

Weekly Newsletter: 12 August 2025

A Praying Life by Paul E. Miller

Over this term the elders will be reading *A Praying Life* together and discussing it as part of their Session meetings. It's an honest and helpful book with lots of practical wisdom on how to generate a culture of prayer. If you would like to read it, copies can be bought online [here](#) or at the Faith Mission Bookshop or Evangelical Books on the Mound.

Here's a bit from the blurb 'Let's face it, prayer is hard! In fact, prayer is hard that most of us simply do not pray unless an illness or a public setting, such as saying grace at a meal, demands it. Prayerlessness is rooted in a core unbelief that can shape our lives, even as Christians. Because of prayerlessness, our lives are often marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness and spiritual lethargy. If prayerlessness marks your life more often than not, then this book is for you.'



Summer Appeal 2025

Thank you to everyone who has given to our Summer Appeal to support our Holyrood missionaries.

The appeal is now closed and the total raised was £17,233. It has been split as follows –

- James Stewart £2500
- Lorna Ferguson £6630
- The Sorsamos £8103

We give thanks for the generosity of God's people!

Gordon and Avril Margery

We're looking forward to having Gordon and Avril with us on Sunday morning.

Avril was a student in Holyrood and, as a couple, they have been serving in France for decades. They are part of the church in Faremoutiers which is in north eastern France. It's a joy to pray for them regularly and see them when they are back in Scotland.

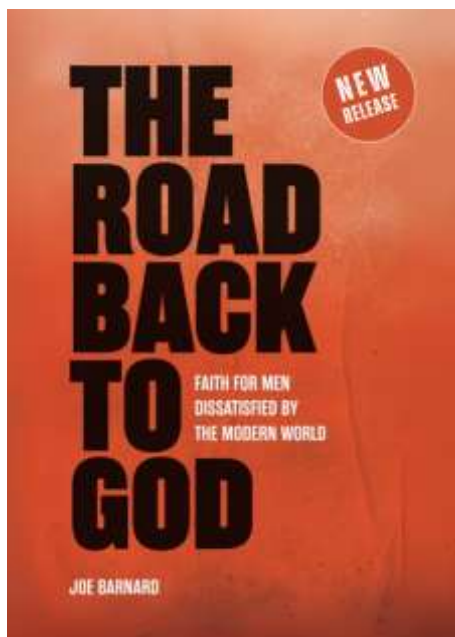


This Sunday

Joe heads over to Bangor (N Ireland) on Friday to speak at the Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention. Please pray for him as he takes the Bible teaching sessions Monday to Friday as well as preaching on Sunday and taking a men's breakfast on Saturday.

We're very grateful to Bob Akroyd (Edinburgh Theological Seminary) for taking our services on Sunday.

The Road Back to God: Faith for Men Dissatisfied by the Modern World



Joe has a new book coming out in September! You can pre-order a copy from Amazon [here](#) and here is a bit more info -

'In an age of unprecedented religious interest among men, Joe Barnard provides a compelling roadmap for those curious about Christianity but unsure where to begin. This thoughtful guide meets men where they are—often trapped in materialistic thinking and spiritual numbness—and leads them step-by-step toward authentic faith.

Unlike typical religious texts, The Road Back to God doesn't just provide information; it offers transformation. Barnard masterfully addresses the unique challenges modern men face, from intellectual skepticism to moral uncertainty, while guiding readers through ten crucial milestones on the path to faith. Through clear prose and relatable examples, he helps men navigate questions of meaning, purpose, and spiritual truth.

Whether you're a skeptic intrigued by Christianity's resurgence, a seeker looking for answers, or someone simply dissatisfied with modern materialism, this book offers a fresh perspective on ancient wisdom. Barnard doesn't shy away from difficult topics like sin, holiness, and the cross, but presents them in ways that resonate with contemporary minds.

This is more than a book about religion—it's a guide to rediscovering what it means to be fully human in a fragmented world.'

Act Like Men – Tuesday 26 August

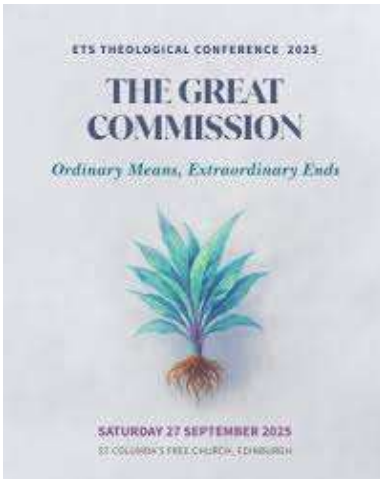
Act Like Men is back with their next evening conference on **26 August** at Hope Church Bingham (135 Mountcastle Drive South) from 7-8.30pm.

The speaker is Robert Briggs and they will be looking at the importance of what "We Confess." Broken Wharfe will be providing books.

Come along for an evening men's conference to encourage each other to live for King Jesus in Edinburgh and beyond. It's free and you can sign up [here](#).



Edinburgh Theological Seminary



Annual Conference - Come along and join us as we look at our theme of the Great Commission and what it means for our approach to the mission of the church. The ETS Conference takes place on Saturday 27 September from 9.30am to 5pm at St Columba's Free Church. It's open to everyone and the cost is £15. To book go [here](#).

The Saturday Course: A number of us are planning to do the Saturday Course this year. It runs one Saturday a month from September to April and is a great way to stretch your mind and fill your heart with Biblical truth. It's open to everyone and under 18s are free to attend. For more details, go [here](#) or speak to Liz

Thrive '25

We're invited to join 'Thrive'25 – Edinburgh Conference' to learn, connect, and thrive as Christians in our workplaces. Taking place in Charlotte Chapel on **Saturday 20 September** and to book go [here](#).



Thrive'25 is a first-of-its-kind series of conferences and events across five cities of Scotland, brought to you by The Business Connection, Transform Work and Solas CPC to inspire, connect and equip Christians to live the gospel in and through our workplaces.

The events are designed to help you thrive by bringing together great speakers from the spheres of public leadership, workplaces, ministry and church leaders from across a range of sectors.

Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Back to School with God Prayer Meeting at 7pm in person
- Thursday: Session Meeting at 7pm in person
- Sunday:
 - Morning service at 10.30am – Bob Akroyd preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening service at 6pm – Bob Akroyd preaching (live streamed)



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