**February 2025 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 26 January – Commuion

9:30am at Stenton and 11am at Prestonkirk – *Encounters with Jesus: down by the river*

Sunday 2 February

9.30am at Athelstaneford and 11am at Prestonkirk – *Church twinning - Naxalbari*

Sunday 9  February

9.30am at Stenton and 11am at Prestonkirk – *Encounters with Jesus: temptation in the desert*

Sunday 16 February

9.30am at Athelstaneford and 11am at Prestonkirk – *services led by Jacqueline Waugh*

Sunday 23 February

9.30am at Stenton and 11am at Prestonkirk – *Encounters with Jesus: an unwelcome homecoming*

Sunday 2 March

9.30am at Athelstaneford and 11am at Prestonkirk – *Encounters with Jesus: a healing experience*

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.

**Guild**

28 Jan  A poetic afternoon” with Tom Middlemass

11 Feb  Crossreach project - Playful beginnings ‘Sunflower Garden and Daisy Chain’

25 Feb  ‘Snowdrop Tea’ in aid of Guild projects

Meetings start at 2:15pm in Prestonkirk Stables

**Colourful Connections**

Prestonkirk Stables, East Linton: 10am – 12 noon – Tuesdays 28 Jan, 4 Feb, 11 Feb, 18 Feb

A series of 4 creative art sessions for older people of all artistic abilities (and none) to enhance brain health and emotional well-being. Participants will be able to explore creativity, learn new skills, make friends and chat with each other.

The two hour sessions are open to anyone who’s interested, and would also be suitable for people living with dementia, their family and friends.

All materials will be provided. Cost: FREE

For further info or to register interest in coming, please contact Douglas Hamilton. Tel: 07831 657854 Email: dhamilton@churchofscotland.org.uk

**Christmas appeals**

Thank you to everyone who donated to CrossReach as part of our Christmas services. A total of £1174 was raised to support CrossReach’s work across Scotland.

The Stenton Singers Christmas Concert raised over £1500 that is being donated to ‘Keep the Heid’.

**Kirk Session** - meets at 7:30pm on Monday 3 Feb at Prestonkirk Stables.

**Messy Church** – 16 Mar at Prestonkirk from 3-5pm – for primary age children and families. Baking, sticking, painting, singing and listening to the story of Christmas – with refreshments in the Stables too.

**Ukraine evening** – our next Monday events for Ukrainian refugees and host families are on 27 January and 24 February 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.

**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 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.

**Gifts and Offerings**

Setting up a regular Standing Order for regular offerings and gifts to the church helps us to manage our finances better and be able to plan with a bit more certainty.

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

If you are a tax payer, it is also helpful if you can make sure you complete a Gift Aid Form (attached) so that we can reclaim 25p for every £1 that is given to the church. Gift Aid Forms can be returned to Lorraine Scott or leave it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning and we can get it to her.

*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*