

Weekly Newsletter

18th August 2026



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Women's Discipleship at Holyrood

By Liz Scott

We are looking forward to a new term and our desire is to see each woman in Holyrood growing in their faith and encouraged to use their gifts for God's glory. There is a small team (Norma Shippin, Anncris Roberts, Anna Barnard and I) who co-ordinate the plans and please speak to us if you have any questions or ideas.

This term our –

- **Thursday Bible Studies** will restart on 3rd September and run for six weeks until 8th October. Then run for another six-week block from 22nd October until 26th November. Please come along to the church on Thursday mornings at 10.30am even if you've never been before. Coffee, scones and good chat will be provided!
- **Bible Reading Plan** will restart on 31st August until 9th October for a six-week reading block and then on 2nd November to 27th November for a four-week reading block. We will continue using Glen Scrivener's *Reading Between the Lines* and start this term with the Psalms. The daily readings are done on your own and then you communicate in small WhatsApp groups throughout the weeks. Please let Anna Barnard know if you would like to join one of the groups for the first time or weren't part of the last block and want to join again. Thank you!
- **Ladies Breakfast** on 31st October is a chance for all the women in the church family to gather for food, fellowship and Bible teaching. Please save the date and it's a great way to get to know other women and spend time together. We're also planning one for 30th January 2027!
- **Wreath Making** on Friday 4th December is a chance to invite friends and neighbours to a Christmas event in the church. We'll make wreaths together and there will be a short Christmas message along with refreshments. Please save the date and think of who you could invite along.

Finally, the **Scottish Women's Bible Convention** is a national conference in Edinburgh that aims to provide a day of faithful Bible teaching by women for women with the Lord Jesus as our focus.

It's on Saturday **3rd October** at Charlotte Chapel and the main Bible teaching will be in Hebrews on the theme of *Jesus is Better*. It would be great to go along as a group of women from Holyrood, tickets are available [here](#) and please speak to Liz if you have any questions.





Joe's Annual Leave

Joe's off on annual leave until **Friday this week (21st August)** and is over in the US. Please contact one of the elders for any urgent matters while he's away.

Jude Moulds – Sunday 23rd August

We're delighted that Jude Moulds will be with us this **Sunday (23rd August)**. Jude serves in South East Asia and Joe is going to interview after the evening service. We'll finish the service at 7pm, grab a cup of tea or coffee and then there will be a 15 minute interview with Jude. Please stay behind after the service on the 23rd.

Annual General Meeting

Please save the date! The church AGM will take place on **Wednesday 26th August** at 7pm in the building.

A draft copy of the church accounts has been emailed out to all church members. Please speak to Liz if you didn't get a copy or would like a hard copy. Thank you!

Home Groups and Wednesday meals

In September our Home Groups will recommence for the new term. We will follow our usual rhythm:

- Prayer Meetings on 1st, 3rd and 5th (if there is one) Wednesdays of the month from 7-8pm
- Home Groups meeting around the city on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month

Please contact Liz@holyroodchurch.org if you're not in a Home Group and would like to be. Home Group leaders will be in touch about the arrangements for each group.

We're planning to have a meal together on the first Wednesday of each month. Come to the church from 5.45pm, food will be served at 6pm and we'll meet to pray from 7-8pm. Meals this term will be on:

- 2 September
- 7 October
- 4 November
- 2 December





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Induction of Will Sanders – Christ Church Edinburgh

We are warmly invited by Christ Church Edinburgh to the induction and ordination service of their new minister, Will Sanders. God willing this will be held on **Friday 4th September** at 7.30pm at Wilson Memorial Church, Moira Terrace, Edinburgh.

Ewan Clark from Christ Church writes ‘This is an occasion for great rejoicing and we would be delighted if brothers and sisters in Christ from neighbouring congregations join us for this.’

Enlisted and Deployed, Cross Training Ministries Event – Saturday 12th September

Enlisted and Deployed – from disciple to disciple-maker.

Join us for a training event for men in Edinburgh who are ready to step up. **Saturday 12th September** from 9.30am – 1pm at Holyrood. Speak to Joe for more details.



Summer Appeal 2026

Our summer appeal is now closed and the final amount raised was **£16,283.75**.

We're so thankful for the generosity of God's people and the money raised will go 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).

Church Calendar

This week for your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting from 7-8pm in the church
- Sunday:
 - Morning Service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (and livestreamed)
 - Evening Service at 6pm – Jon Gemmell preaching.
 - Interview with Jude Moulds at 7pm
- Monday: Baby and Toddlers from 10 – 11.30am

