

Weekly Newsletter: 3 June 2025

Introducing the Adult Discipleship Team

By Joe Barnard

Each week I'm featuring a different ministry team at Holyrood. This week is the Adult Discipleship Team (ADT).

The mission of this team is to help the congregation fulfil the Great Commission by (a) surveying the discipleship needs in the congregation and (b) strategizing how to meet these needs.

In a sense, the Mission Team and the ADT are like two hands working together for the sake of the Great Commission. If the job of the Mission Team is to try to draw more new people into the life of the congregation, the job of the ADT is to identify new people and to make sure they are helped along the path of knowing Jesus.

Members of the team include Bill Wright, Ken Colville, Liz Scott, Anna Barnard, John Pickering, and me. If anyone is passionate about one-to-one discipleship please be in touch.

It's important to be clear that the job of each of these teams is not to replace the congregation in ministry, but to set up the congregation for ministry. It's the calling of every Christian to be a fisher of men. The ADT is just there to make sure that no one falls through the net.

A Week of Growth in Keswick

By Lora Graham

This May, I had the privilege of attending the Keswick Leadership Course, developed by Keswick Ministries and Forge Leadership Consultancy. Set in the beautiful Lake District—with sunshine and hardly a drop of rain—it was the perfect backdrop for a week of spiritual growth, leadership training, and deep reflection.

The course brought together 24 participants: pastors, church staff, nonprofit leaders, and others like me—wanting to grow and better serve Christ. We began each day with prayer,



worship, and powerful Bible teaching. These messages centred on four themes: **Identity in Christ, Integrity, Inner Strength, and Influence.**

We spent one hour each day in small breakout groups with a coach, where we shared what we'd accomplished in our homework assignments. This included work around life purpose, core values, goals, and an action plan. Each session ended in prayer—personal, heartfelt, & Spirit-led.

It was a moving, impactful experience. I left inspired to live more courageously in my faith and lead with greater clarity and purpose. Keswick Ministries takes just 24 delegates each May—and I highly recommend it to anyone seeking to grow in their calling!

Annual General Meeting and Prayer Meeting

Our church AGM and prayer meeting will take place this **Wednesday at 7pm**. Please attend if you're able and refreshments will be served from 6.45pm.

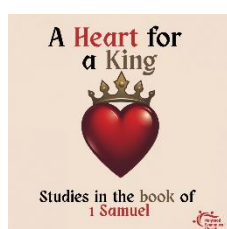
The AGM will be live streamed for those who cannot make it in person and there will be no prayer bulletin this week. Please contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org if you have any questions.

Abbeyhill Baptist Church Induction

Andy Harding will be inducted as the Pastor at Abbeyhill Baptist Church this **Saturday at 3pm**. Please be praying for the church family at Abbeyhill and for Andy and Odele as they take on this role.

If you would like to go, please sign up via this link to help with planning https://www.tickettailor.com/check-out/view-event/id/5861730/chk/47b3/?modal_widget=true&widget=true

1 Samuel: A Heart for a King



For the next three Sunday evenings (8, 15 and 22 June), we'll be continuing our series **1 Samuel: A Heart for a King** with Jon Gemmell.

Don't miss this exciting journey! It would be such a joy to have you join us as we explore this remarkable book and its timeless message.

Holyrood Youth

The final youth get together for this term will take place on **Friday 13 June** from 7-9pm at Portobello beach.

There will be games, a barbecue and hopefully no rain! More details on the Youth WhatsApp Group, contact Liz@holyroodevangelical.org if you aren't on the group and would like to be.

Summer Appeal 2025

Each year our Summer Appeal goes towards the support of our three Holyrood missionaries – Lorna Ferguson (serving with OMF in Japan), James Stewart (serving with OMF in Singapore) and the Sorsamo Family (serving with Wycliffe in Finland). The appeal runs until the beginning of August. There are two ways you can give:

1. Electronically via BACS payment to the church account: Sort Code 80-22-60, Account number 12345666 and use the reference 'Summer Appeal'
2. By cheque or cash in the offering box marked 'Summer Appeal'

Please speak to Nick Archer if you have any questions about how to give. Thank you!

Women's Conference - Understanding Eve

It was a joy to have 75 women from lots of different churches gather for our Women's Conference last month. We're so thankful to Sarah Allan and Kaete Wiese for speaking and to 10 of those for providing the bookstall.

Sarah's talks on [Understanding Eve](#) and [Midlife](#) were recorded and are available to listen to.



Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: AGM and Prayer meeting at 7pm (live streamed)
- Sunday:
 - Morning service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening service at 6pm – Jon Gemmell preaching (live streamed)
- Monday: Baby and Toddlers from 10-11.30am



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