

May 2025 update

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for regular updates. If you have anything you would like us to flag up please email Lesley Kelly at admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk

Worship Services

Sunday 4th May

9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk (Communion at both) - *Encounters with Jesus – Starting again (John 21: 1-19)*

Sunday 11th May

9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk – *Christian Aid Sunday - Baptism of Lyla Fender at Prestonkirk*

Sunday 18th May

9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk - *Services will be led by Jacqueline Waugh*

Sunday 25th May

9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk - *Encounters with Jesus: say the word (Luke 7: 1-10)*

7:00pm at Prestonkirk – Prayer and Praise evening

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.

Month of Prayer - May

This month is a month of prayer in the Parish of Traprain that will link a number of different events and ways of praying, to encourage us all in our prayers. Please also look out for other resources and ideas throughout the month.

- *Prayer Workshop*

On Monday 5th May at 7pm there will be a prayer workshop at Prestonkirk Stables hosted by Margaret Jeffrey and Irene Heron. This is an informal evening aimed at helping people feel more confident about preparing and leading prayers. All are welcome.

- *Whitekirk Prayers*

The new owners of Whitekirk Church have asked that the regular prayer meeting continue and so we will be starting back on 7th May at 2pm and fortnightly thereafter. The next dates being 21st May and 4th June.

- *Traprain Pilgrimage*

The next Traprain Pilgrimage is taking place on Saturday 10th May meeting at 10am at Athelstaneford Church, the Pilgrimage Walk will be to Prestonkirk. The walk is approximately 5 miles. Please bring a packed lunch to have at the close of the Pilgrimage and arrange transport at the end. Registration is via the Pilgrimage page on our website. <https://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/pilgrimage/>



- *Praise and Prayer evening*

Sunday 25th May, 7pm at Prestonkirk. This evening will be led by Isabel Lindsay and please contact her if you would like to take part as a musician, singer or in a reading or prayer.

- *Thy Kingdom Come (29th May – 5th June)*

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. You can find out more

at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Funerals and Memorial Services

Colin Kennedy: 15th May, 12 noon at Prestonkirk followed by a burial at Stenton

Sheelagh Stone-Wigg: 5th June, 12:30 at Prestonkirk

General Assembly of the Church of Scotland takes place from 17 – 22 May 2025. Douglas is a Commissioner this year and will be at the Assembly each day, and worship in Traprain on 18 May will be led by Jacqueline Waugh. You can find out more about the General Assembly

at <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/general-assembly>

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

Messy Church is happening again on Sunday 1st June from 2 – 4.30pm at Prestonkirk.

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 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 emailing traprainholidayclub@gmail.com

Resources Committee – meets at 9am on Tuesday 20th May at the home of Jenny and Graham.

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

Ukraine evening – our next Monday event for Ukrainian refugees and host families is on 26th May from 7pm at Prestonkirk Stables

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.

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

Gladsmuir Parish Church Sunday evening service: 11th May, 6:30pm - A few of our favourite hymns
- <https://www.longniddrychurch.org.uk/>

Inspire Women's Group - next meeting will be a visit to Nunraw Abbey on Tuesday 6th May. They plan to leave Dunbar at 3.30pm from Belhaven Church to allow time to have a walk and a coffee before Vespers at 6pm. Please let either Chrissie (07799 607163) or Alison (07823 469472) know if you're planning to come along by, Sunday 4th May. All women will be made most welcome.

Christian Aid 80th anniversary service: An invitation to St Giles Cathedral to attend a service in celebration of Christian Aids 80th Anniversary. Further details can be found here: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/christian-aid-80th-anniversary-service-st-giles-cathedral>

Stenton Footlights - See How They Run - 7-10 May at Stenton Village Hall 7:30pm
- <https://www.stentonhall.com/event-info/the-stenton-footlights-presents-see-how-they-run>

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.