

Weekly Newsletter: 1 April 2025

Men's Discipleship Group – this Thursday

The men's group is on this Thursday morning at 10.30am for the last time before the Easter break. All men are very welcome to attend!

Delhi Bible Institute Celebrates – this Friday

On Friday, we are hosting an evening with Isaac and Gloria Shaw from Delhi Bible Institute. This will be an opportunity to mark DBI's 70th birthday, celebrate the completion of their Vision 2025, and hear first-hand about their Vision 2045

We'll be joined by church family from Edinburgh North Church and will have dinner together at 6.30pm (come from 6.15pm) and aim to be finished by 8pm. **Please let Liz know by 5pm on Wednesday if you're coming so that we have numbers for catering.**

Easter Holiday Season

Here are some dates to note –

- Our Baby and Toddler group is now on holiday for Easter and will be back on Monday 28 April
- Warm Space is on this Monday (7 April) and will then take a break over spring and summer.
- Liz is on holiday from Sunday 6 to Sunday 13 April and there will be no newsletter or church admin happening next week. Please contact one of the elders if there is anything urgent when Liz is away.
- Joe is leading a Global Leader's Retreat for Cross Training Ministries from Friday 11 – Sunday 13 April. We're very thankful to Derek Lamont and Sam Allen who will be taking our services on the Sunday.

Easter Weekend Plans at HEC

Preparations are underway for three events over the Easter weekend (Friday 18 – Sunday 20 April). Everyone is welcome to:

- Our Good Friday Service at 7pm – *The Holy Love of God*
- The Community Easter Egg Hunt (with hot cross buns and refreshments) from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 19 April. Flyers are available in the church, please take them and pass them onto family and friends.
- Our Easter Sunday Service at 10.30am – *The Birth of Joy*



If anyone would be up for helping Sam hand out flyers for the Easter Egg Hunt, drop him an email (sampeterallen@gmail.com)

Hope Church Leith – Open Day and Come and See Services



We are all invited to come and see the renovated Hope Church Leith building which will soon be open again to worship God and serve the community.

Pop along for tea and coffee, to meet the team, introduce yourself and explore the building! **Saturday 12 April, 10am – 4pm** at Hope Church Leith, 9 Casselbank St.

‘Come and See Services’ - three monthly introductory services of worship are planned to help people find out a bit more about their vision and hope. They will be open from 10am for tea and coffee, and the service will begin at 10.30am. They look forward to starting weekly services from Sunday 3 August.

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| ▪ Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday) | ‘Loving God’ |
| ▪ Sunday 25th May | ‘Loving One Another’ |
| ▪ Sunday 22nd June | ‘Loving Leith’ |

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



On **Saturday 26 April** 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 at 9.30am for a 10am start. The conference will finish at 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 **26 April from 12 noon – 2pm** Please use the link [here](#) to find out more and sign up to help planning.



Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7-8pm (refreshments from 6.45pm) with Erinn Hamill from UCCF
- Thursday:
 - Men's Discipleship Group at 10.30am in the church (last one!)
 - Session Meeting at 7pm in person
- Sunday:
 - Morning service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
 - Christianity Explored from 5-6pm in the church (last one!)
 - Evening service at 6pm – 1 Samuel with Jon Gemmell (live streamed)
- Monday: Warm Space 12 noon to 3pm



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