

Weekly Newsletter: 6th August 2024

Introducing Sam Allen

My name's Sam Allen and I'll be starting as Holyrood's Ministry Apprentice this August. In a nutshell this means that I'll be serving the church practically, learning from Joe more about the role of pastoral ministry, and studying part time at Edinburgh Theological Seminary. It's a year in which I hope I can serve the church, and in turn be guided and disciplined by the congregation.

For those who perhaps have not met me, or don't know me well - please come and introduce yourselves!- I'm a 23 year old, I grew up in Yorkshire and have just completed an undergraduate degree in agriculture. I live on Easter Road with a flatmate and spend most of my free time either with a book, on a bike or working on my DIY projects.



I've decided to do the apprenticeship at Holyrood for a few reasons:

- I wanted to spend a year with an eldership who can help me to discern whether I am called to the ministry, who will talk with me and pray for me.
- The opportunities to serve practically, particularly in outreach in Holyrood will challenge me and, I hope, build character.
- The spiritual needs of Easter Road, as a resident, have encouraged me to think about local church work and the ways that the community and the church can relate to one another.

I'm looking forward to the role, working with Joe and Liz and thinking about the gospel needs of the place that we as a church have been put. My one ask for the church family would be that they remember me in prayer, particularly praying that I am wise and godly as I consider the future.

This Sunday – Football Traffic

Just to highlight that there's a football game at Easter Road this Sunday with a 12.30pm kick off. It may cause inconvenience when we're going home after the service.

Men's Curry Night – Saturday 31st August

All the men in the church family are warmly invited to the Manse (112 Milton Road West) on Saturday 31st August at 6pm for a curry night

Please let Joe know if you have any dietary requirements.



Community Picnic – Save the date!



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](#).

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.



Assisted Suicide Bill – The Call for Evidence

The [call for evidence](#) launched by the Scottish Parliament's Health Committee in June, as part of its scrutiny of Liam McArthur's assisted suicide bill, **closes on Friday 16 August**. Individuals and organisations are invited to express their views; Care Not Killing are encouraging us all to respond.

The Committee has published both a **short survey** and a **detailed call for evidence**. The [short survey](#) requires answers to only four questions. The [detailed call for evidence](#) comprises eight substantive questions and considers the proposed legislation from all perspectives. This is perhaps best suited to those responding on the basis of professional or personal experience, or with intimate knowledge of the evidence base. Care Not Killing have produced a [guide](#) to responding to the detailed call for evidence.

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](#).



Edinburgh Fringe – Duncan Street Baptist Church

Duncan Street Baptist Church are welcoming students from the Millar College of the Bible Drama Team (Canada) for two shows at the Edinburgh Fringe in August. These are to be hosted at Charlotte Chapel, 58 Shandwick Place, EH2 4RT.

George Muller: 6th to 10th August – 7:30pm <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/george-muller>

Finding Grace: 13th to 17th August – 7:30pm <https://tickets.edfringe.com/whats-on/finding-grace>

Summer Appeal 2024

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Japan

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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.

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The appeal will close a week on **Sunday (18th August)**. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

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](#)

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.

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Prayer meeting in person at 7pm (and on Zoom).
- Sunday: Services at 10.30am and 6pm - Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)



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