

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
5th November 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.

Please email your stories, news and suggestions for our next Mission Bulletin to Lorraine via fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

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

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

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News



Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund

Fife Presbytery's Board of Mission is today delighted to launch the Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund!

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Introduction

Fife Presbytery's 2:10 Mission Fund will provide a small number of grants of up to £2,000 and two grants of up to £10,000 to support the development of local mission initiatives and projects.

- The Fund will support churches to test, grow and/or develop local mission initiatives or projects through a small number of one-off £2k grants.
- The Fund will also invest in well-developed and innovative mission ideas, initiatives or projects through 2x one-off £10k grants.

The Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund will use a participatory budget approach in awarding grants with a decision event being planned for early December.

Criteria for funded projects

Mission initiatives will focus on at least one of the following priorities:

- Developing mission through new ways of being church, including: new worshipping communities, online worship, fresh expressions or pioneering initiatives.
- Engaging and attracting those aged 40 and under including children, young people and families.

Eligibility criteria

Individual Church of Scotland churches, groups of churches (including with ecumenical partners), or church affiliated projects can apply. Projects must be supported by a Fife Presbytery Church of Scotland and should take place or be based in the bounds of Fife Presbytery. Projects must either be new or be demonstrated to be growing and/or developing a current mission initiative.

Churches must commit to making a contribution to the total cost of the initiative of at least £200 for £2,000 grants and £500 for £10,000 grants - except where churches have unrestricted reserves of less than £10,000.

Closing Date: Tuesday 30th November

To apply, for more information and guidance please see:

<https://www.fifepresbytery.org.uk/news/article/210-mission-fund>

Or email fife@churchofscotland.org.uk to request an application pack.



Glenrothes Area commit to Covenanted Partnership

Article via Neil Campbell

On Sunday 31st October - Reformation Sunday to some - members of congregations from across the Glenrothes Area gathered to formally covenant to one another in the signing of their partnership agreement. The signing took place during a shared evening service of worship at Markinch and Thornton Parish Church.

The service, organised by Irene Ure, featured worship led by the St Ninian's Praise Band, short sermons from Rev Allan Morton, Rev David Smith and John Hutchison. Sandra Davies demonstrated an activity of making 'Brigid Crosses' with local reeds - and a few members of the congregation then managed to do so too!

The service was a significant milestone and celebration of the shared work and journey being taken by churches across the Glenrothes area.

Events

Talking Mission: *New Ways of being Church* With Rev Alan McWilliam



Date: 30th November 2021



Time: 7.30-8.30pm

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As we develop a Mission Plan for Fife we have the opportunity to explore New Ways of being Church, through Pioneering Mission Initiatives, Fresh Expressions and Church Planting.

Alan will share his experience of planting churches and supporting pioneers across Scotland to inspire us, as we consider possibilities for Fife Presbytery.



Talking Mission: New Ways of being Church with Rev Alan McWilliam

Tuesday 30th November, 7.30 - 8.30pm, via Zoom

Please register via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-mission-with-alan-mcwilliam-tickets-204404478297>

All are welcome. Registration is requested to aid with preparation.

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Now Available: Talking Mission with 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?

The session will include:

The role of **Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland**

What is workplace chaplaincy?

How do Fife Chaplains operate within local organisations?

How do chaplains promote individual and corporate wellbeing?

An introduction to further training

Previous Talking Mission:

Rev. Martin Johnstone, Glasgow Churches Together Ambassador to COP26, about COP26, available via: <https://youtu.be/b1VTcGp2Igo>

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

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ACORN with Michael Harvey

6 November 2.00-4.00pm: Dunfermline, Gillespie Memorial Church


Come along for an inspiring session with Michael Harvey (Back to Church Sunday, Weekend of Invitation) and learn of a simple, but less fearful way that we can share our faith with friends and family.

ACORN is an informal and cost-free method of faith-sharing that has gained huge popularity amongst ordinary members of congregations up and down Scotland.

Come and find out why!

Booking is essential. We will be adhering to Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines and will let you know in advance if there are any significant changes that might affect our gathering. Please do not attend if you are suffering from any of the known symptoms of Covid-19.

To book and for information about other dates and venues, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/acorn-roadshow-tickets>



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www.sharingjesus.life

Fresh Expressions: Sharing Jesus

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Sharing Jesus is a new, free resource created by Fresh Expressions, HOPE Together and the Salvation Army to help equip you to introduce Jesus into your group setting. Head to <http://sharingjesus.life> to find out more

It adopts an open-handed, walking together, learning from one another, asking questions approach to help you introduce a spiritual element to what you're already doing. It's not about telling people what to believe, but about saying to friends: "This is what I am finding helpful. What do you think? Might we explore this spiritual path together?"

Sign up for the free webinar on Monday 8th Nov, 7:30pm to help you get started <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/>



Doxecology

Resound Worship are taking their Doxecology album on the road while the COP26 Climate Summit is happening in Glasgow. The Church of Scotland and Tearfund are hosting the final night of the tour in St George's Tron Church on Thursday 11 November.

Join us for a night of worship and prayer which brings together doxology (praise) and ecology, bringing much-needed new worship language to the church.

We will be hearing from Andy Atkins from A Rocha UK and Ruth Valerio from Tearfund, as well as singing songs and praying together as we celebrate the wonder of creation and consider how we can respond in our local communities.

This is an in-person event with an expectation of communal singing and refreshments during the interval. Booking is essential. We will be adhering to Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines and will let you know in advance if there are any significant changes that might affect our gathering. Please do not attend if you are suffering from any of the known symptoms of Covid-19.

To register see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/doxecology-cop26-concert-tour-tickets>

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Fife Presbytery ACORN Groups

Following our recent Talking Mission, Fife Presbytery has initiated 3 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 take place on Zoom.

For more information and if you would like to join a group, please email 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.

You can find out more about ACORN here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be



Forge Gathering

"Keeping personal salvation at the heart of the missional movement"

We are delighted to have Chris Duffett and Glyn Jones led this time together.

All the Forge Tribe are welcome. Bring your team!

Friday 26th November 6-9pm
Saturday 27th November 9am-5pm

Menziehill Church of Scotland, Dundee

Overnight stay – Dundee West Premier Inn

To book – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forge-scotland-gathering-tickets-170412763162>



Forge Gathering

Friday 26th - Saturday 27th November

Forge Tribe are regathering in Dundee (26-27th Nov).

This is going to be a time of friendships renewed, fun and great input from Glyn Jones & Chris D! Here is the link to come along - bring your teams!

Training



Fife Presbytery: Youth Work Journeys

Next Meeting: 10am - 12noon, Friday 17th December, via Zoom.

All Welcome - no need to have been previously.

Paul Beautyman of *Youth Work Journeys* continues to support youth work across Fife Presbytery, as we explore together how we can encourage and grow more youth work in our churches and communities.

A series of Inspire Sessions are being planned that will offer limited opportunities to get alongside Youth Workers and experience faith-based groups and activities, followed by a time for debrief and discussion.

Inspire Sessions being developed include: Children's Club + Art Activities, School Lunchtime Club (SU), Young Persons Mental Health Group, Sport Activities.


EXPLORING LEADERSHIP | Knowing Me
ONLINE TRAINING | Knowing You

In this session we will look at:

- How to become more self-aware in our leadership
- Consider how we can cultivate greater authenticity
- Identify some tools that can be helpful to explore personality types and styles.
- How does all the above impact the teams we lead.

Wednesday 17th November 2021
Time: 10am - 11:30pm
Cost: £5.00

Book Your Place Today
<https://yfcuk.brushfire.com/exploringleadership/516209>

 **YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

Youth for Christ: Exploring Leadership - Knowing me, knowing you!

- Wednesday, 17 Nov 2021 10:00 GMT

Knowing ourselves, what makes us tick informs how we lead! At the same time knowing our team members, their strengths and passions makes us better leaders.

In this session we will:

- Look at the different personality types.
- Examine different examples of tools that identify styles and types.
- Consider how this impacts the way we lead and we use them in our practice.

This training session will be hosted on Zoom and will start at 10am, finishing by no later than 11:30am.



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: Who, Me?

7.30 - 9pm, Thursday 25th November

Do you have an idea for mission or a community group but not sure how to start it?

Do you have a passion or a skill that you want to use for God but don't know where to begin?

Do you keep thinking about who isn't in church and want to do something about it?

Do you see a need in your community and want to help?

Did you start a community group, missional community or fx and are feeling stuck?

Join us for our next Who Me? Online Event on Thursday 25th November 7:30 - 9pm and we'll help you! Register your place here

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9122222222>



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:

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



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

Resources



Scripture Union: Light Up Christmas

It's that time of year again! Light Up Christmas is an amazing FREE video resource, helping children take a fresh look at Christmas in a fun and dynamic way. Each video comes with supporting activities, including quizzes, crafts and group work. Check out our Light Up Christmas website here: lightupchristmas.org.uk



Scottish Bible Society: Christmas Journeys

Buckle up for seven days of all-age adventure as we explore the Christmas Story with Christmas Journeys!

Each pack comes with a colourful **world map**, star **stickers** and daily **activity cards**.

Every card contains a Bible story along with some fun activities to help you join in with the journey. Stick your stars on the map to chart our route and then find out what someone from that part of the world has discovered about God through the Bible.

At the end of your seven days you will have been on an incredible journey. Your star covered map will remind you of "God with us" – the amazing good news of Christmas. **Get your journey pack for only £1 (postage and packaging included).**

For more information, see: <https://scottish.bible/christmas>



24/7 Prayer: The Be Still Series

Embrace the countercultural practice of stillness every day...

A five-week video course from 24-7 Prayer enabling you and your community to learn together how to develop a regular rhythm and deeper daily relationship with God.

Streaming now at www.24-7prayer.com/



Sharing Jesus is a resource designed to help people add a spiritual dimension alongside what you're already doing. It has ideas for sharing Jesus in a new worshipping community, Fresh Expression of church, missional community or church plant as well as community groups.

Over the 30+ years of pioneering new, contextual forms of church we've found that the part of the Fresh Expressions/Loving First journey people struggle with the most is introducing a spiritual element to their gatherings in a sensitive and contextual way which is why we created this resource.

Sharing Jesus adopts an open-handed, walking together, learning from one another, asking questions approach. It's not about telling people what to believe, but about saying to friends: "This is what I am finding helpful. What do you think? Might we explore this spiritual path together?" It includes seven topics, each with a video animation, a video story, and a short downloadable guide with additional ideas and explanation. The resources are arranged logically to give them a shape, but please don't follow the order! Go to the section that most interests you.

For more information, see:

http://sharingjesus.life/?mc_cid=12ebbcebb2&mc_eid=70f95ab914



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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>

Funding

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<https://www.fifepresbytery.org.uk/news/article/210-mission-fund>

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/>

The National Lottery Community Fund Improving Lives

The National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives programme is open to voluntary or community organisations. The programme aims to help people facing challenging circumstances especially activities that mean people:

- are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience
- are able to shape the activities and services they use to better meet their needs
- have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives

The grants range from £10,001 to £200,000.

See: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-improving-lives>

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

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/>
