

ST JOHN'S COLINTON MAINS CHURCH

Bulletin

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Minister: Rev. Peter Nelson



A very warm welcome to worship. Please join us in the hall after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a time to chat.

Welcome & Intimations

Praise

Prayer

Time Together

Praise

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Reading

Praise

Sermon

Praise

Offering

Dedication of Offering

Prayer

Praise

Benediction

O My Soul, Arise and Bless Your Maker

Wide and Long and High and Deep

Amos 9: 1-15

Restore, O Lord

I The Lord of Sea and Sky

These Are the Days of Elijah

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE: 9-16 September

TODAY	10:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service
MONDAY	19:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	19:30	Nurture Group
	19:30	Small Group
THURSDAY	19:30	Prayer Meeting for <i>Little Steps</i> – Session Room
		Small Group
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	10:30	Prayer meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service

OUR GOAL IS GROWING – GROWING IN LOVE FOR GOD, EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBOUR

Please join us as we pray together

We meet for prayer each Sunday morning at 10:30am in the Session Room. Please join us if you are able – you will be very welcome.

• We meet in the Session Room for a time of congregational prayer each Monday evening from 7:30-9:00pm and we would be delighted if you would join us. Please don't worry if you don't feel comfortable praying aloud – come along anyway and join us in this special time in communion with the Lord, as we pray for our people, the work of our church, and the world at large.

Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for you, please speak to Peter. Alternatively, you can put your prayer request in the box at the main door of the church (anonymously if you prefer) or email dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk. Your request will be treated in confidence.

We also have an email prayer circle of people who are willing to pray for you at any point in the week, so if you would like to be supported in prayer at any time, please email dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk. And email that address also if you would like to join the prayer circle.



'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.'

Ephesians 6: 18

LITTLE STEPS BABY & TODDLER GROUP at St John's Colinton Mains starts Wednesday 19 September, 10:00-11:30am

A new group, run by church members for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and their parents or carers. No church connection necessary – just come along and you will be made very welcome. Each week there will be:

Free Play • Games and Crafts • Bible Story and Song Time • Musical Instruments • Snacks for the Children • Coffee & Home Baking.

Cost: parents/carers are invited to contribute £1 per family if they wish to do so

Please tell your friends about this new group and 'like' and share on Facebook!

PRAYER MEETING FOR

LITTLE STEPS BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Thursday 13 September, 7:30pm in the Session Room

As prayer is essential to all that we do with Little Steps, it is our intention to have a time of prayer on Thursday evening.

The prayer meeting should last around an hour. We would encourage as many of you as possible to come along so that we can give thanks for the opportunities that God has provided, pray for the families who may come to Little Steps, and pray for the Little Steps team who will lead the group.

Davy Blackburn's Marathon Effort to Raise Money for Baby Timothy

As he told us a few weeks ago, Davy is running a half marathon this month to raise funds for a life-saving operation for a baby boy called Timothy. Timothy, from Ukraine, was born with a deformity of the skull that can lead to underdevelopment of the brain and loss of sight and hearing. The parents, friends of a worker at Bethany Trust, are unable to raise the £10,000 needed to pay for an operation that could cure the condition.



So Davy is donning his running gear, losing weight and training hard for the half marathon on 23 September. If you feel you would like to make a donation towards the appeal for Timothy, there is a sponsor sheet in the hall, at the servery. Davy will be grateful for any funds raised in this good cause. He will even tell us how his run went when he has completed it.

MISSION FOR ALL IN THE MODERN WORLD

Saturday 22 September, Holyrood Evangelical Church, 121 Montgomery Street EH7 5EP

Doors open 10am for Opening Worship at 10:30. Day ends at 3:30pm.

Speakers from OMF International and Wycliffe Bible Translators. Lunch is provided. Morning Children's Programme and Crèche. Limited free on-street parking.

POWERPOINT, 7:30-10:00pm, 14th September, Destiny Church, 52 Gorgie Road

For young people in S1 to S6. An evening of lively worship, excellent speakers, multimedia and lots more. It aims to: challenge and encourage young people in their faith • worship God • teach the Bible in an engaging and exciting way. Cost: £5 at the door.

FAITH MISSION BIBLE COLLEGE FREE AUTUMN PUBLIC LECTURES

Mondays 7:30-9:00pm, beginning on Monday 1 October. 2 Drum Street, EH17 8QG

Bible training seminars and workshops designed to accelerate your growth, strengthen your faith, and equip you for your own mission field. Lecture topics and further details at www.fmbiblecollege.org.uk/monday-p-m-lectures/

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S BIBLE CONVENTION

Saturday 6 October, 9:00am – 4:30pm, Charlotte Chapel, 58 Shandwick Place

Amy Wicks will be teaching from Romans 8. There will be seminars on a variety of topics. Sign up for seminars on the day. Tea and coffee provided. Please provide your own lunch.

Find out more on our website - <https://scottishwomensbibleconvention.com/>

Tickets, £10, on sale until 5 October at www.eventbrite.co.uk

SYMPHONIC PRAISE – Mission Hall Edition, 8:00pm, Sunday 30 September, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Palmerston Place.

A fully symphonic concert of praise and worship in the stunning surroundings of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. The event will be led by Origin's Exile Choir and Chamber Orchestra. Book tickets at: <https://www.originscotland.org/boxoffice/index.php?eventID=2904>.

There is no charge for the tickets, but there will be a collection on the night. Suggested donation is at least £10 per ticket.

Prayers for Our World

■ From Open Doors, www.opendoorsuk.org - IRAN: PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN PRISONERS

Would you consider going to church on a Sunday a 'threat to national security'? What about attending your weekly Bible study group, or a church event?

The Iranian government does. Iran is a mass incarcerator: over 230,000 of Iran's citizens are in prison, many because of their religion, beliefs, conscience and opinions. Evangelising in the Farsi language is illegal, and Christians who try to reach out to Muslims have reported imprisonment, physical abuse and harassment. A Muslim who leaves Islam is considered an 'apostate' and is at risk of the death penalty.

Victor Bet-Tamraz, Amin Afshar-Naderi, Kaviyan Fallah Mohammadi, Hadi Asgari, and Shamiranm Issavi have been sentenced to a combined total of 45 years in prison for running and being members of a house church. Victor, Amin and Hadi are currently on bail, awaiting the verdict of their appeal.

We have a God who hears our prayers - He is not bound by prison walls or held back by chains.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Victor, Shamiranm, Amin, Hadi, and all Christian prisoners in Iran, that God would strengthen them and that their sentences would be overturned
- That God's justice would be done in the Iranian courts, and that both judges and juries would be moved to have compassion and mercy
- That the Iranian government would no longer see Christian activities as threats to national security, and would allow for greater religious freedom.

■ From Tearfund, www.tearfund.org

- As the first of the 2018 political party conferences get underway this month, please pray that issues of poverty, injustice and climate change will be high on the agenda. Pray that our leaders and decision-makers will act in the interests of those living in poverty across the world.
- Mali faces ongoing food insecurity as farmers suffer from unpredictable rainfall, drought and the effects of climate change. Pray for improved food production throughout Mali and for God's peace to fall on farmers who rely on agriculture for their livelihood.

WORD FOR THE DAY

Hebrews 4: 15-16 [NIVUK]

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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