

PARISH OF TRAPRAIN - MONTHLY UPDATE  
JULY & AUGUST 2025

Hello Everyone

Welcome to our Summer update, with information on services and other events taking place over July & August. As always there is a lot going on so I do hope you will find this useful.

I am delighted to report that Christian Aid week this year raised £994.00. Thank you to all those who donated and to Mary Miller for organising our collections again this year.

There are a couple of requests below for help. The Community Cafe are looking for Bakers and Fiona is looking for volunteers for various roles at Prestonkirk. The Resource Committee are also seeking a chairperson. Can you spare some time to help with one of these roles?

I hope you enjoy the new look update. If you have anything you would like included in future issues. Please let me know email at [admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk)

Lesley

**Church services:**

6<sup>th</sup> July: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk  
- *Services led by Jacqueline Waugh*

13<sup>th</sup> July: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk  
- *Services led by Rev Mike Watson*

20<sup>th</sup> July: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk  
- *Christ Supreme (Colossians 1: 15-28)*

27<sup>th</sup> July: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk (Communion at both)  
- *Christ crucified (Colossians 2: 6-19)*

3<sup>rd</sup> August: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk  
- *Renewed in Christ (Colossians 3: 1-11)*



10<sup>th</sup> August: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *By faith – Cain and Abel, Enoch (Hebrews 11)*

17<sup>th</sup> August: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *By faith – Noah (Hebrews 11)*

24<sup>th</sup> August: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *By faith – Abraham and Sarah (Hebrews 11)*

31<sup>st</sup> August: 11:00 at Prestonkirk – Joint Café Church service

- *By faith – Jacob and Joseph (Hebrews 11)*

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

### **Baptisms:**

Athelstaneford: Sunday 17th August at 9.30am Caleb Owen

### **Weddings:**

Prestonkirk: Saturday 19th July at 2.30pm - Kayleigh Dart & Callum Angus

Prestonkirk: Saturday 26th July at 1.30pm - Hanna Lund & Iain Shepherd

### **Funerals:**

Prestonkirk: Monday 7th July at 12 Noon - Herbert (Bertie) McDonald

Stenton: Tuesday 8th July at 12 Noon - Mary Rowan-Hamilton

### **Minister's Annual Leave:**

Douglas will be on annual leave from 29th June until 15th July. During this time all enquiries should be made to Lesley on 07926 574048 or at [admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk)

### **Prestonkirk Rotas:**

Fiona is seeking volunteers for several roles at Prestonkirk. Would you be able to take a turn on any of the following?

Welcome Team

Readings Rota

Communion Rota

Coffee Rota

Please email Fiona at [Fionabyrnes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Fionabyrnes@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

**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 2nd July. Followed by 16th & 30th July and August 13th & 27th.

**Colourful Connections:**

The current block has started but new attendees are always most welcome. 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 Lesley at [admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk)

**Elders Assembly:**

This year's assembly is taking place on Saturday 9th August at Stenton Village Hall from 10am. A light lunch will be provided.

**Guild Strawberry Tea:**

Tuesday 12th August from 2.15pm at The Stables, Prestonkirk. Please contact Elizabeth Cowan for further information.

**Holiday Club:**

Holiday Club registration is now full! The year Holiday Club will run from 4th - 8th August from 10.00 - 12.30 each day. Further information can be found on our website at <https://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/holiday-club/> or by contacting us at [traprainholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:traprainholidayclub@gmail.com)

**Resource Committee:**

The next meeting is 19th August at 9am at 1 Andrew Meikle Grove. the group are currently seeking a chairperson. Please contact Douglas if you would be interested in serving in this role.

**Youth Club:**

Wednesdays, 5.30 - 7.30pm at The Stables (aimed at S1 and up) There will be no Youth Club on Wednesdays 2nd & 9th July. But, after that we will continue throughout the Summer. Would you be interested in volunteering at Youth Club? Please get in touch with Fiona for more information at [fiona.byrnes@yahoo.com](mailto:fiona.byrnes@yahoo.com)

**Messy Church:**

The next Messy Church will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 2 – 4.30pm at Prestonkirk.

**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 Cafe:**

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. We are delighted to also now be supported by Hometown Coffee.

Volunteer bakers are still required; do you have time to make a cake or some biscuits? Please let Lesley know if you would like to help by contacting her at [admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk)

**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 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](mailto:care@parishoftraprain.org.uk) and someone will get back to you.

**Receiving updates by email:**

We can only send email updates to those who have completed a Data consent form. Forms can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/data-privacy-consent-form/> and returned to Lesley via the black post box at the Stables.

**Gifts and Offerings:**

Setting up a 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 details are:

Account Name: The Parish of Traprain.

Sort Code: 83-22-25 (Royal Bank of Scotland, Haddington)

Account Number: 00708064

**Gift Aid:**

If you are a UK taxpayer, 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.