

Emmanuel Church Clermiston

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A Church for all people to celebrate Good News

Bridge Builder Project

This project is being funded by the St Hilda's Trust through the Scottish Episcopal Church. They have given us £5,000 towards the salary and expenses of Neil Shannon. Already he has been working in the Clermiston Area for over 4 months, and we have heard from him how the work is progressing.



However, we are committed to sharing the **financial** costs with Barnton Baptist Church for at least 3 years, and we will, as a consequence, be asking our members to consider giving towards these extra expenses. You will all be receiving a letter in the next month explaining how you can do this. Meanwhile do pray for the project and consider how you can help **practically** and **financially**. Maybe you can even suggest ways in which we can engage with the local community.

Neil will be giving us a monthly update on the first Sunday of each month.

Some **practical** ways in which we can help with the project are:

- Street Reach (we have not done this for a while)
- help with a local Community Café in the Hub (not up and running yet)
- help with local Youth Work (Scouts, etc)
- other activities centred on the Rannoch Centre
- involvement in the Annual Gala
- the Alpha Course.

NB Sunday April 14th - Bridge Builder Launch Day!

On Sunday, 14th April we will be formally launching the **Bridge Builder** Project. Before that, we will be reminding all our members about the day, and also inviting many of our former members and other friends to join us. At that time we will be outlining our vision for the Clermiston Area through the project.

Make sure that you are able to come on the 14th. Service as usual at 12.00 noon followed by lunch together.



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The last two sessions will take place on the 7th and 21st March in the Craigmount Community Wing from 7.30-9.30pm.

Where are the heroes?

This was a challenging message by the pastor in our church. The teaching was about Paul and Timothy:

- their concern for others
- their commitment to mission
- their courage in the face of danger and adversity



‘Where are the Christian heroes like that today?’ he asked.

My pastor’s contention was that we don’t have these kind of heroes around anymore.

It was a fair challenge, and yet I had to keep myself from jumping up and saying, ‘I will show you people who care. I’ll show you people utterly committed to mission. I’ll show you some of the most courageous people you could possibly meet.’

These are the people who maintain and fly MAF aircraft; the people who serve God through Mission Aviation Fellowship in a wide variety of roles; the people who uproot themselves and their families and choose to live at the ends of the earth in order to serve God. They don’t want to be called heroes, but they certainly fit my pastor’s description.

So, where do we fit in? Not many of us consider ourselves to be heroic, but we can get alongside these godly people in our prayers.

Kevin Simpson, Head of MAF in Scotland

Pray for Andrew and Hannah Mumford and their children Zack(5) and Esther(2) from Aberdeen who arrived in Chad in January. Pray for them as they settle into a new country and a very different culture. Pray for protection for Andrew as he will be flying in difficult terrain.



Please pray for:

- Neil as he works alongside the Community Youthwork Team in the Drum Brae Hub on Friday afternoons. Pray for relationships with the local council and also establishing a presence among the young people in the community.
- A number of people in our church family are struggling with ongoing health problems. Do keep them in your prayers regularly and pray for those who care for them.



Let your creative juices flow...

- Please give Dorothy items for the **April** Newsletter by **Friday, 22nd March**. email ken.dorothy.893@btinternet.com
- Please let Dorothy know any **change of address or phone number**.
- **Remember you can post articles directly to the blog** on the website by emailing info1588.emmanuel@blogger.com
- **Jane updates the website to reflect any changes but please review the website and email janerobbo@blueyonder.co.uk with any new information. It is important to keep the website up-to-date as many people looking for a new church will check the internet first.**



Dates to Remember

Sunday March 3rd
Talk-Talk 7 ‘The Way’
NB Fellowship lunch after the service

Sunday March 10th
Mothering Sunday
‘Love Naturally’

Sunday March 17th
‘The Cross changes Everything’
NB Holy Communion

Sunday March 24th
Palm Sunday
‘The Cross changes Everything’

Sunday March 31st
Easter - ‘In the Garden’
NB Holy Communion

Sunday April 7th
Bridge Builder Launch Day
NB Fellowship lunch