

**Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!**  
3rd February 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.**

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**I can do  
All things  
through  
Christ who  
strengthens me.**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

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**Events**



**Welcoming refugee families in Scotland through Community Sponsorship**

You are warmly invited to an information session for faith communities, Welcoming refugee families to Scotland through community sponsorship, on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 5.30pm.

For more details, please see: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/events/welcoming-refugee-families-in-scotland-through-community-sponsorship>



**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](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fit-for-funding-workshops-tickets-230868944227)



**Do you have a passion to  
share the good news of  
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where to start?**

**Fresh Expressions: WHO ME? Online Event**

Do you have a passion to share the good news of Jesus in new & creative ways but don't know where to start?

JOIN US for our next WHO ME? Online Event on Thursday 10th Feb 7:30 - 9pm and we'll help you! Register your place here <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84411222222>

Who Me? Is an exploration into Fresh Expressions and your role in God's mission.

Come and take part in an informal evening about how everyday Jesus followers like you are involved in forming new vibrant Christian communities in every ordinary nook and cranny of life.

With stories from fx practitioners, space to unpack what God might be speaking to you about, an opportunity to share God-given dreams for your community as well as helpful resources on Fresh Expressions and how to get your idea or dream off the ground.



**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-249155810737>

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

Hannah explains more about the course via the video below:



**Pioneer Gathering hosted by Irvine & Kilmarnock Presbytery**

10.00 - 3.00pm, Saturday 19th February

Kay Park Parish Church & Halls London Road Kilmarnock KA3 7AA

This event is for people who are engaged in pioneer ministry and mission, as well as those who are considering developing such activities in their area. It is an opportunity to share good practice in establishing and growing pioneering activities, both in traditional church settings and in growing new worshipping and discipling communities. The event is being facilitated by the Church of Scotland, but is open to all.

Lunch is included in the fee, please notify the organisers if you have any dietary requirements.

For more information, see: <https://ascend.churchofscotland.org.uk/events/pioneer-gathering-by-church-of-scotland-presbytery-of-irvine-and-kilmarnock/>



**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](mailto:edinburgh@christian-aid.org).



**Africa Common Interest Group**

The next Africa Common Interest Group is planned for 7.00pm, Tuesday 8th February 2022, via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. For more information please contact:

[Alan.Kimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Alan.Kimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Zoom details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82054005445?pwd=Y2NsVTM4YUNKLzVIT01Kd2V1ODB0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 820 [5400 5445](#) and password: 060419

**Drop in with Carol Finlay (Faith Impact Forum) and Val Brown (Christian Aid)**

Thursday 10th March 2022, 12 noon - 3pm

@ Dalgety Parish Church, Regents Way, Dalgety Bay



A drop in for anyone in Presbytery who would like to meet up with them, hear what is happening as we come out of Covid, catch up on resources, events, ask questions etc



# PIONEERING PARISHES

Tools to help parishes become more pioneering

*'I'm taking forward this idea that pioneering can be normal, a normal part of parish life, rather than a weird sort of like bolt-on that we recognise but maybe try to keep at arms' length.'*  
Rev Jono Harvey

A series of webinars designed for church leaders or anyone seeking to grow new worshipping communities alongside the parish church.

Tuesday 1 & 15 February & Tuesday 1 & 15 March, 2pm to 3:30pm each session.

Led by Rev Tina Hodgett and Rev Greg Bakker.

Cost: FREE  
Book online at [bit.ly/3EsF1y0](https://bit.ly/3EsF1y0)

For more information and to book online: [bit.ly/3EsF1y0](https://bit.ly/3EsF1y0)



**Youth Evangelism Conference Scotland**  
**Saturday 5th March**

The first ever Youth Evangelism Conference in Scotland is just a matter of weeks away! Details for this event have changed. If interested, please contact [neil.campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:neil.campbell@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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 with 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!**

For more information and to book, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-than-fresh-expressions-spring-gathering-tickets>



### **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](https://magnitude.org.uk/booking) for more information!

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## **Training**



### **Messy Church Masterclass - Starting your Messy Church**

1.00 - 2.30pm, Tuesday 1st March, Online

This 90-minute training session on Zoom will give you a great starting point for finding out what Messy Church is, the resources you need to start and how to make it a disciple-making community from the very beginning.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.brfoonline.org.uk/collections/messy-church-events/products/messy-masterclass-starting-your-messy-church?variant=41256539881663>



### **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](mailto:saisthorpe@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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## Resources



Come and join us on the Easter Adventure - a brand new resource from SU Scotland! This programme can be used by churches, messy church, or holiday club teams, taking children on a journey from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, engaging all of their senses and bringing to life what Easter is really all about.



**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/](http://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](http://sharingjesus.life/?mc_cid=12ebbcebb2&mc_eid=70f95ab914)

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## 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](mailto: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>

### **Bank of Scotland Foundation Reach**

Apply for funding of between £1,000-£25,000 over one year.

Funds can be used for many charitable purposes but not solely to advance religion.

The fund opens on 7 March and closes again on 17 March.

See: <https://www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/reach>

### **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/>