

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!

April 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

Easter Celebrations!

Churches across Fife Presbytery have enjoyed celebrating Easter together - some gathering in-person for the first time in over 2 years! Many have described a sense of joy as congregations, young and old, gathered to worship the risen Jesus.

He is risen! Alleluia!



Children young and old at Cairneyhill Parish Church decorated a bare driftwood cross with a beautiful floral display during our Easter Sunday service. This is displayed outside the church for all to see. This has been a tradition at Cairneyhill Church for the last 25 years.

Events



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/5228773)

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 Dalgety Parish Church, Dalgety Bay

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

- Tuesday 3rd May, 7.30-9.00pm 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.



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.



SU Scotland: Getting it right for every child

Sat 7th May, City Church, Dundee

SU's upcoming training morning for anyone involved in ministering to children in any context (i.e. family members, friends of family, church workers/volunteers, schools workers etc).

We meet on Sat 7 May from 9.30-12.30 at City Church, Tullideph Road, Dundee for a morning which includes:

Bible teaching

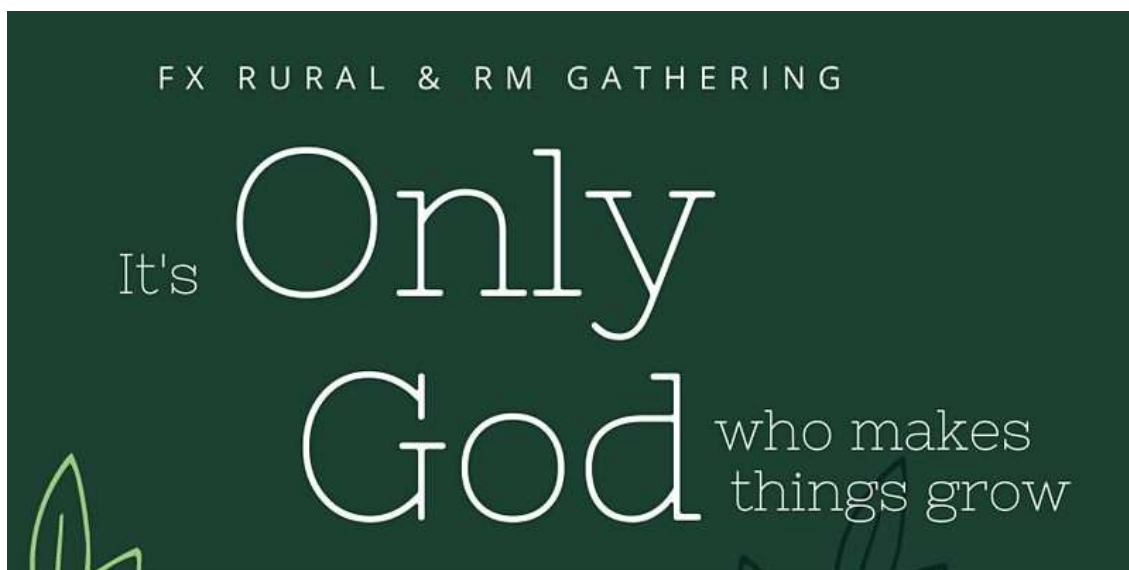
A look at the world of a Scottish child in 2022

Creative ideas for engaging children

A choice of seminars including online safety and supporting ASN

Coffee and cake

The morning is free of charge and anyone interested can book using this link form.jotform.com/220795161880359



FX RURAL GATHERING, 10TH-12TH MAY

Are you involved in pioneering, exploring doing church in a different way, leading a fresh expression of church? Are you in a rural context?

Then why not come and join us..... and as we journey together, share, worship, listen, speak, and eat, our prayer is that God will meet us where we are and we will encounter God in the midst of our lives.....and that as you leave you will do so with a sense of God can and God will....a sense of expectation, whether it be huge or as small as a mustard seed.. to be co-workers in the Kingdom.

As we gather from across our rural contexts, after having prayed and listened to one another and to God we have taken our theme from 1 Corinthians 3; in particular those words “..but only God, who makes things grow.”

To find out more and book your place, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Forest Church Training with Rachel Summers

Sat, 14 May 2022, 09:30 – 13:00

Northesk Parish Church, 16 Bridge Street, Musselburgh, EH21

Rachel Summers, Pioneer, Forest School practitioner & author will lead a practical session on engaging with God in nature

We start with coffee/tea & a roll. Rachel will then lead us in our thinking about growing Forest Church. We will start off inside but we will go outdoors onto the beach and the local area so be prepared for whatever the weather holds! Sun cream or kagool!

Please bring a picnic as we will finish by eating together. Do stay around so that we can chat further about how to take your Forest Church group forward.

For more information and to register see: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-church-training-day-tickets-304223579917?utm_source=Church+of+Scotland&utm_campaign=9b2b32657e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_07_01_15_COPY_04&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7120bc6aa0-9b2b32657e-34177421



Talking Mission with Andrew Bennett, Youth for Christ

7.30pm, Tuesday 24th May via Zoom

Registration via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-mission-with-andrew-bennett>

Andrew Bennet, local Pioneer Development Coordinator with Youth for Christ, will reflect on sharing the good news and seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus, considering our post-covid context and issues of poor mental health many young people experience.

Hosted by Neil Campbell, Mission Director



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

There are lots of opportunities for individuals and groups to be involved in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative. There are printed resources available to order and lots of online resources and videos.

- Prayer resources and prayer station ideas
- Cheeky Pandas videos
- Youth videos and Escape Room
- Family Prayer Adventure and resources

- and much more

This runs between Ascension and Pentecost: 26 May until 5 June.

For more information and resources, see: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



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://www.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 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

Vacancy - University of St Andrews Assistant Chaplain (Interfaith, Environmental & Digital)

Salary: £34,304 - £40,927 per annum pro rata

Part time, 18.125 hours per week

Start: 1 September 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter

The University of St Andrews Chaplaincy supports the experience of students, staff and others, enhancing University life, through the provision of meaningful and beautiful worship, sensitive pastoral care, ecumenical and interfaith encounter, support for international students and more.

This is a new and exciting opportunity within the Chaplaincy team, for a 0.5 FTE Assistant Chaplain with specific responsibility for Interfaith, Environmental and Digital Engagement. This new Assistant Chaplain could be from any faith or philosophy of life but will be in sympathy with the Chaplaincy's ethos, of respect for different faiths, cultures and traditions.

The successful candidate will develop our support for students and staff in exploring interfaith engagement, in participating fully in University-wide Diversity initiatives, in expanding and improving our digital provision, in deepening our environmental commitments and in liaising with

others in the University over creating and maintaining a Garden for Reflection. The post-holder will not have regular responsibility for worship, but will be able to support the existing Chaplain's and Assistant Chaplain's provision of pastoral care for students and staff.

The Assistant Chaplain for Interfaith, Environmental and Digital engagement will be a graduate with experience in a religion or belief setting and of pastoral care, ideally with university or chaplaincy experience, or other experience working with students.

The expected start date is 1 September 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Further information and informal enquiries may be directed to the Chaplain, Revd Dr Donald MacEwan, email: dgm21@st-andrews.ac.uk, Tel: [01334 462865](tel:01334462865).

Applications are particularly welcome from under-represented faiths and philosophies of life in the Chaplaincy team, people from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community, and other protected characteristics who are under-represented in professional posts at the University.

This post will be primarily based in the Chaplaincy building in the historic heart of St Andrews.

Closing Date: 12 May 2022

Interview Date: 20 June 2022 (if possible)

See <https://www.vacancies.st-andrews.ac.uk/Vacancies/W/1444/0/342070/889/assistant-chaplain-interfaith-environmental-and-digital-ad2490sb> for the full advertisement, and links to further particulars, and to make an application.

Resources

Talking Jesus

This course was created to inspire Christians to share faith naturally and relevantly. There are six video-based sessions with films, testimonies, real-life examples, and an easy-to-follow coursebook.

For more information see: talkingjesus.org



Raise Up Faith is a brand new curriculum platform. Easy-to-use, high-quality, Bible-based multimedia content. Hundreds of searchable lessons with thousands of accompanying and related activities, including media clips, songs, prayers, crafts, and games. An annual subscription costs £210 (a free trial is available).

For more information see: <https://www.raiseupfaith.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>

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://scotlandschurche-trust.org.uk/>