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**Welcome to the
June edition of the magazine**

Minister's letter

Rev Keith Graham

As you will notice in this month's magazine Murrayfield received an elder commission for this year's General Assembly. Jane Smart, our Presbytery Elder, accepted the invitation via Kirk Session and she thoroughly enjoyed her few days at the General Assembly. You can read her report for a summary of her experience! Ministers receive a commission for General Assembly every few years and as it happened this year I was also a commissioner at the General Assembly!

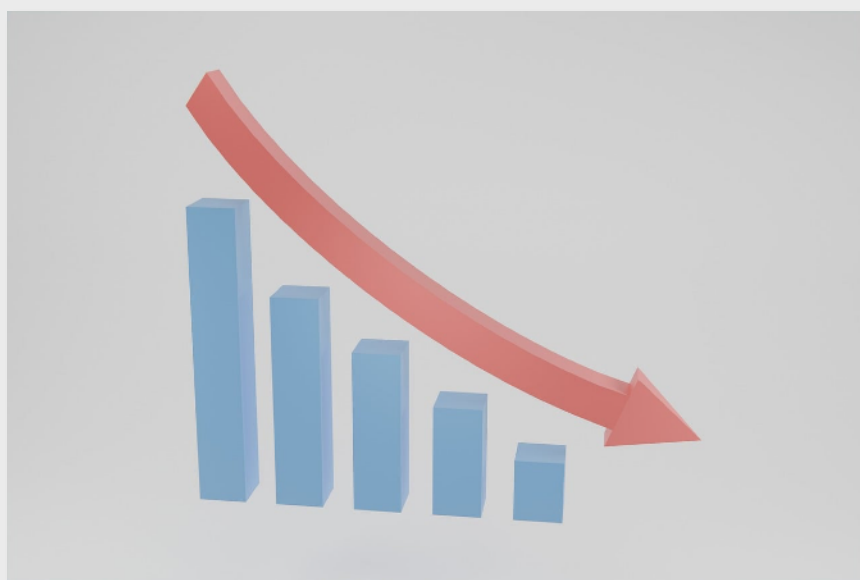
There was one report which I found especially noteworthy! It wasn't something which involved any decisions being made, nor changes to church law, nor controversial issues being tackled. Indeed the deliverance was simply to receive the report and then to 'encourage congregations... to study it and act upon its recommendations'. With a view to that, but also because it is in itself an interesting report, I want to draw your attention to this particular item.

The topic of the report is the decline of the Church of Scotland. The report is a response to the instruction of a previous General Assembly from a couple of years

ago. The Theological Forum and the Faith Action Partnership Leadership Team were charged with the responsibility of analysing causes for the current state of decline in the Church of Scotland. That might sound like rather depressing content if it was the sole focus (read on) !!

The analysis of decline was provided by the Theological Forum. It is a very well crafted, thoughtfully considered, and nuanced analysis. This first part of the report surveys, in the first instance, longer term causes for decline. These include secularisation starting in the 18th century, and the rise of a naturalistic outlook in the 19th century, along with Church of Scotland specific issues like the 1843 Disruption. Then it looks at more recent societal shifts starting in the 1960s.

Following this there is fascinating look at issues internal to the Church of Scotland which have contributed to decline. Notable features include the overload of buildings and the development of a large central bureaucracy after the 1929 reunion. Other salient features are also identified such as the damage in core messaging due to the polarisation between liberal and conservative camps. The Theological Forum's section ends with a hopeful note on future possibilities.

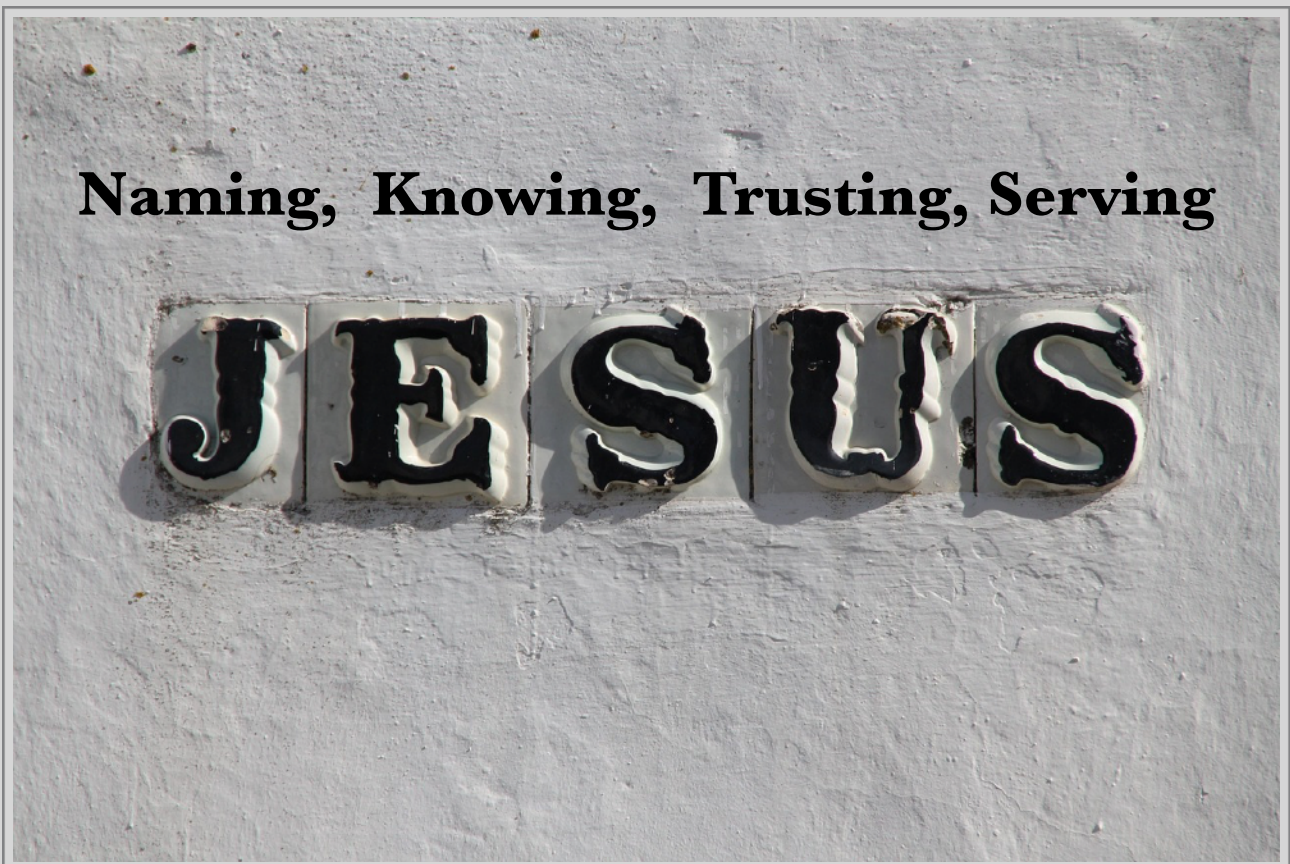


This leads naturally onto the second part of the report which responds to the remit's of considering steps to address decline. These are presented as 'Building for a better future' and they actually comprise more than half of the report. There is a survey of previous work that has been carried out in the last few decades to tackle decline and adapt to changing circumstances. I am sure some of you will remember some of these various initiatives and their achievements.

Lastly comes the constructive portion of the report which seeks to offer a positive way forward. The suggestions made are bold and offer a different approach to church life. In some ways they are not unlike the Path of Renewal programme which Murrayfield engaged with a few years ago. Four habits are offered as a priority going forward for the church: Naming Jesus, Knowing Jesus, Trusting Jesus, Serving Jesus.

As you can see General Assembly is not all dry legalese! It was encouraging to see a collective seriousness about responding to the call of the church to witness to the love of Christ in our communities. Perhaps there may be aspects that we can translate into our own situation in Murrayfield as we plan also for the future. I hope that you may enjoy reading the report for yourself and find it both interesting and inspirational.

You can find the report [Here](#)



The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2026

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland took place from Friday 15th May to Monday 18th May 2026 at the Assembly Hall on the Mound, Edinburgh.

The Assembly considered a range of matters affecting the life and work of the Church, with outcomes helping to shape priorities for mission and ministry in the year ahead.

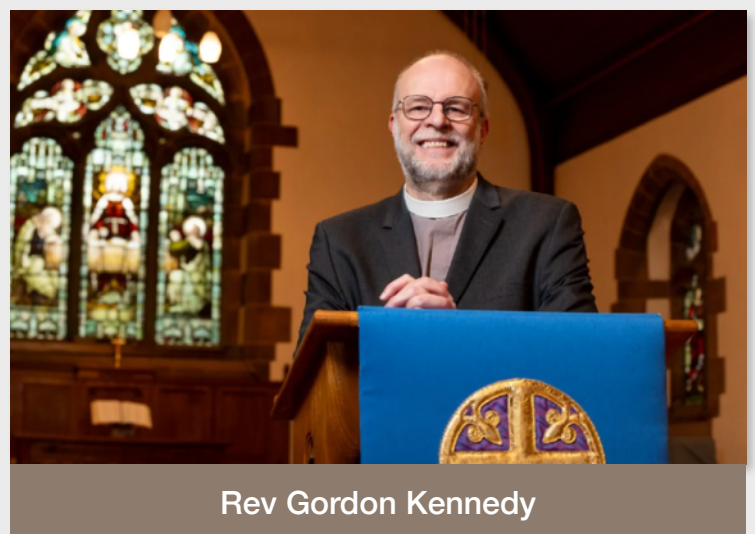
Watch video highlights of the reports and debates from each day of the assembly by clicking on the image .



The current Moderator of the General Assembly *Rev Gordon Kennedy*

Rt Rev Gordon Kennedy is the current Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, succeeding the Very Rev Rosie Frew. He was installed into the role on Friday 15 May, the opening day of the General Assembly 2026. The minister of Craiglockhart Parish Church in Edinburgh, Mr Kennedy grew up in Glasgow, attended Crookston Castle Secondary School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Strathclyde. He has held multiple leadership roles in three presbyteries as well as the national Church, including serving on the former Council of Assembly, the Theological Commission and the Church Without Walls Special Commission.

He is married to Rev Fiona Kennedy, an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) who works with churches in Edinburgh, and the couple have two adult sons, John and Andrew.



Rev Gordon Kennedy

Read his story [HERE](#)

Let's build a better world of faith, care and compassion

Rt Rev Rosie Frew

Rt Rev Rosie Frew shares her final reflection before standing down from her role as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

"As a child, I loved playing with Lego, as did my husband Dave. We still have the big storage box his dad made for him, still full of 1960's Lego.

Our children loved playing with Lego and we have their Lego in the attic as well. There's a lot for our wee granddaughter to play with.

Since its invention, Lego has grown in popularity and complexity.

And it has diversified – Lego games, Lego films, Lego animation, Lego theme parks.

Over the past year I've used plastic building blocks with some of the congregations I've met.

Everyone is given a building block as they come into church, they're all different shapes, sizes and colours.

One brick.

There's not much you can do with one brick but if they put all their bricks together, then they could build something.

Add in all the churches in the area and they could build something even bigger.

The Church of Scotland has a membership of 245,000, that's a quarter of a million people.

Think what you could build with quarter of a million bricks.

In the most recent census in 2022, 1.1 million people in Scotland identified with the Church of Scotland and 2.1 million identified as Christian.

Give them all a brick, there's so much we could build together.

"Jesus doesn't call us to build with plastic bricks, he calls each one of us to help build up the Kingdom of God by sharing the Good News of the gospel, showing love and care and compassion."

Let's go global. The worldwide figure - 2.38 billion people, who identify as Christian, almost a third of the world's population.

Jesus doesn't call us to build with plastic bricks.

He calls each one of us to help build up the Kingdom of God by sharing the Good News of the gospel, showing love and care, and compassion.

All these people.

Just think what we could do, just think what a difference we could make in our world.

In our parishes, in Scotland, beyond Scotland.

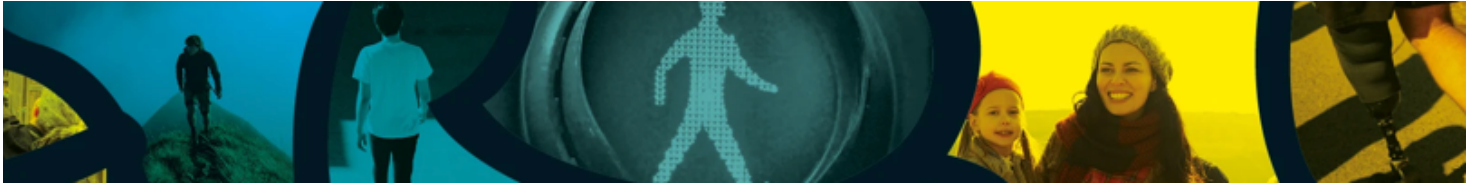
Building together with faith and love, care and compassion."



Good

Thoughts and Impressions from General Assembly 2026

Jane Smart (Presbytery Elder) - A memorable four days



I was asked by Keith our minister if I would attend the General Assembly (GA) as the commissioner from our congregation. Each congregation and each minister is commissioned on a rotational basis every few years. As it happened Keith was also a commissioner this year.

I had never been to GA before and so was excited to have the opportunity to see and hear all that goes on. I was not disappointed. From the pomp of the opening ceremony through the emotions of some of the presentations and debates to the final roll call of those ministers who have died during the past year, and the introduction of newly inducted ministers, it was an exhausting but uplifting four days.

The outgoing Moderator Very Reverend Rosie Frew spoke of some of the places she had been to and people she met during her year as Moderator and how it had all witnessed to 'extravagant love in action' her theme for the year. She invited us all to be strong, focused and brave. She passed the symbols of moderatorship, the ring and a pendant cross, to the incoming moderator Right Reverend Gordon Kennedy and the Purse Bearer passed the Disruption Brooch to Gordon's wife Fiona. The Disruption Brooch is a historical Scottish silver or copper-plated badge created to commemorate the Great Disruption of 1843. This landmark event saw 474 evangelical ministers walk out of the Church of Scotland to form the Free Church of Scotland over the issue of state control.

The Lord High Commissioner Lady Elish Angiolini, who has served as Solicitor General and Lord Advocate, gave a very moving speech and made significant reference to her recent work on gender-based violence and her charring of the Sarah Everard enquiry. She told us that two of her guests at this opening ceremony were Sara Everard's parents.

The Moderator spoke to his theme for the year 'Walk in all His Ways'.

Over the next 4 days there were presentations from many of the Church's committees some of which involved significant discussion and some which were passed without comment. Each day there was a service of worship and on the final day that included a service of Holy Communion. There was also a service at St Giles' Cathedral on Sunday morning.

I was lucky enough to be invited to attend/do the following:

A reception at The Palace of Holyrood House where there was a Beating of Retreat, a reception in the Palace and a leaving performance from a small group from the Royal Scottish Pipers' Society (of which my husband is now a non-playing member).

Serve communion on Monday morning.

Welcome the Lord High Commissioner to the final session on Monday afternoon. All in all a memorable 4 days.

S Club and Film Crew News

Julia Hodgson & Sheena Douglas

S Club continues to meet for fun and fellowship during the service on Sunday morning. The numbers of children attending vary but we have a core number of regular attenders who enjoy the stories crafts and games. All the children seem to enjoy themselves and are keen to participate in the activities. Word searches relating to the biblical story have been very popular this year.

Film Crew

Film crew has been meeting monthly and continues to make short films covering various topics. This usually involves looking in detail at a bible story to decide how best to put across the message in an up to date way. We hope that the Christmas film was enjoyed by everyone who saw it.

Contact Julia Hodgson [HERE](#) if you would like to know more about S Club or Film Crew



Film crew preparation for Zacchaeus stop motion short film made around Easter. At our end of session meeting we looked at Creation and produced a short video almost in the style of David Attenborough!

Film Crew +



Dove Room 4pm-6pm for primary 7 and up

Through film-making, these sessions give our young people the time to creatively interact with the faith stories they are being taught. Film Crew is for Primary 7 and above and provides a bridge to encourage them in their faith. It takes place on the second Sunday of each month.



Coming to church with younger children

We have a family area in our church In the Rossie Brown Chapel (at the front of the church on the right hand side) It's an area with quiet toys and activities for younger children to enjoy during the service (supervised by a parent/carer) .

What is Magnitude?

SU Scotland

Magnitude is a five-day annual Christian youth festival for young people aged 11-18. Based in the breathtaking Lendrick Muir near Kinross, it is a week like no other: a space to encounter God, enjoy community and experience nature together. Our heart is to raise up a generation of young people who are secure in their identity and purpose in God's bigger story, united in living fearlessly as followers of Jesus and passionate about changing the world for His Kingdom.
Read more [HERE](#)



Job Opportunity

*Children and Families Worker
Murrayfield Parish Church*

We are looking forward to developing work with children and families. Please feel free to share this Job advert.

For expressions of interest, and further information, please contact:
Rev Keith Graham [HERE](#)



Children and Families Worker Edinburgh: Murrayfield Parish Church

(This is a part time post, the salary will be pro-rata based on the MDS scale of £30,274-£34,224 per annum)

Do you have the experience and skills to establish new initiatives for children and families based at Murrayfield Parish Church?

Expressions of interest are invited in a role freshly developing work with children and families in the congregation and parish of Murrayfield in Edinburgh. The local community is highly populated with families and there is a great opportunity for making fresh connections through a missional approach.

Key initial aspects of the role are :

- Setting up a group for parents and children of pre-school age with the intention of creating pathways for engaging with church.
- Providing opportunities for young people to socialise together and grow in faith
- Building on links with local schools
- Recruiting and working alongside volunteers

The post would suit someone:

- Experienced in ministry with children and families
- With a relational and friendly approach
- Able to work under their own initiative and plan activities

For expressions of interest, and further information, please contact
Rev Keith Graham kegraham@churchofscotland.org.uk

Stonework Repairs Completed

Alison Mackenzie

Stonework Repairs Completed

We are pleased to report that the necessary stonework repairs of the church were successfully completed, on time and within budget, by the skilled team from Lindsay Davidson. Once the scaffolding was in place, it became clear that the pointing at the top of the tower had eroded far more severely than expected. Several coping stones were also poorly adherent, allowing water to penetrate the structure and, in some places, even permitting vegetation to take root.

All of these issues have now been fully remediated, restoring the upper levels of the tower and other areas of coping stones and pointing to a sound condition once again.

While the scaffolding was available, several other important tasks were carried out:

- The castiron guttering around the tower was rubbed down, primed, and repainted.
- Key areas of deteriorated pointing on neighbouring walls were repaired.
- A stainedglass specialist conducted a full inspection of the windows using the scaffold access — and we are glad to report that no further action is required.

This restoration not only safeguards the structure of the church for the future, but also strengthens its role as a place of worship, community, and welcome. It's a reminder of the verse from 1 Peter 2:5, which describes us as "living stones" being built into a spiritual house — a fitting image as the physical stones around us are renewed.



A Note About the Church Toilet

Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst work was carried out in the church toilet. Repairs have been carried out in the cupboard under the sink which had been affected by woodworm. We are pleased to let you know that the toilet is now fully operational. Many thanks for bearing with us as we ensure that every part of the building, from the heaviest stone to the humblest cupboard, is well cared for.

Stewardship Campaign 2025

Lindsay Foulis (Treasurer)

“Thank you to everyone who responded to the Stewardship Campaign”



At this time it is a little difficult to provide an accurate assessment of the campaign. I have, however, compared the offerings in the first three months of 2025 with those in the first three months of 2026. I feel that it is reasonable to say that there is likely to have been an increase in giving of around 10% as a result of the campaign. Such an increase is encouraging and I simply thank all who responded to the campaign.

Coffee Morning

Supporting Christian Aid and CrossReach

Having a clear purpose for a coffee morning, such as raising money for a charity or supporting a local cause, can provide a sense of meaning and direction. It can make it more engaging and rewarding for those organising and for those who attend. The purpose can also help to attract more people to the event and can lead to a greater sense of community and connection.

For the coffee morning on the 16th May in the church centre we supported Christian Aid (a perfect choice during Christian Aid Week) and CrossReach, Church of Scotland social care charity.

It was wonderful to welcome people of all ages from the church family and from the local community to enjoy coffee and home baking, visit the CrossReach and Christian Aid tables, purchase home baking -a big thank you to the 'Murrayfield bakers'. We were delighted to have Ewan Hastings (CrossReach Trusts & Grants Manager) with us to host the CrossReach information table and David Parkin to host the Christian Aid table.

There was a great response to both appeals. Donations were made at both tables and a total of £294 will be shared between the two charities.

Thanks to all who helped and contributed to help to make it such a great morning. We're looking forward to the next one - watch this space for further details.



Looking Forward in Spring!

Douglas Nicol

I started writing this article just after I returned from the Festival Theatre to see 'Guys and Dolls'! Joanne Goodall leads our Tuesday exercise class, TTT, and when she mentioned she was in the Show a group of us decided to attend. Joanne arranged excellent seats for the group of ten from Murrayfield Church and we had a wonderful afternoon. Well done, Joanne!

Everyone who attends TTT – roughly 30 in all – appreciate the support given by the team of volunteers arranged by Jane Smart who offer a welcome, and serve tea and coffee.

As well as TTT on Tuesdays we have 'Thrive on Thursdays' – we are now halfway through the series and all who attend are enjoying a variety of topics – everything from gardening to family history research.



THRIVE ON THURSDAYS

Murrayfield Parish Church

THRIVE ON THURSDAYS

Spring Sessions



Contact Rev Douglas Nicol -
douglas.nicol@churchofscotland.org.uk
0781 143 7075

16th April: A Good Nights Rest with Fiona Dinsmore

30th April: All about Gardens with Gillian Dinsmore

14th May: Games Galore with Dominoes and Scrabble

28th May: Exploring Family History with Douglas Nicol

11th June: Eating Well with Caroline Gilchrist, Nutritionist

25th June: Staying Secure over Summer - Community Officer

TTT : TONE UP ON TUESDAYS AT TWO

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Main Hall
Seated (and some standing) exercise
with Joanne

Followed by tea,
cake and optional worship
£5 weekly



£5 weekly
cake and optional worship



Plans are currently being made for a series of outings to take place over the Summer months, and full details will be given in intimations during the month of June.

A commitment I made in my part-time post is to attend Murrayfield Church on two Sundays each month, and it's always a joy to share in worship (and the conversation before and after!) in our beautiful sanctuary. The further highlight of course is sharing in the teas and coffees after the service – a great way for everyone to catch up and share news.

Talking of sharing news, I'm always pleased to hear of members and friends who would welcome a visit, either just for a chat or to have Communion at home. I can be contacted through the Church Office or you can message me directly [HERE](#)

Now let me close with good wishes - I trust that you have a pleasant Summer, whether you be at home or travelling.

Church of Scotland Grouping Joint Pentecost Service

Scott Kerr



Rev Keith Graham, Rev George Vidits & Rev Trish Archibald



Joint Church of Scotland Grouping Pentecost Service

On 24th May (Pentecost) our Parish Grouping held a joint service, the three congregations of Murrayfield, Gorgie & Palmerston Place and St Stephen's worshipping together at the latter's church building in Comely Bank, with a large number from each congregation attending.

As our host, the format of worship was generally that of St Stephen's, but all three ministers led different parts of the service and elders from the three churches served communion. As a symbol of our worshipping jointly all three churches were represented on the communion table, with the chalice coming from Gorgie & Palmerston Place, the bread platter from Murrayfield and the serving plates and glasses from St Stephen's.

Fellowship continued after the service with the opportunity to chat together over refreshments.

The next joint service will be hosted by Gorgie & Palmerston Place in November.

ECUDARE

Kath Anderson

Murrayfield Churches Together Easter egg fundraiser for Ecadare.

Well done and grateful thanks to everyone who donated to a virtual Easter egg this year. The prize winning Easter egg design (by Luke Bryce) was very bright and colourful and well done to all the Sunday club children that took part in the Design an Easter egg competition.

A fantastic £500 was raised and is on its way to Esther in Ngong, Kenya.

She will be replenishing their chicken stock and adding to the plants and vegetables for the women to plant and grow, giving them a small income.

Well done to everyone involved in this Murrayfield Churches Together fund raiser.





Fresh Rooms



Gardening



Pantry



Starter Packs



Advice & Info



Cooking



White Goods

FreshStart

The congregation operates an arrangement for donating to the 'FreshStart' charity. To that end there is a box in the vestibule of the Church for donations. These are delivered roughly once a month to the charity warehouse at 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh.



The charity is delighted to accept items in the following categories:-

Non Perishable food items such as cans and jars of soup, vegetables, beans, spaghetti, fish, meat; pasta and rice; cereal, tea bags and instant coffee.

Toiletries such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, hand soap, deodorant, shampoo.

Cleaning items such as washing up liquid, all purpose cleaners, bin bags.

Crockery and Cookware, Bedding and linen

The aim of 'Fresh Start' is to help those moving from homelessness to making a home for themselves. If you are able to donate, it will undoubtedly make a difference. If you want further information that can be obtained of the following website:- [HERE](#)

FreshStart
helping people make a home for themselves



GET READY TO QUIZ FOR GOOD 🍷

Thursday 11th June
The Hoxton Hotel, 5 Grosvenor
Street, Edinburgh EH12 5EF
Doors open 5pm
Quiz starts 6pm

Buy tickets [HERE](#)

Student placement

Gary Wallis

A chapter comes to a close

My family and I have been deeply grateful for the warm welcome we received at Murrayfield Parish Church during my part-time autumn placement. From the very beginning, we were met with kindness, generosity and a strong sense of fellowship, which made our time in the congregation both encouraging and memorable.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Murrayfield and learned a great deal that I will carry with me as I continue to grow in ministry. The placement offered not only practical experience, but also valuable insight into the life of a vibrant church community and the many ways in which faith is tangible in worship, service and pastoral care.

During my time with the congregation, I tried to experience as many aspects of church life as possible. This included, but was not limited to, Sunday services, WWW, now Thrive on Thursdays, the Bereavement Journey, Tone up on Tuesdays at Two (TTT), S Club and Film Crew, the Christian Aid quiz, Murrayfield Churches Together, the Murrayfield Club, a coffee morning, and a range of pastoral visits and personal encounters. Each of these offered a different window into the church's ministry and highlighted the breadth of care, creativity and community at the heart of Murrayfield Parish Church.



Alongside the placement, I have also been completing the final year of my theology honours degree at the University of Aberdeen. On 1 May, I submitted my dissertation, entitled 'DRINK BREWS, SCROUNGE STUFF AND TALK TO FOLK': The Vocation of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department Padres in Iraq and Afghanistan. Balancing academic study with a practical placement away from home has been demanding, but it has also been a richly rewarding season of learning and formation.

As this chapter comes to a close, I now look ahead to the next stage of training. I am moving to Glasgow, where I will be serving across Baldernock, Milngavie St Paul's, Maryhill and Ruchill churches for the next 18 months as I undertake my final two full-time placements. I leave Murrayfield with sincere thanks for all I have received and with deep appreciation for the encouragement, friendship and example of faithful ministry that I encountered there. Thank you.

Murrayfield Churches Together: Faith Discussion Group

Richard Nunn

Our journey through John's Gospel was a weekly, chapter by chapter process which was suspended just before Easter 2026 as Jesus was committed to the Tomb and we ran out of weeks.

The journey was very powerful as throughout the winter we came face to face with Gods love for us and Jesus in human form trying to communicate that love and facing either outright rejection or perplexion by the world to which he came. Throughout Gods chosen disciples, who were selected specifically to support Jesus's mission, showed all the characteristics of humanity in trying to come to terms with the meaning of that Love. They recognised Jesus as special without fully understanding the depth of the message and how they would need to respond.

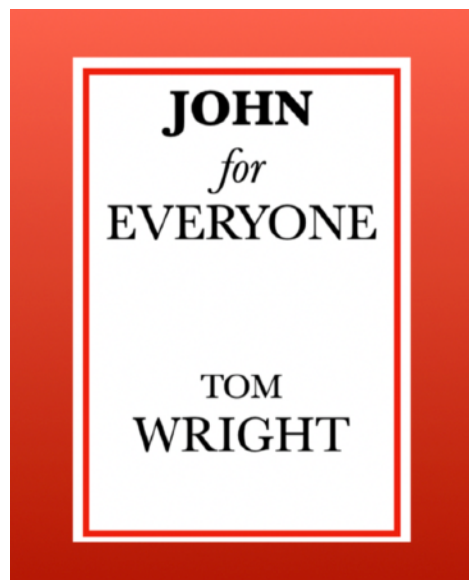
Leaving Jesus, as we did, on the evening of the Passover Sabbath in the tomb, was a time for us to reflect before Easter and the Resurrection and the last two chapters of John brought us face to face with the consequence of our relationship with God in our lives .

The familiar words of the last two chapters of John make it clear the objective of the whole of Johns Gospel. We are to accept why the story which unfolded happened, the purpose of Jesus's ministry and what we should do about it.

The two sessions in May focussed on why the Gospel was written so that the Grace which it offers to each of us gives us the strength to be faithful disciples too.

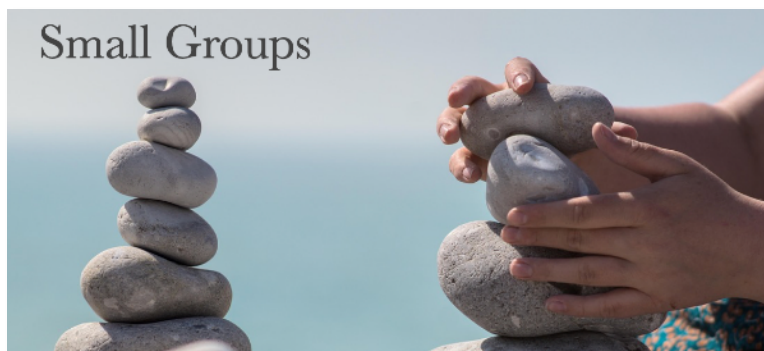
The Faith Discussion Group is now taking a break and will resume in October.

All are welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more please contact Richard Nunn [HERE](#)



Interested in joining a Small Group?

Find the right group for you



Would you like to join a small group? There are three established small groups at Murrayfield Parish Church. Please contact the church office [HERE](#) for more information.

Cake & Chat

Cake and Chat falls on the last Sunday of the month after the service. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for a cake and chat Sunday, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. For more information contact Jane Smart [HERE](#)



WEDNESDAYS

TODDLER TIME!

10:00 - 11:30

FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & THEIR GROWN-UPS!

Whatever the weather, we'll be here so you can come and play!

Old Friends & Newbies Welcome!

GDS CHURCH

190-192 Gorgie Rd. EH11 2NX

Call 0131 337 7936 For More Info!

GORGIE DALRY STEPHENSON CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IS A REGISTERED CHARITY NO. SC009146

TTT : TONE UP ON TUESDAYS AT TWO

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Main Hall Seated (and some standing) exercise with Joanne

Followed by tea, cake and optional worship £5 weekly



TTT will run up to and including 30th June



Easyfundraising is a great site where you can help Murrayfield Parish Church raise funds by doing your everyday on-line shopping. Over 4000 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Asos, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say "thank you". It's completely free and millions of pounds has been raised for causes just like us. We want to raise as much as possible - so please sign up today [HERE](#)

Tea Party
Friday 19th June
2 - 3.30pm

On Friday, 19th June, Murrayfield Parish Church will be hosting an Afternoon Tea. All are welcome to attend! Please contact Jane Smart [HERE](#) to let Jane know you are coming along

MORNINGSIDE UMBRELLA FESTIVAL

A SPECTACLE OF COLOUR & CREATIVITY!

WHEN CAN YOU VISIT?
at Morningside Parish Church

SATURDAY 30 MAY & 6 JUNE
10am-5pm
LIVE MUSIC
FACE PAINTING
FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHER

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
10am-4pm
We recommend
WEDNESDAY 10am-3pm when
REFRESHMENTS are available

SUNDAY 31 MAY
SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am-11:30am
REFRESHMENTS
FESTIVAL 1pm-5pm
CAKES & CRAFTS
1pm-4pm

THURSDAY 4 JUNE
An Evening of
MUSIC & SONGS
from LOCAL SCHOOLS
6.45pm
All Welcome

FRIDAY 5 JUNE
Gardens
OPEN TO EVERYONE
(Special Invite Only Event Inside)

SUNDAY 7 JUNE
SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am-11:30am
FESTIVAL 1pm-5pm
LIVE MUSIC, FACE PAINTING,
PHOTOGRAPHER

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
10am-4pm
We recommend
WEDNESDAY 10am-3pm when
REFRESHMENTS are available

TUESDAY 9 JUNE
BUCKSTONE
COMMUNITY CHOIR
7:30pm-8.30pm
Search EventBrite for tickets

FRIDAY 12 JUNE
FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT:
AN EVENING WITH
KEITH JACK
Search Eventbrite for tickets
ONLY GARDEN OPEN

SUNDAY 14 JUNE
SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am-11:30am
FESTIVAL 1pm-3pm
Last chance for special photographs
CLOSING EVENT - FAMILY CEILIDH
5pm-8pm

Find us on Facebook

Whatever you do - Do it Fair.



Fairness isn't a given. But when we listen to producers and farmers - and put pressure in the right places - we have the power to change that. visit the fairtrade website [HERE](#)

The Murrayfield Club

Annual General Meeting

Copies of the agenda, annual report 2025/6 can be obtained from the secretary: [HERE](#)



MURRAYFIELD CHURCHES TOGETHER
THE MURRAYFIELD CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026
11AM

TO BE HELD AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
13A MURRAYFIELD AVENUE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED



THE MURRAYFIELD CLUB – A SAFE, STIMULATING, SUPPORTIVE, FUN PLACE
FOR OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

COPIES OF THE AGENDA, ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026 CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE
SECRETARY: MDP.SECRETARY@OUTLOOK.COM

The Murrayfield Club

Jenny Rowe, Project Co-ordinator

Views of the hills at the Falkirk Wheel

We were wowed by a feat of engineering this month as we visited the Falkirk Wheel for a spin and a history lesson. Top of our dream list for visits compiled by the Murrayfield Club members were barge trips and so we dutifully began investigating how to make this as exciting as possible. The words “thrill” and “barge” don’t usually go hand in hand but it was indeed a thrill to go up that wheel and see out onto the Ochil Hills especially with the sun shining across them. The staff at the centre were so incredibly helpful and kind and our Skipper was a good laugh too! Every single person said that they had a great time and that it is so special to have the wheel so close by to visit. We would all highly recommend going if you get the chance and the surrounding walks are also lovely.

We’ll be back in Falkirk soon as we revisit the Kelpies in September for trishaw rides around the site, second on our list of places to visit.

We currently have space available at the Murrayfield Club. Should you or someone you know be interested please just get in touch with Jenny on 07881288909 or by emailing Jenny [HERE](#)

We also welcome everyone to join us at the Memory Lane Café held every Friday morning 10am-12pm at Saughtonhall Church, Saughtonhall Drive.

Our summer live music sessions will be on the 5th June and 7th August so join us each week and especially come to hear our range of musicians!

We look forward to seeing you soon.



MEMORY LANE CAFE

Join us at the *Memory Lane Cafe* every Friday 10am-12pm. Meet new people, enjoy friendly chat and refreshments. **£3 per person.**

Held every Friday at Saughtonhall Church, 87 Saughtonhall Drive, EH12 5TR

For more information call: 07881288909

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Murrayfield Churches Together

Christian Aid

David Parkin

Christian Aid Week 10-16th May

The growing season within our parks and gardens is now fully underway. When visiting a garden centre the tools and means to grow plants, fruit and vegetables are numerous. From the variable types of propagators, to the variety of green house sizes, there is always a choice of growing no matter the size of a flat or garden. Reading the different seed packets provides help in how to grow, along with Youtube clips, television programs, radio phone ins and many choices of books.



Christian Aid Week this year has focused on supporting families to grow their own vegetables in small challenging urban environments. The communities Christian Aid are involved with are surrounded with poverty and are facing into uncertain weather patterns through climate change. By supporting Christian Aid under the Beacon of Hope banner training, tools and the means to grow food offer hope not just for current, but future generations.

Christian Aid Week's activities began with our Murrayfield Churches Together Christian Aid church service that included a video set in Nairobi, which offered a glimpse of the hardship, but also the opportunities through our prayers and donations. We held a coffee morning supporting both CrossReach and Christian Aid at Murrayfield Church Centre on the 16th May, which was a great way for the community to come together to understand the work of both charities. The traditional leaflet delivery through doors continued this year and not only sought donations, but demonstrated to our close neighbours caring for such causes is very much part of Murrayfield Churches Together outreach mission.

Our Murrayfield Churches Together Quiz held on 8th March raised £824.00 through ticket sales and raffle prizes. This was a thoroughly enjoyable as well as entertaining evening. Special thanks must go to Marjorie Clark who prepared and delivered the quiz. As I am writing this, we have raised in the region of £2,300 during Christian Aid Week. On behalf of Christian Aid thank you for all the volunteers and donors that have made these sums possible. Such sums will make a difference to those that need our support.

The Murrayfield Churches Together Christian Aid group is looking for new volunteers to join the team. Could this be you? If you are interested please contact David Parkin [HERE](#). He would love to hear from you!

Watch the Christian aid 2026 video [HERE](#)

Murrayfield Parish Church Centre

Rent our halls!

Our halls are available for hire for a wide range of activities, groups, children's parties meetings and much more.

Please see our website for further details [HERE](#) or email [HERE](#) or phone the church office 0131 337 1091.



Create & Connect Holistic Wellbeing

Creative Holiday Club



Create & Connect Holistic Wellbeing is pleased to return to Murrayfield Parish Church with a week of summer creative fun. Different activities each day, lots of nurturing support with a 1:6 ratio of adults to children. Activities adapted to suit ages and needs. Lots of creative freedom along with planned activities and games.

Only £38 per day from 10-4 with the option of an additional £5 for 9-5. Contact Fiona for a 10% sibling discount. Snacks provided, just provide a lunch.

Staff are highly trained and experienced. To find out more and book scroll down to week commencing 20th July on the calendar: [HERE](#)

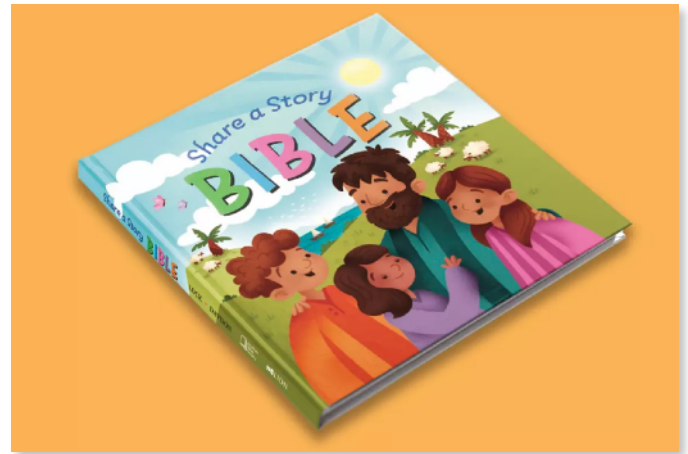
Or contact Fiona [HERE](#)

Follow 'Fiona Create and Connect' on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with all our creative fun for both children and adults!

Bible for Bairns

Martha Dickson

Our Guild, which joined with St Anne's Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm and at 7.30 pm on the last Tuesday. We are supporting the Bible Society's 'Bible for Bairns' a new project where every baby born in Scotland on their first birthday will receive a free picture bible, with a more age-wise book the following years, with an Early Reader Bible on their fifth birthday.



The idea is that the parents will get involved at bedtime and can talk to the baby about the picture and children will get used to looking and even reading the stories as they get older. We hope this will be as successful as the project with New Testaments, for older children, where often the parents read the Testaments on their own never having any contact with Bible Stories. The school children around Scotland watched screens in a big trailer - computers had just arrived - and then were able to discuss the stories they had seen and take a personal New Testament home.

Find out more [HERE](#)

or contact Jen Robertson [HERE](#)

Tots: for parents/carers, babies and children

Saughtonhall United Reformed Church

A promotional poster for "Tots@Saughtonhall". The background is orange and yellow. At the top, the text "Tots@Saughtonhall" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, "Wednesday" is written in red, "9 - 11.30am" in red, and "@Saughtonhall URC" in purple. To the left is a brown teddy bear, and to the right is a doll with red hair. At the bottom, it says "warmly welcomes babies and children up to three years old together with their parent or carer" in red. Below that, it says "If you would like more information please contact tots@saughtonhall.com" in purple. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

For more information contact Tots [HERE](#)

Deaths



We are deeply saddened to announce the deaths of two church members
Mrs Violet Stevens
Mrs Marjorie Coltart
Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers

STAFF ARRANGEMENTS



Church office: Maureen Gilleade
Organists : Justin Nash and Andy Elders
Cleaner: Kerry MacLean

Click on the images below to visit our Facebook page and the website



If you know of a member or friend of Murrayfield Parish Church who is in hospital, please contact the church office so that a visit can be arranged.

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