

Weekly Newsletter

9th June 2026



Our Testimony - The Sueri Family

As we write this we look back at our lives so far and see how much God has done and how much He has guided every decision and big step we've taken as a couple first and then as a family.

I (Simona) come from a catholic background and I've always believed in God but I felt the relationship was a bit cold and I needed more. When I met Luca he told me about a God who had much more to give if I was ready to accept Him.

We moved to Scotland in 2012 and joined Bruntsfield Evangelical Church where we served for 12 years. During those years God showed us that we could trust Him, put people in our lives who showed us what it means to love like Jesus, He gave us opportunities to serve Him and to learn more about Him in the church. And in all of this, in the midst of worries, a big move to a new country, a new language to learn, He was there teaching us to trust Him.



The last 4 years have been full of challenges and difficult changes in our lives and now, as we go through probably the most painful and difficult challenge we have had to deal with, God keeps teaching us to trust Him.

Just like a good builder prepares good foundations for his building, so that when the earthquake hits the building doesn't collapse, in the same way God has been working in us and around us preparing us for the earthquake that hit us last September when we received Dante's diagnosis.

Even if parts of us broke, the foundations are strong enough and we can rebuild on them.

He has provided a new church for us where we all feel supported and loved, where Elio can make friends and his faith is nurtured, where Dante feels safe and happy and can see God's love around him. God keeps teaching us to trust Him more and more everyday and He is teaching us to find joy when life is hard.

Jesus is light over darkness after all. And we keep choosing Him every day in this temporary life, until the day He will wipe every tear from our eyes.



Joe's on Holiday

Joe and the family are away on holiday from **Monday to Thursday** (15th to 18th June) next week. If there are any pastoral matters in Joe's absence, please contact one of the elders.

Women's Lunch – Thursday 25th June

On **Thursday 25th June** we are going for lunch together at The Herringbone at 12.30pm. All women are welcome! Please let Liz (liz@holyroodchurch.org) know if you're coming and we'll book a table.

Community Picnic – Saturday 27th June

Our Community Picnic (hog roast and veggie option along with children's games in the park) will take place on **Saturday 27th June** from 12 noon to 3pm. Spread the word and we'll hopefully have flyers soon that you can pass onto friends and family.

Summer Appeal 2026

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 during June and July.

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!



Church Calendar

This week for your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Home Groups across the city
- Thursday: Women's Bible Studies from 10.30 – 11.30am in the church
- Sunday:
 - Worship Service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
 - Evening Service at 6pm – Joe Barnard preaching
- Monday: Baby and Toddler Group from 10am – 11.30am (last one before the summer!)

