

Weekly Newsletter: 11 February 2025

Report Back on Snow Camp

¡Hola!

Last week, we (Dan, Hannah, Caleb, and Julia) had the amazing opportunity of going to Spain to attend a camp run by Palabra de Vida (or Word of Life). We travelled with a group from Scotland, and we were joined by youth from Spain and Portugal. Here's the rundown on how it went!

It was an early start on Thursday as we needed to be at the airport by 4am for our 6am flight to Barcelona. Once we arrived in Barcelona, we were greeted at the airport by some of the camp's team who kindly took us sightseeing around the city. This included McDonalds for lunch. Having finished touring Barcelona, we caught a train to Sant Celoni (a little town north of Barcelona) in the afternoon. We had dinner there and stayed overnight in a local church with the group from Portugal. We had great fun playing table tennis and foosball and going to the supermarket (although the church's 3rd floor was still under construction so there were some cold showers and leaky toilets!)

On Friday we headed by coach into the mountains for the camp. We had dinner and our welcome meeting before playing some crazy games involving hot dogs and squirty cream! On Saturday, it snowed a lot so we headed to a hill for sledging which was so much fun! We came back to the campsite for lunch, devotionals and free time (where we played volleyball, archery tag and giant table tennis) before the Bible meeting. We sang in Spanish and the main talk was in both English and Spanish. The main theme for the weekend was standing firm, being courageous, and being strong. The first talk looked at the character of Daniel and was entitled 'trusting God in adversity'. After dinner we played a 'rescue' game which involved various challenges across the campsite. We finished the day with roasting marshmallows and dancing late into the night. Sunday was a sad day as we packed up, had our final Bible meeting on the apostle Paul, and said goodbye to everyone. After lunch we made the long journey back to Barcelona airport to safely arrive back in Edinburgh just before midnight.



Thank you so much to all those who prayed for us over the weekend. We are so grateful. We had both great Bible teaching and smooth travels!

Dios te bendiga y mucho amor, Dan, Hannah, Caleb, and Julia

Thanksgiving Service for Mark Beattie

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Mark Beattie will take place on **Thursday 20 February at 2pm** at Musselburgh Baptist Church. There will be a private burial beforehand.

Mark was part of the church planting team in Tranent and his desire was that many would come to know the Lord Jesus. Pray that this would happen through the testimony of his life and the witness of his family and the church in Tranent as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Please continue to uphold his wife Rhonda, their four kids, his brother and parents.

A Thank You from Roy Gibson

Roy Gibson wishes to pass on his thanks to so many who made his birthday a very happy one! Thank you for your cards, birthday messages and care.

Ladies' Breakfast – Saturday 15 February



We are looking forward to having our next Ladies' Breakfast this **Saturday** and Lorna Ferguson will be our speaker on the topic 'Waiting in Hope'.

We'll start with breakfast at 9.30am and aim to finish about 11am. Please pray for Lorna as she speaks and that our time together would equip us to live wholeheartedly for Jesus.

Contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org for more details.

Men's Rugby Event – Saturday 22 February

Come along on **Saturday 22 February** to watch some of the Six Nations. Arrive at HEC for 4:30pm, 4:45pm kick off and pizza + drinks provided. Contact Sam for more details (sampeterallen@gmail.com)

Christianity Explored – Sunday 23 February

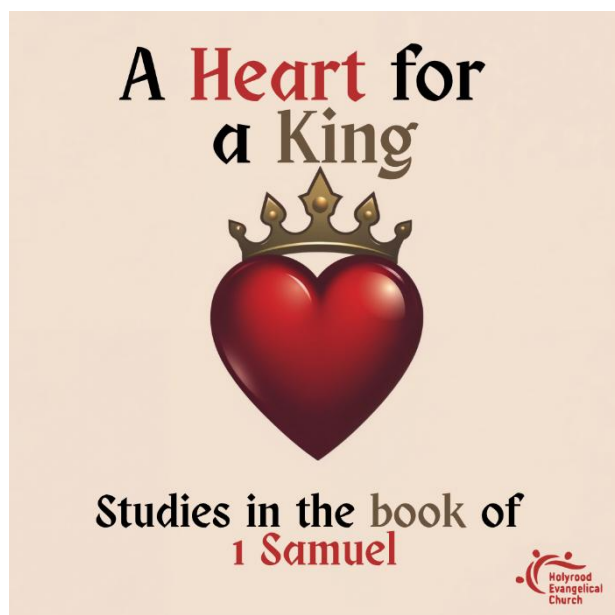
Based on Mark's gospel, Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life.

We're starting a course for seven weeks from **Sunday 23 February** at 5-6pm in the church. Please be thinking and praying of people that you can invite along!



Sunday Evening Series - 1 Samuel is an absolute blockbuster!

By Jon Gemmell



Get ready for epic battles, laugh-out-loud encounters, soul-stirring sermons, unforgettable heroes and villains, a sinister snake king, fearless armour bearers, a sword-wielding prophet, and—of course—a humongous giant. This is the stuff of legends, and yet here it is, for real, and all in 1 Samuel.

While packed with some of the Bible's most iconic stories, 1 Samuel is far more than just a collection of famous moments. It's a book often overlooked as a whole, reduced to simplistic character studies like "be less like Saul, be more like David," or "face the giants in your life." But this incredible book was given to us by God for something much deeper—something richer and more powerful.

In our evening services, we're on an extraordinary journey through 1 Samuel, starting at chapter 1 and, Lord willing, travelling all the way to chapter 26 (with a few breaks along the way). Together, we'll uncover what God is teaching His people through their transformation from anarchy to monarchy, and how the story of 1 Samuel illuminates the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't miss this exciting journey as we dive into **1 Samuel: A Heart for a King**. It would be such a joy to have you join us as we explore this remarkable book and its timeless message.

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Home Groups
- Thursday: Men's and Women's Bible Studies at 10.30am in the church
- Friday: HEC Youth at 7pm in the church for pizza making and a discussion on prayer.
- Saturday: Ladies' Breakfast from 9.30-11am with Lorna Ferguson
- Sunday:
 - Worship service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening service at 6pm – Jon Gemmell preaching (live streamed)
- Monday:
 - Baby & Toddlers Group 10am – 11.30am
 - Warm Space 12 noon to 3pm



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