

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
July 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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Mission Bulletin to Lorraine via fife@churchofscotland.org.uk**

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As the deer pants
for streams of water,
so my soul pants
for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When can I go and
meet with God?

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Psalm 42:1-2

News



Pentecost Prayer Flags at Tayport Church

Tayport Church celebrated Pentecost and made Prayer Flags! Using the prayer weaves on the church railings from Lent/Easter they were tied to flags as Pentecost Flames of the Spirit.

The flags drew the attention of local people and helped to start a lot of conversations with passers-by about the installation. The community really enjoyed it!

Messy Church Fun across Fife!

A number of Messy Churches have started or restarted in recent months, with families enjoying hearing the Good News being shared through arts & crafts, drama, games, songs and storytelling!



Everyone's listening to the story at Townhill & Kingsseat Messy Church



Look at the bird feeder craft made at St Serf's Messy Church!



Toasting marshmallows at Templehall & Torbain Messy Church!

Did you know there is a Fife Presbytery Messy Church Facebook Group?

It's a great place to share ideas and find inspiration for messy church and similar activities. You can find it here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3844012399035766>

or search Fife Messy Church + on Facebook.

Events



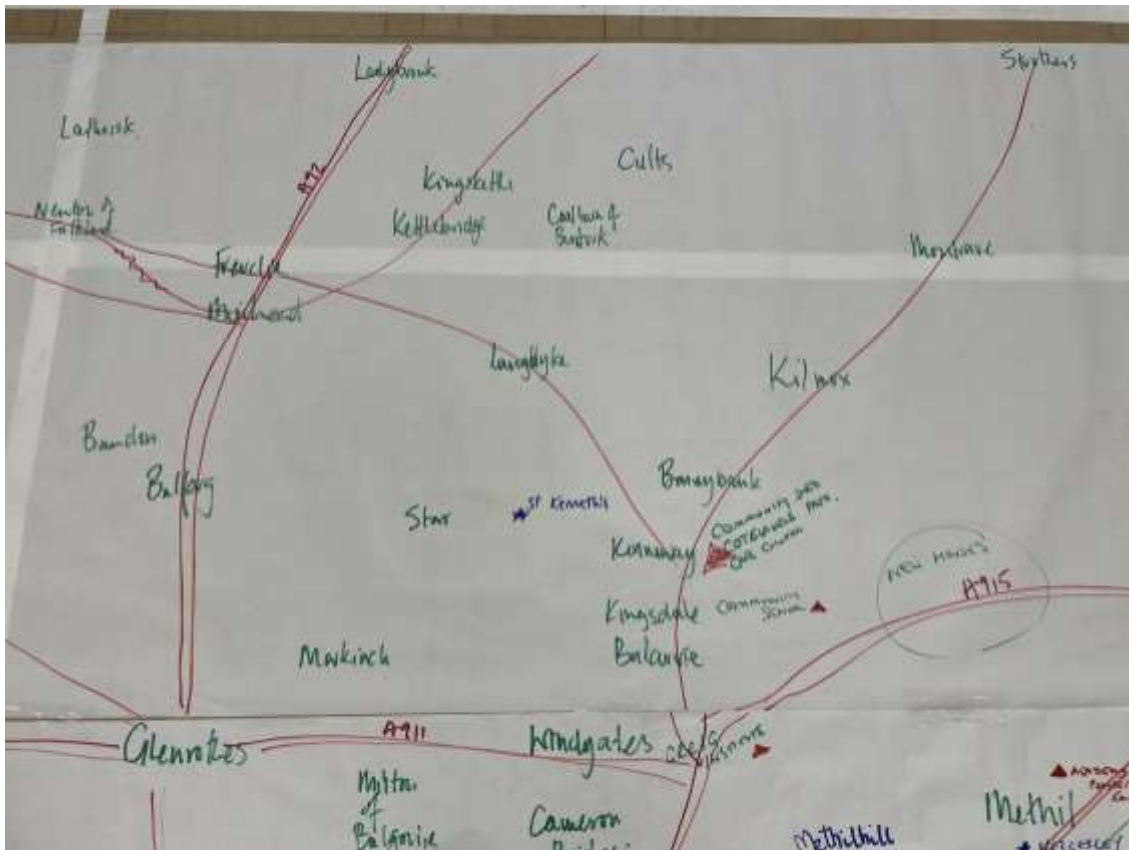
Presbytery Prayer Gathering - Tuesday's @ 9am via Zoom

An informal weekly gathering for prayer via zoom. All are warmly welcome.

Meeting ID: 317 522 8773

Passcode: PRAYERROOM

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



Pioneer Course with Alan McWilliam
Taster Session, 7-8pm, Sep 21st via Zoom
Register via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pioneer-intro-taster-tickets-362910975497>

Building on the interest and success of our recent Mission Mapping Sessions, we are planning two runs of the popular Pioneer Course to explore further the core concepts of Pioneering.

The Taster Session will introduce the course and explain what is involved.

The full course will allow people interested in Church Planting and pioneer mission to grasp the core concepts and possibilities.

The first full course will be delivered over 6 Wednesday sessions: 19th Oct - 23rd Nov - 7.00-9.00pm in a South Fife location and repeated in a North Fife location in the Spring 2023. All sessions are required.

Topics covered:

- What is pioneer mission?
- What is required to be involved?
- What is possible in my area / parish?
- What are the first steps required in making this happen?

For more information please contact: neil.campbell@churchofscotland.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](https://www.magnitude.org.uk/booking) for more information!

Opportunities & Training

East Neuk Trinity Parish Church is recruiting for a

Community Development and Engagement Worker

TWO POSTS PART TIME – up to 20 HOURS PER WEEK
(or one FULL TIME post)

East Neuk Trinity Parish Church is looking to appoint one or two Community Development and Engagement Workers. The successful candidate(s) will support a dedicated and committed team of volunteers to share faith by identifying the needs within the community.

A Christian with a commitment to active membership of a Christian community you will be able to identify, plan and organise community work and other missional activities.

For further information and to obtain a Job Information Pack, please contact the Church Administrator on 01333 317096 or email info@eastneuktrinity.org.uk

Key Dates

The closing date - Sunday 17th July 2022

Candidates will be informed of interview - Thursday 28th July

Interviews - Monday 8th August

Start date is hoped to be Thursday 1st September (Negotiable)





Volunteering Opportunity - Iona Abbey

Ever thought of joining the team on Iona?

We have a few short-term volunteer spaces, for specific roles, at Iona Abbey this summer.

You'll find details on our website www.iona.org.uk/about/vacancies

The Abbey team welcomes guests from many countries to Iona each week to explore issues of common concern - including the environment, peace-building, poverty & inequality, racism, refugees, inclusion & diversity, interfaith dialogue. We work together, we worship together and we share meals as part of our common life.

We look forward to hearing from you

Get in touch with us, VolunteerApplications@iona.org.uk if you'd like to find out more.



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/>



Messy Church Masterclass
11-12.30, 14th July via Zoom

Have you recently returned to or are you planning to restart onsite Messy Church?

This 90-minute training session on Zoom is an opportunity to explore and discuss different approaches to reboot or refresh your Messy Church.

For more information and to book, see:

<https://www.messychurch.org.uk/.../messy-masterclass...>



Training for Leading Worship in a Local Context September - December 2022

This course will be of interest to those who wish to explore the possibility of leading worship in their local church setting. It will focus on the history, theology and structure of worship services in a variety of styles, in order to ground current practice in its wider context. The course will be run in partnership with the Faith Nurture Forum of the Church of Scotland, the Presbytery of Edinburgh and the Scottish Episcopal Institute. It will be led by experienced academics and practitioners. All of the components of a church service will be considered in theory and from a practical perspective. Participants will have opportunities to prepare prayers, children's talks and sermons, and to construct meaningful orders of service.

Course organiser: Dr Alison Jack

Classes will take place at New College and online, September-December 2020:

- Six evening classes, 6-8pm
- Two Saturday gatherings

This course is open to all. Participants are likely to be active in their local Church. Course fee £200 (whether for credit or not)

To register your interest, please email NewCollege@ed.ac.uk

Designing & Leading Christian Worship Online Short Course with Trinity College, Glasgow October 3rd - November 28th 2022

Course Description

This course is an introduction to designing and leading Christian worship services utilising theological and historically rich patterns and practices and adapting these to participants contemporary church context. It will stimulate participants to be reflective, recognise how worship works and become more skilled at designing and

leading meaningful, participatory acts of church worship. This course is accessible to those in a church who are beginning to lead acts of Christian worship and for local church leaders who wish to refresh their understanding and practice.

This is an open access course available as a 10-credit course (accredited by the University of Glasgow) or audit-only for those who just wish to engage with the learning programme for their own personal benefit.

For more information see: <https://www.trinitycollegeglasgow.co.uk/designing-and-leading-worship>

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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Bible Alive Training Course

23rd - 26th August
Lendrick Muir, Kinross

Bible Alive is an exciting programme which teaches children in P5–P7 the whole story of the Bible! It's part of the curriculum in a series of interactive multi-media lessons using storytelling, music, drama, props, costumes, quizzes, activities and British Sign Language. This training course is for people who would like to take Bible Alive into their local schools. It will include demonstrations and practice in various story telling techniques as well as advice on putting together a Bible Alive programme, planning lessons and communicating effectively with schools.

For more information see: <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/events/bible-alive-training-lendrick-muir-residential>

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.

Funding to Support and Develop Those Involved in Youth Work

The National Voluntary Youth Work Organisations Support Fund

A pot of £100,000 is available to voluntary youth work organisations including those in faith-based work such as Presbyteries and churches.

This Scottish Government fund can provide grants capped at £10,000 for regional organisations and £5,000 for local ones. Note that the fund supports workforce development and not direct delivery to young people.

The purpose of this fund is to support workforce development within the voluntary youth work sector in order that that the sector can continuously improve and offer high quality youth opportunities that meet the needs of all young people in Scotland.

What can Funding be Used For?

Funding can be used to help support staff and volunteers involved in youth work with activities which aim to make improvements in one of the following areas:

- a) Improved recruitment/engagement and support of volunteers
- b) Increased access to essential workforce development opportunities for paid staff and/or volunteers
- c) Increased access to leadership development opportunities for senior managers and/or senior volunteers
- d) Enhanced capacity of youth work organisations, staff and volunteers to reach and support young people with protected characteristics

Deadline

The National Voluntary Youth Work Organisations Support Fund is open to applications until 22 July. Any money received from the fund needs to be spent by 31 March 2023.

Full details of the Fund can be found here:

[National Voluntary Youth Organisations Support Fund | YouthLink Scotland](#)

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/>