

November 2024 update

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for regular updates. If you have anything you would like us to flag up please email Wendy Brock at admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk

Worship Services

Sunday 3 November

9:30am at Athelstaneford (Communion) and 11am at Prestonkirk – CrossReach Sunday

Sunday 10 November

10.45am at Prestonkirk – Parish Remembrance Sunday service followed by act of remembrance at the War Memorial in the park at 12 noon

Earlier in the day other acts of remembrance will take place at 9.30am at the memorials in Athelstaneford and Stenton. At Stenton this will be followed by a short service in the church. Wreaths will be laid at the memorials in Whitekirk at 10.15am and Whittingehame at 10.45am.

Sunday 17 November

9.30am at Athelstaneford and 11am at Prestonkirk (Blessing of Eoin Thomas) – Growing Young

Sunday 24 November

9.30am at Stenton (Communion) and 11am at Prestonkirk – Christ the King Sunday

Sunday 1 December

9.30am at Athelstaneford and 11am at Prestonkirk - First Sunday of Advent

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' page.

St Andrew's Day Saltire Service - Saturday 30 Nov 2pm at Athelstaneford Church, with music from Gifford Community Choir. Our annual service held in partnership with the Scottish Flag Trust is taking place this year on St Andrew's Day itself and I hope you can join us for this service that marks the feast day of our patron saint. Haddington Pipe Band will be playing outside from 1:30pm, and there will be refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

Advent Messy Church - 1 Dec at Prestonkirk from 3-5pm – for primary age children and families. Baking, sticking, painting, singing and listening to the story of Christmas.

Whitekirk Prayers – 2pm on Wednesdays 13 and 27 Nov.

Guild

12 Nov - Sewing Projects with Jill Wareham

26 Nov - Christmas Craft with Shirley Patterson

Both meetings will start at 2:15pm in Prestonkirk Stables



Funeral – of Helen Watt will take place on Tuesday 12 Nov at 12 noon in Prestonkirk followed by a burial at 1pm at Whitekirk.

Blessings – of Eoin Thomas will be on 17th Nov as part of the Sunday morning service at Prestonkirk. The same day we will be celebrating the blessing of Hector Rettie in a service at Stenton at 2pm.

Pastoral Care - Our new pastoral care team is now up and running. It is being 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 a 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 and someone will get back to you.

Bereavement Support Group - this group will begin on 20th November in the evenings and will run weekly for 5 weeks before Christmas, and 3 weeks after the new year. If you think that this is something you would benefit from, then please speak to Douglas for more details.

Gifts and Offerings

At the services last week we mentioned the option of setting up a regular Standing Order as a way of making regular offerings and gifts to the church. If you are a tax payer, it is also helpful if you can make sure you complete a Gift Aid Form.

To set up a Standing Order, our church bank details are:

- Sort code: 83-22-25 (Royal Bank of Scotland, Haddington)
- Account name: The Parish of Traprain
- Account number: 00708064

Resources Committee - meets at 9am on Thursday 7 Nov at the Village Vestry.

The Village Vestry is a new meeting / office space that we are trialling for the next few months, and is located in a unit at the back of the Mart in East Linton, close to the Station car park. Douglas will be working from the Village Vestry at various points during the week and will be happy to meet you there.

Kirk Session - meets at 7:30pm Tuesday 12 Nov at Prestonkirk Stables.

Ukraine evening – our next event for Ukrainian refugees and host families is on Monday 25 Nov from 7pm at Prestonkirk Stables

Youth Club – Wednesdays, 5.30-7.30 at the Stables (aimed at S1 and up).

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 Café – 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.

If you would like to receive occasional updates from the church via email then please send an email to Wendy with your contact details: admin@parishoftraprain.org.uk