

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
May 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



Pioneer Practice with Jonny Baker

Dundee, Fife and Perth Presbyteries together hosted and welcomed Jonny Baker (Church Mission Society) and Gav Mart, in Perth North Church, to distil Jonny's wisdom from a decade of training church pioneers. The session included bible reflection, inspiring stories, poetry and music, and dream-mapping together.



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=SjJpWmlqWGVQSGIeUFleTd6TXEyZz09>



Christian Aid Week - 15 - 21st May

For the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. The combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and drought have robbed communities like Jessica's of the power to provide for their children. It's unjust.

This Christian Aid Week:

- We stand with the resilient women - like Jessica - who are determined to lift their families out of hunger
- We raise our voices to call for climate justice
- We pray that families will stay strong during times of drought

Together, we hope to restore justice to our world, and protect the future for our children and grandchildren.

Please give to help women grow crops that survive in the drought. You can help turn hunger into hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, every one of us can change lives.

For more information and resources see:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>



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



Messy Church International Conference Friday 20 May – Sunday 22 May 2022 The Hayes Christian Conference Centre, Swanwick

The Messy Church International conference is an intergenerational conference for all Messy Church leaders and teams from anywhere in the world of any age. Open to anyone on the leadership team of your Messy Church in some capacity.

The theme is Making a Difference and we'll be discovering how Messy Churches focused on the kingdom of heaven can make a creative difference to our planet, to our local communities, to our churches, as well as to us ourselves!

For more information and to book see:
<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/mcic22>



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/>



Pentecost 2022: Pentecost Picnics, Kites and all that...

In the light of all the restrictions over the last two years, it is time to get out again and to celebrate! Let's bring some of the fun and excitement of Pentecost to the streets of our towns and villages and draw people in from the highways and byways

to mark the birthday of the church.

There are plans afoot to encourage congregations and communities to host a *Pentecost Picnic*. Let's get out into the church garden, or better still, into the local park, or onto the beach or climb to the top of a hill on June 5th – to enjoy each other's company and to let the wind of God's Spirit refresh and excite us all over again!

How about making kite flying the centre piece of the gathering and see if we can fill every part of the sky over Scotland with brightly coloured, homemade, kites? Just imagine!

And kites just happen to have a cross as a frame. Why not use each of the 4 sections to write a prayer on? A prayer for your congregation, for your community, for the country and for the world? That way the skies will also be covered in prayers!

For more information and resources, see:

<https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/res.../view/pentecost-2022>

**THE ABBEY
SUMMER SCHOOL
2022**

Thursday 16th June -
Saturday 18th June

**ENTERTAINING
ANGELS
UNAWARES**

Featuring:

Krish Kandiah Alistair Duncan
Natli Peittari Richard Cornfield
David Clark & Katy Emslie-Smith
Shirley Berry Alison Strang
Fiona Stewart Andy Lippok

**The Abbey Summer School: Entertaining Angels Unawares
16th - 18th June**

Newhaven Church, Edinburgh

What does it mean to show hospitality? To strangers, who might be angels? (Hebrews 13:2) To our neighbours? How do we practise a liturgy of welcome? How radical must our hospitality be and how ordinary? Come and explore these questions and more at the Abbey Summer School.

This year we will be joined by the renowned theologian, communicator and social entrepreneur, Dr Krish Kandiah. Krish is known for his passion to offer hospitality to those most overlooked and marginalised. In addition there will be workshops, discussion groups, a half-day pilgrimage and the return of our 'open mic' night. In keeping with this year's topic, coffee breaks and meals together will be a priority.

Early Bird tickets are now on sale ([here](#)).



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 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

Interested in pioneering mission but feeling at a loss on where to start?



The Certificate in Pioneer Mission might be for you!
Why not come along to one of our FREE taster events.

18th June in Penrith. Book at www.trybooking.co.uk/BIEF

20th July online. Book at www.trybooking.co.uk/BQJJ

22nd Sept online. Book at www.trybooking.co.uk/BQJL

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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



Resources



[Thy Kingdom Come](#) is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. For 2022, the event will be held from Ascension Day on 26 May until Pentecost Sunday on 5 June. Over the course of these 11 days, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- Deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ
- Pray for five friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Lord Wallace, the Moderator of the General Assembly, is encouraging everyone to take part this year and has sent a letter inviting congregations to embrace the event.

For free resources and ideas, see:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources>



Scripture Union: Back to School with God

Summer is almost here... and we are already prepared for what comes next! Check out our brand new 2022 **Back to School with God** resources on the theme **God's Golden Rules**. There is everything you need to hold an all-age church service or

children's talk, plus crafts, prayers and activities for use in Sunday School.

Visit www.suscotland.org.uk/bsg to find out more and to register



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

Church of Scotland 2022 Small Grants Fund

The Church of Scotland Small Grants Fund has now launched with grants up to £1,000 available. Applications are welcomed from those successful in 2021. Information including application forms are available via the [web page](#).

Church of Scotland Pioneer Mission Fund

A new Church of Scotland fund, has grants available up to £10,000 for projects between 3 and 24 months duration.

Further details available by contacting grants@churchofscotland.org.uk in the first instance. Further details will be available

online shortly.

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://www.foundationscotland.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://scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/>
