

## TRAPRAIN Parish Update – September 2025

### Church Services

7<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk (Communion at both)

- *Visitors from our twinned church in Naxalbari, India*

14<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *Services led by Rev Mike Watson*

21<sup>st</sup> September: 9:30 at Athelstaneford and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *Harvest services with donations to East Lothian Foodbank*

28<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30 at Stenton and 11:00 at Prestonkirk

- *Harvest service and communion at Stenton; regular worship at Prestonkirk*

### Messy Church

Messy Church is a fun, family friendly afternoon suitable for children of Primary School age. Our Harvest Messy Church will take place on Sunday 21st September from 2pm - 4.30pm at Prestonkirk stables. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Kirk Session

There will be a meeting of the Kirk Session on Tuesday 9th September from 7.00pm at Prestonkirk Stables.

### Traprain Pilgrimage

On Saturday 27th September our Pilgrimage will take place in association with the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum (SPRF). We are walking 6.5km along the Forth to Farne way from St Mary's Church Whitekirk to Prestonkirk. Meet at 9:30am at Prestonkirk Stables or 10:30am at Whitekirk. For full details visit: [www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/pilgrimage](http://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/pilgrimage)

### Dunbar Area Christian Youth Partnership

On Sunday 28th September there will be a service of worship and celebration to mark 20 years of the DACYP; at St Anne's Church Dunbar from 3pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Further information can be found on their website <https://www.dacyp.org.uk>

### Whitekirk Prayers

Prayers at Whitekirk continue to 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. September meetings are on September 13th and 24th.

### Ukraine Evening

Our next Ukraine Evening is at Prestonkirk Stables on Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7pm.



### **Inspire Women's Group - "Company, Conversation & a Cuppa"**

The new session begins on Tuesday 2nd September at 8pm with an evening of connecting and planning. Venue: Aberford Villa, East Links Road, Dunbar. Please contact Chrissie 07799 607163 or Alison on 07823 469472 for more information.

### **Presbytery Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on Saturday 6th September from 10am at Dalkeith St John's and King's Park church.

### **Contact Magazine**

Our latest addition of Contact Magazine will be out shortly. The magazine is hand delivered to all households within the Parish. Volunteers are sought for this; any help is appreciated whether it's one street or a whole village. Please speak to either Lesley or Pat Carmichael if you can help.

### **Parish of Traprain Website**

We are looking at giving our Parish website a bit of an update. I'm putting together a small working group to collaborate on this. Would you be interested? Please get in touch with me at [admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk) if you would like to be involved in this process.

### **Colourful Connections**

The current block of this inclusive class 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 [admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk](mailto:admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk)

### **Youth Club**

On Wednesday evenings, between 5.30-7.30pm at The Stables (aimed at S1 - S6 pupils). Would you be interested in volunteering at Youth Club? Please get in touch with Fiona for more information. [fionabyrnes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fionabyrnes@yahoo.co.uk)

### **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.

Our volunteer bakers are most appreciated; do you have time to make a cake or some biscuits for the cafe? Please let Lesley know if you would like to help 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 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.