

Weekly Newsletter: 30th July 2024

Testimony: Lost – Found – Saved

By Lorraine Wright

I was born in Edinburgh and went to Leith Academy School. I joined the City of Edinburgh Council as an Administrator and finished up as a Publications Co-ordinator. In 1990, I married Bill and recently we celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary. We stay in Pirniefield, where I enjoy gardening, reading, music and meeting friends for lunch.

I was baptised at St Christopher's at Craigentiny and later went to Sunday School. As life moved on, I drifted from the church- **I was lost.**

In 2018, Bill started worshipping at Holyrood, then he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. In periods of turmoil and adversity, people turn to God for help, I was no different and became very conscious of Isaiah 41:10.

Bill invited me to attend worship every three weeks, which went to every second week. Within a few months I was listening to Joe's preaching every week and invited into a Home Group. At home Bill and I discussed various aspects of the sermons, studied the Christianity Explored Course together, and I completed the Hope Explored Course with Joe – **I was found.**

It has been a gradual process, but I believe that Christ is my Lord, Redeemer and Saviour. He has knocked at my door and I have opened it – **I am saved.**

It was a joy to welcome Lorraine into church membership yesterday morning.



This Sunday

On Sunday 4th August we're looking forward to welcoming-

- Bob Akroyd who will take our morning service; and
- Steven Randall who will take our evening service

Joe is speaking at the Moray Coast Convention from Sunday 4th to Friday 9th August. For any pastoral matters when Joe is away, please contact one of the elders.

Summer Appeal 2024



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Hannu & Hazel Sorsamo
Finland

Lorna Ferguson
Japan

James Stewart
Singapore

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 **current total is £12,140**. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and the appeal will be open until Sunday 18th August.

Our summer appeal goes 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.

Cross Training Men's Conferences

Joe and Cross Training Ministries are organising two men's conferences in Scotland this year. Join them for a weekend full of training, friendship and fun! There are two options-

- 4th – 6th October at Gowanbank
- 11th – 13th October at Alltnacriche

Speak to Joe for more details or go [here](#).



An Evening with Josh Garrels – Wednesday 7th August



Grace Church Leith are hosting Christian musician Josh Garrels for his first ever Scottish concert on Wednesday 7th August at 7pm.

Tickets are available [here](#) and speak to Alex MacDonald for more details.

Scottish Women's Bible Convention – Saturday 5th October

The Scottish Women's Bible Convention is back! This year Caroline West will be teaching on the topic of rest from Matthew 11. Come along to Charlotte Chapel on Saturday 5th October from 10am to 3pm. Bring your own lunch!

The aim of the day is to provide faithful Bible teaching by women for women with the Lord Jesus as our focus. For tickets go [here](#) and speak to Liz for more details.



Service of Union and Induction – Monday 5th August

We are invited to the Service of Union and Induction taking place at Willowbrae church building on Monday 5th August 2024 at 6.45 for 7pm.

At that service, Rev Lourens de Jager will be inducted as minister and the service will also mark the joining together of the congregations of the former Meadowbank Church of Scotland and Willowbrae Parish Church of Scotland to become Meadowbank and Willowbrae Church of Scotland.

If you are able to attend please let the Session Clerk, Lorraine Johnston (lorrainejohnston39@yahoo.com) know so that they have an idea of numbers.

Act Like Men – Tuesday 20th August

Join Hope Church Bingham (Mountcastle Drive South) for an evening men's conference to encourage each other to live for King Jesus in Edinburgh and beyond. Act Like Men event will take place on **Tuesday 20th August from 7-8.30pm**.

Ian Hamilton is the main speaker on Walking With God, Sol Fenne is leading the praise and there will be a bookstall from the Faith Mission. If you're a man in Edinburgh, this event is not to be missed.

Tickets are free and to reserve one, go [here](#).



Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Prayer meeting in person at 7pm (and on Zoom).
- Sunday:
 - Morning Service at 10.30am - Bob Akroyd preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening Service at 6pm - Steven Randall preaching (live streamed)



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