

Weekly Newsletter

8th September 2026



Summer Appeal - Thank Yous

Thank you to everyone for their generosity. The 2026 Summer Appeal was split between our three missionaries as shown below -

Summer Appeal for Hazel Sorsamo	£7783.75
Summer Appeal for James Stewart	£2500
Summer Appeal for Lorna Ferguson	£6000

Lorna writes 'Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the summer appeal. I am so grateful to God for the way he faithfully brings in the support I need each year, through wonderful Christian friends and supporters like all of you at Holyrood. May God bless each one of you.'

James writes 'To all in dear Holyrood, thank you once again for your kindness and the generosity in the gift recently received. It is very humbling to be in receipt of this mark of support and encouragement, and it comes at, as you know, a very busy and tiring time for us all in the finance department as we piece together all the parts that will - we hope! - comprise our new accounting system that is to go live in Jan 2027. I have already put some of it to good use, as anyone visiting OMF at Cluny Road might see and enjoy! With very grateful thanks to each and every one, James'

Hazel writes 'Once again, we are humbled by your generosity through the summer appeal. Talking with our kids recently about support, one commented, "It's kind of cool that the church works like a family." Cool indeed and we're so thankful! Thank you for standing with us and supporting the work of Bible translation.'

Notice Regarding Online Prayer Meetings [Wednesday night and Missionary]

The session has decided to stop the online prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings. The Zoom option was helpful for many in the time during and after Covid; however, there has been a noticeable "Zoom fatigue" that has set in. Due to limited online attendance and a desire to encourage in-person participation wherever possible, we have decided to not resume the online meeting this Autumn.

If anyone has any questions about this, feel free to speak to one of the elders.

For similar reasons, the Mission Team has also reached a decision not to continue the quarterly Missionary Prayer Meetings on Saturday mornings. **Our final one will take place on Saturday 3rd October.** Participation has been dwindling in these meetings and a lot of people struggle to be motivated to join a Zoom meeting on a Saturday morning. Please know that the Mission Team is committed to maintaining - and strengthening - our ties to our missionaries. Therefore, we will be considering new ways to engage the congregation in overseas missions and to support those workers in partnership with the congregation.





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Enlisted and Deployed, Cross Training Ministries Event – this Saturday



Enlisted and Deployed – from disciple to disciple-maker.

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

Psalm Singing Evening – Friday 25th September

We are invited to a Psalm Singing evening by The City Psalms. **Joe will be doing a reflection as part of the evening** and we are looking forward to gathering with people from a wide variety of churches across Edinburgh to worship God together!

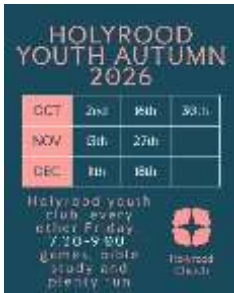
Date: **Friday 25th September**

Time: **19:30** (with refreshments from 19:00)

Location: **Buccleuch Free Church**



Holyrood Youth – Autumn 2026



Plans have come together for our youth to meet fortnightly on Friday evenings from **2nd October to 18th December** at 7.30pm.

There will be games, Bible study and plenty of fun!

If you are in S1-S6, save the dates and come along!

Ladies' Christmas Lunch – please sign up!

Is it too early to mention Christmas?! We wanted to get in early and book somewhere for the women in the church family to go for Christmas lunch together. We've booked the Herringbone (in Abbeyhill) for **Thursday 3rd December at 12.30pm**. There is a fixed menu (£20 for two courses). Please let Annocris (annocris@gmail.com) know if you can come, thank you!





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Word of life – Autumn Camp



For the first time Word of Life are running an autumn camp from **16th – 18th October** 2026 at Lockerbie Manor. This is a chance for young people to build meaningful friendships, hear God's Word, and be encouraged to follow Christ.

Autumn Teen Camp is designed to support local churches by creating a week-end where young people can grow spiritually, have fun together, and return home ready to continue growing in their own church.

Open to young people aged 13–18 and for more details go [here](#).

Church Calendar

This week for your info and prayers:

- Wednesday: Home Groups across the city (contact Liz@holyroodchurch.org for more details)
- Thursday:
 - Women's Bible Studies from 10.30am – 11.30am
 - Session Meeting from 7pm in the church
- Saturday: Enlisted and Deployed Men's Event from 9.30am – 1pm in the church
- Sunday:
 - Morning Service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (and livestreamed)
 - Evening Service at 6pm – Joe Barnard preaching.
- Monday: Baby and Toddlers from 10 – 11.30am

