

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
18th June 2021



We are delighted to bring you our latest newsletter filled with *News, Events, Training* and *Funding* information.

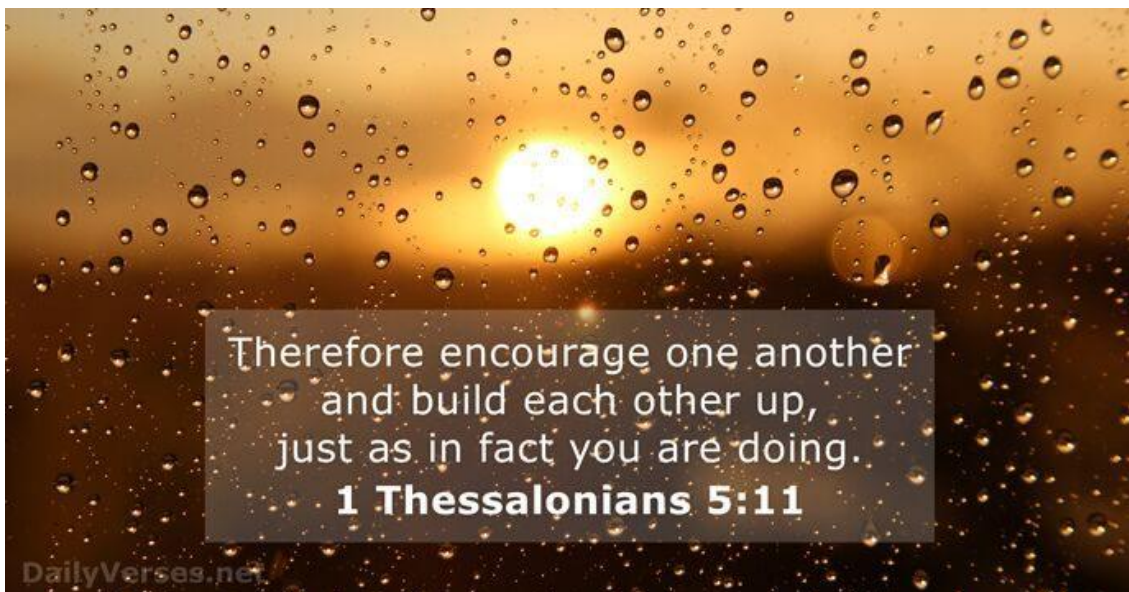
As we continue to navigate the global Covid-19 pandemic, we're here to encourage and support you in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

Please email your stories, news and suggestions for our next Mission Bulletin to Lorraine via fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

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News



Fife Presbytery: Youth Work Journeys

by Neil Campbell, Mission Director

On Wed 16th June, a group from across presbytery had an initial meeting with Paul Beautyman of *Youth Work Journeys*, to discuss bridges and barriers facing youth workers in our churches.

The discussion was wide ranging - sharing hopes for the future, ideas for presbytery wide events and thoughts for developing future training and support. Many are positive about the future, with Fife Presbytery offering a new beginning and the chance to work together.

However, a long history of church decline and faltering youth and children's work has been worsened by the isolating effects of covid lockdown. Some projects and clubs have ended, and some volunteers are retiring or are not keen to return.

There are signs of encouragement though, as some see this as a chance to start up new work, with new roles being explored or beginning in a few congregations and regional roles.

Don't worry if you missed it. This was an initial meeting and there will be more discussions to come, as we look to share and support one another in youth work journeys across Fife Presbytery.





Christian Aid: Urgent Appeal

Over 30 million people in 20 countries are teetering on the brink of famine. Now is the time to act and save lives.

This is a global hunger emergency. The Covid-19 pandemic, violent conflict and the climate crisis have all increased global hunger. Now, people in countries including South Sudan, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso are facing the very real threat of starvation.

We need your help to raise emergency funds to support those worst affected. Please give in love for your global neighbour in extreme hunger.

For more information and to support the campaign, please see:

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/?_ga=2.52848040.102045716.1624032433-551082469.1624032433

Events



'WHO, ME?' - An exploration into fx and your role in God's mission

Thurs 24th June, 7:30-9pm, Online

Join Fresh Expressions for an informal evening about how everyday Jesus followers like you are involved in forming new vibrant Christian communities in every ordinary nook and cranny of life.

With stories from fx practitioners, space to unpack what God might be speaking to you about, an opportunity to share God-given dreams for your community as well as helpful resources on Fresh Expressions and how to get your idea or dream off the ground.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get inspired about what is possible. Perhaps there's a group of you in your congregation or your community who are feeling restless or have been talking about an idea or an opportunity, if this is you then bring your friends! Come along together and take a step further towards making that dream a reality!

For more information and to register, please see:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckf--orjoqGdfBvPJRNiIaPJIX5iWpw6fn5?fbclid=IwAR1XrDXzKI5HuXamUaa48T31NCiLUrmMLE3DA4jK8Cofpg0WyB5FGtYjIFY&mc_cid=c9b5752b18&mc_eid=70f95ab914

Talking Mission: *With Rev. Peter Neilson* *Reflections on the 20th Anniversary of Church Without Walls*



Date: 23rd June 2021

Time: 7.30-8.30pm



Join us for our next Talking Mission evening, as we welcome Rev. Peter Neilson, reflecting on *Church Without Walls* on the 20th Anniversary of the original report to the General Assembly.

Church Without Walls has been an energetic movement within the Church of Scotland over the last two decades making a valuable contribution to the life and witness of our church by calling us to look beyond and step out in mission.

What lessons can we learn as we look to develop Mission Plans for our future?



Talking Mission Series: Church Without Walls **Reflections by Rev Peter Neilson on CWW 20th Anniversary**

Wed 23rd June, 7.30-8.30pm

Hosted by Neil Campbell, Fife Presbytery Mission Director

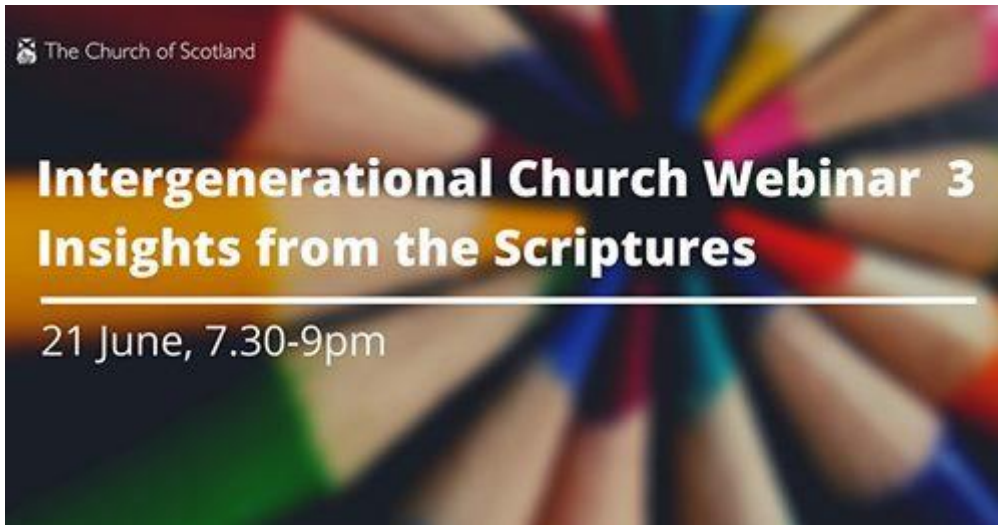
Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-mission-with-rev-peter-neilson-reflections-on-church-without-walls-tickets-158998636201>

The purpose of these monthly online gatherings is to develop an understanding of contextual mission across our new Presbytery. A 20-30 minute talk with a missional focus followed by an opportunity for questions, reflection and discussion. These events are open to all across the Presbytery. Booking is requested to aid with preparation. For those unable to attend the event will be recorded and available to view via the Presbytery YouTube.

Previous Talking Mission:

Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, Chair of the Assembly Trustees, on the *Faith Action Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps* available via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g>

Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Theological Forum, discussing the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the General Assembly, available via: https://youtu.be/_Sj0xIqy4r4



Intergenerational Church Webinar 3: Insights from the Scriptures

21st June, 7.30-9.00pm

An opportunity to reflect on being intergenerational church through exploring the scriptures together

Throughout scripture, from the initial beginnings of the Israelite community, through the period of the kings, the exile and post exile, and beyond to the time of Jesus and the early church, all ages were an integral part of the worshipping community of faith.

Join us as we explore together some passages of scripture to see what they have to say to us today about being intentionally intergenerational, about intergenerationality being at the core of everything we do, and about being together, developing faith experientially.

This online webinar is for anyone interested in intergenerational church (although connected to the previous intergenerational church webinars this is a stand-alone event so you do not need to have been at the previous ones to take part).

For more information and to register, please see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intergenerational-church-3-insights-from-the-scriptures-tickets>



Magnitude Youth Festival

Launching on the evening of Saturday 24 July, Magnitude 2021 is a 5 day hybrid festival, streaming live to your local youth groups across the nation with evening gatherings, morning sessions, engaging seminars, challenges, worship and time to respond to God.

The programme is aimed at young people aged 11-18.

You are invited to join us for Magnitude 2021.

Magnitude is brought you you by SU Scotland, Powerpoint and friends.

For more information, please see:

<https://magnitude.org.uk/2021>



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Cinnamon Incubator Competition 2021

The Cinnamon Incubator Competition is an annual search to find ambitious church-led social action initiatives that want to replicate their work through churches across the country.

This year they're looking for church-led projects supporting adults with employment, education and training.

What's the prize?

Five finalists have the chance of securing a place on the coveted Cinnamon Incubator programme. Over the course of the two years, they'll receive training and coaching to help them put in place strong foundations, make key connections and develop the capacity to grow. A place on the Cinnamon Incubator Programme is worth more than £21,000. Just five places are available each year on a strictly invitational basis, so this really is a prize money can't buy. What's more – the two winners will also receive a £25,000 development grant and all Cinnamon Incubator finalists have a chance to pitch their initiatives to a group of hand-selected philanthropists and potential donors at the Cinnamon Incubator Competition Final.

Who can Enter?

We're looking for church-led initiative that are:

- helping individuals retrain

- building confidence and skills
- providing connections to work
- creating employment opportunities
- developing apprenticeships
- reaching those not in education, employment or training

Of course, we know the church is incredibly creative, so this list is by no means exhaustive.

The deadline for applications is Friday 25 June 2021 at 5pm.

For more information and to apply, see: <https://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/incubate/>

Training



The Church of Scotland

Elders Conference 2021

ELDERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGE

A Series of Webinars on
Discipleship, Worship, Leadership & Relationship
7-9pm on 3, 10, 17 & 24 June



Elders Conference 2021 – 'Eldership in Times of Change'

A series of Learn webinars on Thursday evenings 3, 10, 17 and 24 June (7–9pm).

The Covid-19 pandemic has been affecting every aspect of congregational lives, raising numerous fundamental and practical questions. Looking at today's eldership in relation to worship,

discipleship, leadership and relationship, Elders Conference 2021 will reflect on the significance of elders' role in these areas and explore how effectively and efficiently they could play their parts in times of change. It will nurture and guide participants to enhance their understanding of these areas and to take an active part as inspirational leaders in their church ministries.

Details about this event follow below with a link to its online booking page. We'd really appreciate it if you were able to forward the details on to others in your Presbytery who might be interested.

24 June – 'Eldership and Relationship'

For whom: Elders and those in church leadership roles in the Church of Scotland

Ticket: Free

Booking: <https://elders-conference-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please contact Hongsuk via HUm@churchofscotland.org.uk if you have any questions about this conference.



Reimagining your Messy Church for a changing context

This 90-minute training session on Zoom is for those who already run a Messy Church and who wish to explore and discuss different approaches to 'rebooting' it while there are Covid-related restrictions on meeting together.

Dates and times

- Wednesday 7 July 15:00-16:30
- Thursday 8 July 10:30-12:00

For more information and to book, please visit: <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messy-masterclasses>



"Who would have thought that a few online coaching sessions would positively change how I hold everyday conversations, help other people, myself and get that #feelgoodfactor. The coaching model is now a part of my life that I wish I had embraced years ago!"

Jane Leadbetter, Messy Church Support Teams member

7th and 8th July 2021

Times: 9.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.30 each day

Cost: £55 per person

For enquiries: forgeenglandandwales@gmail.com



The Methodist Church

Growing Others is a great opportunity to develop coaching skills

Run by our friends in FX, Forge, Methodist and Salvation Army Churches.

This is being run as a set of 4 workshops on 3 separate occasions over the coming year - at a cost of £55:

7th and 8th July - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156720189305>

October 2021 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157059103005>

Feb 2022 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157072759853>

If you or those working with you / supporting you are interested in this, but funding is an issue, please get in touch Steve Aisthorpe, Church of Scotland Mission Development Worker (Pioneering) via saisthorpe@churchofscotland.org.uk



Forge Scotland Pioneer Course 2021/2022 - Applications are now open

The purpose of the Pioneer Course is to validate the pioneering spirit, creating a beachhead for making Kingdom ground and championing a voice for change in church as we know it.

The pioneer course explores the questions raised by church, culture & Kingdom as well as fostering relationships between like-minded, Kingdom-seeking trail-blazers and connects them with others on the same journey.

For more information and to apply, please see:

<https://forgescotland.com/pioneer-course/>



SU Scotland

SU Scotland: Bible Alive

A non-residential course at Lendrick Muir on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th September and it will run from approximately 9.00am-5.30pm each day.

This exciting programme teaches children in P5–P7 the whole story line of the Bible in a series of interactive multi-media lessons.

It has been designed to contribute to the experiences and outcomes in the RME section of Curriculum for Excellence. Over 80 Scottish schools have welcomed Bible Alive and it has also been used in schools in other parts of the UK.

Bible Alive uses story-telling, music, drama, puppets, quizzes, activities, props and costumes to bring the Bible to life. It is held together by Rhyme & Sign, a set of ten rhyming couplets which recap the story of the Bible, accompanied by British Sign Language signs. The programme is flexible and the whole Bible is usually taught in schools in one hour lessons over 5–8 weeks.

This is a non-residential course, running from 9:00am–5:30pm each day, and you must attend all three days to complete the course. You will be asked to do some preparation at home between days two and three of the course. Cost: £85 (includes training manual, Rhyme & Sign videos, refreshments and lunch on all 3 days)

Spaces are very limited and priority is given to people planning to deliver the course in schools.

For more information and to book, please email: Lesley.Crawford@suscotland.org.uk



Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy

Who? Why? What? How?

If you want to know more about WPCS and you are interested in becoming a volunteer Chaplain, then this is for you! This introductory module helps you to understand the structures of WPCS and where you fit into the organisation. What is chaplaincy and what defines it from other arms of ministry and pastoral care? What is the theological understanding of the purpose and functions of chaplaincy? What are some of the skills required? How might it fit into your local workplace community and church context?

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paul Wilson (paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk or [07703 585987](tel:07703585987)).

Resources



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The Chosen: Season 2 Now Available

The Chosen is the largest crowdfunded media project of all time.

A multi-season series about the life of Christ based on the gospels.

The Chosen can be accessed and watched for free online via <http://thechosen.tv> or via The Chosen App.



Scripture Union: Jungle Adventure Holiday Club

A brand new Holiday Club resource for 2021! Available Now!

Jungle Adventure takes us on a journey of discovering Jesus, through the eyes of his disciples, who were called by and experienced first-hand Jesus' care, provision and deep friendship.

As children explore the disciples' adventure and explore the Bible for themselves, our prayer is that they will discover Jesus as their own *guide* and *friend*.

Developed to help children discover how Jesus is the greatest guide ever, Jungle Adventure is written for use in an outdoor woodland setting, with easy adaptations offered so it can be used in other settings.

For more information and to order, please see: <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/missions/jungle-adventure-holiday-club/>

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/>

Ragdoll Foundation

Grants for projects that use the arts and media to address concerns for children.

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation. The Foundation's vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. A variety of art forms can be supported including dance, drama, ceramics, creative play, film, music, puppetry and storytelling. Supported projects need to support equality of opportunity, can include families and take place in rural or urban settings and may be delivered, for example, in children's and community centres, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

Deadline: 2nd July 2021

For more information and to apply, see:

<https://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

The Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)'s Community & Third Sector Recovery programme aims to support charities (including churches, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations) that are supporting people and communities through the shift from lockdown to recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will be planning and implementing changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate.

The programme is currently open and has two strands: Adapt & Thrive and Community Recovery Fund.

In the simplest terms, Adapt & Thrive is capacity building to help organisations adapt, change, and thrive post-COVID-19. The Communities Recovery Fund is grant funding to deliver support and services in communities.

Money for Adapt & Thrive has to be allocated by the end of March but can be used for up to 12 months thereafter. No match funding required and grants range from between £5K and £75K.

For information please see [SCVO Website](#)

Funding to Create Resilient Rural Communities

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects from across the UK which are working to create resilient rural communities. The Prince's Countryside Fund will award funding from the Barclays 100x100 UK Covid-19 Community Relief Fund to support farming and rural communities to cope with the impact of Covid-19, to expand on new services that have emerged to support the local community during this time and to build future resilience. Applications are encouraged from community-led organisations with a turnover under £500,000 per year, from communities with a population of up to 3,000 residents. Examples could include rolling out longer term food and medicine delivery services; social groups to support isolated people; or mental health support. The Fund will close when enough eligible applications have been received.

See: <https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

Grants to Help Older People Lead More Fulfilling Lives

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales to lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential. The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged. Funding of between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Individual applications must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.

See: <https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk>

People's Postcode Trust Opens for Applications

The People's Postcode Trust has re-opened its grants programme and will award grants on a monthly basis until October 2021. Funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust makes grants to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland under the following themes: • Improving mental wellbeing • Enabling community participation in the arts • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty • Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality • Improving biodiversity & green spaces • Enabling participation in physical activity • Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability • Increasing community access to outdoor space. Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000, other not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to support both project and organisation core costs. The funding is available for 12 months. To be eligible to apply, organisations will need to have an annual income of below £1 million with preference given to those with an income of below £500,000 per year. The Postcode Community Trust will operate on a monthly basis. On around the 1st of each month, applications will open, and organisations will be able to submit their request for funding until the maximum number of 150 has been received until the 1st October 2021.

See: <https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk>

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/>