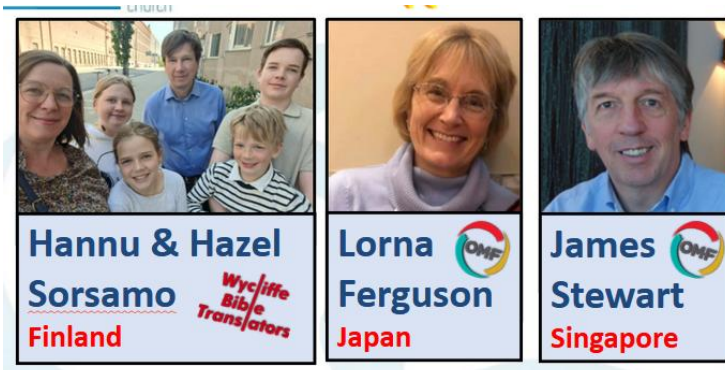


Weekly Newsletter: 22 July 2025

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).

Thank you to all those who have given generously to the appeal so far. The current total is £15,146 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!

Our Holyrood Missionaries

This Sunday will be **James'** last Sunday with us before he leaves for Singapore on Sunday evening. We're looking forward to hearing an update from him on Wednesday at the prayer meeting.

Give thanks that **Lorna's** clearances have been confirmed and she's preparing to return to Japan on 9 August. A recommissioning service will be held for her in Holyrood on Sunday 3 August. We're hoping (weather permitting!) to have a picnic in the park after our morning service. Please bring your own picnic and something to sit on. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

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.

Summer Plans

Joe and the family are away in the US and return later on this week. Please speak to one of the elders if there are any pastoral matters that arise in Joe's absence.

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**. There will be no Zoom option and 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.

SASRA – Behind the Wire

A YouTube event poster for 'SASRA - Behind the Wire'. At the top left is the SASRA logo. To its right is the YouTube logo. Below the logo is a yellow speech bubble containing the text 'Saturday 26 July 2025' and '7:00 pm BST'. In the center is a photo of four men in military uniforms. To the right of the photo is the title 'Life 'Behind the Wire'' in a stylized font. Below the title is the text 'Hear stories of what God is doing among the young people of the British Armed Forces'. At the bottom left is a red box with the text 'INTRODUCING OUR SCRIPTURE READERS... including some new ones!'. To the right of this is a yellow box with the text 'Special feature: Hear about our evangelistic outreach to the performers of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo'. At the very bottom is a yellow box with the text 'Come along to Ferniehill, or watch live on YouTube'.

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

Can't make it in person? Watch it online here - <https://www.youtube.com/live/93MXsrCyiV4>

Psalms, Songs and Stories – Duncan Street Baptist

We're invited to join Duncan Street Baptist Church for a night of inspiring music and stories on **15 August** from 7.30 – 8.30pm.

Scottish Psalmist have written songs inspired by the Psalms. Let their powerful words uplift your heart, as they sing songs of praise and share personal stories of faith. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and celebrate the beauty of music and testimony. Tickets are available [here](#).

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.

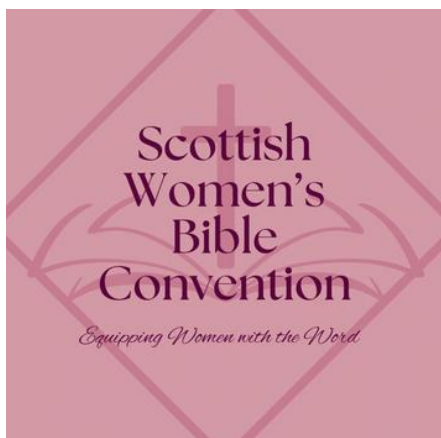
When: 12-14 September

Where: Gowanbank (Scripture Union)

Cost: £95



Scottish Women's Bible Convention – Saturday 4 October



What does it look like to really love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? What did it look like when Jesus quoted these words from Deuteronomy and what does it mean today?

Kaete Wiese (who did a seminar at our Understanding Eve Conference in May) is teaching on **Whole Life Love** at this year's SWBC on **Saturday 4 October (10am to 3pm)**.

Early Bird tickets are still available until the end of July – use the code EARLYBIRD [here](#) and for more info see the SWBC website [here](#).

For more details, speak to Liz and let Liz know if you would be happy to help with stewarding or catering at the event. Thank you!

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting at 7pm in person with James Stewart
- Sunday:
 - Morning service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening service at 6pm – Jon Gemmell preaching (live streamed)



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