

Weekly Newsletter: 22 April 2025

SOLAS - Why should I believe in the resurrection of Jesus?

“Surely there’s no good reason to think that Jesus really rose from the dead – the early disciples made it up to start their new religion!” In this Short Answers video, Steve Osmond highlights how the early Christian community considered the resurrection of Jesus to be the most important thing about their faith. He also shares three reasons why the documents that describe the resurrection of Jesus are trustworthy and not inventions. Watch it [here](#).

We’re looking forward to having Steve come and speak in Holyrood on **Friday 9 May** from 7.30-9pm. He’ll look at the topic ‘**Is There Any Hope for the Future?**’ This is a great event to invite friends to and there are flyers available in the church. Please take some and spread the word!

If you’ve not heard of **Solas** (the Gaelic word for “light”) before, they are a Christian charity based in Scotland but working across the whole of the UK. The Solas vision is to share the good news of Jesus *persuasively* and equip Christians for evangelism *practically*.



Lorna Ferguson’s Time at Holyrood

From Wednesday, Lorna Ferguson (serving with OMF in Japan) will be spending three weeks with us at Holyrood. During this time, she will take part in the life of the church family from our Sunday services to visiting home groups and helping at the Baby and Toddler Group! We’re delighted to have her serving with us and Lorna’s keen to connect with as many in the church family as possible. If you’d like to meet Lorna or catch up with her during these three week, please contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org

Women’s Bible Studies – this Thursday

Our in person Women’s Bible Studies are back! We’re meeting on **Thursdays from 10.30 – 11.30am** in the church. We’ll be starting our studies in the book of Acts. Come along as we look into the lives of the apostles in the days following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus as they experienced new power from the indwelling Holy Spirit and a new understanding of the Old Testament scriptures. All women are welcome!

OMF Conference - Japan: across the street and across the world

This **Saturday** we're hosting the OMF Conference 'Japan: across the street and across the world'. Lorna Ferguson will be speaking about the work in Japan and her plans for her next term there. Jude Tindale will share about the work that's happening amongst Japanese people in Edinburgh. Doors open and coffee from 9.30am. The conference will run from 10-11.30am and everyone is warmly welcome. For more details go [here](#).



Friends International – We Are Celebrating!



As we look to celebrate our 40th year in 2025, we will be holding a variety of exciting events across the UK and Ireland. These will include key speakers, opportunities to learn more about what God has been doing and of our impact over the last 40 years and what we are looking forward to in the future, as well as food and much more...

An event will take place in Edinburgh at Charlotte Chapel on **Saturday from 12 noon – 2pm**. Please use the link [here](#) to find out more and sign up to help planning.

Mental Health and the Church – Saturday 3 May

On Saturday 3 May, Steve Midgley (Executive Director Biblical Counseling UK) and Cory Brock (Minister, St Columba's Free Church) will be speaking on Mental Health and the Church.

Suitable for everyone especially those in leadership but also those who are struggling personally or have friends that are. Cost £15 and please sign up via the QR code or [here](#).



Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Home Groups
- Thursday: Women's Bible Study at 10.30-11.30am
- Saturday: OMF Conference from 9.30-11.30am
- Sunday:
 - Morning service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
 - HEC Youth at 5pm with Lorna Ferguson
 - Evening service at 6pm – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
- Monday: Baby and Toddlers is back from 10-11.30am



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