

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!

18th January 2022



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

All sections have updates in this edition!

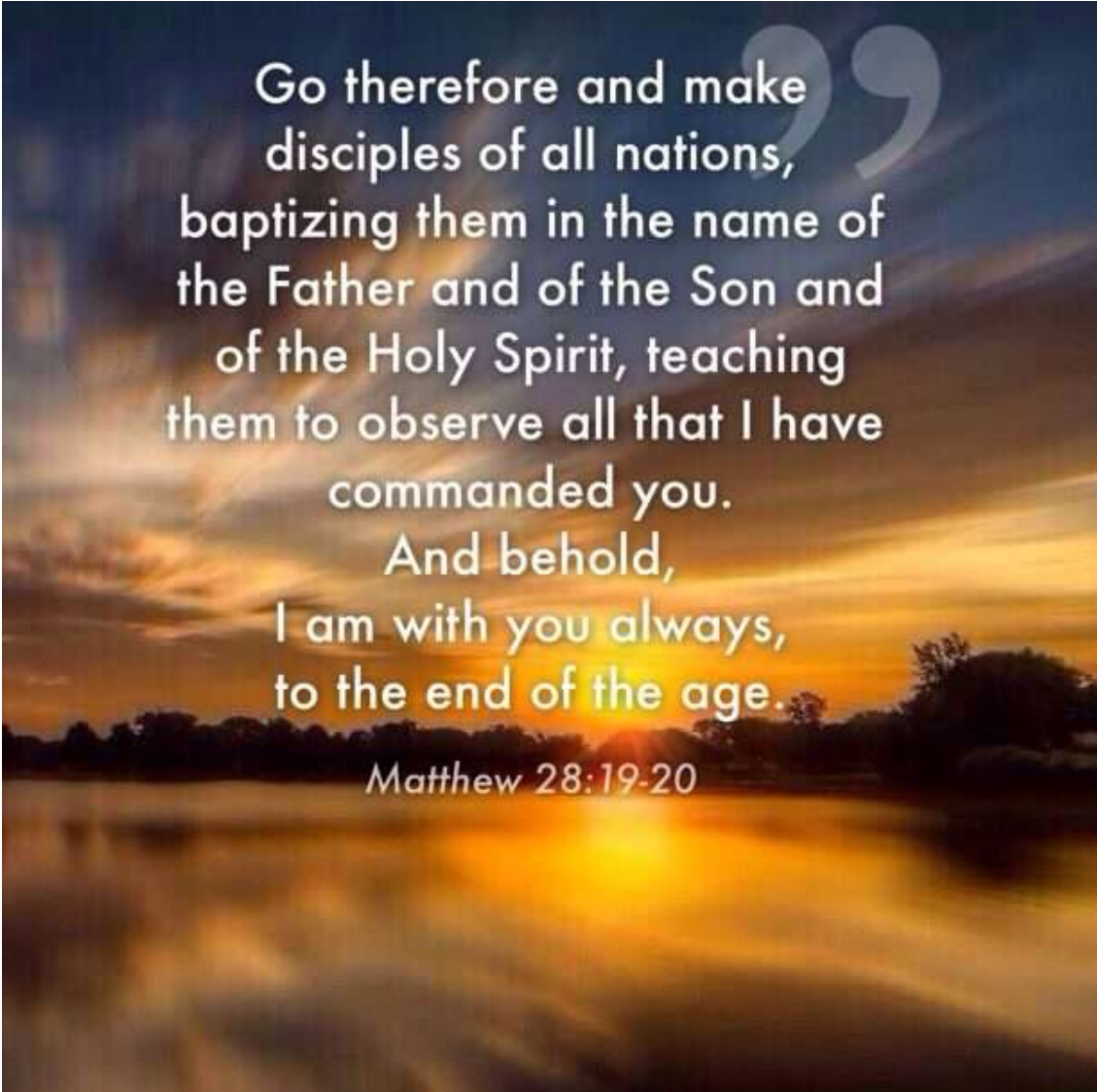
We're here to encourage and support you in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

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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A sunset over a body of water with a quote from Matthew 28:19-20 overlaid. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. The water is calm, creating a clear reflection of the sun and the sky. The quote is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered on the page. A large, faint quote mark is visible in the upper right corner of the image.

Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that I have
commanded you.

And behold,
I am with you always,
to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

Events



Poverty: The Perfect Storm

Fife Presbytery Poverty Conversation

Tuesday 25th January, 7.00-8.30pm via Zoom

Registration via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fife-presbytery-poverty-forum-tickets-221862575937>

Registration is requested to assist meeting preparation.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. - St John 10 v10

Pre 2019 Pandemic, the numbers of people experiencing one or more of the seven categories of poverty detailed in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation were increasing. The impact of the pandemic has enlarged the numbers across the board.

Many parish churches have been working with families, schools, community groups, charities, council, ecumenically and with Council and Third Sector agencies to defeat the evil of poverty. As a new presbytery, how can we respectfully discern usefulness and potential impact, to complement and build on this work?

The 5 Marks of Mission include these commitments:

3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Fife Presbytery Moderator's Fund

Jane would like to use the Fund to get this work off the ground, so that it starts here and now and grows in the way we have yet to discover and for whom.

Joined by partners from Faith in Community Dundee, Fife Voluntary Action and Fife Council who can help us with a pilot into Spring 2022, and possibly beyond.

You are warmly invited to join this conversation



Fit for Funding Workshops for Fife Faith Communities

Tuesday 1st & Tuesday 8th February 7-9pm via Zoom

Registration Via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fit-for-funding-workshops-tickets-230868944227>

Fife Presbytery in partnership with Faith in Community Dundee are facilitating free online **Fit for Funding Workshops for Fife Faith Communities and partner projects**. This course is split over two evenings, Tuesday 1st and 7th February.

The burden of applying for funding can often fall on the shoulders of 1 or 2 people, these free workshops are an opportunity to introduce others to the art of applying for funding!

Please book BOTH workshops via Eventbrite (link below) as we will email you key material before the sessions. **Attendance at both workshops is recommended.**

Fit for Funding Workshops: Tuesday 1st February & Tuesday 8th February 7-9pm (on zoom).

Jacky Close and Alex Sandison from Faith in Community Dundee, will be facilitating this course, looking at how we apply for funding for our community focussed activities.

These practical and informative workshops will address the key aspects of applying for funding. These workshops are suitable for people who are new or newer to funding. During these workshops we will cover:

- How to communicate your ideas effectively in a funding application
- Project Planning checklist – do you have everything you need?
- Jargon – what are aims, targets, outputs, outcomes, indicators?

- Developing a budget
- Where to access funding – information about local and national funders (we will focus on Dundee Funders and national funders)
- If you're successful – what about reports and budgeting?

Please book both workshops via Eventbrite, PLEASE BOOK BOTH DATES (@ Select a Date) via:

[Fit for Funding Workshops Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)



Let's Explore Discipleship Course
Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th February

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 (Church of Scotland 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, 1930 - 2100 @ Dunfermline Abbey Church Halls

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-explore-discipleship-information-session-tickets-249153453687>

Thursday 24th February, 1100 - 1230 @ Cupar Old Parish Church

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-explore-discipleship-information-session-tickets-249153453687>

[tickets-249155810737](#)

You can register to attend the information sessions using the links above.

Hannah explains more about the course via the video below:



Fife Presbytery Prayer Group
Tuesday 1st February

A small group of people across Fife Presbytery have recently started gathering regularly, meeting informally via zoom, to pray together. The group next meets on Tuesday 1st February at 9am and

invite anyone in Presbytery to join, as they pray for ministry and mission across Fife. All are welcome. For more information and to request the zoom link, please contact Irene via IUre@churchofscotland.org.uk



Christian Aid Scotland: The Gathering
Tuesday 22nd February

Christian Aid Scotland's flagship supporter event takes place on **Tuesday 22 February (10am-12pm)**. For the second year in a row 'The Gathering' will be an online event open to supporters across the length and breadth of Scotland.

Guest speakers this year include two members of Christian Aid's South Sudan team: Yitna Tekaligne and Mbaraka Fazal.

South Sudan is a country hit hard by climate change, conflict and Covid-19. Extreme flooding has resulted in crops and livestock being destroyed. Seven million people do not have enough to eat.

The Gathering will look ahead to Christian Aid Week 2022 (15-21 May) which focuses on our partners' work in Zimbabwe. You'll hear plenty of inspiring fundraising ideas and have a chance to ask questions. We'll also bring you an update on the work we're doing in Afghanistan.

To register to take part in The Gathering please email: edinburgh@christian-aid.org.



Youth Evangelism Conference Scotland
Saturday 5th March

The first ever Youth Evangelism Conference in Scotland is just a matter of weeks away!

Date: Saturday 5th March 2022
Location: Trinity Church, York Pl, Perth PH2 8EH
Start Time: 10am

More Info: <https://theyec.uk/>

BOOK NOW and use the YEC Flash sale code LETSMEETUP to claim your £5 discount (valid until 23rd Jan)



FX National Gathering
29th - 30th March

First fully hybrid gathering; we're working in collaboration with Wild Duck Productions to ensure those gathering online will have the same experience as those meeting in-person at the Hayes.

The theme is 'MORE THAN' and over the 2 days we'll be asking a number of questions including;

Is now, in this post-Covid world, the time when we are being invited to lift our eyes higher?

To dream in terms of multiplication not of addition?

To believe that there is MORE THAN we might be able to see, and to be confident in the abundance of God?

Is now the moment of 'Do It Again!' - the final circle in the fx journey?

The Gathering will include a Q&A with a panel of movement makers, seminars, a keynote session from Alan Hirsch and of course, time to connect, share stories, dream, be encouraged and have fun!

Booking details and contributors will be released in the New Year, so save the dates in your diary and look out for more information to follow in January!



Magnitude Gathering
Saturday 23rd - Wednesday 27th July

Magnitude is back for 2022, and this year are planning to be in person at Lendrick Muir! Gathering from Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th July, join us for a five-day adventure in the heart of Scotland, designed specifically to enable young people aged 11-18 to encounter more of the magnitude of God: in His Word, in worship, and in wonder at His creation.

We are also extending the super early bird discount until the end of February, meaning there is plenty of time for you to secure your booking at the best price!

Head to magnitude.org.uk/booking for more information!

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/>



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

Resources



Fife Presbytery: Mission Resources Hub - *Coming Soon*

A hub of great mission resources to support congregations is currently being compiled and will be launched via our website soon.



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.



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

Funding

Looking for funding for a church project or mission initiative?

Fife Presbytery now has access to a large UK-wide funding database. Funding searches can be specifically tailored for the purposes and focus of church projects or mission initiatives.

Churches/projects can arrange a funding support session with the Mission Director to explore the database and funding possibilities.

If you would like to know more and to arrange a funding support session, please get in touch via: neil.campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk

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>

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/>