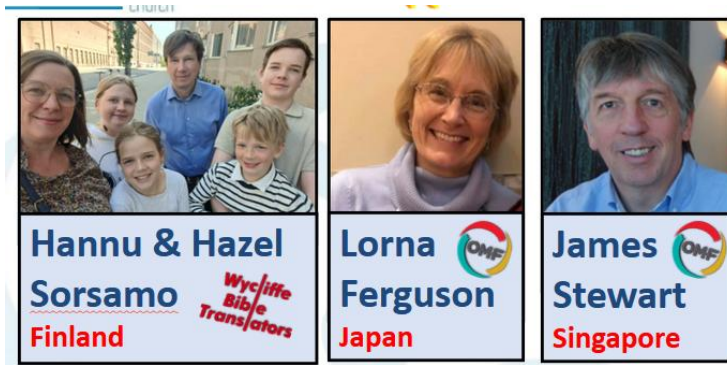


Weekly Newsletter: 1 July 2025

Summer Appeal 2025

Each year our Summer Appeal goes towards the support of our three Holyrood missionaries – Lorna Ferguson (with OMF in Japan), James Stewart (with OMF in Singapore) and the Sorsamo Family (with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Finland).

It's been a joy to have Lorna serving and worshipping with us while she's on Home Assignment. She is planning to return to Japan on 9 August to serve in Sakata and **a recommissioning service will be held for her in Holyrood on Sunday 3 August**. James is home in the UK until the end of July and it's wonderful to have him in the church family. Please take the opportunity to catch up with or get to know James and Lorna while they're here.



The Sorsamos are spending most of their summer in Finland. Hazel and Hannu have produced a short video [here](#) to introduce themselves and share about the work they're involved in.

Thank you to all those who have given generously to the appeal so far. The current total is £7342 and the last day of the appeal will be Sunday 3 August.

If you would like to give, here are two ways that you can:

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!

Book Group

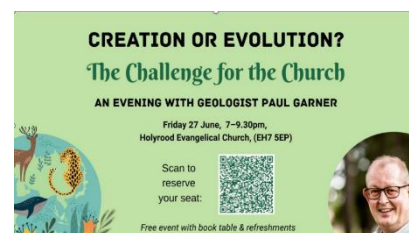
The book group will meet on 5 July (note change of date!) at 9 Craigentenny Avenue at 3.30. This month we are reading *God on Mute* by Pete Greig. Please contact Anncris if you have any questions.

Creation or Evolution?: The Challenge for the Church

How should Christians think about the issue of origins? Does it matter what we believe? How do we deal with claims that evolutionary theory has conclusively put paid to the notion that God created the world?

If you missed Paul Garner's helpful talks on Friday evening they can be viewed here – Talk 1: [Creation or Evolution: Does it really matter?](#)

Talk 2: [Creation, Evolution and the Scientific Evidence](#)



Summer Plans

Joe and the family are away in the US and return on Thursday 24 July. We are grateful to the following men for covering our Sunday services:

Date	Morning	Evening
6 July	Joshua Kellard (Banner of Truth)	Joshua Kellard (Banner of Truth)
13 July	Joshua Kellard (Banner of Truth)	Joshua Kellard (Banner of Truth)
20 July	Jon Gemmell (Holyrood)	Jon Gemmell (Holyrood)

Over July and August, our home groups will take a break and there will be a prayer meeting in the church every **Wednesday at 7pm**. No refreshments will be served before the prayer meeting over the summer months.

Summer Sunday Club and Creche will run over July and August. We're very thankful to all the volunteers who serve over the summer months.

Please note that there will be **no communion at the beginning of July** and speak to one of the elders if there are any pastoral matters that arise in Joe's absence.

Liz will be on holiday from Friday 4 July to Friday 18 July. There will be no newsletter or prayer bulletin for those two weeks.

SASRA – Behind the Wire



Come and hear stories of what God is doing among the young people of the British Armed Forces!

When? Saturday 26 July 6.30pm for 7pm

Where? Ferniehill Evangelical Church, 19 Ferniehill Road, Edinburgh, EH17 7AA

What? Meet our Scripture Readers and hear about our evangelistic outreach to the performers of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

SU Scotland – Fundraising Walk

Join es-team on Saturday 30 August as we walk the Water of Leith to raise funds for SU's work across the city and local ministries. We'll start at Balerno at 10am and end in Leith at around 4pm. Join us for all or part, and invite your friends to donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/suedinburgh>

The Pursuit of Holiness - Cross Training Men's Conference

Digital messaging is calling men to run after countless things: wealth, fitness, sex, comfort, materialism. But there is one thing that our world has no time for, holiness. Are you struggling with spiritual motivation? Do you wish you had a band of brothers to keep you focused on what matters most? Do you hunger to know God- really know God?

Join us this September for a weekend gathering focused on the theme of how we can pursue holiness. Speak to Joe for further details.

When: 12-14 September

Where: Gowanbank (Scripture Union)

Cost: £95



Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting at 7pm in person
- Sunday:
 - Morning service at 10.30am – Joshua Kellard preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening service at 6pm – Joshua Kellard preaching (live streamed)



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