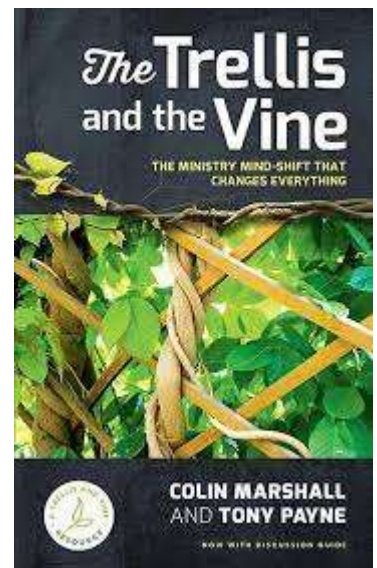


Weekly Newsletter: 4th June 2024

Summer Reading: Trellis and the Vine

The session will be reading and discussing the book *The Trellis and the Vine*. It would be wonderful to have other members of the church thinking and discussing the same subject matter. If anyone is looking for something to read over the summer, then why not take up this book! Here is the blurb for it on Amazon:

There is vine work: the prayerful preaching and teaching of the word of God to see people converted and grow to maturity as disciples of Christ. Vine work is the Great Commission. And there is trellis work: creating and maintaining the physical and organizational structures and programs that support vine work and its growth. What's the state of the trellis and the vine in your part of the world? Has trellis work taken over, as it has a habit of doing? Is the vine work being done by very few (perhaps only the pastor and only on Sundays)? And is the vine starting to wilt as a result?



The image of the trellis and the vine raises all the fundamental questions of Christian ministry:

- What is the vine for?
- How does the vine grow?
- How does the vine relate to my church?
- What is vine work and what is trellis work, and how can we tell the difference?

Copies can be bought [here](#) or the church has a number of copies, speak to Joe or Liz if you would like one.

Meal and Prayer Meeting

This Wednesday (5th June) we're having a **meal together before the prayer meeting**. Come to the church from 5.45pm and we'll eat together at 6pm before the prayer meeting at 7pm. There's no need to bring anything and all the food will be provided. Please contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org if you have any questions or dietary requirements.

This will be our last meal together before the summer and our next meal is planned for the first Wednesday (4th) of September.

Summer Appeal 2024



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Hannu & Hazel Sorsamo
Finland

Lorna Ferguson
Japan

James Stewart
Singapore

We're Life Bible Translators

To contribute please use the bank details on holyroodevangelical.org (use reference 'Summer Appeal'), send a cheque to our treasurer, Nick Archer, or speak to your elder.

The summer appeal is now open for 2024 and will go towards the support of our three overseas missionaries – the Sorsamo family in Finland, Lorna in Japan and James in Singapore.

The church bank details can be found [here](#) and please use the reference 'Summer Appeal'.

Cheques (made payable to Holyrood Evangelical Church) and cash in an envelope marked 'Summer Appeal' can also be placed in the offering box or given to Nick Archer.

Leith Walk Primary School – Foodbank Items Needed

Leith Walk Primary (on Brunswick Road) run a Foodbank to help local families. They would love us to support them in this and a team at the school have put together a list of items needed:

Tea	Coffee	Ketchup	Cereal
Milk (long life)	Jam/ marmalade	Loo roll	Kitchen roll
Fruit Juice (diluting)	Sugar	Jelly	Tomato puree
Tinned fruit/ custard	Tinned veg/ tomatoes	Tinned beans/ pulses	Hot dogs
Corned beef	Cleaning products	Laundry powder	Washing up liquid
Bin bags	Shower gel	Tooth paste	Tooth brushes
Pasta	Rice	Noodles	Flour
Crackers	Crisps	Biscuits	Cake mixes

If you are able to donate any of these, please bring them to the church on Wednesday evening or Sunday and leave them in the box marked 'Foodbank' in the church foyer.

The items will be delivered to the school next week. Sorry that it is short notice but we're keen to support the school before the term ends and it's a great way to serve our local community.

Missional Planning Morning + Picnic

On **June 22nd** the Mission Team is organising a strategic planning morning. The hope is to plan a calendar of local missional events for the next year (Autumn-Spring). Anyone interested is welcome to come. The plan is to have a bacon roll at 9.30am and then break into small groups for brainstorming and feedback. We'll think strategically about how to reach specific groups in the area as well as how to make use of strategic seasons such as Freshers Week, Christmas/Easter, etc. The planning and prayer will be done by 12pm.

We'll then head out to the park for a picnic (bring your own) and games. Everyone is welcome for the entire morning or just for the picnic.

Summer Holidays and Pulpit Supply

Joe will be on holiday for three Sundays in June and July and is speaking at the Moray Convention in August. Here's a note of who will be taking our services while he's away-

Date	Morning	Evening
30 th June	David Nixon (Carrubbers Christian Centre)	Jon Gemmell (Cornhill Scotland)
7 th July	John Tellis (Word of Life UK)	Caleb Shocklie (Church Planter in Meadowbank)
14 th July	Jon Gemmell (Cornhill Scotland)	Jon Gemmell (Cornhill Scotland)
4 th August	Communion Service - Bob Akroyd (Free Church of Scotland/ ETS)	Steven Randall (Free Church of Scotland/ ETS)

There will be no communion in July and Bob Akroyd will take our communion service at the beginning of August.

The prayer meetings will continue to be in person (with an online option) during July and August. There will be no refreshments beforehand over the summer.

For any pastoral matters when Joe is away, please contact one of the elders (Aaron Allen, Nick Archer, Alex MacDonald, Murdo Macleod, Mark Malaczynski, Robert Nelson, Alasdair Roberts, Andy Scott, Ernie Shippin, John Stewart or Roy Tatton)

Liz will be on holiday from Monday 8th July until Monday 22nd July. There will be no newsletter or prayer bulletin for these two weeks.

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Church family meal at 5.45pm for 6pm. Prayer meeting in person at 7pm (and on Zoom)
- Friday: Holyrood Youth beach trip from 7-9pm, for more details contact liz@holyroodevangelical.org
- Sunday:
 - Worship Service at 10.30am (and livestreamed). Joe Barnard preaching.
 - Home Groups
- Monday: Baby and Toddlers from 10 – 11.30am



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