

Traprain Parish update – June 2025

Worship services

1st June: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *Encounters with Jesus – “Do not weep” (Luke 7:11-17)*

8th June: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *Pentecost Sunday (Acts 2: 1-21)*

15th June: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk (East Linton Gala Service)

- *Encounters with Jesus – “are you the one?” (Luke 7: 18-35)*

22nd June: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *Encounters with Jesus: sweet perfume (Luke 7: 36-50)*

29th June: 11:00 at Prestonkirk – Joint Café Church service with Communion

- *Encounters with Jesus: calming the storm (Luke 8: 22-25)*

At all our services we provide activity sheets for children and a play space for younger children. If you cannot attend a service, you can catch up with Douglas’ sermons online (uploaded to Spotify).

To access the sermons just visit our website and click on the sermons page.

Messy Church - The next Messy Church is on Sunday 1st June from 2 – 4.30pm at Prestonkirk. The theme is Wonders of Creation, and it is hoped that we will be outside.

Annual Stated Meeting - The Annual Stated Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th June from 7.30pm at Prestonkirk. Printed copies of the agenda and last year’s minutes will be available in advance if needed.

Kirk Session - Meets at 7:30pm on Tuesday 3rd June at Prestonkirk Stables.

Guild Summer Lunch - The Guild summer lunch will be held on 10th June at The Glen Golf Club, North Berwick from 12.30. For more information, please contact ecowan@me.com.

Holiday Club - Holiday Club registration is now open! This year Holiday Club will run from 4th – 8th August from 10 – 12.30 each day. Further information can be found on our website at <https://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/holiday-club> or by contacting traprainholidayclub@gmail.com

Funeral : Billy Robertson – Wednesday 4th June, 12 noon at Prestonkirk followed by a burial at 1pm.

Memorial Service: Sheelagh Stone-Wigg – Thursday 5th June, 12:30 at Prestonkirk

Wedding: Taylor Di Marco & Alexander Ingram -Saturday 28th June at 2pm at Prestonkirk



Home for Good – Join us for an evening at Prestonkirk Stables, on Thursday 19th June at 7pm. We will be hearing from our Minister Douglas Hamilton, about the voice of the church for local families and children, followed by two social workers in the fostering and adoption team of East Lothian Council sharing more about the need we have to support looked after children in the area.

Anyone is welcome, whether you are a single person, couple or family and want to learn more about different forms of support that you could be involved in for children locally; or if you are a member of the community and want to step up to provide wrap around care for a local foster carer or adopter; or if you are involved in church leadership and want to have more awareness of what is happening in your local council; then this is a great evening to come to.

Bring your friends and your questions! We look forward to seeing you there. Let us know if you are able to attend so that we can sort out numbers for hot drinks and snacks.

Tamsyn.radmall@homeforgood.org.uk

Bakers required – Would you be able to provide some home baking for the Community Café on a Thursday? Previously members of The Guild have generously provided some delicious treats, but we would now like to open this up to other members of the congregation. If you would be interested, please contact Lesley at admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk or by phone on 07926 574048. Lesley is organising a rota of bakers to cover the summer months.

Resource Committee - The Resource committee are responsible for much of the operational side of the church (Property, Finance, Health & Safety, etc) They are currently seeking a Chair. Would you be interested in serving the Church as part of this group? If so please speak to Douglas or Bill Stevenson. The next meeting is August 19th.

Privacy Notice - Following recent guidance there has been an update to the Parish Privacy Notice which can be found on our website at <https://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/privacy-notice>

Consent Forms - Due to the updated privacy policy, we are also required to seek written permission to continue to send this monthly update and other communications to you via email. Forms will be given out at Services over the next few weeks or can be downloaded from our website. Completed forms can be left after the service or returned to Lesley at the address below or by placing in the black post-box at the Stables in East Linton.

The Administrator
Parish of Traprain
The Stables
Preston Road
East Linton
EH40 3DS

Whitekirk Prayers - Prayers at Whitekirk take place every fortnight from 2pm at St Mary's Whitekirk. This short time of prayer is based around the Celtic Daily prayers of the Northumbria community. We meet next on Wednesday 4th June. Followed by 18th June and 2nd July.

Ukraine evening - Our next Monday event for Ukrainian refugees and host families is on 23rd June from 7pm at the Manse (5 The Glebe, East Linton).

Colourful connections – There will be no Colourful Connections on 3rd June. The next 6 week block will start on June 10th. For anyone that hasn't attended before but may have been thinking about joining the group there are still places available and the start of the new block on the 10th of June would be a great time to start. Colourful Connections is a creative art session for people of all artistic abilities (and none) to enhance brain health and emotional well-being – an opportunity to learn new skills, make friends and chat with each other. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 10 – 12 at Prestonkirk Stables. For further information please contact admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk

Youth Club – Wednesdays, 5.30-7.30 at the Stables (aimed at S1 and up)

Friendship Group - Wednesday mornings between 10-11.30am at Lynton Day Centre. A chance to meet new people, learn new skills and connect with others in our community. There's tea, coffee and home baking too! People with dementia and their carers are particularly welcome.

The Stables Community Café - Thursday mornings 10am-12pm at Prestonkirk Stables. Come along for a tea or coffee and a chat. There are also people there who can provide a range of advice and support. This is a partnership between the church, The Ridge, Dunbar Debt Advice Service and East Lothian Foodbank.

Pastoral Care - Our pastoral care team is led by Sue Rhodes and the other members are Irene Heron, Libby Jeffrey, Margaret Jeffrey and Helen Napier. If you, or someone you know, is unwell, lonely/isolated, in hospital or a care home, and would like to ensure that visits are arranged – please contact one of the team or send an email to care@parishoftraprain.org.uk and someone will get back to you.

Gifts and Offerings - Setting up a regular Standing Order for regular offerings and gifts to the church helps us to manage our finances better and be able to plan with a bit more certainty.

To set up a Standing Order, our church bank details are:

- Sort code: 83-22-25 (Royal Bank of Scotland, Haddington)
- Account name: The Parish of Traprain
- Account number: 00708064

If you are a tax payer, it is also helpful if you can make sure you complete a Gift Aid Form so that we can reclaim 25p for every £1 that is given to the church. Gift Aid Forms can be returned to Lorraine Scott or leave it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning and we can get it to her.

Other events

Scripture Union is organising a series of prayer walks on Saturdays 31 May (Penicuik to Musselburgh), 7th June (Prestonpans to North Berwick) and 14th June (North Berwick to Dunbar). The route will be broken into various stages and you are welcome to join for as little or as much as you feel able. Full details are available from fliers in our churches. The leg from North Berwick to East Linton on 14th June will include a stop for lunch at Prestonkirk Stables around 12 noon.

Dunbar Area Christian Youth Project will be running a summer programme of Life Bites and Life Walks. Running on eleven different days during July and August, people are needed for cooking, or going on a walk, but most importantly, talking with and listening to high school age young people. More information available from dunbaryouthassistant@gmail.com.