

Weekly Newsletter: 12th November 2024

New Members

It was a joy to welcome Eilidh and David Barnard into church membership at the beginning of the month by profession of faith. Here they share their testimonies with us-

Eilidh Barnard

I have grown up in a Christian home where I have learned about Jesus. Family worship and Sunday club have helped me as I grew up to learn about the Gospel. Recently, I went to a holiday club that was at our church and one of the leaders there was really encouraging to me, but also many of the talks as well. I think through this week and talks with my parents I really understood that Jesus died for me and that he is Lord, and so by the end of the week I felt ready to join the church. It was exciting for me to join the church on Sunday and partake in communion together.

David Barnard

I have grown up in a loving Christian environment. My faith began during our time in Faith Presbyterian Church in Covington, but what really made a difference in me was moving to Holyrood and feeling welcomed by the church family. Sunday club and talks with my dad have also helped me to learn so much. Recently, I've been walking to church with my dad. We have talked about membership and I felt it was time to become a member. I believe that Jesus died for me and I want to follow Him. It was wonderful to become a member and to take communion with everyone.



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Recordings of our Sunday morning sermons are now available as weekly podcasts on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and Amazon Music. Simply search for Holyrood Evangelical and subscribe to never miss a sermon!

Don't forget you can also access our extensive sermon archive since 2008 on our website at holyroodevangelical.org/audio

Women's Advent Studies

Does the Christmas story feel too familiar? What would it be like to think about the birth of Jesus afresh? Come along **this evening from 7-8pm on Zoom** as we begin our Advent Bible studies! We're meeting as women for four weeks on Tuesday evenings. Contact Liz@holyroodevangelcial.org for more details and the Zoom codes if you don't already have them.

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

Home Groups

A reminder that Home Groups are meeting across the city this week on Wednesday evening. Contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org if you would like to join a group or aren't sure what group you're part of.

Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 16th November

Our next Ladies' Breakfast will be this **Saturday (16th November)** at 9.30am. Come along for great food, fellowship and time together in God's word!

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

If you missed the sign-up sheet on Sunday to bring along some breakfast items, contact Anncris (anncris@gmail.com) and also let Anncris know if you have any dietary requirements.

Joe's Teaching Trip to Argentina

Joe is in Argentina (with Dan) until November 19th teaching at the Word of Life Bible College there. Monday-Friday this week, he will be teaching on the topic of "Beholding the Glory of God". Pray for Joe and Dan and their time in Argentina. If there are any pastoral matters in Joe's absence, please contact one of the elders.

This Sunday we're thankful to have our services taken by Sam Allen (Ministry Apprentice) in the morning and Joshua Kellard (Banner of Truth) in the evening.

Men's Autumn Internationals

The men are getting together in the church to watch some world class rugby! Come along on **Saturday 23rd November from 5.30pm-7.30pm**. Food and drink will be provided. Contact Sam Allen (sampeteral-len@gmail.com) for more details.

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.

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!



House Swap in Canada

A Canadian couple that the Roberts did a house swap with about 10 years ago are looking to do another house swap in Scotland. They live in Hamilton, Ontario about an hour's drive from Toronto and an hour from Niagara Falls. They also have a condominium in Florida that is also part of the swap offer. If anyone is interested, speak to Anncris (anncris@gmail.com)

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 Craigentenny Avenue. Please speak to Anncris if you would like more details.

Hogmanay Ceilidh

This year we're planning to have a Hogmanay Ceilidh as a church family on **31st December from 7-10pm**. Serenna and friends will be providing the music and it's a chance to get together at the end of the year and enjoy time together. Keep the date free!

Origin Christmas Special



Origin's Christmas outreach event is taking place on **Saturday 7th December** at 7.30pm in the Usher Hall. This evening provides an opportunity to invite non-Christian friends to hear Christmas music and a Christmas message.

Tickets are free and available [here](#) (there is a suggested donation).

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Tuesday: Women's Advent Bible Studies 7-8pm on Zoom
- Wednesday: Home Groups
- Thursday: Men's Bible Studies at 10.30am in the church
- Saturday: Ladies' Breakfast from 9.30am – 11am in the church
- Sunday:
 - Worship service at 10.30am – Sam Allen preaching (live streamed)
 - Christmas Choir practice after the morning service
 - Evening service at 6pm – Joshua Kellard preaching (live streamed)
- Monday:
 - Baby and Toddler Group at 10am
 - Warm Space at 12 noon



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