

Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin!

13th August 2021



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

We're here to encourage and support you  
in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

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***But those who hope in the Lord...***



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## News



**Good Wishes for P7s**

*by Morag Crawford DCS, Rosyth Parish Church*

A few weeks before the end of term one of the depute head teachers from one of the Primary schools in Rosyth mentioned she had been covering in a P7 class one afternoon and had asked the children if there was anything they had missed in the school year during Covid. Some of the children had said they had missed coming the Church for the various events normally held throughout the year. We were aware how much we had missed having the children from the four Primary schools coming to exhibitions, concerts, and events like Easter Code and Bubble Gum and Fluff. We decided to give a knitted prayer square and New Testament or Gospel to all the children in P7 in the four Primary schools along with a card with best wishes as they started on the next stage of their journey in life.



**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](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/?_ga=2.52848040.102045716.1624032433-551082469.1624032433)




## SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES YOUTH WORKER

Are you an enthusiastic, energetic, self motivated individual who is passionate about sharing the Gospel with Young People?

Based in Glenrothes Fife, GROW is an established interdenominational Trust created by local churches in partnership with Scripture Union Scotland, to employ a youth worker to share the significance of Jesus in our schools working alongside existing Ministry teams and churches. You will also work with church teams supporting leaders and young people in their faith journey.

We offer you the opportunity to build on the existing structure with the flexibility to use your initiative and creativity to develop new ideas. You will be supported by our volunteers and management team and have the opportunity for ongoing training and development through our partner SU Scotland.

Contract: Initial 2 years with a view to extending the contract (37.5 hours Per week)  
Salary: From £20,000-£25,000pa dependant on experience  
For more information including job description and application pack, please contact: Chris Hay  
Email: [mdchay50@gmail.com](mailto:mdchay50@gmail.com)  
Closing date for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021  
Interview date: to be arranged (in person if covid rules allow)  
This appointment will be subject to a satisfactory PVG scheme Disclosure. It is also an Occupational Requirement that the post-holder demonstrates a personal faith in Jesus Christ.  
Glenrothes and Region Outreach Worker SC 034830

**SU Scotland**

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## Events





**Fife Presbytery COP26 Common Interest Group (CIG)**

Our second meeting is Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.30pmon zoom (code below).

A group gathering and disseminating information, resources, ideas for individuals, congregations, groups of church & community, schools, young and not so young, to be engaged with and involved in COP26.

Please come along, and please pass the word to any and all who might be interested.

Thank you

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027160491?pwd=RjVsZVMxWm5sQUM1Y1Y5TXBuc1RoQT09>

Meeting ID: [860 2716](#) 0491Passcode: 067718



### **Fife Presbytery: Youth Work Journeys**

Save the Date: 9.30am, Wed 25th August

*Venue details being confirmed.*

Following an initial meeting with Paul Beautyman of *Youth Work Journeys*, to discuss bridges and barriers facing youth workers in our churches, an in-person gathering is planned for 25th August to take ideas and support to the next stage.

*Venue details are being finalised and will follow shortly.*

To help arrange hospitality it would be helpful if you could indicate your attendance via email to [fife@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk) FAO Lorraine



## **Talking Mission: ACORN Groups with Paul Haringman**

Hosted by Mission & Discipleship Task Group

7.30pm, 25th August 2021, via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/95132468677?pwd=cjR5QkxqZ21QOGk3NDZFNF2MUNMQT09>

Meeting ID: [951 3246 8677](#)

Passcode: 923124

It's all about Mission! But where do we start?

Remember that God is already there. Our job is to find out what God is doing and join Him in the conversation that is already going on in our community.

ACORN gives us a way to share our faith and encounter God.

The process is simple. It starts with a prayer - Lord today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church family? A name comes to mind or there is a 'chance' meeting with someone. Simply ask 'How are you?' and then report back to a small group of Christians who will provide encouragement and help you to notice what God is doing.

Paul Haringman, Mission Development Worker for Inverness Presbytery has worked alongside Michael Harvey to encourage and promote ACORN during lockdown and beyond. He has incredible stories to share of ordinary people encountering God as they go about their everyday lives. He will join us on Wednesday 25th August to share his insight and experience and to answer any questions you may have about becoming involved with ACORN and establishing groups across Fife. 'ACORN is a movement that seeks to connect Christians with the work God is doing in others through caring conversation.'

Being an inviting church is as important as being a welcoming, or hospitable one, and is equally applicable in a New Worshipping Community as in any of our existing congregations. While in lockdown, it may have seemed impossible to put invitation into practice.

Working with Michael Harvey, the Church of Scotland has been working with congregations to respond to God's call to connect with others, even in this time of restriction. Michael delivered a webinar on God's Call in a Time of Covid-19 in September 2020, and this is available on YouTube. (<https://bit.ly/38xwX0J>)

Since then numerous ACORN groups have been established, including in Fife Presbytery, where members support one another to ask God to prompt them to connect with someone, to follow through on that and to share with one another the outcome.

ACORN stands for the following:



*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:

Rev. Peter Neilson gave a barnstorming reflection on the 20th Anniversary of the Church Without Walls report, challenging us as we consider the future of mission across our parishes and communities to be a *Church Without Roof*, available via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOJl2Q1od1U>

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](https://youtu.be/_Sj0xIqy4r4)



### **Serve Your Local School Webinar**

Many churches seek to connect with and support their local schools. Some may have a formal 'chaplain role', others may employ a full time worker who also offer schools support and yet others have members of the church and local community offering a range of support for pupils and teachers.

During the pandemic, there was a long period of schools being closed and pupils being home-schooled. Since



then there has often been restricted access. Some churches were still able to support schools with recorded material and online connections.

As we start a new school year, this gives an opportunity to rethink and refresh how we might support and serve our local schools.

Register for this conference to hear fresh ideas and encouragement on how we might appropriately do this in a post pandemic context.

Serve Your Local School aims to help churches in Scotland, see the potential to play a part in their local school and to make a real practical difference

For more information and to register, see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/serve-your-local-school-webinar-tickets-154835339669>

Like the SYLS facebook group – [facebook.com/serveyourlocalschool](https://facebook.com/serveyourlocalschool)



### **Eco Scotland: Praying for COP26**

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, join us for an hour of prayer and encouragement to get involved.

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, hear how you can get involved – and look forward to Net Zero carbon and a Just, Green Future.

Hosted by Eco Congregation Scotland's Glasgow network join us for an hour of encouragement and prayer as we prepare for COP26 and the actions we might take to show our care for creation thereafter.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month for an hour from 4pm on Zoom.

Thursday 7th October, Thursday 4th November.

For more information and to register, see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/praying-for-cop26-and-beyond-tickets-156226631059?aff=ebdssbsearch>

# The Big Church Read

The 4th National Big Church Read starts on 8th Sept 2021 as Patrick Regan leads through his new book 'Bouncing Forwards'. In *Bouncing Forwards* Patrick draws on his own journey of making peace with his on-going anxiety, to look honestly and vulnerably at the temptation to wait for the day when all will be well whilst missing out on what's happening in the here and now.

Presented over 10 sessions with accompanying videos and questions for reflection and discussion.

For more information and to sign up see: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/bouncing-forward/>

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## Training



**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:

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](mailto: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](mailto:Lesley.Crawford@suscotland.org.uk)



**Huddle**

*A place to find support, be equipped & grow in your leadership calling.*

At Cairn we believe in the importance of investing in what matters and that is you.

*We all know that leadership is not easy... we need support along the way and that is what huddle is about.*

Often as leaders we function in spheres where we are leading, where we are looking to get the best out of others, and aiming to release potential in our leaders, teams and organization but often forgetting to invest in ourselves. Huddle gives the opportunity for you to have that investment and gives you the opportunity to find support, be equipped and grow in your leadership and calling with a group of peers on a similar journey as yourself.

You can choose from three streams of Huddles;

- The Pioneer Ministry Huddle, for those in a frontline, missional context either planting a church, new mission initiative or similar pioneering environment
- the Established Church Huddle, for those in a more established form of church but looking to adapt and grow missional expressions
- The Spiritual Formation Huddle, for those seeking to find a better balance in ministry life that brings fruit, rest and spiritual growth.

For more information and to register interest see:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPELZGJQAFs8t9uP\\_3SQo2RpYRqW5HRksnwkF6uF-AUOww/viewform?mc\\_cid=dca9fd29da&mc\\_eid=1b04172065](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPELZGJQAFs8t9uP_3SQo2RpYRqW5HRksnwkF6uF-AUOww/viewform?mc_cid=dca9fd29da&mc_eid=1b04172065)



### **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](tel:07703585987)).

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## 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.

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## **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/>

### **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/>