



WESTER HAILES BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 5th October 2025

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever.' Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
(2 Corinthians 9 v -11)

This Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Service – Harvest Thanksgiving

Speaker: Pastor Craig Dowling

The children will remain in the service this morning, as it is a family service. There will not be a crèche but parents are free to take their children through to the crèche room.

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. Bible study and Prayer Meeting led by Pastor Craig Dowling continuing the evangelism course. Please remember to bring pen and paper.

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Operation Christmas Child: The annual shoebox appeal is here again! Boxes and leaflets are available in the vestibule. You can pack a shoebox with clothes, books, stationery items etc. as per the guidance in the leaflet, to bring joy, and the opportunity to hear the gospel, to children in many different countries around the world. You can also give online and have a box packed for you at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. Packed boxes must be brought to the church NO LATER than Sunday 9th Nov.

Food Bank: Please remember to bring supplies for the church food bank regularly if you are able to. Most donations today, like the regular gifts, will be taken to Holy Trinity church as we work alongside them to help the needy in the area.

Faith Mission Autumn Lectures: Beginning Monday 20th October from 7:30pm-21:00pm, Dr Iain Hepbrun, lecturer in Biblical Studies, will begin a 4-part series on the Tabernacle. The series is entitled 'Tabernacle: A sacred tent with Modern Relevance.'

Abernethy Trust: Rooted for Men - October 31st - November 2nd: an action-packed weekend away in the Scottish Highlands for men who want to get out into nature, unplug from busy lives and connect with other guys. Rooted for Men is designed to inspire, challenge and energise men to live powerful and passionate lives for Christ within their family, workplace and church. <https://www.abernethy.org.uk/event/rooted-for-men/>

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 Pastors, 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

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer. Show me the wonders of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes."

(Psalm 17 v 6,7)

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, Val.

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: Karen F., Mike and 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 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. Pray for the children who came to the Holiday Bible clubs, last year and this, and for their families. Pray for the appointment of a Youth and Community worker. Ask for growth in the youth and children's ministry.

Pray for the health of: Jean, Ian

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.