

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
19th 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.**

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STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH;
BE COURAGEOUS; BE STRONG.
🌲 DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE. ♡
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

News



Christian Aid Christmas Appeal 2021

For a long time, the river near Adut's village in South Sudan was her community's only source of water. Adut knew the water wasn't safe to drink. It brought illness, pain and upset tummies.

Extreme droughts and downpours are causing more distress and havoc – last year, the river dried up then flooded catastrophically, spreading contaminated water. But thanks to people like you, Adut's community now has fresh, clean water, whatever the weather.

They built a borehole with support from Christian Aid's local partner, by drilling a narrow shaft into the ground so they could pump up water from a naturally-occurring source.

Dirty water or none at all? The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal could mean a mum like Adut could give her children water that's safe to drink and won't have to make this horrific choice.

For more information and to support see:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal>



Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund - *Still time to Apply*

Fife Presbytery's Board of Mission is welcoming applications to the Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which

God prepared in advance for us to do.” - Ephesians 2:10

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.

Events

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



Date: 30th November 2021



Time: 7.30-8.30pm

We're concluding our first series of Talking Mission events with Rev Alan McWilliam, Cairn Movement, Forge Scotland and Church of Scotland Minister, on the subject *New Ways of being Church*.

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.

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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

Acorn

Ask
Call
Obey
Report
Notice God



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

The Big Conversation:
Priority Areas 360°
24th and 25th
November 2021
Online Conference



Priority Areas: The Big Conversation

The Big Conversation: Priority Areas 360° It's getting close but there is still a chance for you to book a place and come along to The Big Conversation, which is taking place online over two days, 24 and 25 November.

You can now [view the programme](#). Just to highlight a couple of the sessions:

On the first day, we'll hear from Scott Shackleton on his role to put in place the **Faith Action Programme** for the whole Church and how that programme is developing. During this session, Dave Kendall, Chief Officer will also present **proposals on finances and resources** for how congregations who are struggling with this can be supported. This is the ideal opportunity for you to have your views heard.

On the second day, we are delighted to have **Russell Gunson** with us, Director of the Institute of Public Policy Research who is working with the Scottish Government on their key policy to explore **Minimum Income Guarantee** as a way of alleviating poverty, as well as hearing from **Jamie Cooke**, Head of The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce Scotland about the concept of **Basic Income**. We're hoping that this session will lead to further work and events on this important issue.

There'll be lots of opportunities, too, to connect with other congregations and communities with whom you can share experiences. We'd encourage you to share the invitation; invite active members, your congregation or community to be with us at the event.

For more information and to book, see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-conversation-priority-areas-360>



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!



Coming 2022 - Let's Explore Discipleship

We hear the word disciple and we might instantly imagine 12 bearded guys but what does discipleship mean for us today? Fife Presbytery in partnership Hannah Sanderson (Congregational Learning Team), are going to be running some interactive small groups in 2022 exploring what it means to follow Jesus. We'll be looking at how our relationship with God is life-long and ever

changing.

These small groups are open to anyone, you don't have to be in leadership – it is about how we are disciples together: Faith is easier with friends!

For more details about the course, see:

<https://churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/exploring-discipleship>

Information Sessions:

Tuesday 22nd February - Dunfermline Abbey Church Halls, evening, time tbc

Thursday 24th February - Cupar Old Parish Church, daytime, time tbc

You can watch Hannah explain more about the course via the video below:



More information coming soon...

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.



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?



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



SHINE: Influencers

SHINE is all about providing resources for EXPLORING the Christian faith.

This year the theme is **INFLUENCERS**.

Who influences you the most? What would life look like if Jesus was your greatest influence? What do you think of the fact that Jesus was voted the number one greatest influencer of all time?

Be part of something bigger across the UK and Ireland as both school and youth groups sign up to be part of SHINE.



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

Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund

Fife Presbytery 2:10 Mission Fund is now open for grants of up to £2k and £10k. See:

<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/>
