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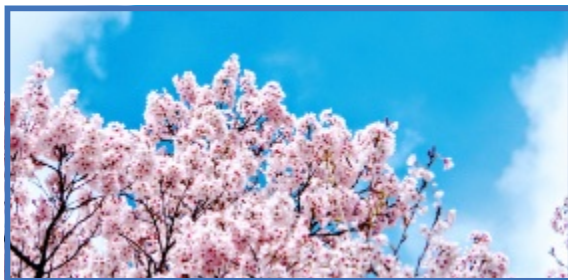
# LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Beauty and the Horror. These words of sharp contrast are the title of a compelling book by Richard Harries, the former Bishop of Oxford. Looking out on the world in these Spring days of 2026, a decade on from its publication, Harries's book title still resonates.

In the vastness of our planet home, beauty is pervasive and multi-faceted. Our hearts respond these Spring days to the sight of crocuses and daffodils, cherry blossom and other newly clad trees. The leaping of lambs in the fields, the feel of the sun on our faces, the smell once more of newly mown grass, with a myriad of other encounters with beauty, brings us joy. We recognize its reality too when we humans relate well to each other – in laughter shared between friends, in the quiet dignity of compassion and kindness in daily life. The sometimes near-physical ache of experienced beauty has often led to reflection on the One who is its transcendent source. Famously, St Augustine addressed God as 'Beauty so ancient and so new'.

In piercing tension with the beauty that surrounds us is the manifold horror all too evident in our world. The vileness and scars of war, of injustice, of apparently pointless suffering, seem to cry out without answer. 'Man's inhumanity to man' appears to know no bounds. GK Chesterton regarded the fallenness of humanity as the only part of Christian theology that is empirically verifiable. He meant that it aligns with everyday experience of selfishness, malevolence, arrogance, and every



kind of moral failure. Our capacity for moral judgement means, said Chesterton, that 'only man is vile'. The horror present in our world cannot be ignored. Our Christian faith does not ask us to pretend otherwise.

Yet, we might well ask, if God becomes real in the experience of beauty, where is he in the horror? It's a profound question, and one which scorns trite and easy answers. It seems to me that what people are really looking for these days is hope in the face of life's darkness. What makes Christian hope distinct is not the denial of darkness but the conviction that it does not have the final word. In Jesus, God in person entered and absorbed the full depth of the horror we have created and transformed it from within. In the bleakest of places there is the possibility of redemption.

There is so much in life that remains a deep mystery. Inevitably, we continue to query, protest and rebel. But as Easter and Pentecost people, we trust that beauty has overcome horror, love has won over hatred and death. In this light, notwithstanding the darkness of much present experience, our humble confidence can be that of Lady Julian of Norwich: 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.'

Love and blessings

Angus

Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison  
Locum Minister, Newington Trinity Church

# CHURCH LIBRARY



Thanks to kind donations from members of the congregation, we've added some interesting new books to the church library at NT-Mayfield. These include:

- *Don't forget we're here forever: a new generation's search for religion* by Lorna Ash
- *An invitation to Celtic wisdom* by Carl McColman
- *Speaking Christian: recovering the lost meaning of Christian words* by Marcus Borg
- *Mrs Luther and her sisters: women in the reformation* by Derek Wilson

• *Why didn't I know? Britain's legacy in Palestine* by Monica Spooner.

There are also two new books on the Eco shelf

• *Is a river alive: a journey with water* by Robert MacFarlane

• *God doesn't do waste: redeeming the whole of life* by Dave Bookless

You are very welcome to browse the library shelves, borrow any of the books – and return them when finished. Happy reading!

*Alison Bogle*  
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# MILERS WALKING GROUP

## Walks for May and June 2026

**Wednesday 6 May.** A walk around the Meadows during Cherry Blossom Season. Contact Denise on [dendanjo@yahoo.com](mailto:dendanjo@yahoo.com)

**Saturday 23 May.** We take the Borders train to Stow for a 6mile walk along minor roads, farm tracks, and up into the hills for spectacular views over Wedale & Lugate Valleys. Or short option visiting Stow. Contact Alison on [alison.bogle@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.bogle@btinternet.com)

**Friday 29 May.** Fisherrow or Preston Grange to Cockenzie House. A coastal walk past Musselburgh Lagoons through Prestonpans to Cockenzie House, a Jacobean House with gardens, café, gallery and gift shop approx. 6 miles, flat easy walking. Contact Fiona & Kenny [fiona.ferguson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:fiona.ferguson@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Monday 15 June.** Aberdour to Kinghorn via The Binn. A lovely 7mile varied walk along the coast and cross country taking in short hill climb up the Binn. Contact Susan on [susan.g.wooding@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.g.wooding@btinternet.com)

**Thursday 19 June.** SUMMER LUNCH at The Park Hotel, Peebles. Various walks along the Tweed or in and out of shops before lunch at 12.30pm. Deadline for menu choices and payment Sunday 17th May. Contact Sheila on [smclellan037@gmail.com](mailto:smclellan037@gmail.com)

**Thursday 25 June.** We travel by car to Crieff for Lady Mary's Walk, a beautiful 5.5mile walk along the River Earn, over Laggan Hill. Contact Jean on [jebleitch@gmail.com](mailto:jebleitch@gmail.com)

## COME TO THE MILERS SUMMER LUNCH!

**Where?** Park Hotel, Peebles.

**When?** Friday 19 June.

**What time?** 12.30 for 12.45

**How much?** Two courses for £33

**Is a walk planned?** Of course!

**Is the walk compulsory?** No!

**Do I need to book a place?** Absolutely.

**When should I pay?** As soon as possible but no later than Sunday 17 May.

**To whom should I pay?** Sheila, Jean or Honey.

**What else?** Contact Sheila with your Menu choice no later than Sunday 17 May (check your email for the Menu)

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# PAST LINKS AND PRESENT ENCOURAGEMENT



Many will be aware that the Chinese Evangelical Church and the Edinburgh Korean Church meet in Newington Trinity's Mayfield and Priestfield church buildings. Interestingly this reflects the well-known historical links our church has with both China and Korea through the work of Rev Dr John Ross. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century he pioneered Christian mission in North-east China and is especially remembered for his work translating the New Testament into the Korean language for the first time. There are commemorative plaques in the south transept of the Mayfield building as well as a moving tribute at his grave in Newington Cemetery.

Recently it has been a privilege to get to know Liza, a lecturer at the Theological College founded by John

Ross. Having written about him for her Masters thesis she is now here for a few months, as a visiting scholar at Edinburgh University, to do research for her PhD on the wider history of the Scottish and Irish Presbyterian Mission in North-east China (formerly called Manchuria) from the late 19<sup>th</sup> to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. While doing this research she is staying with a church member and is often with us at church on Sundays. She will only be here till mid-June so mentioning her work through this newsletter seemed a way of thanking her and wishing her well as she returns to Asia. If you haven't yet met her there is still an opportunity!

A few weeks ago I was with Liza looking at this plaque displayed in the Priestfield building with the names of scores of missionaries sent out during this period,



many to Manchuria, by what was originally Rosehall United Presbyterian Church. Maybe this is part of our church's history that is less well known. Liza's research, which hopefully one day we will be able to read, has included many of the people on this list and she has interesting photos and stories of their life and work. Three areas highlighted which played a significant role in the growth of the church are theological education,

medical work and education. She pointed to Rev James W. Inglis, who was in Manchuria from 1890 - 1938 and served from 1910 as Principal of the Theological College. Another important figure was Dr Dugald Christie, whose wife was from Rosehall, and who in 1883 began a medical mission in Mukden, Manchuria, that saw the establishment of a mission hospital and a medical college still there today. Also Rev Daniel T. Robertson, serving from 1890-1938, who became the

first principal of Manchuria Christian College. Amongst the many other names are several with a more personal link including Rev and Mrs George P. Littlewood and their son Alwyn, the grandparents and uncle of Susie Martin, a present member of Newington Trinity.

Through the obedience and sacrifice of these early pioneers, seeds were planted, churches were established and God's work has continued to bear fruit in

the midst of many challenges. Jesus' last words to his disciples quoted on this plaque : "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel ..." are given to us too as his followers. May these stories of commitment and growth from small beginnings, challenge and encourage us to increasingly be involved both locally and globally in God's mission today.

Diana Frost

## PARISH DEACON

PAULINE ROBERTSON DCS

### A BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The book will be kept in the south transept within our church, allowing all members of our community to view, reflect upon and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us.

Should you wish to include the name of a loved one in the *Book of Remembrance*, please complete a form and return. By doing so, you help us create a lasting tribute.

*The Book of Remembrance* is not just a record of names; it reminds us of the connections we share, the love that binds us, and the faith that sustains us.

We hope that this *Book of Remembrance* will bring comfort, honour the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future with hope and faith.

#### PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit or phone call please contact Pauline Robertson, Parish Deacon.

#### WEEKLY EMAIL

Each week an intercessory prayer email is circulated. If there is anyone or situation you would like to have added to our confidential email or you would like to receive the email, please contact Pauline.

#### OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In our journey through life, we encounter individuals that leave a lasting mark on our hearts. It is with this in mind that we introduce the *Book of Remembrance* to our church community. It serves as a memorial to the love they shared with us.

Pauline's email address is [parishdeacon@newingtontrinity.org](mailto:parishdeacon@newingtontrinity.org) her phone number is 07587 043191.

# SOUTHSIDE FAITH CARE

Scottish Registered Charity No. SC052304

ACTIVITIES/TIMES	MAY	JUNE	COMMENTS
TUESDAYS	DATES	DATES	
<b>Reminiscence Afternoons (fortnightly) NEW</b> <b>13:30 - 15:30</b> Newington Trinity Priestfield 2 Marchhall Place, EH16 6QR	05, 19	02,16 30	Let Southside photos evoke your memories. Come share them with others and <i>“the time just flies by!”</i>
<b>Crafty Afternoons (fortnightly)</b> <b>13:30 - 15:30 NEW</b> Newington Trinity Priestfield	12, 26	9,23	Share your passion of crafts with others. <i>“A great way to spend the afternoon!”</i>
THURSDAYS			
<b>Sporting Memories</b> <b>10am - 12 noon</b> Newington Trinity Priestfield	7,14 21,28	4,11 18,25	If, <i>“folks you know don’t like talking about sport, but you do... well, this is for you!”</i>
<b>Walking Tennis (weekly)</b> <b>14:00 -15:30</b> Priestfield Tennis Club 2-4 Kirkhill Road EH16 5DE	7, 14 21,28	4,11 18,25	<i>“Walking Tennis gives me 5 “F’s”... FUN, FITNESS, FRESH AIR, FOCUS &amp; FRIENDS!”</i> (Jane, 80yrs)
<b>Digital Help at MUC (fortnightly)</b> <b>13:30 – 15:30</b> Morningside United Church 15 Chamberlain Road, EH10 4DH	14, 28* (*last session)		This has helped so many people. Come along. You’ll not regret it! Remember to bring - mobile phone, tablet or laptop - fully charged!
<b>2 x Digital Frauds and Scams</b> With <b>Police Scotland &amp; Barclays Bank</b> <b>- 10:00 - 12:00 7 May** NEW</b> <b>Morningside United Church**</b> <b>- 13:30 - 15:30 14 May*** NEW</b> <b>Newington Trinity Priestfield***</b>	7** 14***		Unmissable - you will learn so much – the dos and don’ts, what to look out for. Come along, if you have questions, ask them here. Be safe online!
<b>Power of Attorney (POA) NEW</b> <b>14:30 – 16:00</b> Care Conversations - 2 Morningside United Church	21		Also a must – best to get this organised asap!
<b>Bereavement Support NEW</b> <b>14:30 – 16:00</b> Care Conversations - 3 Morningside United Church		18	Difficult to prepare for, difficult to go through. Start your journey here.
FRIDAYS			
<b>Man Friday (weekly)</b> <b>10 – 12 Noon</b> Newington Trinity Priestfield	1, 8,15, 22, 29	5,12, 19,26	<i>“We are here for the chat, the banter and the biscuits!”</i> Come along and join us!

**Contact:** Roseanne : 07587 014948 | Activities Co-ordinator | Tues – Friday | 9.30-4  
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*Below:  
Cubs on the aerial runway*

*Here are the Beavers at end of term fun night wrapping one another as snowmen*

**35<sup>th</sup> Beavers** The 35<sup>th</sup> Beavers had a busy term completing both the Builder and the Communicator Badges as well as Celebrating Burns Night with haggis, neeps & tatties and the Chinese New Year with noodles & prawn crackers.

**35<sup>th</sup> Cubs** During the past term, Cubs enjoyed completing a range of different activities. We started off by working on the Local Knowledge badge, exploring the local area in the dark and creating maps. Graham, our Group Lead, shared a bit about the group's history, including how the two groups that now make up 35<sup>th</sup> Braid came together. We held an indoor Highland Games at our Burns Supper. As part of the International Badge, Cubs thought about their own wishes to create a Wishing Tree when looking at Lunar New Year.



hike into the Pentlands and enjoyed the use of both the aerial runway and grass sledges. The weather was dry enough to have an outdoor campfire and take part in games in the field. We also completed the Space badge, looking at constellations and finding out about satellites.

**35<sup>th</sup> Scouts** The scouts had an enjoyable spring term, working on attaining a new badge for us - Circus Skills. The scouts all

We enjoyed our weekend away at Bonaly with the Scouts. The Cubs took part in a

tried unicycling, balance beam, juggling and diablos with 18 showing good progress

to gain the activity badge. Even the leaders can now 3-ball juggle for at least 10 throws :)

We had a good joint indoor camp, sharing the chalet at Bonaly with our cubs where we enjoyed; wide games, outdoor games (see below), ESCAPE! team building skills and a short hike into the Pentlands. With the longer days and warmer weather we are now turning our focus to weekend camp at end of May and our week-long summer camp in North Yorkshire at the end of July.

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*Some of the Scouts practising the diabolo*

# NEWMAN ASSOCIATION



Edinburgh Circle

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**Newington Trinity Church**  
**18, West Mayfield**  
**Edinburgh EH9 1TQ**

*'heart speaks to heart'*

### Christian Nationalism:

*Understanding Christian Nationalism:  
an anthropologist's perspective:*

**Dr Naomi Haynes,**

*senior Lecturer at The University of Edinburgh's  
School of Social and Political Science*

**Wednesday 13 May 2026**

**7.40 – 9.00pm**



**All welcome:** entrance by donation

£5 proposed

Views expressed are personal to the speaker

**'from shadows and images into truth'**  
St John Henry Newman's gravestone



In a busy month, we started with our annual Record Breakers when the Scouts are challenged to break any of a list of over 20 Troop records involving various skills, feats of endurance and straining of mental agility. Four records were broken on the night and the new holders look forward to a period of immortality or at least for 12 months.

This was followed by another popular challenge with the Great 28<sup>th</sup> Bake Off. Each Scout is asked to bring along a cake of their own making, giving the Leaders the task of deciding the finest.

Our Winter Adventure Weekend took place at Fordell Firs, at the Scottish Scout Headquarters in Fife. A glorious weekend turned it into a Spring Adventure Weekend and the Scouts enjoyed the various challenges of climbing, caving, archery, orienteering, balancing on top of a column of crates and facing the daunting giant 3G Swing.

The main event of the month was the Sponsored Sleep Out to raise funds for Bethany Christian Care Trust to help in their work with homeless people. This was the fourth time in eight years that the Troop have carried out the Sleepout.

The weather forecast was for occasional wintry showers on a cold and windy night March night. It did not deter the Scouts though from their plans to sleep out in cardboard boxes in the back garden of the Church.

With lots of cardboard and sticky tape, they started in the church hall, building robust structures to stand up to the weather. The Leaders provided assistance and then carefully transferred the shelters out into the Church Garden while the Scouts were given something hot to eat and drink. By 10pm all of the Scouts were out and getting themselves settled into their shelters and ready for the night ahead.



All of the Scouts lasted the whole night in their shelters, keeping warm and dry despite a couple of showers. They went to sleep quite quickly and started waking up when it got light just after 6.00am.

The total raised came to £2,850 bring a total of £13,750 from the 4 Sleepouts

Many of the 22 Scouts involved were quite young, some just 10 years old, and some of the older ones doing this for the second time. All of the Scouts wanted an adventure but also to help ease the awful plight of

homeless people that live in our wealthy city. They demonstrated Scouting values at its best.

*Alan Dickson*  
Scout Leader

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Scottish Charity No SC006141

# AFTERNOON SERVICE

The Newington Trinity Spring Afternoon Service of Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, 19 May at 2.30pm

These are short services of Worship in the Bill McDonald Hall Newington Trinity – Mayfield [via West Mayfield level access], this time led by our Locum Minister, the Very Revd Dr Angus Morrison and Pauline Robertson, DCS and will be followed by light refreshments and chat until around 3.45pm.

Everyone always made most welcome, please come!

If you would like to find out more please contact either: Pauline Robertson on 0758 704 3191 or [parishdeacon@newingtontrinity.org](mailto:parishdeacon@newingtontrinity.org) or Anne Sturrock [afternoonservice@newingtontrinity.org](mailto:afternoonservice@newingtontrinity.org)

Please also note the date of the following Service – Tuesday 14 JULY at 2.30pm.

## THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

### May

3		Samuel	25,26	/	Psalm	49	
4		Samuel	27,28	/	I	Corinthians	1
5		Samuel	29-31	/	I	Corinthians	2
6		Samuel	1,2	/	Psalm	50	
7		Samuel	3-5	/	I	Corinthians	3
8		Samuel	6,7	/	I	Corinthians	4
9		Samuel	8-10	/	I	Corinthians	5
10		Samuel	11,12	/	Psalm	51	
11		Samuel	13,14	/	I	Corinthians	6
12		Samuel	15,16	/	I	Corinthians	7
13		Samuel	17,18	/	Psalms	52-54	
14		Samuel	19,20	/	I	Corinthians	8
15		Samuel	21,22	/	I	Corinthians	9
16		Samuel	23,24	/	I	Corinthians	10
17		Kings	1,2	/	Psalm	55	
18		Kings	3-5	/	I	Corinthians	11
19		Kings	6,7	/	I	Corinthians	12
20		Kings	8,9	/	Psalms	56,57	
21		Kings	10,11	/	I	Corinthians	13
22		Kings	12,13	/	I	Corinthians	14
23		Kings	14,15	/	I	Corinthians	15
24		Kings	16,17	/	Psalms	58,59	
25		Kings	18,19	/	I	Corinthians	16
26		Kings	20,21	/	II	Corinthians	1
27		Kings	22	/	Psalms	60,61	
28		Kings	1-3	/	II	Corinthians	2
29		Kings	4,5	/	II	Corinthians	3
30		Kings	6,7	/	II	Corinthians	4
31		Kings	8,9	/	Psalms	62,63	

### June

1		Kings	10-12	/	II	Corinthians	5
2		Kings	13,14	/	II	Corinthians	6

3		Kings	15,16	/	Psalms	64,65	
4		Kings	17,18	/	II	Corinthians	7
5		Kings	19,20	/	II	Corinthians	8
6		Kings	21,22	/	II	Corinthians	9
7		Kings	23-25	/	Psalms	66,67	
8		Chronicles	1-3	/	II	Corinthians	10
9		Chronicles	4-6	/	II	Corinthians	11
10		Chronicles	7-10	/	Psalm	68	
11		Chronicles	11-14	/	II	Corinthians	12
12		Chronicles	15,16	/	II	Corinthians	13
13		Chronicles	17,18	/	Galatians	1	
14		Chronicles	19-21	/	Psalm	69	
15		Chronicles	22,23	/	Galatians	2	
16		Chronicles	24-27	/	Galatians	3	
17		Chronicles	28,29	/	Psalms	70,71	
18		Chronicles	1,2	/	Galatians	4	
19		Chronicles	3-5	/	Galatians	5	
20		Chronicles	6,7	/	Galatians	6	
21		Chronicles	8,9	/	Psalm	72	
22		Chronicles	10-12	/	Ephesians	1	
23		Chronicles	13-15	/	Ephesians	2	
24		Chronicles	16,17	/	Psalm	73	
25		Chronicles	18-20	/	Ephesians	3	
26		Chronicles	21-23	/	Ephesians	4	
27		Chronicles	24,25	/	Ephesians	5	
28		Chronicles	26-28	/	Psalm	74	
29		Chronicles	29,30	/	Ephesians	6	
30		Chronicles	31,32	/	Luke 1:	1-38	

### July

1		Chronicles	33,34	/	Psalms	75,76	
2		Chronicles	35,36	/	Luke 1:	39-80	
3		Ezra	1,2	/	Luke	2	
4		Ezra	3,4	/	Luke	3	
5		Ezra	5,6	/	Psalm	77	
6		Ezra	7,8	/	Luke	4	

# CHILD AID UGANDA (CHAU)



I am Jen Cresswell and I want to let you know about where your recent kind donations went. I recently accompanied my Dad and members of his Rotary Club, the Vale of Belvoir, to Lyantonde in south-west Uganda, to see and support the work of Child Aid Uganda (CHAU). The charity has been working for about twenty years in one of the poorest areas of Uganda supporting families devastated by AIDS and poverty. Over the years their projects have expanded, focusing on keeping girls in education and ending child marriage and sexual violence.



Two of the main projects that help keep children, especially girls, in education, are dedicated girls' toilets at schools, and solar lights in homes to enable kids to do their homework. We visited two schools,

providing school supplies donated by the church and Rotary, as well as seeing the new toilet block. An electrician came with us so as we travelled round, we were able to install solar lights into homes. These were mostly the homes of grandparents raising their grandchildren after the parents died of HIV. We also visited a child development centre that provides work and



support for new and single mothers, and an ongoing project to build a maternity hospital.

Education in Uganda is not free, so keeping children in school in the best way to break the cycle, support the families, and raise the entire community from poverty. We met some of the women who as girls were sponsored through school via CHAU. They have high paid jobs, and are able to support their siblings through school, and to choose when to start a family.

Uganda is a country where words cannot express its beauty, both in its landscape, and the attitude and compassion of its

people. When given something, it is shared; when one succeeds, they give back to the community. It was an important lesson in the words of Jesus, to love each other, and in helping a stranger we serve Christ. Supporting a local charity meant the money and donations could go where needed the most, in a way that would provide the greatest outcome for the most people. There is a lot more needed, especially as USAID cuts means that CHAU have lost 60% of their funding, and a long way to go, but steps are being made, and your donations, physical and financial, were gratefully received and will help so many.

Thank you.

# NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN AID



**Fridah with her grandson, Quillan, outside their house**

## **Christian Aid Week 10 to 16 May 2026**

For one focused week a year, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together.

Your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children - mothers like Fridah Mora.

She is a recently widowed grandmother and the sole provider for her family. Rent, school costs, water and food all depend on what she can earn. 'When I wake up, I have a lot of worries. Sometimes I don't have food. Now I'm responsible for everything', says Fridah. Fridah lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water and space is extremely limited. To support her family, Fridah sells vegetables at a market stall. With no refrigeration or storage, she

travels long distances to buy produce, six days a week. Some days she earns enough. Some days she does not. 'Sometimes I don't know how I'll buy food. I don't know how I'll feed my family.'

Fridah's situation began to change when she joined Imarisha Kilimo, an urban farming project run by Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope. At first, the idea felt impossible. 'I was wondering, where can someone farm here in Nairobi?' she said. Through training, tools and seeds, Fridah learned how to grow food in small city spaces. She learned how to use cone gardens, make compost and conserve water. 'I discovered I could sow here. Right where I stand.' At the end of a narrow alley near her home, Fridah now tends her own urban farm. She grows kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables. Some feed her family. Some she sells. For Fridah, this



means more than food. It means stability and choice. Fridah's faith sustains her through difficult days. It strengthens her resolve to keep going and to provide for her children. 'It's hard, but in God I trust, for the strength to keep going every day', she says.

Her urban farm is small, but it carries big hopes. Hopes for education, independence and a future beyond daily uncertainty.

This Christian Aid Week, there are seven days to make a difference to families like Fridah's. Help them grow food, protect their children from hunger, and nurture hope.

Here at Newington Trinity, we'll have a special service on Sunday 10 May, and look forward to welcoming Leanne Clelland, Campaigns, Advocacy, Youth and Education manager at Christian Aid Scotland, to speak to us about the charity's work. There will be a collection in support of Christian Aid after both services, along with the familiar red envelopes. Alternatively, you can donate online via this digital envelope:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/newington-trinity-church>

Do take the opportunity to gift aid if you can.

There will be a Fundraising Picnic and sponsored walk around the Meadows for Christian Aid, after the service on Sunday 7 June (see separate article for more details). Please also support the Christian Aid Book Sale at Edinburgh New Town Church, 13 George Street, 9 May from 10.00am to 4.00pm, and 11 to 15 May from 12 noon to 6.00pm.

**Donations wanted!** Drop off at the church from 27 April to 1 May and 4 to 7 May, between 9.00am and 008pm. For queries or to discuss deliveries, please email [ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk](mailto:ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk) (See separate item in this magazine for more details.)

### **A Prayer for Christian Aid Week**

Gracious God, when we stand on the plains of uncertainty, with no path before us, we look to you. We remember what you have done before and our anxious hearts are comforted. Showing mercy, you delivered us then; in your love and faithfulness, you will do it again. Give us the strength to step forward in hope. Give us faith that changes us, hope that feeds us, love that moves us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Bob Kikuyu, Christian Aid's Global Theology Advisor, Nairobi.*

# CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISING PICNIC



## 7 JUNE 2026 IN THE MEADOWS EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Taking inspiration from Artemis 11 we invite you to join in our Meadows Moonshot. We hope to raise a spectacular amount of money for Christian Aid by orbiting the Meadows. Come and join the launch as our Orbiters blast off after church on 7 June.

Bring your picnic and take up your position as Ground Control, encouraging our youngsters as they race around the Meadows, see our Mums and Dads in full

flight in a relay race. Our Milers will be orbiting too to complete a Marathon of 26 orbits! Or enjoy circumnavigating the Meadows in your own leisurely orbit, - just be sure to find generous donors to sponsor you.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to sign up for our Meadows Moonshot!

If you have any questions please contact [christianaid@newingtontrinity.org](mailto:christianaid@newingtontrinity.org)

Or speak to the Christian Aid Team

## COFFEE AND BLETERS RESTARTS

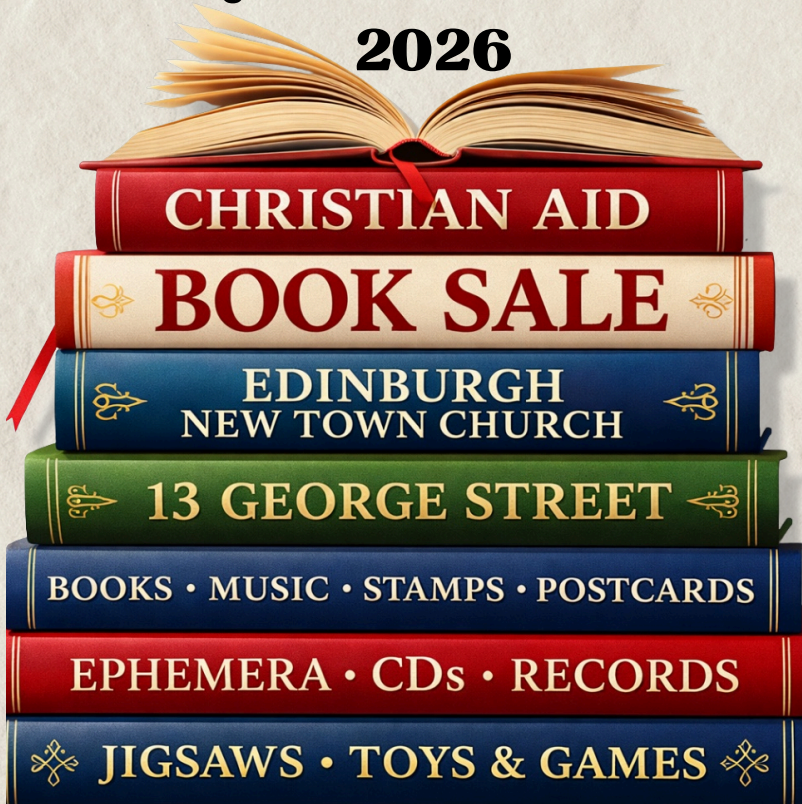
Coffee and Bleters was started a few years ago to cover the summer months when the Thursday Club (Mayfield) was on holiday. This friendship group is open to the whole community and we meet in the Bill McDonald Hall every fortnight through June, July and August from 2.00pm to 3.30pm starting on 11 June followed by 25 June, 9 and 23 July, 6 and 20 August. Just pop in when you feel like it, stay as long as you wish, relax and enjoy tea or juice and, of course, a bletcher. We hope to see you there.

If you would like more details please speak to Christina Somerville, by phone to the office on 0131 667 1522 or email [office@newingtontrinity.org](mailto:office@newingtontrinity.org)



# BOOK SALE

May 9th, 11th-15th  
2026



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Scan to visit  
our FB page



[www.edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk/work/christian-aid-sale/](http://www.edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk/work/christian-aid-sale/)

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## **SALE OPENING TIMES:**

### **SATURDAY 9th MAY**

10AM - 4PM

Café downstairs in the Undercroft of the New Town Church.

Tea/coffee and home baking 10am to 4pm.

Soup and sandwiches 12 noon to 2pm.

**(SUNDAY 10th MAY- CLOSED)**

### **MONDAY 11th MAY - Friday 15th MAY**

12 noon - 6PM

Undercroft Café open 10.30am to 2pm offering a wide range of delectable hot and cold treats.

**Card Payments Preferred**

## **Donation Information:**

### **Drop-off Times:**

**April 27 - May 1 & May 4 - May 7**

**9 AM to 8 PM**

**Edinburgh New Town Church, 13 George Street**

### **Donation Guidelines:**

Please ensure items are in good condition for their age.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept encyclopedia sets, magazine collections, or Reader's Digest publications

For donations exceeding a car boot-load, please contact us in advance to discuss the details.

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# EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

*With many thanks to all who helped, welcomed, crafted and refereed at the Easter Eggstravaganza 2026 with all our visitors, friends and community that made it a lovely event.*



# GRANGE PRESTONFIELD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**15 APRIL 2026 Meeting:** Cllr. Pauline Flannery in attendance

**Council Spending Plans on Roads and Footways:** These are set out in the Transport & Environment Committee Papers of 2 April. Here is the link: <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=136&Year=0>

Here are some of the projects indicated for the GPCC area: Carriageway treatment at: McLaren Road, Ventnor Terrace, Strathfillan Road, Seton Place, Clearburn Crescent, Suffolk Road. Mentone Gardens, West Savile Road, East Mayfield, West Mayfield, Maurice Place: Footway treatment at: Ratcliffe Terrace, Grange Crescent.

This Council report also covers scheduled road safety and local traffic improvements. (The Grange Loan / Kilgraston Road and East Mayfield / Dalkeith Road junctions do not feature at this time.) In another development, the Council will look to provide better communication and information on the prospective delivery of road and pavement works in future years.

## **Cameron Toll Redevelopment:**

View the proposals here: <https://camerontollmasterplan.co.uk/>. After a number of local consultations, the development team will now turn to preparing the detailed planning application. It may be submitted late this year. There will be further consultation around that time.

**Controlled Parking Zone S8 Proposals:** These would replace the



present Priority Parking Area B1, for Blackford Newington. They may be tabled at the 2 June Council Traffic Regulation Order Sub-Committee (TROSC). The agenda will be published on 26 May. Here is the link: <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=645>.

You may be able to propose limited amendments to what is presented at the TROSC, this via a Ward Councillor who sits on the Sub-Committee. We can point to the names. Your representation has to be submitted ahead of the date of the meeting.

**Tram Trains for Edinburgh:** A public meeting was held on 23 April in the Nucleus Building at King's Buildings campus. You'll get a full description of the project. To book your place, contact [tramtrainsedi@gmail.com](mailto:tramtrainsedi@gmail.com).

**GPCC AGM 2026:** This will take place on Wednesday, 20 May, at 18.45, at Cameron House Community Hub, 34 Prestonfield Avenue, EH16 5EU. The meeting will be held in public. The monthly meeting will follow

Contact GPCC at : [secretary@grangeprestonfieldcc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@grangeprestonfieldcc.org.uk)

Check the Website: [www.grangeprestonfieldcc.org.uk](http://www.grangeprestonfieldcc.org.uk)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Youth Group Details from Bettina: [youth@newingtontrinity.org](mailto:youth@newingtontrinity.org)

Please also note the weekly news and website calendar

Events at Mayfield Building = (M). At Priestfield Building = (P)  
Services will take place at the Mayfield building unless otherwise noted.

## MAY

- Sat 2** **Café Time. NT- Priestfield**  
**Donations supporting**  
**Christian Aid**
- Sun 3** **Fifth Sunday of Easter -**  
**Baptisms and New Members**  
10.30am All-Age Worship  
7.00pm Evening Service with  
Holy Communion
- Tue 5 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Thu 7 All Day Polling Station (M)  
2.00pm Thursday Club -  
in South Transept (M)
- Fri 8 2.30pm First Friday Friends (M)
- Sat 9** **Christian Aid Book sale**  
**begins at New Town Church**  
*see pages 17 to 20*
- Sun 10** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Christian Aid**  
9.30am All-Age Worship  
10.45am Traditional Worship
- Tue 12 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Thu 14 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)
- Sun 17** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
9.30am All-Age Worship  
10.45am Traditional Worship
- Tue 19 10.00am Morning Prayers  
2.00pm Afternoon Service (M)
- Sun 24** **Pentecost**  
9.30am All-Age Worship  
10.45am Traditional Worship
- Tue 26 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Thu 28 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)
- Sun 31** **Trinity Sunday**  
9.30am All-Age Worship  
10.45am Traditional Worship



## JUNE

- Tue 2 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Fri 5 2.30pm First Friday Friends (M)
- Sun 7** **First Sunday After Trinity**  
10.30am All-Age Worship  
7.00pm Evening Service
- Tue 9 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Thu 11 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)
- Sun 14** **Second Sunday After Trinity**  
9.30am All-Age Worship  
10.45am Traditional Worship
- Tue 18 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Sun 21** **SOLE NOMINEE PREACHING**  
10.30am All-Age Worship
- Tue 23 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Thu 25 7.30pm Praise and Prayer (P)
- Sun 28** **Fourth Sunday After Trinity**  
9.30am All-Age Worship  
10.45am Traditional Worship
- ## July
- Tue 2 10.00am Morning Prayers
- Sun 5** **Fifth Sunday After Trinity**  
10.30am All-Age Worship  
7.00pm Evening Service
- Tue 7 10.00am Morning Prayers

# WHO'S WHO IN NEWINGTON TRINITY

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Scottish Charity Number SC000785

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For home or hospital visits, please contact the Minister or Parish Deacon.

## Staff Days Off - (Generally)

Children & Young Families Worker: Mondays

Manager: Monday afternoons & Fridays

Pastoral Assistant: Friday

## Social Media Accounts

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 [www.youtube.com/@ChurchEdinburgh](https://www.youtube.com/@ChurchEdinburgh)

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