

## Weekly Newsletter: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Cornhill – Book in a Day: Amos and Haggai

Come and join our Cornhill class for two full days, on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, with **Andrew Sach**, as we spend time digging deep into the books of Amos and Haggai.

Our Book in a Day events are a great opportunity to learn key Bible handling skills, to grow in your understanding of the Bible and all whilst enjoying warm fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters. The day will be really helpful for pastors, elders, women's workers, lay preachers, Bible study leaders, youth and children's workers or anyone wanting help with reading the Bible. Our Book in a Day events are also a great

taster for those considering doing the full Cornhill Training Course.



Cornhill Scotland

For more details and to book – go [here](#).

### Prayer Meeting – this Wednesday

We're meeting to pray this Wednesday at 7pm in the church with refreshments from 6.45pm. We're looking forward to hearing from Heather Merriman (Scripture Union) about the work in our local schools and how we can pray for them. Please come along if you can.

There will be a separate online prayer meeting starting at 7pm. Contact [Liz@holyroodevangelcial.org](mailto:Liz@holyroodevangelcial.org) if you would like the Zoom codes and don't already receive them.

### Women's Advent Studies – tonight

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 continue our Advent Bible studies! We're meeting as women for four weeks on Tuesday evenings. Contact [Liz@holyroodevangelcial.org](mailto:Liz@holyroodevangelcial.org) for more details and the Zoom codes if you don't already have them.

## 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](mailto:andyandlizscott@gmail.com)) by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. The projects will be notified to the congregation on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December and put into newsletter on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Many thanks.

## Men's Autumn Internationals – this Saturday

The men are getting together in the church to watch some world class rugby! Come along this **Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> November) from 5.30pm-7.30pm**. Food and drink will be provided. Contact Sam Allen ([sampeterallen@gmail.com](mailto:sampeterallen@gmail.com)) for more details.

## Thanksgiving Meal – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

We're looking forward to hosting a thanksgiving meal on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November (in the evening) in partnership with Friends International. Please let [Liz@holyroodevangelical.org](mailto: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!



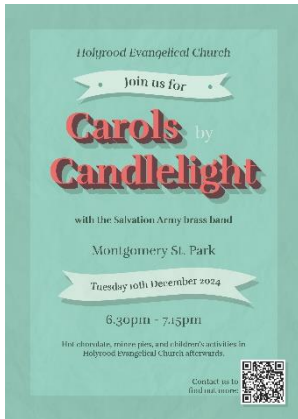
## Book Group

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

## Advent Devotional Books

A number of Advent Bible reading or devotional books are now available in the church library. Please take a look and feel free to borrow them.

## Carols by Candlelight



On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** we're having Carols by Candlelight with the Salvation Army Band from 6.30 – 7.15pm.

We'll hopefully (weather permitting!) be over in the park for some carol singing and then there will be hot drinks, mince pies and kids activities in the church building.

If you're coming along, please bring a torch with you and flyers are also available at the church information point, please take some!

## Hogmanay Ceilidh

This year we're planning to have a Hogmanay Ceilidh as a church family on **31<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Tuesday: Women's Advent Bible Studies 7-8pm on Zoom
- Wednesday: Prayer meetings (in person and on Zoom) at 7pm
- Thursday: Men's Bible Studies at 10.30am in the church
- Saturday: Men's Autumn Internationals 5.30-7.30pm in the church
- Sunday:
  - Worship service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
  - Christmas Choir practice after the morning service
  - Evening service at 6pm – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
- Monday:
  - Baby and Toddler Group at 10am
  - Warm Space at 12 noon



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