

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
9th April 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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News



Tayport Churches Easter Installations

Tayport Church of Scotland and Tayport United Free Church are both vacant just now, but a group of folk from both churches, and also the Episcopal Church in the town, felt that an outdoor witness showing that we Christians were celebrating Easter even if we couldn't get into the church buildings, would be good. As we were finalising our plans, churches were allowed to open again, but we went ahead anyway.



And this taking of the Easter story out into the public space has been really well-received - folk have been adding their prayers to the prayer weave, and a lot of folk have been asking church members what it's all about.



People have been visiting the labyrinth too, and are impressed that we managed to make it! In what has been a dreich time for us all, signs of hope at the church are appreciated by all.



This message of hope is our offering to the community we live in.



Happy Easter - Jesus is alive!

Events



Church & Community Orchards Project Open Evening - Mon 19th April

In 2011, the European Christian Environment Network funded the Church of Scotland and the Reformed Church in Hungary to establish eco-congregations in Hungary. This was the beginning of a closer relationship between churches in Scotland and Hungary and one that continues today with the Church and Community Orchard Twinning Project. The concept for the project began in Hungary in 2011 and today they have established over 165 church orchards and planted over 7,000 fruit trees. Inspired by their success, the Church and Community Orchard project began.

During 2019-2020, four churches in Scotland established orchards on or close to their church grounds. Due to the pandemic, planned visits to and from Hungary were not able to take place. However, through the wonders of technology, congregations have been able to meet up and learn from each other. Now they want to share what they have learned more widely with the hope of inspiring other congregations around the country to do the same.

On Monday 19 April at 7pm (BST), an open evening is being hosted for anyone who is interested to learn more.

For more information and to register, please email Karen Keil via Kkeil@churchofscotland.org.uk

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>



Scotland's Virtual
#kiltwalk
 23-25 APRIL 2021



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.



Freedom from debt Hope for the future



Community Money Advice Scotland Webinar - Wed 21st April

Community Money Advice are reaching out to churches who are looking to get more involved in their community to meet an area of 'high need'.

Right now, people have been having a difficult time due to Covid-19:

- 60% of people think that they will need to borrow more money to get through lockdown
- 59% of people have seen their income decrease or disappear
- 1 in 10 homes are affected by problem debts

Debt often leads to all sorts of issues in people's lives: fear, shame, guilt, relationship breakdown, addiction, and mental health issues to name but a few.

A ministry in debt advice can help lift that burden and will allow you to likely reach more people from every walk of life in your community than any other compassion ministry.

At Community Money Advice we can help you access this ministry and we would love to talk to you about this. We will be running a free webinar on Wednesday 21 April at 10:30am, so you or any of your fellow ministers or church leaders would be welcome to attend.

If you feel this is something that you would like to explore, please do get in touch with me using the link below.

For more information and to register for the webinar, please email:
martin@communitymoneyadvice.com



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.

Training



Preaching Today Conference

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](#)



Family Ministry Unpacked

A series of sessions from Core Skills in Family Ministry including reflections around digital engagement and the impact of the pandemic

Exploring the themes of Core Skills in Family Ministry across the topics below and consider the various influences that have had an impact more recently and how this might begin to shape our ministry for the future. The sessions will take place fortnightly on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm.

13th Apr *Biblical, Historical & Contemporary Contexts of Family Ministry*

27th Apr *Seasons of Family Life*

11th May *Family Relationships and Wellbeing*

25th May *Intergenerational Ministry - participation in the [Intergenerate Conference](#) or guided self learning*

8th Jun *Faith at Home*

For more information and to register please see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-ministry-unpacked>



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

- Tuesday 27 April 19:30-21:00
- Wednesday 28 April 10:00-11:30
- Wednesday 12 May 11:00-12:30
- Thursday 13 May 19:30-21:00
- Friday 18 June 10:00-11:30
- 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>



People of Hope: National Conference for School & College Chaplains

This major international and ecumenical online conference and retreat is for all involved with school and college chaplaincy – lay or ordained chaplains – pastoral leaders, education and youth officers, as well as policy makers interested in this vital growth area of Christian ministry.

For more information and to register, please see: <https://cve-scotland.org.uk/people-of-hope-uk-conference>



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).

Resources



The Chosen: Season 2 Launches

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.



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/>



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

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/>

We hope this Mission Briefing has been useful to you.

Feedback is always welcome.

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Peace & Blessings,

Neil Campbell

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