



WESTER HAILES BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 7th September 2025

'Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name for ever.'

(Psalm 86 v 11,12)

This Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Speaker: Pastor Craig Dowling

The children leave us after the first part of the service for Sunday School and CREW.

There is a crèche for those under 3 years old. Children of visitors are very welcome to join in!

6.00 p.m. Evening Devotions and Fellowship

Speaker: Pastor Craig Dowling

Monday 1.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (in the Prayer Room)

Wednesday: 7.30 p.m. Jesus: The Evidence

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Jesus: The Evidence: This is a real opportunity to bring friends and relatives to hear the truths of the gospel. Please be much in prayer for the evening, invite people to come, and even if you come alone, please come! You may discover new reasons for the hope you have in Christ... *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* (1 Peter 3:15)

Next Sunday morning the service will include the induction of Karen Ross as a deacon. Please remember to pray for Karen for next Sunday, and support her in her role as pastoral care worker within the deacons' court.

Special Members' meeting: A special business meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th September at 7.30 pm to consider changing the church structure to a SCIO, as outlined in the paper distributed at the AGM in May. Any member who did not receive the paper (or has lost it!) can get a copy from Gerald. We will also be discussing the possible appointment of a youth and community worker, and proposing changes to the financial governance policy for the church.

Food Bank: Please remember to bring supplies for the church food bank regularly if you are able to. There is continuing high demand to help families in the local area.

Rising Lights: The FIEC are organising this gathering for five days (April 6-10, 2026) in Torquay to hear God's word, to praise our risen Saviour, and to rest. With plenty for adults, teens, and kids, alongside space to enjoy Torquay with friends and family. Leaflets are available in the vestibule.

Bulletin: Items for the next bulletin should be emailed to Gerald (gerald@whbc.uk) by next Thursday.

Pastoral Care: If you have any pastoral issues/ prayer needs, please contact one of our Pastor, Craig Dowling (07443 489431, email: craig@whbc.uk), or of the Elders – Gerald Kenny (01506 202617) or Paul Brown (0131 445 1007). Ladies are welcome to contact our pastoral care worker, Karen Ross (07916 392078, email: care.westerhailes@gmail.com).

PRAYER GUIDE

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose way of life is blameless."
(Psalm 84 v 11)

Please use the following daily pointers to help direct your prayers, trusting in God to answer:

SUNDAY: Worship: Pray for our services and our speakers today. Thank God for His provision for us and ask for His continued blessing. Pray for the worship, ministry and outreach of the church.

Pray for the health of: Bob and Liz, Bill.

MONDAY: Leadership and Pastoral Team: Thank God for our pastor, Craig Dowling, and pray for him and his family, and for his ministry. Pray for the Elders, their families; our Deacons, our pastoral care worker, Karen, and leaders of church ministries; ask God to raise up more harvest-workers, and leadership for church ministries.

Pray for the health of: Val, Karen F., Sheila H.

TUESDAY: Community and Evangelism: your contacts, friends and family you wish to be saved. Pray for God's work in and around the church, that the Holy Spirit would move in lives in this area, touching homes and families. Pray for Kid's Matter, fruit from the Fun Day, and for Jesus: The Evidence and that God would use us to reach out through these and in other ways. Pray for the Dove Centre, our governments, and the witness of churches throughout the UK. Pray for Coalition for Marriage and the Christian Institute and the important work they and similar organisations do.

Pray for the health of: Ruby, Pat, Ella.

WEDNESDAY: Church family: Ask for love and unity amongst us, and pray for spiritual growth and for people willing and able to serve God in our church. Pray for those who are unwell, recently bereaved, lonely, finding it difficult to cope, with financial or relationship problems etc. Pray for single people, couples and families, the elderly, those needing long-term care, and all involved in caring.

Pray for the health of: Audrey, Maureen, Jean McP.

THURSDAY: Mission: Pam & Simon (MAF), Robert & Phillippa (Botswana/ Faith Mission), Andrew and Grace (Lincs), Sandro and Gislene (Middle East), Jane and Edgar (Spain), Yasser and Claudia (Egypt), Paul C. (SASRA), Armond (Peru), Paul J-G (Edinburgh); the Mission Committee. Pray for situations around the world, including the war in the Ukraine and the situation in Israel, and especially persecuted Christians.

FRIDAY: Young People: Pray for children in Sunday School and CREW, for the teachers and helpers, those who came to WoT?, children dedicated in the church and local schools. Pray that they would remember what they have learned and continue to grow in faith. Pray for the kids and parents who come to Munchkins and pray for the possible restarting of WoT? for primary school children. Pray for the children who came to the Holiday Bible clubs, last year and this, and for their families. Continue to pray for a new youth leader. Ask for growth in the youth and children's ministry.

Pray for the health of: Jean, Ian, Sophie

SATURDAY: Church and Local Ministries: stewards, music, multi-media, building maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment, finance, and admin. Pray for the homeless and the Edinburgh Street Pastors, Care Van, Bethany Trust and Edinburgh City Mission.

Pray for the health of: Graham, George.