

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!
4th June 2021



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

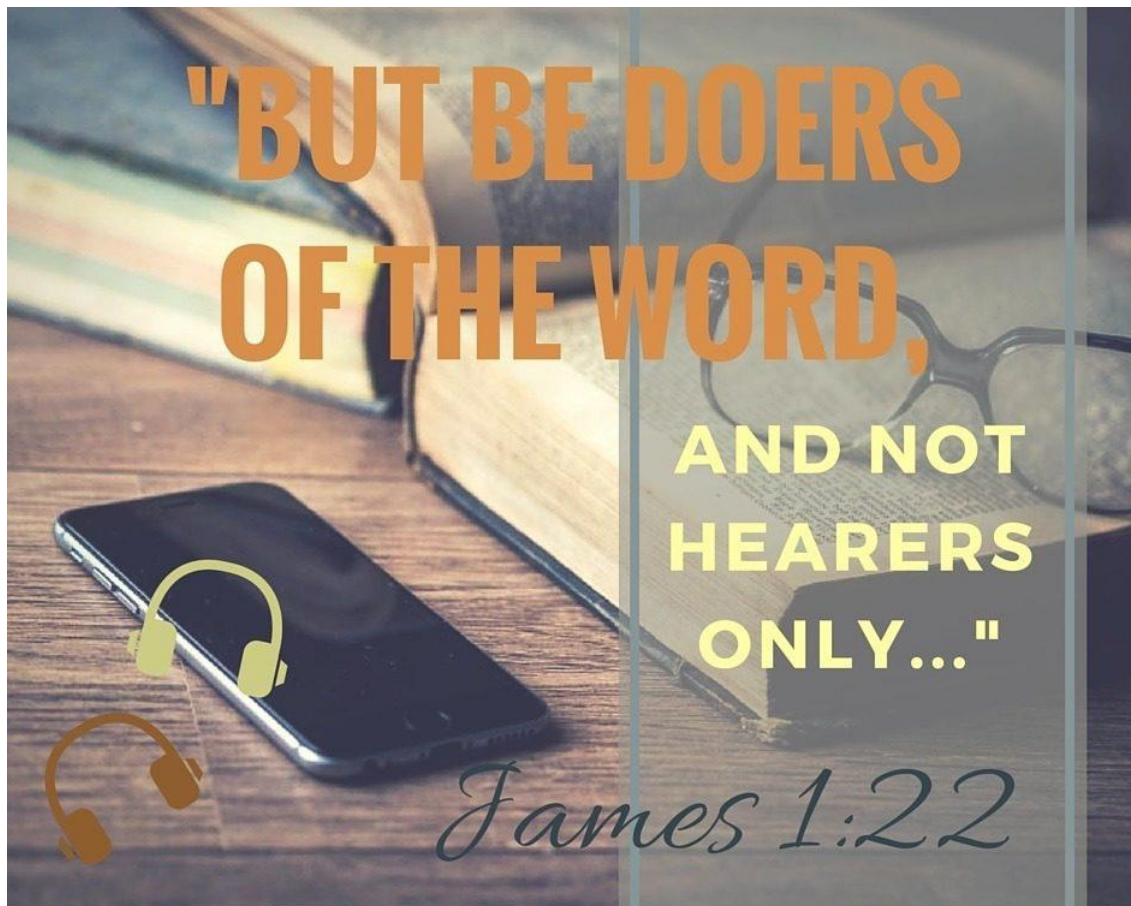
As we continue to navigate the global Covid-19 pandemic,
we're here to encourage and support you
in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

Please email your stories, news and suggestions for our next
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News



Fife Presbytery: COP26 Common Interest Group

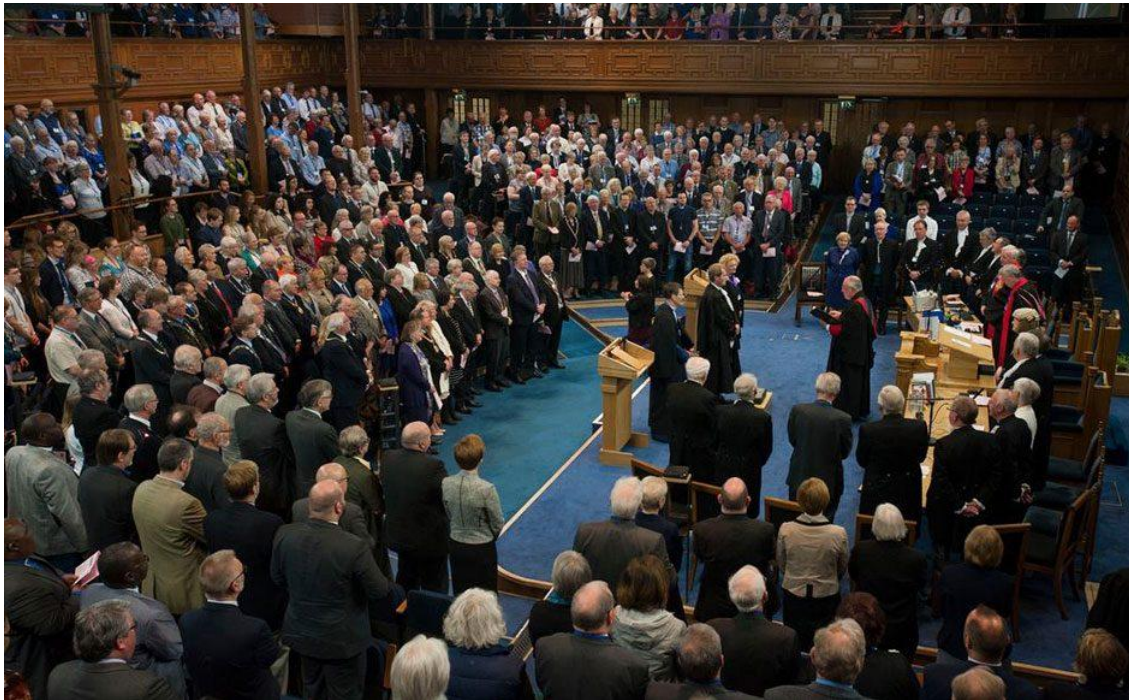
by Rev. Christine Sime, Convenor Church & World Forum (Board of Mission)

As part of Church and World Forum the plan is to set up Common Interest Groups, which may be short or long term, to bring like-minded people together who would gather information, help the rest of us understand, and promote good practice, events, ideas.

With COP26 on the horizon would you be interested in being part of such a group which would signpost Presbytery to debates, zoominars, actions we can all be part of to make a difference?

In the first instance this would of course be a time limited group though it may well be some or all would want to continue after COP26 to help us action decisions.. Please contact Christine Sime (csime@churchofscotland.org.uk) if you would like to be part of this.

Other Common Interest Groups will emerge, or perhaps there is an interest you think we should be looking at and could suggest a topic to us?



General Assembly 2021

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is the supreme court of our church. Meeting annually, it hears reports, makes law, and sets the agenda for the national church. The Assembly met online again, for a second year on Saturday 22nd May until Thursday 28th.

Life and Work have produced a free supplement reporting on the key debates and decisions made.

You can access the report via:

<https://www.lifeandwork.org/downloads/life-and-work-ga2021-supplement.pdf>

Events

Talking Mission Series: Church Without Walls

Reflections by Rev Peter Neilson on CWW 20th Anniversary

Wed 23rd June, *more details and booking information to follow.*

Hosted by Neil Campbell, Fife Presbytery Mission Director

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-q>

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>



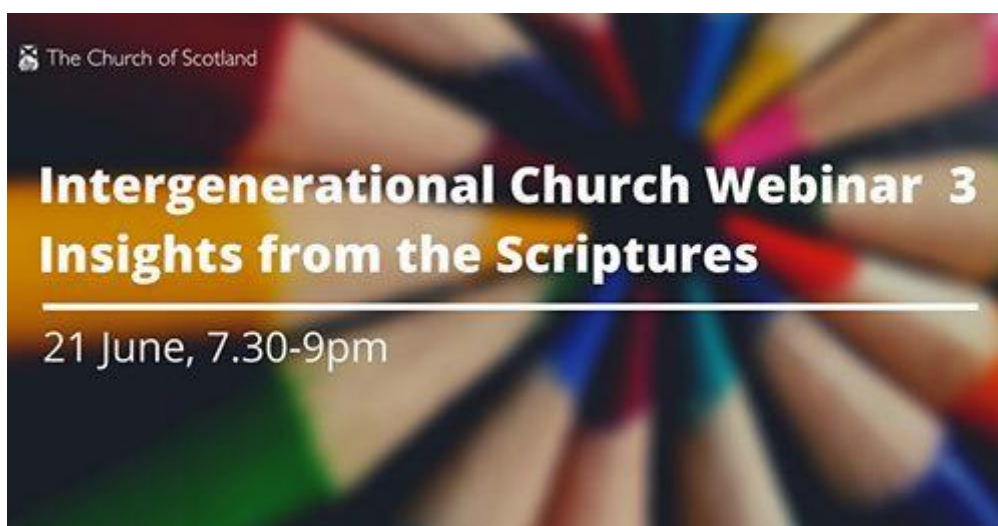
Reimagining the Future Webinars - Videos Now Available

Videos of the presentations at the Reimagining the Future webinar are now available to watch and share.

1. Embracing Change - Martin Fair
2. Learning from research - Sarah Holmes
3. Lightning talks - children's ministry, family ministry, youth ministry, worship, community

How might you use these to 'reimagine the future' in your church context?

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcE1-KuB42WIa5SmLRKd5jG9FY5TLwVYq>



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>



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:

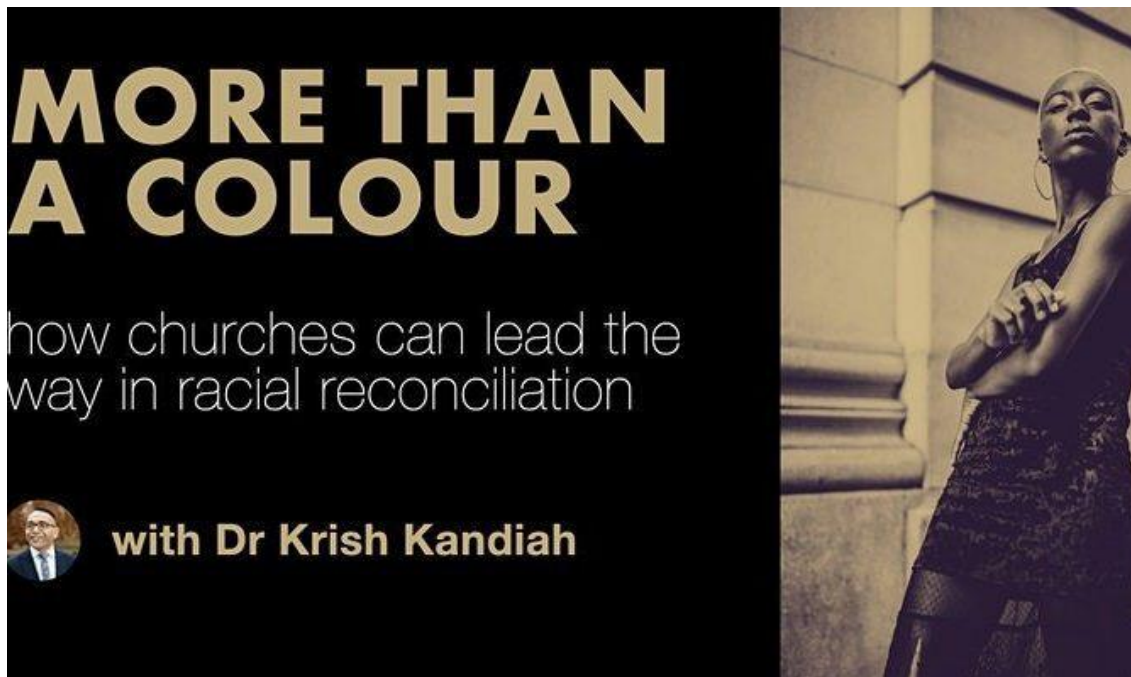
- helping individuals retrain

- 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.

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

Training



This webinar will explore 10 ways that churches can pursue racial justice and radical hospitality.

This is a special event in collaboration with Ascend and Dr Krish Kandiah.

The church still has a long way to go in demonstrating the radical hospitality of God to all nations. In this seminar, Dr Kandiah explores further how the church has to deal with its past and push on towards its future as the multicultural people of God.

The church has a never-changing calling to demonstrate the love of God in word and deed. In recent years it has become increasingly apparent that we have both unwittingly and deliberately colluded with racism and xenophobia. In this hope-filled seminar, Dr Kandiah presents biblical and

practical ways that churches can bring change both in their congregations and communities.

This will be via Microsoft Teams and the link will be sent before the event.

For more information and to book see:

<https://ascend.churchofscotland.org.uk/events/more-than-a-colour/>



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.

10 June – 'Eldership and Discipleship'
17 June – 'Eldership and Leadership'
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.



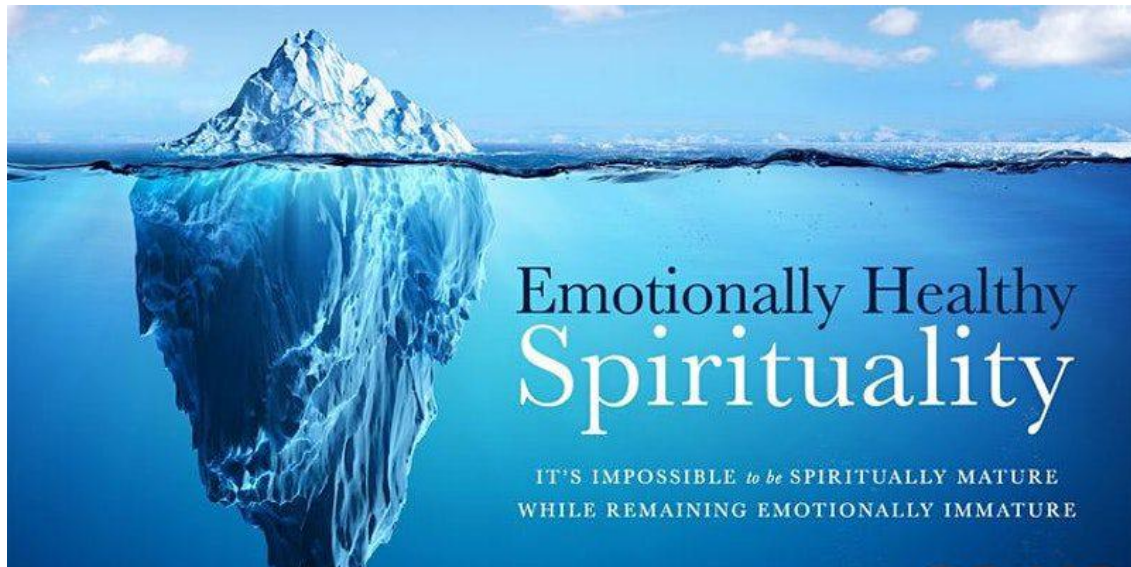
Family Ministry Unpacked

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.

8th Jun *Faith at Home*

For more information and to register please see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-ministry-unpacked>



Cairn Movement: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality - June 17th

"Come to me all you who are weary or burdened and I will give you rest".

These are wonderful verses which have often felt illusive or under threat in the last 12 months. There is an opportunity for us to come back together as disciples and leaders at the end of a testing and trialling year to be able to stop and survey the landscape and also, look ahead - how do we create sustainable, live giving, mature expressions of discipleship and leadership?

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality equips the church with a 'beneath the surface' spirituality that deeply transforms people who then transform the world. It's about moving from a shallow Christianity to a deep authentic relationship with God, ourselves and others.

Emotionally healthy spirituality gives us that opportunity to be able to journey that together, intensively and intentionally into what is next for us, our churches and our culture.

For more information and to book, please see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotionally-healthy-spirituality-tickets>



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

- 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>



"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).

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/>
