

# Weekly Newsletter

## 27th January 2026



### The Holyrood Missionaries

Our missionaries received a financial gift as a Christmas present from us as a church family. They have each written to say thank you –

**James** (serving in Singapore with OMF International) I would like to thank all at Holyrood Church for the very generous Christmas gift. It is very encouraging and uplifting to have your support in many different ways, and this will be put to good use. With sincere appreciation, James.

**Lorna** (serving in Japan with OMF International) Thank you so much to all at Holyrood for the generous Christmas gift you sent. I am so grateful for your kindness and care. As Paul wrote to the Philippians (1:3-5), “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Every blessing, Lorna.

**Hazel and Hannu** (serving in Finland with Wycliffe) Thank you so much for your Christmas gift to us. It's a real help financially, and even more, it encourages us to know we're doing this work together. Love Hazel and Hannu

**Do you want to know more about the missionaries we support in Holyrood?** Join us on a zoom meeting this Saturday (31st January) at 9am to hear stories of what our missionaries have been doing and support them in prayer. We know it's early on a Saturday morning but it really is worth it! Zoom codes will be sent out this week.

### Meal and Prayer Meeting

Save the date! On Wednesday next week (4<sup>th</sup> February) we will be having a meal together before the prayer meeting. Come to the church from 5.45pm, food will be served at 6pm and we'll pray together from 7-8pm. It's a great opportunity to share a meal, catch up with church family and pray together.

We're looking forward to the team from Tranent Community Church joining us. Jen and Morag (who we supported with our Christmas Appeal) will be giving us an update on their work. Please join us!

### Our YouTube Channel

By Mark Malaczynski

Many of us benefit from being able to watch our livestreamed services but did you know that it is also a fantastic outreach tool? In 2025 our videos had almost 9,500 views and a total watch time of over 2,000 hours!



While we can give thanks for this the unfortunate side effect is that YouTube now sees us as popular enough to place adverts within some of our videos and that is something over which we currently have no control until we gain more subscribers and views.

If you haven't already subscribed to our YouTube channel please do so and ask your friends and family to do the same! We currently have just over 400 subscribers, and if we can reach 500 then we are able to filter the adverts which are shown on our YouTube broadcasts, if we can reach 1000 we can remove them altogether.

We also need to reach 3,000 viewing hours per year so please encourage your family and friends to watch our recordings too - we have recently started adding shortened videos of the sermons lasting around 30 minutes to be more accessible to a wider audience, these can be found on our main channel page <https://www.youtube.com/@HolyroodChurch/>

Note if you previously subscribed to the Holyrood Evangelical Church channel you will automatically be subscribed to Holyrood Church.. Thank you for your support!

## Women's Discipleship at Holyrood

Our in person Women's Bible Studies are happening **each Thursday at 10.30am** in the church. We are continuing our studies in the book of Acts and coffee and scones will be provided!

Please save the date! Our next Ladies' Breakfast will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. We're going to try the later time of 10.30am and we'll be finished by 12 noon. So it's more of a Ladies' Brunch than a breakfast...

## Christian Institute Scotland Tour – Guarding Lives

We are hosting the Christian Institute on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 7.30pm – 9pm** as they seek to raise awareness and persuade MSPs not to legalise assisted suicide. They have identified key MSPs who may be open to changing their vote at Stage 3 and so they urge us to come along to this meeting. There are flyers for the tour in the church foyer, please take some and pass them on.

## Cornhill Scotland – Book in a Day

Come and join our Cornhill class for the day as we spend time digging deep into the book of **Jeremiah** together on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** from 09:30-16:30 at 25 Bath Street, Glasgow.



Our 'Book in a Day' events are a great opportunity to learn key Bible handling skills, to grow in your understanding of the Bible and all whilst enjoying warm fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters. These days will be helpful for pastors, elders, women's workers, lay preachers, Bible study leaders, youth and children's workers or anyone wanting help with reading the Bible.

For further details and to book go [here](#).

## Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Home groups - please contact [Liz@holyroodchurch.org](mailto:Liz@holyroodchurch.org) for more details.
- Thursday: Women's Bible Study from 10.30am-11.30am in the church
- Friday: Holyrood Youth – Baking with Bhinehas 7-9pm in the church
- Saturday: Missionary Update 9-10am on Zoom
- Sunday:
  - Communion Service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
  - Evening Service at 6pm – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
- Monday: Baby and Toddler Group from 10am – 11.30am

