

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
30th March 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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"Take up
the shield of
faith, with
which you can
extinguish
all the
flaming
arrows of
the evil one."

Ephesians 6:14-18



in due time

News



The Haven opens at Glenrothes Kingdom Shopping Centre

At the start of Lent, the Haven Project recently opened its doors to the community of Glenrothes. Based at Glenrothes Kingdom Shopping Centre, the Haven is a place sanctuary welcoming the community with a space to find support, reflect and encounter God.

The Haven offers a variety of activities supported by local church volunteers, ministers and ministry staff. With an Arts & Craft area, Children's area, Prayer space and lounge - the Haven provides a space for everyone.

Developed by the Glenrothes Area Covenanted Partnership, this new mission initiative hopes to develop local partnerships to meet community needs. It has already been warmly and decided to extend its opening until at least Pentecost, responding to the growing interest and opportunities.

For more information about this exciting new mission initiative, please contact Irene Ure:
Iure@churchofscotland.org.uk





Peace Pole Ecumenical Service

There will be an Ecumenical gathering at the Peace Pole in Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline on the last Sunday of every month at 3pm.

Rev MaryAnn Rennie, Minister of Dunfermline Abbey, will lead a short time of reflection and prayers for those enduring war and unrest at the time.

All are encouraged to join together and share in this time of stillness.

Events



Talking Mission: Church Vitality with Very Rev Dr Martin Fair

Recording now available via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/6fN0rxYUkpo>

We start our second series of Talking Mission with Very Rev Dr Martin Fair, former Moderator of the General Assembly, Minister at Arbroath: and host of "To Be Fair" Podcast. Martin summarises his experience by saying he exhibits a passion for creativity and mission.

Martin will consider church vitality, drawing on his broad experience working across the Church of Scotland to ask the question: what makes for a healthy church?



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](#)

Passcode: PRAYERROOM

<https://zoom.us/j/3175228773pwd=SjJpWmlqWGVQSGIeUFIeTd6TXEyZz09>

Presbytery Conference - Mission Mapping with Alan McWilliam

The conference will identify future mission opportunities across Presbytery, which could include Presbytery wide initiatives, and could be resourced by our next Presbytery Mission Fund.

- Wednesday 27th April, 7.00-9.00pm at St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy

For churches in clusters: Burntisland/Kinghorn, Cowdenbeath/Lochgelly, Dunfermline, Forth, Kirkcaldy, Levenmouth, West Fife

- Tuesday 3rd May, 7.00-9.00pm at Cupar St Johns

For churches in Clusters: Cupar, East Neuk, Eden Tay, Glenrothes, North Fife, St Andrews

Attending churches should be represented by 2 or 3 persons.

Discipleship Course with Hannah Sanderson

>From Monday 25th April, 2.00-3.00pm at St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy.

A Presbytery-wide Discipleship Course will run for 6 weeks at St Bryce Kirk, Kirkcaldy. The course follows from the information sessions ran last month. This course is open to anyone across Presbytery.

For more information about the course, see:

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

Please register via: fife@churchofscotland.org.uk FAO Lorraine



Pioneer Practice Tour

Local Event organised by Dundee & Fife Presbytery

Saturday 7 May 9.30am-12pm - £8 (9.30am-1.30pm £12 with lunch)

North Church, 209 High St, Perth PH1 5PB

Booking via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exploring-pioneer-practice-4-7-may-2022-tickets-272673472697>

An interactive morning of exploring the exciting potential of pioneering forms of Christian mission and church.

Together with local pioneers, we will explore four themes: 'be you', 'see', 'build', and 'change' – and hear stories of local pioneering.

Additional option to catch up over lunch with local pioneers.

About this event

Jonny Baker is Director of Mission Education at the Church Mission Society in Oxford, and a renowned writer and inspirer on 'pioneering' forms of mission and ministry. He is touring with musician and artist Gav Mart – and working with local pioneers – to explore key themes of 'Pioneer Practice', the name of his recent book.

Booking is essential so register now to secure your place.

**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!

Opportunities & 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/>



RENEW: Being church and ministry with children and young people

About this event

These Zoom webinars will provide an opportunity to explore new ideas and approaches in ministry with children, youth and family, and ways of being church.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/renew-church-and-ministry-with-children-and-young-people-tickets>

We are facing great changes as a church and as we emerge from Covid-19, but we also have opportunities to explore new ways of connecting and sharing faith. How can we prioritise ministry with younger people within our communities of faith in new ways?

Each webinar will offer inspiration from specialists; stories from people who have renewed their approaches; and opportunities to discuss with others how you might explore this area in your context.

These seven webinars are a great opportunity for members of the Kirk Session, Ministers, Paid Workers and Volunteers to come together to explore how to develop and deepen what you may already be doing, or to consider new approaches.

Sign up to the sessions on Zoom that interest you - each one is on a Thursday evening, from 7.30-9pm.

Thursday 31 March, 7.30-9pm: ReNew – With Creation

With Lucie Hutson from Muddy Church

Thursday 28 April, 7.30-9pm: ReNew – Worship for All

With Nick and Becky Drake, authors and worship leaders

Thursday 5 May, 7.30-9pm: ReNew – Young Children and Families

With Mary Hawes, Church of England National Children and Youth Advisor

Thursday 12 May, 7.30-9pm: ReNew – Church Vision for Children and Young People

With Ali Campbell, Youth and Children's Ministry Consultant

Thursday 2 June, 7.30-9pm: ReNew - Faith at Home

With Gill Lyth, from Care for the Family

Thursday 9 June, 7.30-9pm: ReNew - Be Bold, Be Brave: Smaller Churches, Bigger Community?

With Rev Douglas Creighton, Minister of East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans

Thursday 16 June, 7.30-9pm: ReNew - Messy Church, Intergenerational Discipleship

With Jane Butler and Aike Kennett-Brown, Messy Church Training & Development Leads



Are you a good listener?

The NHS Fife Community Listening Service is seeking volunteers who are skilled listeners.

Trained listeners help individuals to make sense of their feelings and find meaning in their story, as the individual finds ways to cope with their experiences. The listeners do not have the answers – but they take seriously the questions people are asking.

Could you be that listener?

- Volunteer during office hours
- Full training provided
- Based in GP practice
- Highly rewarding and valued role

Want to find out more?

01383 674136

fife.spiritual@nhs.scot

<https://www.nhsfife.org/services/all-services/spiritual-care/community-listening-service/>

"It is a privilege to hear people's stories and to be part of such a useful and valued service."

Current NHS Listener



Spiritual Care

Putting people at the heart of health and care





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

Resources



Bring to life what Easter is really all about and take part in running your own Easter Adventure Holiday Club! This two-and-a-half-hour holiday event takes children on a journey from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, and includes drama, games, Bible teaching, crafts and songs, and there's even a Bible devotional booklet you can print to take home. Ideal for use by churches, messy church teams or holiday club teams.

Find out more and download this resource today: suscotland.org.uk/easteradventure



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

Ballie Gifford Awards

Status: Open Deadline: 28th April 2022

This fund is aimed at supporting grassroots community organisations across Scotland.

Grants are up to £15,000 over three years (i.e. up to £5,000 per year).

Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate a fit with one of the following priorities:

- **Reducing isolation** in Scotland's communities: this includes all forms of isolation whether due to health, disability, rurality, or projects which aim to tackle barriers to inclusion
- **Supporting financial inclusion:** this can include **food poverty**-related projects and those that seek to maximise the income of families that may be struggling due to the **impact of Universal Credit, disability, in work poverty and so on**
- **Overcoming homelessness:** this includes any work to tackle homelessness in our communities

- **Improving employability and enterprise, particularly in young people.**

They clearly state: 'religious groups may apply for funding for non-religious activity that will benefit the wider community beyond their own specific congregation and is open to all on a non-denominational basis.'

For further information and access to the application process click on this link:
<https://wwwFOUNDATIONSscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/baillie-gifford-multi-year>

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/>