

**Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!**  
24th September 2021



**We are delighted to bring you our latest newsletter filled with  
*News, Events, Training and Funding* information.**

**All sections have updates in this edition!**

**We're here to encourage and support you  
in our shared Christian mission across Fife.**

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## News



**Climate Justice — Engaging your church**

*Article via Faith Impact*

The Church of Scotland is concerned that climate change poses a serious and immediate threat to people everywhere, particularly to the poor of the earth, and that climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of God's Creation.

In the run-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November, we are sharing ways church groups can get involved:

- Explore the [Climate Sunday](#) website for ideas on holding your own service. Over 1,600 churches in Britain and Ireland have already held their own Climate Sunday services.
- How to create a climate change [prayer station](#).
- Tearfund has created [Harvest service resources](#) relating to climate change and hunger, including films and prayers.
- The [Climate Emergency Toolkit](#) for Christians can guide your church through simple but powerful actions to respond to the climate emergency as part of your discipleship and worship.
- Make changes and commitments to [become an eco-congregation](#).
- If you're based in or around Glasgow or are able to travel, you can contact [Karen Wallace](#) from Glasgow Presbytery, who can share other ways you can get involved directly with COP26 (for example, a march on Saturday 6 November, becoming a host for climate activists, volunteering with the Street Pastors, etc).

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## Opportunities



**Fife Presbytery Administration Assistant**

Hours: 10-12 hours per week

Rate: £12 per hour

Fixed Term: 6 months initially

Closing date: 1 October 2021 but we are hoping for an immediate start date.

Main purpose of post: To provide administration support for the Mission Director and the Board of Mission.

The launch of the Fife Presbytery Mission Plan Roadmap and consultation has identified the need for additional clerical assistance to support the Mission Director and the Board of Mission in managing the administrative requirements to deliver the Mission Plan.

#### Main Duties

- Providing administrative and secretarial support for the Mission Director, dealing with correspondence, website enquires and managing a busy electronic diary of appointments.
- Organising and maintaining relevant databases to collate and process mission planning responses from congregations.
- Acting as Minute Secretary to the Board of Mission, drafting agendas, numbering and formatting papers to a strict format. Assisting colleagues to ensure that business arising from minutes is dealt with effectively and timeously.
- Coordinating meetings, to include papers, venues, delegates and travel arrangements as required.
- Assisting with the preparation of a Mission Plan newsletter and update, maintain and develop the Mission Plan webpage.
- Developing a knowledge and understanding of the work of the Board of Mission to enable the postholder to act as first point of contact, ensuring prompt and appropriate responses to written and verbal correspondence and queries.
- Demonstrating a commitment to ongoing personal development and training.
- Undertake additional duties as required.

How to Apply CV's and expressions of interest should be sent by email to [Neil.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Neil.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk) or by phone on [07999 349587](tel:07999349587)

For further information please contact Neil Campbell the Mission Director by email: [Neil.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Neil.Campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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## Events



#### **Fife Presbytery ACORN Groups**

Following our recent Talking Mission, Fife Presbytery is initiating ACORN Groups which are open to all.

ACORN gives us a way to share our faith and encounter God by praying daily 'Lord who do you want me to connect with today?' then meeting with others weekly or fortnightly for an hour to report back and notice God at work.

Groups will take place on Zoom.

For more information and if you would like to join a group, please email [fife@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk) and you will be put in touch with your group facilitator. (Anyone can join in with ACORN - if you are housebound or isolating you can make phone calls or connect online; if you are incredibly busy, learn to find God at work in the busyness!)

If you are interested in participating but these dates don't suit, or you would like more information, please contact [aileen.christie@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:aileen.christie@churchofscotland.org.uk).

You can find out more about ACORN here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z\\_y-k0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be)



**Talking Mission: COP26 with Rev Dr Martin Johnstone**

Hosted by Church & World Task Group

7.30pm, Tuesday 28th September 2021, via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96973458120pwd=azE5SHJWZUI4TVU0QUdkNHdEOWIKZz09>

Meeting ID: [969 7345 8120](https://zoom.us/j/96973458120pwd=azE5SHJWZUI4TVU0QUdkNHdEOWIKZz09)

Passcode: 589353

With COP26 fast approaching, Martin Johnstone in his role as Glasgow Churches Together Ambassador to the summit, will share his thoughts on why addressing climate change is part of the mission of the church and how churches can get involved in COP26.

*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.*

Previous Talking Mission:

Paul Haringman, Inverness Presbytery: Mission Development Worker, about ACORN movement, available via: <https://youtu.be/O8lcbMFVBv4>

Rev. Peter Neilson reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of the Church Without Walls report, available via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOJl2Q1od1U>

Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, Chair of the Assembly Trustees, on the *Faith Action Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps* available via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g>

Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Theological Forum, discussing the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the General Assembly, available via: <https://youtu.be/Sj0xIqy4r4>



**Fife Presbytery: Youth Work Journeys**

Save the Date: 10.00am, Thursday 30th September  
at Torbain Parish Church, Kirkcaldy.

Continuing to work with Paul Beautyman of *Youth Work Journeys* as we explore together how we can support youth work and youth workers across our churches and Presbytery.

The next in-person gathering is planned for 30th September to develop ideas and support to the next stage. Open to all - all are welcome.

*To help arrange hospitality it would be helpful if you could indicate your attendance via email to*



Get involved: [www.challengepoverty.net](http://www.challengepoverty.net)

#ChallengePoverty #NowIsTheTime

### **Challenge Poverty Week**

Challenge Poverty Week is designed to show that a society without poverty is possible, and to showcase solutions we can all get behind. That's why each year, united by common values of justice and compassion, hundreds of organisations in Scotland take part in the week.

Getting involved is easy and there are lots of different ways we can make a difference. The Poverty Alliance provides all the resources you'll need to help you plan, promote and deliver your activities. You can [view all their resources](#), including activity toolkits, lesson plans, letters to MPs and MSPs, and more. More graphics and suggested social media content will be shared closer to the week.

The Poverty Alliance offers meetings with any organisation, big or small, that would like to get involved - just contact [suzi.murning@povertyalliance.org](mailto:suzi.murning@povertyalliance.org). Register your interest to be sent all resources directly to your inbox. Why not also add what you're planning to do to the Challenge Poverty Week [activity calendar](#)?

For more information see: <https://www.challengepoverty.net/>



### **Eco Scotland: Praying for COP26**

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, join us for an hour of prayer and encouragement to get involved.

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, hear how you can get involved – and look forward to Net Zero carbon and a Just, Green Future.

Hosted by Eco Congregation Scotland's Glasgow network join us for an hour of encouragement and prayer as we prepare for COP26 and the actions we might take to show our care for creation thereafter.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month for an hour from 4pm on Zoom.

Thursday 7th October, Thursday 4th November.

For more information and to register, see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/praying-for-cop26-and-beyond-tickets-156226631059?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>





## GO Conference 2021

The GO Conference (8-11 October) is SU Scotland's national youth conference for S4-S6 pupils who want to grow in their relationship with God and understand how the Bible shapes all areas of life... home, school and friendships.

Bookings opened a few weeks ago and we are delighted that we're already fully booked! Please pray for the team as they welcome 70 young people to Lendrick Muir as together they...

- Discover that "Jesus is More!" by exploring the book of Hebrews to see just how amazing Jesus is.
- Develop through a selection of workshops exploring ways to grow as a Christian.
- Equip our young people to serve at home, school and among friends.

Find out more about GO Conference: [here](#).



### **Fife Work Place Chaplaincy**

Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland aims to meet people where they are - in the setting of their daily working lives. A chaplain's main purpose is Christian service, simply because people matter irrespective of their status or position. A chaplain is available to ALL staff.

Could you be involved in this rapidly expanding area of Christian service?

For those interested, or involved in workplace chaplaincy:

Where? *Venue TBC*

When? Wed 27<sup>th</sup> October – 7.00pm to 9.00pm

The session will include:

- The role and structure of Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland
- What is workplace chaplaincy?
- An introduction to further training
- How do chaplains operate within organisations?
- How do chaplains promote individual and corporate wellbeing?

For further details or to book a place contact:

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Administrative Assistant  
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[07702 876345](tel:07702876345)

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**Training**



### **Church of Scotland ASCEND**

Ascend is the training, support and development centre for all those involved in ministries across the Church of Scotland.

For all the latest training and support information see:

<https://ascend.churchofscotland.org.uk/events/>



### **Fresh Expressions Autumn Gathering**

29th - 30th Sept

#### **The "E" Word**

*"There was part of me that secretly felt evangelism was something you shouldn't do to your dog, let alone your friend."* Rebecca Manley Pippert

Join us as we do a 'deep dive' on the part of the fresh expressions journey that many of us struggle with. What is it about evangelism that makes us feel

uncomfortable? Are we unsure whether the gospel really is 'good news'? Is there such a thing as 'ethical' evangelism? What might a 21st century approach to sharing Jesus look like?

Be part of the conversation as we explore these and other questions together...

For more information and to book, see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-e-word-tickets>



**Growing Others is a great opportunity to develop coaching skills**

Run by our friends in FX, Forge, Methodist and Salvation Army Churches.

This is being run as a set of 4 workshops on 3 separate occasions over the coming year - at a cost of £55:

October 2021 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157059103005>

Feb 2022 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157072759853>

If you or those working with you / supporting you are interested in this, but funding is an issue, please get in touch Steve Aisthorpe, Church of Scotland Mission Development Worker (Pioneering) via [saisthorpe@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:saisthorpe@churchofscotland.org.uk)



### **Godly Play Scotland Conference**

'Still Playing' is the theme for the third Godly Play Scotland Conference. This will take place online on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 November. Tickets cost £20.

The main speaker is Dr Robyn Boeré, Associate Lecturer in Christian Ethics at the University of St Andrews.

For more information see: <https://godlyplayscotland.makeplans.net/>



### **CAP MONEY COURSE**

CAP have got a number of in-person and online money course training sessions over autumn that will equip you to help those in your community who may be struggling financially. The CAP Money Course is a video-based budgeting course which has helped over 50,000 people avoid financial crises and become better stewards of their money.

For more information, see:

<https://capuk.org/get-involved/your-church/cap-money-course>



## **Huddle**

*A place to find support, be equipped & grow in your leadership calling.*

At Cairn we believe in the importance of investing in what matters and that is you.

*We all know that leadership is not easy... we need support along the way and that is what huddle is about.*

Often as leaders we function in spheres where we are leading, where we are looking to get the best out of others, and aiming to release potential in our leaders, teams and organization but often forgetting to invest in ourselves. Huddle gives the opportunity for you to have that investment and gives you the opportunity to find support, be equipped and grow in your leadership and calling with a group of peers on a similar journey as yourself.

You can choose from three streams of Huddles;

- The Pioneer Ministry Huddle, for those in a frontline, missional context either planting a church, new mission initiative or similar pioneering environment
- the Established Church Huddle, for those in a more established form of church but looking to adapt and grow missional expressions
- The Spiritual Formation Huddle, for those seeking to find a better balance in ministry life that brings fruit, rest and spiritual growth.

For more information and to register interest see:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPELZGJQAfS8t9uP\\_3SQo2RpYRrqW5HRksnwkF6uF-AUOww/viewform?mc\\_cid=dca9fd29da&mc\\_eid=1b04172065](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPELZGJQAfS8t9uP_3SQo2RpYRrqW5HRksnwkF6uF-AUOww/viewform?mc_cid=dca9fd29da&mc_eid=1b04172065)

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## **Resources**



### **Church of Scotland Resources and inspiration for those working with Children and Youth**

*Do you serve your church in the area of children and youth, either as a volunteer or paid worker?*

*Maybe you currently have few or no children in your congregation but are looking for a fresh approach?*

*Maybe you're involved in particular ministries, such as: early years or toddler groups; engagement in schools; youth work; Sunday groups; uniformed organisations; Messy Church; holiday clubs, equipping ministry across a number of congregations, or something else?*

*Maybe you have a particular concern or area where you'd appreciate some input, such as: ways to develop faith; supporting good mental health and well-being; how to deliver intergenerational worship; focussing on specific areas (awareness of LGBTQ+, climate justice, etc.); engaging with the Global Church; engaging with politics; approaches to outreach; how to develop from a context of few or no children, or something else?*

The central departments of the Church of Scotland are here to resource and inspire you in your ministry. Through a range of provision – online, resources and events, all tailored to those serving in children and youth ministry, we seek to enable you to:

- Explore new resources/ideas/expertise/stories/information/questions
- Feel equipped to undertake your role(s)
- Contextualise resources/ideas/thinking to your local situation
- Develop disciples, grow young leaders, and reach more children and young people with the Good News
- Help shape your local church for the benefit of children and young people

If you would like to receive information on provision that can help to resource and inspire you in your ministry with children and young people, then please let us know your contact details and areas of interest in our short questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/r/bbcqhMEgWW>

We will then add you to a database specifically for this purpose, and endeavour to tailor information to your needs.

Any questions about this questionnaire, and children and youth ministry in general can be sent to the dedicated email address: [childrenandyouth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:childrenandyouth@churchofscotland.org.uk)

If you have a safeguarding query please contact your congregational safeguarding co-ordinator or [safeguarding@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@churchofscotland.org.uk)



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### **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>

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## **Funding**

### **Church of Scotland Small Grants Scheme**

Church of Scotland Small Grant Scheme is now open for grants of up to £1k: See:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/small-grants-fund>

### **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/>

### **KFC Foundation**

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for projects which empower disadvantaged young people in the UK to fulfill their potential. The funding is being made available through the KFC Foundation and is available to local charities, registered community interest companies,

unincorporated clubs and associations that have a turnover of less than £300,000 which have a local KFC restaurant in their community.

See: [kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants](https://kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants)

### **Childs Charitable Trust (UK)**

The Childs Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust, supporting Christian UK registered and excepted charities and organisations both in the UK and overseas. During 2017 the Trust awarded grants to 81 different organisations all based in the UK but operating in more than 100 different countries worldwide. Projects will be considered that fall into the following categories:

- Youth - the trust looks to support projects working in schools and with vulnerable and disengaged young people in the UK. Supported activities may include RE Lessons; School Assemblies; Lunchtime/After school clubs; Evangelism; Personal Development Programmes; Homelessness Prevention.
- Outreach - the trust works to share the gospel of Christ by supporting all aspects of Christian outreach both in the UK and overseas and can fund, for example, Church Plants; Overseas Mission; Training in Evangelism; Chaplaincy.
- Society - the trust believes people of faith bring a valuable contribution to social action and justice and support initiatives that have a positive impact in their society. Grants could support, for example: Counselling; night shelters; alcohol/drug rehabilitation; homelessness; or prison/ex-offenders work.
- Education - the trust supports initiatives involved in all areas of Christian education including Bible Translation; Media Initiatives; Bible Colleges; Literature; Apologetics.

The primary focus for grants allocated in 2021 will be on those organisations who actively share the Christian gospel in their work.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th November 2021.

See: <https://childscharitabletrust.org/>

### **The Weir Charitable Trust**

Small community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to the Weir Charitable Trust for funding of up to £25,000 to support projects relating to:

- Sport i.e. encouraging and increasing public participation in sport
- Health i.e. the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- Culture i.e. supporting heritage through participation projects
- The advancement of animal welfare
- Recreational Facilities i.e. the provision or organisation of recreational facilities that are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and are available to members of the public at large.

See: <https://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

### **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/>