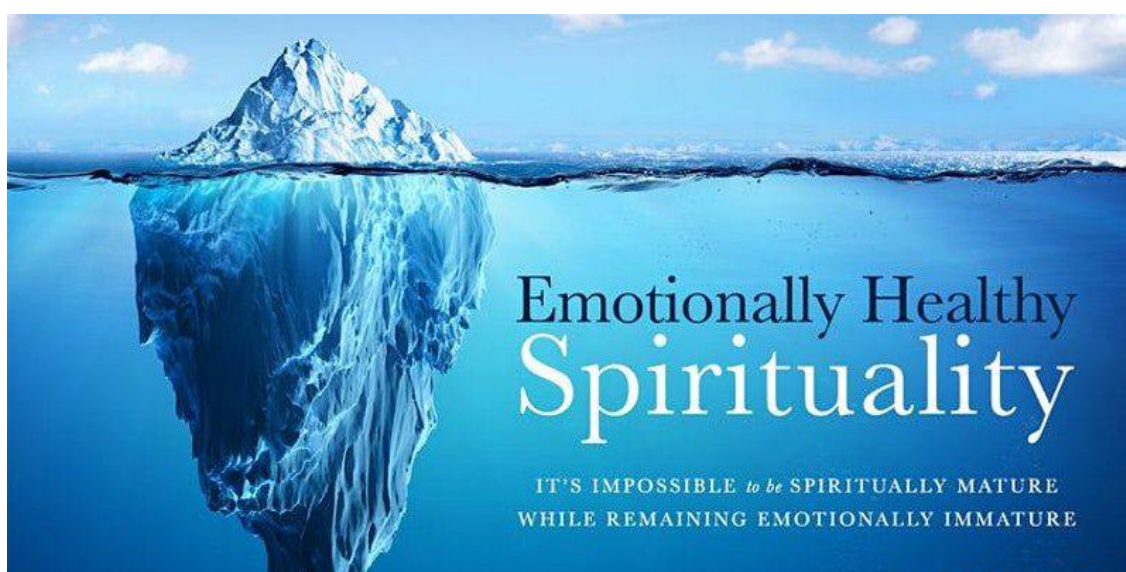
Exploring the themes of Core Skills in Family Ministry across the topics below and consider the various influences that have had an impact more recently and how this

might begin to shape our ministry for the future. The sessions will take place fortnightly on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm.

25th May *Intergenerational Ministry - participation in the [Intergenerational Conference](#) or guided self learning*

8th Jun *Faith at Home*

For more information and to register please see:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-ministry-unpacked>



Cairn Movement: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - June 17th

"Come to me all you who are weary or burdened and I will give you rest".

These are wonderful verses which have often felt illusive or under threat in the last 12 months. There is an opportunity for us to come back together as disciples and leaders at the end of a testing and trialling year to be able to stop and survey the landscape and also, look ahead - how do we create sustainable, live giving, mature expressions of discipleship and leadership?

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality equips the church with a 'beneath the surface' spirituality that deeply transforms people who then transform the world. It's about moving from a shallow Christianity to a deep authentic relationship with God, ourselves and others.

Emotionally healthy spirituality gives us that opportunity to be able to journey that together, intensively and intentionally into what is next for us, our churches and our culture.

For more information and to book, please see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotionally-healthy-spirituality-tickets>



Reimagining your Messy Church for a changing context

This 90-minute training session on Zoom is for those who already run a Messy Church and who wish to explore and discuss different approaches to 'rebooting' it while there are Covid-related restrictions on meeting together.

Dates and times

- Friday 18 June 10:00-11:30

- Wednesday 7 July 15:00-16:30
- Thursday 8 July 10:30-12:00

For more information and to book, please visit:

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-masterclasses>



People of Hope: National Conference for School & College Chaplains

This major international and ecumenical online conference and retreat is for all involved with school and college chaplaincy – lay or ordained chaplains – pastoral leaders, education and youth officers, as well as policy makers interested in this vital growth area of Christian ministry.

For more information and to register, please see: <https://cve-scotland.org.uk/people-of-hope-uk-conference>



Forge Scotland Pioneer Course 2021/2022 - Applications are now open

The purpose of the Pioneer Course is to validate the pioneering spirit, creating a beachhead for making Kingdom ground and championing a voice for change in church as we know it.

The pioneer course explores the questions raised by church, culture & Kingdom as well as fostering relationships between like-minded, Kingdom-seeking trail-blazers and connects them with others on the same journey.

For more information and to apply, please see:

<https://forgescotland.com/pioneer-course/>



SU Scotland

SU Scotland: Bible Alive

A non-residential course at Lendrick Muir on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and

Thursday 9th September and it will run from approximately 9.00am-5.30pm each day.

This exciting programme teaches children in P5-P7 the whole story line of the Bible in a series of interactive multi-media lessons.

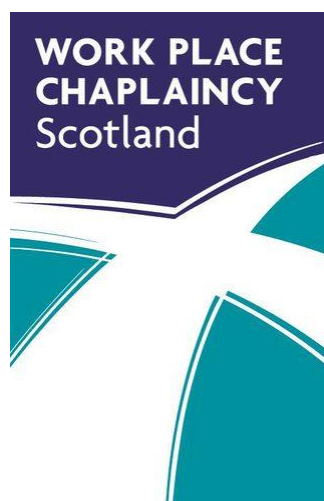
It has been designed to contribute to the experiences and outcomes in the RME section of Curriculum for Excellence. Over 80 Scottish schools have welcomed Bible Alive and it has also been used in schools in other parts of the UK.

Bible Alive uses story-telling, music, drama, puppets, quizzes, activities, props and costumes to bring the Bible to life. It is held together by Rhyme & Sign, a set of ten rhyming couplets which recap the story of the Bible, accompanied by British Sign Language signs. The programme is flexible and the whole Bible is usually taught in schools in one hour lessons over 5-8 weeks.

This is a non-residential course, running from 9:00am-5:30pm each day, and you must attend all three days to complete the course. You will be asked to do some preparation at home between days two and three of the course. Cost: £85 (includes training manual, Rhyme & Sign videos, refreshments and lunch on all 3 days)

Spaces are very limited and priority is given to people planning to deliver the course in schools.

For more information and to book, please email: Lesley.Crawford@suscotland.org.uk



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 or 07703 585987).

Resources



Christian Aid Campaign: Call for a Ceasefire to protect Palestinians and Israelis

The last week has seen the worst violence between Israel and the Palestinians since 2014. And the conflict escalated further still over the weekend as Sunday became the deadliest day so far.

As I write this the cycle of violence spirals out of control, with many innocent Palestinians and Israelis dead, wounded or simply exhausted with fear.

'It is terrifying here. This time is not like any time before. Bombs are everywhere, my kids did not sleep since yesterday.'

These are the words of Feda'a, a mother to small children and staff member at one of our partner organisations in Gaza.

This cannot continue. Join us in calling on the UK government to pursue an immediate ceasefire.

Stand in solidarity with all Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence today.

For more information and to email the PM to call for a ceasefire, please see: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/stand-palestinians-and-israelis-call-ceasefire-today>



The Pioneer Tool Library Hack

With already over 80 tools in the Pioneer Tool Library is now available to help resource mission and pioneering. It's completely FREE to access or to post your own tools. Hosted by the Northern Centre of Mission.

You can access the library here: <https://en-gb.padlet.com/NorthernMissionCentre/pioneerlibrary>



The Chosen: Season 2 Now Available

The Chosen is the largest crowdfunded media project of all time.

A multi-season series about the life of Christ based on the gospels.

The Chosen can be accessed and watched for free online via <http://thechosen.tv> or via The Chosen App.



Thy Kingdom Come

This year's Thy Kingdom Come will happen from 13th - 23rd May.

There are loads of exciting new resources on the way for Thy Kingdom Come 2021! As well as the refreshed regulars, such as the Prayer Journal and Novena, there is also some exciting new resources, including a Prayer Escape Room designed for young people, resources created in collaboration with the Cheeky Pandas, an

updated Prayer Adventure Map, and many more!

TKC are also giving away 100,000 hard copies of a new Prayer Journal!

For more information see: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



Scripture Union: Jungle Adventure Holiday Club

A brand new Holiday Club resource for 2021! Available Now!

Jungle Adventure takes us on a journey of discovering Jesus, through the eyes of his disciples, who were called by and experienced first-hand Jesus' care, provision and deep friendship.

As children explore the disciples' adventure and explore the Bible for themselves, our prayer is that they will discover Jesus as their own *guide* and *friend*.

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.

For more information and to order, please see:

<https://www.suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/missions/jungle-adventure-holiday-club/>

Funding

SCVO Funding Scotland

Funding at your fingertips

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using our free

online search engine. From small grants to funding for big capital projects, we can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community. See: <https://fundingscotland.com/>

Ragdoll Foundation

Grants for projects that use the arts and media to address concerns for children.

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation. The Foundation's vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. A variety of art forms can be supported including dance, drama, ceramics, creative play, film, music, puppetry and storytelling. Supported projects need to support equality of opportunity, can include families and take place in rural or urban settings and may be delivered, for example, in children's and community centres, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

Deadline: 2nd July 2021

For more information and to apply, see:

<https://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

Tesco Community Grants re-opens for applications

Community groups across the UK are being invited to apply for funding for local projects that matter to them.

The Tesco Community Grant scheme will award grants to charities and community organisations to fund local good causes whose focus is on supporting children and families.

Funding pots of £500, £1000 and £1500 will be available for projects and Tesco customers will be able to choose which project receives the most funding by voting in store every time they shop. Eligible projects include breakfast or holiday lunch clubs, food banks, youth clubs or schools.

Deadline: 24th May 2021

For more information and to apply, see:

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

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](#)

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>

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>

Scotland's Churches Trust

Scotland's Churches Trust helps sustain and support Scotland's places of worship through a range of grants, bursaries, advice and support.

Scottish Churches Trust offers grant support to help with:

- restoration projects in the repair of buildings and windows
- cost of routine preventative maintenance
- organ educational awards
- support towards organ concerts

See: <https://scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/>