

Weekly Newsletter: 5th September 2023

Reflection: New Members

It was wonderful to welcome new members into our church family on Sunday. Here's a short introduction from each of them:

Hello! My name's Hayley, I'm 30 and I'm from the sunny Isle of Lewis. I grew up in Lewis and went along to Sunday school and church with my family. When I was 13 I joined a youth fellowship called 'Point2Life' where I learnt more about what it was like to be a Christian. I never doubted God's existence but I found it hard to personalise his love for me. The now retired, Rev Roddy Morrison, preached one communion evening on Isaiah 43: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.' The Lord knew exactly what I needed to hear and I committed my life to Christ that weekend back in 2007. I'm now delighted to transfer my membership and join you all in the fellowship at Holyrood. It has been a joy to walk with the Lord throughout all these years and although it has not been without its challenges I can truly say that God is good and He is faithful.



Jon, Aileen & Isaac are so excited to join Holyrood formally. Jon is the Director of The Cornhill Training Course in Glasgow where his work involves teaching Bible teachers how to teach the Bible. Aileen is a Civil Servant with the Scottish Government working on International Trade, and Isaac is currently unemployed but is developing well at nursery. The Gemmell's attended the church back in 2017 before they moved to London later that year. On returning to Edinburgh in 2021 it was lovely to slot back into family life at Holyrood.

Hello, we are John and Isabel Harron. God called us to Himself many years ago (when we were young!!) We worshipped for many years in Leith Free Church but when it closed in March we started to attend HEC where we were made so welcome by many. We have been really challenged and uplifted by Joe's preaching. We have been married for 56 years, have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Over the years we have had many difficult times including illness in our family but the Lord has always loved and kept us through it all. Jude 1 (Called, loved and kept).



Prayer Meeting – this Wednesday

Just a reminder that this Wednesday is the first Wednesday of the month and our prayer meeting will be in person in the church at 7pm. No Zoom option will be available and hard copies of the prayer bulletin will be provided.

Holyrood Youth – Fun Fridays!

This Friday (8th), the youth of Holyrood are getting together for a time of teaching, friendship and fun! Meet on Portobello Beach (at the bottom of Brunstane Road North) at 7pm until 8.30pm. We'll also be meeting on the first Friday of October (6th), November (3rd) and December (1st).

Men's Discipleship 2023

By Joe Barnard

Does your spiritual life need a reboot? Are you eager to make closer friendships with other guys in the church? If so, men's discipleship will be starting back up in September. Our focus this Autumn will be deepening our understanding of basic truth by studying the Gospel Coalition Statement of Faith. Also, see the note below about a special men's event on Sept. 16th.

In-Person Option

- Time: Thursdays, 10:30am at Holyrood
- Topic: Gospel Coalition Statement of Faith
- Start Date: Sept 14th

Zoom Option

- Time: Tuesdays at 6:30am
- Topic: Gospel Coalition Statement of Faith
- Start Date: Sept. 12th
- Sign Up: Contact Joe to be added to the WhatsApp group

Special Men's Event- Saturday Sept 16th

Andrew Moore is organising a "Hilltop Experience" for guys in the church. This will be a hillwalk followed by a take-away dinner on route home. There are two options depending on the weather-

- If it's great weather, we'll leave around 10am, drive up to Glenshee Ski Centre car park. Walk up to Munro Glas Maol (3-4hrs round trip). Then back to Blairgowrie for fish and chips on our way home.
- If it's not so great weather, start at 1pm and drive down to Tinto Hill near Biggar. 2-3hr walk to top. Then back to Biggar for take away on our way home.

Let Andrew or I know if you are interested, friends are welcome and we'll confirm plans once we know what the weather will be like.

Summer Appeal – Thank You

OMF have written to thank us for James' gift 'We are so thankful to the Lord for his provision, and for your partnership in enabling us to support the growth of the East Asian Church, serve its communities and take the good news of Jesus to people that have not heard it before.'

Women's Ministry Update

Three things to put in your calendars, pray for and come along to -

- This **Wednesday (6th)** we are going to hear Nancy Guthrie who is speaking at Grace Church Leith from 7.30-9.30pm. We'd love as many as possible to attend and tickets can still be bought [here](#).
- Our Ladies' Bible Studies started back last week looking at Session 2 of Rebecca McLaughlin's 'Navigating Gospel Truth'. We're meeting from **Tuesday 12th September to Tuesday 10th October** from 7-8pm on Zoom. Hopefully this will allow those who live at a distance or are working to attend. There is no pre-reading, homework or book to buy – just come as you are!
- Our next Ladies' Breakfast will take place on **Saturday 7th October**. Eleanor Dickson will be our speaker as well as hearing interviews with some of the women in the church family. Please join us for a time of fellowship, teaching and prayer (as well as having our breakfast together!) More details to follow. Any questions, please contact Liz (Liz@holyroodevangelical.org)



Church Calendar

For your prayers and info –

- Monday:
 - Baby & Toddler Group from 10am – 11.30am
 - Pastoral Care Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom
- Tuesday:
 - Pickleball and Table Tennis at 7pm
 - Mission Team Meeting at 7.30pm
- Wednesday:
 - Prayer Meeting at 7pm in person
 - Nancy Guthrie at Grace Church Leith from 7.30 – 9.30pm
- Thursday: Session Meeting on Zoom at 7pm
- Friday: Holyrood Youth meeting at Portobello Beach at 7pm
- Sunday:
 - Worship Service at 10.30am (and live streamed). Joe Barnard preaching.
 - Home Groups



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