

**Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!**  
26th March 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.

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Bless *the Lord*,  
Oh my soul: and all  
that is within me, bless  
*his holy name.*  
-Psalm 103:1

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**News**

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## **Youth Homelessness**

Rock Trust is a youth-specific homelessness charity. Its aim is to end youth homelessness in Scotland by ensuring that every young person has access to expert youth specific services to assist them to avoid, survive and move on from homelessness.

Started in 1990 by the The Council of West End Churches in Edinburgh the Rock Trust now celebrates their 30th Anniversary. Last year the Rock Trust supported over 500 young people to move on from homelessness or avoid it altogether, helping them to build better futures.

This year they have started providing services in Fife and are looking to build local support.

Young people remain disproportionately affected by homelessness in Scotland. 1 in 4 homeless applications in Scotland are made by young people. Homeless application figures do not show the true extent of youth homelessness. We know that some young people do not register as homeless with a local authority, instead 'sofa-surfing' in the homes of friends and even strangers to keep a roof over their head, where they can be exposed to a multitude of dangers.

Young people can be at a much greater risk of exploitation, trafficking and abuse, because they are younger, with less knowledge of how to keep themselves safe and can be seen as 'easier' targets by adults. There are many reasons young people might become homeless, they are not a homogenous 'one-size fits all' group.

These young people's struggles are relevant to all of us, and it is therefore true to say that we are all at risk of homelessness in some way. But, if you have family, friends and networks around you, then no matter what happens, whether you lose your job, your tenancy, your partner, your mental health deteriorates, or you have an addiction, you will probably be protected from becoming homeless.

The breakdown of the few relationships they have, and a lack of social networks and support networks, is the predominant reason that vulnerable young people find themselves homeless.

To learn more about Rock Trust and its new work in Fife see: [rocktrust.org](https://rocktrust.org)  
Contact details for their local Campaign Manager are available by request.

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## **Events**



### **With Arms Wide Open - Luke's Passion Story**

**Easter Saturday (3rd April) at 2pm** <https://www.youtube.com/hamiltonold>

Drama Kirk's 2021 Passion Play tells the Easter story from the perspective of Gospel writer Luke, putting Jesus' story together years after his death and hearing from the disciples what their encounters had meant for them. It also includes a series of flashbacks to that final, fatal week.

Filmed during lockdown, the 30minute film features two professional actors in the roles of Jesus and Luke, as well as members of the Drama Kirk team.

Further information can be found at [www.facebook.com/DramaKirk](https://www.facebook.com/DramaKirk) or on twitter @PlayLanarkshire "With Arms Wide Open" will be broadcast on YouTube on Easter Saturday (3rd April) at 2pm on the following link - <https://www.youtube.com/hamiltonold>

# Talking Mission: *Five Marks of Mission* With Rev. Dr Donald MacEwan



Date: 21st April 2021



Time: 7.30-8.30pm

We're delighted that our second Talking Mission evening is with the Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Theological Forum, on the subject *Five Marks of Mission*.

The five marks have been adopted as a working definition of mission and it will be important for us to develop an understanding of them as we consider our mission planning, both at a congregational and presbytery level.



## **Talking Mission Series: Five Marks of Mission** **with Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Theological Forum**

Hosted by Neil Campbell, Fife Presbytery Mission Director,  
Wednesday 21st April @ 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom

Book Now via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-mission>

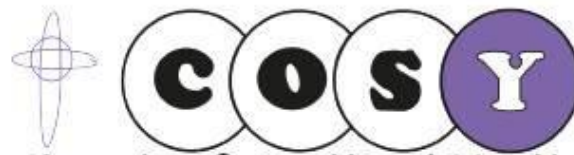
The purpose of these monthly online gatherings is to develop an understanding of contextual mission across our new Presbytery. A 20-30 minute talk with a missional focus followed by an opportunity for questions, reflection and discussion. These events are open to all across the Presbytery. Booking is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

We look forward to welcoming Donald MacEwan to our next talking mission evening. He will be discussing with us the five marks of mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the Theological Forum. It will be important for us to develop an understanding of these as we consider our mission planning, both at a congregational and presbytery level.

At our previous talking mission, we heard a deeply insightful, challenging and inspirational mission talk from Very Rev Dr John Chalmers about the *Faith Action Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps*.

You can now access and view our first talking mission talk via:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g>





# Big Questions

**Join CoSY Fife and Stirling for Lent as we look at big questions on:**

**Church  
Faith  
The Bible  
Faithful Living**

**Every Sunday at 7pm from 21st February - 28th March.**

**We will have a panel of special guests each week to answer any questions on their topic.**

**There will be 4 weeks of questions, a social evening and an evening of worship where we will share Communion.**

**All 18 - 30 year olds welcome, no need to live in Fife or Stirling to participate.**

**If you do not want to ask your questions live you can email them to [cosyfife@gmail.com](mailto:cosyfife@gmail.com).**

**Get the zoom link through Eventbrite**

COSY-Fife are hosting 6 big questions evenings for 18-30 year olds. You can get the zoom link via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cosy-big-questions-tickets>

If you do not want to ask your questions live you can email them to [cosyfife@gmail.com](mailto:cosyfife@gmail.com) or Ask one of the hosts in the zoom chat.

Full details see the poster. If you have any questions please ask.



### **Christian Aid Kiltwalk**

Have you been struggling to come up with safe fundraising ideas during the pandemic? Want to fundraise for Christian Aid and get 50% extra added on?

The traditional Bridge Crosses can't go ahead as normal this year. Instead, Christian Aid is going on the Kiltwalk!

This year's virtual Kiltwalk will take place over the weekend of 23-25 April. Anyone, anywhere in Scotland, can safely take part, and every pound raised will be topped up by 50% from The Hunter Foundation.



### **Messtival 2021**

Join Messy Church for [Messtival 2021](#) online on Saturday 22 May. The morning will have a variety of workshops. In the afternoon, join The World's Biggest Messy Church for a huge celebration of the church's birthday at Pentecost.

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## **Training**





Preaching Today, a partnership of Ascend and New College, is going online for 2021. Throughout the day on Monday 19 April, Sally Brown, Rachel Mann, Russell Barr, Marjory Maclean and Neil Glover will bring reflections on preaching in these new times. There will be opportunity to connect with others throughout the day.

You can find out more and book: [here](#)



**Youth for Christ: Sometimes it Hurts**

Very excited to announce the return of 'Sometimes It Hurts' - mental health and emotional wellbeing conference...we're taking it digital, so you can attend from your living room!

'Sometimes It Hurts' is a mental health and emotional well-being day conference. The training you will receive aims to equip you in your context to support children and young people with their emotional mental health and well-being. The day itself contains several seminar streams delivered by front line professionals, complemented by important keynote topics that are relevant to all settings.

"Good mix of topics, professional speakers with lots of experience"

"Motivational to keep doing what I am doing & what God has called me to do/be."

For more information and to book your space, go to [www.yfc.co.uk/sometimesithurts](http://www.yfc.co.uk/sometimesithurts)



### **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](mailto:paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk) or 07703 585987).

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## **Resources**



**Thy Kingdom Come**

This year's Thy Kingdom Come will happen from 13th - 23rd May.

There are loads of exciting new resources on the way for Thy Kingdom Come 2021! As well as the refreshed regulars, such as the Prayer Journal and Novena, there is also some exciting new resources, including a Prayer Escape Room designed for young people, resources created in collaboration with the Cheeky Pandas, an updated Prayer Adventure Map, and many more!

**TKC are also giving away 100,000 hard copies of a new Prayer Journal!**

**For more information see: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>**

### **HAMARTIA**

#### **We All Miss the Mark**

**A 40-minute online film for Easter**

**by Jerry Averill, director of the Dundee Nativity**

Here are the links to the new Easter film by Jerry Averill, which is available to watch on both YouTube and Vimeo.

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/528444610>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnnIYV5fBfg>



SU Ireland and SU Scotland have teamed up yet again to produce this free 3 part video series that provides a fresh perspective on Easter and why it matters for us

today.

### **Available Now...**

**About:** 3 Episodes (plus a bonus video) - Aimed at 9-14 year olds

Join Sarah Campbell, Darren Bourke and Mark Murray on a very unique and entertaining journey that highlights the meaning of the incredible events of Easter.

Alongside the videos is a downloadable resource pack with quizzes and reflection activities formatted for youth groups, classroom delivery and home learning.

For more information, to register (free) and access: <https://nuafilmseries.org/nu-a-easter-registration-form>

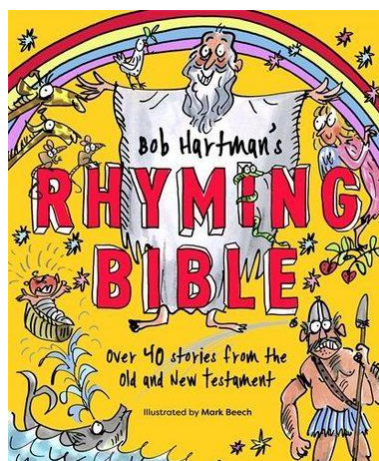


### **Scripture Union: Jungle Adventure Holiday Club**

Coming soon... Jungle Adventure! A brand new Holiday Club resource for 2021

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





### **DramaKirk: Easter 2021**

For Easter, Drama Kirk is producing an engaging way to share the Easter story with Primary School-aged children, a series of five poems from Bob Hartman's "Rhyming Bible". Together, they tell the Easter story in an accessible way. We will perform the following:-

**Waiting in Line** – This poem introduces Jesus and lets us hear about various things he has done – and how wants to see children!

**The Clip Clop Beat** – On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey. Let's hear about what happened in a fun rap.

**Body and Blood** – The last meal Jesus shared with his friends. Find out what happens and what he tells them will happen next.

**When Jesus Hung Upon the Cross** – We look at what Jesus said on the cross and what happened that first Good Friday.

**No More Crying** – It's not the end of the story! Jesus' friends are sad...but not for long. Something amazing is about to happen!

Each section will last around 2 to 3 minutes and will be freely available on YouTube. If you have difficulty accessing it, we can provide DVDs. We plan to launch one per week from 1st March onwards and you can access them here –

[DramaKirk - YouTube](#)

All are welcome to use this fun way to tell the Easter story. We simply ask that you either email us to let us know you have used it, or complete our audience survey here - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLVW8X3>

## **Funding**

### **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 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](#)

### **Volant Trust: Funding to Alleviate Social Deprivation**

The Volant Charitable Trust's Grants programme has re-opened for applications. The fund aims to support Scottish charities and projects that help alleviate social deprivation. Specific themes the fund will consider for support include:

Women - Victims of sexual abuse, rape, domestic violence and those working in the sex industry; care for young mothers and those affected by postnatal depression, isolated and lone parents; community support for black and minority ethnic women and asylum seekers; support services for women prisoners and their families.

Children and young people - Counselling, support services and outreach projects for those who are disadvantaged or deemed to be at risk through neglect, emotional and physical abuse, alcohol or drug misuse.

Poverty and deprivation - Mental health projects for women and children; support for vulnerable families; promotion of healthy eating for families in areas of extreme deprivation. Registered charities, community interest companies, community organisations and social enterprises can apply for grants of up to £15,000 per year for up to three years.

Funding is administered by Foundation Scotland and can be used for project and core costs. Applicants are initially required to complete an enquiry form outlining their project. This must be submitted by the 30th April 2021.

See: <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/volant-charitable-trust>

### **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>

### **Funding for Community Based Projects**

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants of an average of £5,000 to causes working at community level in the UK and developing countries which are less likely to be able to raise funds from other sources. Current UK funding priorities are: • Homelessness, • Penal Affairs, • Asylum Seekers and Refugees, • Community-Based initiatives for Disadvantaged Young People Aged 16 to 25. Overseas, Hilden concentrates on projects in developing countries working on community development, education, and health and particularly welcomes those that address the needs and potential of girls and women. Only applications submitted on the form supplied on the website will be considered. Hilden accepts applications at any time but the closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting of Trustees is the 16th April 2021.

See: <https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/>

### **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/>