

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
18th 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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News



Experience of a Workplace Chaplain to Royal Mail, Cowdenbeath.

My experience so far of chaplaincy has been really positive.

The manager at Royal Mail is always welcoming and encourages the posties to give me a few moments of their time, even though they are busy.

It is a real pleasure to chat to them and although most will tell me that they are ok and there is nothing worrying them, they will often go on to speak of their concerns. In all of that there is also sharing of stories and good humour too.

I look forward to my visits and hope that by providing a listening ear, I can be of help to them.

- Rev. Debbie Dobbie, Beath and Cowdenbeath: North

If you would like to know more about Workplace Chaplaincy and opportunities in Fife please contact: Paul Wilson, paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk

Events



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:



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.



Presbytery Prayer Gathering - Tuesday's @ 9am via Zoom

An informal weekly gathering for prayer for the Presbytery of Fife via zoom. All are warmly welcome.

Meeting ID: 317 [522 8773](https://zoom.us/j/3175228773)

Passcode: PRAYERROOM

<https://zoom.us/j/3175228773pwd=SjJpWmlqWGVQSGIeUFieTd6TXEyZz09>

Drop in with Carol Finlay (Faith Impact Forum) and Val Brown (Christian Aid) PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE & TIME

Thursday 24th March 2022, 11am - 2pm

@ 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.

"Italian Oranges, Malawian Pigeon Peas, Olive Oil from the Holy Land, Indian spices - Impact Forum and Christian Aid have been bringing the sounds, tastes and interests of the global church to your doorstep for many years, but for the last two we have really missed interacting on a face to face basis with you. Carol Finlay and Val Brown are visiting Presbyteries across the country, looking to meet again with supporters, churches, and folks on Presbytery mission groups to let them know a wee bit more about how they can embed the issues and concerns of the World Church partners, and Christian Aid partners into the broader work of the church. As we all look to live out the Biblical mandate for justice where we are, it is often helpful to have the global perspective. We're interested to hear what the churches locally are up to, and where we might be able to offer some support.

We want thank you for your continuing support and to seek a way forward post Covid-19. We'll be at Dalgety Parish Church on Thursday 24th March from 11am till 2pm, so drop in and join us for a cuppa and a chat whenever suits. We look forward to seeing you."

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

For more information and to book online: bit.ly/3EsF1y0

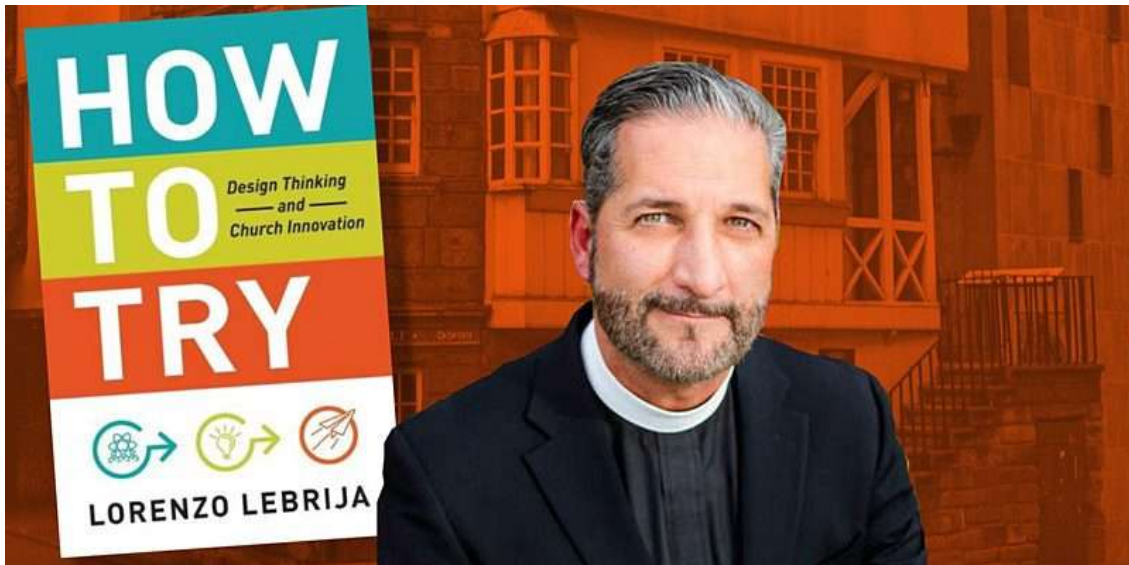


Youth Evangelism Conference Scotland
Saturday 5th March

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

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

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



Building and developing a culture of innovation in our Churches by supporting fresh creativity in worship, service and mission

The Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church are asking people to think creatively about who we are and what we do: To try out new ideas and reach out to communities in original ways.

On Saturday 19 March 2022 Rev. Lebrija will be running two FREE workshops (9.30am-1pm or 2pm-5.30pm) to help us build a nationwide culture of innovation – where we can dream, play and experiment with both existing and novel expressions of worship, service and mission.

BOOK NOW on Eventbrite

<https://culture-of-innovation-trytank.eventbrite.co.uk>



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>



SU Scotland

Bible Alive Training Course

The next non-residential course takes place at Falkirk Free Church on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Tuesday 17th May.

The course runs from approximately 9.00am-5.30pm each day and the cost is £85, including lunch and refreshments as well as training materials.

The closing date for this course is Friday 8th April and the booking form can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/wTnkykmH5r>

For more information please contact: lesley.crawford@suscotland.org.uk



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



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/>

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/



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

People's Health Trust

The Active Communities programme is now open to applications if:

- Your organisation supports people to create or shape local projects that will help their community or neighbourhood to become even better
- You are a not for profit organisation or group (for a full list of eligible organisations, click [here](#))
- Your income is less than £350,000 a year, or an average of £350,000 or less over the last two years
- You have less than six months' annual running costs in savings (with no restrictions on the money) after you have deducted the grant you wish to request from us
- Your organisation has been constituted for at least three months

For more information, please see: <https://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-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/>

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/>