

Weekly Newsletter: 5th November 2024

Christmas Appeal

By Andy Scott

This year, we are again asking the congregation for suggestions for projects that can be supported by the Christmas Appeal. While the congregation is free to suggest any project, the elders are keen to encourage projects that reflect the developing aims of the church.

The elders will be looking particularly for projects that enhance or support the following areas:-

- Within the fellowship: preaching, prayer, congregational discipleship, or youth work
- Our local missional/outreach work
- Supporting other training and church planting organisations:- e.g. 20 Schemes, Free Church, Bonar Trust, Cornhill Scotland
- Ministry partners that we pray for and support throughout the year (not our Holyrood missionaries who are given financial support through our summer appeal)

Please send your suggestion to me (andyandlizscott@gmail.com) by **Friday 22nd November**. The projects will be notified to the congregation on Sunday 1st December and put into newsletter on Tuesday 3rd December. Many thanks.

This Wednesday – Meal and Prayer Meeting with Tranent Community Church

This Wednesday we'll be having a meal together before the prayer meeting. Come along to the church from 5.45pm, we'll eat together at 6pm and the prayer meeting will start at 7pm.



We're looking forward to having some of the church plant team from Tranent Community Church along for the meal and they'll provide an update at the prayer meeting. It's great to be able to partner with them and we'll hear from Tim about the joys and struggles of church planting and what God is doing in Tranent.

There will be no prayer bulletin this week because we'll be spending time in small groups with a member of the team from Tranent. There will also be no Zoom option this week, please come along in person if you can.

Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 16th November

Our next Ladies' Breakfast will be on **Saturday 16th November** at 9.30am. We're not having a speaker this time to allow us to have more time to share and to spend time together in God's word.

We'll eat together from 9.30am and then the main programme will begin at 10am. We'll plan to be finished around 11am.

If you missed the sign-up sheet on Sunday and would like to contribute breakfast items, either look out for the sheet next Sunday or email Anncris (anncris@gmail.com). Please also let Anncris know if you have any dietary requirements.

Women's Discipleship at HEC

We're planning to run four Advent Bible studies online on Tuesday evenings 7-8 pm starting on **12th November** (not 19th as previously advertised!) Look out for the Zoom codes.

Our next block of in person Bible studies will start on **Thursday 9th January 2025** and run for 6 weeks. Save the dates!

Joe's Teaching Trip to Argentina

Joe will be headed (with Dan) to Argentina this Thursday until **November 19th** in order to do a week of teaching at the Word of Life Bible College there. Monday-Friday, he will be teaching on the topic of "Beholding the Glory of God". Pray for Joe and Dan as they travel this week and for Joe as he teaches.

If there are any pastoral matters in Joe's absence, please contact one of the elders. While Joe's away, we're thankful to have our services taken by:

- 10th November (morning) Jon Gemmell
- 10th November (evening) Jon Gemmell – this will be our last study in the book of Lamentations
- 17th November (morning) Sam Allen
- 17th November (evening) Joshua Kellard (Banner of Truth)

Christmas Choir

By Norma Shippin

Christmas is coming - sooner than you think - and that means it's time for the Holyrood Christmas Choir to get practicing for the Carol Service on Sunday 15 December at 6pm.

We will practice at the end of the morning service for an hour **starting this Sunday**. Singing in a choir is one of the great joys in life and if you would like to join you will be very welcome! You don't need to be able to read music - just be able to hold a musical line. If you would like to join just turn up at the first practice or speak to Norma or Emma to get more information.

Warm Space

Warm Space has restarted each Monday from 12 noon to 3pm. We are still looking for some volunteers for our teams, please contact Bill Wright or Liz (Liz@holyroodevangelical.org) if you're able to help.

Praying for Local Schools – Scripture Union



SU Scotland We are invited to join with Scripture Union in praying for Drummond High School and its associated primary schools. There is an opportunity to gather together on **Tuesday 12th November from 9.30-10.30am** at 3Ci Church on McDonald Road. For further information please contact heather.merriman@suscotland.org.uk This is a great opportunity to pray for some of our local schools.

Thanksgiving Meal – Tuesday 26th November

We're looking forward to hosting a thanksgiving meal on Tuesday 26th November (in the evening) in partnership with Friends International. Please let Liz@holyroodevangelical.org know if you're able to help with serving or clearing up on the night, welcoming at the door or chatting to international students. Thank you!



Book Group

This month the book group is reading *The Unquenchable Flame* by Michael Reeves. Our meeting is **on 30th November** at 3.30 p.m. at 9 Craigentiny Avenue. Please speak to AnnCRIS if you would like more details.

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Meal at 6pm and Prayer Meeting at 7pm
- Thursday:
 - Men's Bible Studies at 10.30am in the church
 - Ladies' Lunch at Rishi's at 12 noon. Contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org for more details
- Sunday:
 - Worship service at 10.30am – Jon Gemmell preaching (live streamed)
 - Christmas Choir practice after the morning service
 - Evening service at 6pm – Jon Gemmell preaching on Lamentations (live streamed)
- Monday:
 - Baby and Toddler Group at 10am
 - Warm Space at 12 noon



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