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January 2022 **SPECIAL**
A weblink resources newsletter



To the church...

‘Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.’ Phil4:8-9

Dear friends,

This special edition newsletter is full of weblinks to help you think about pure, noble and lovely things; Easy to access helpful resources for 2022.

On a laptop or pc you can access each link by hovering over it, holding the “Ctrl” button and clicking it with a mouse.

Remember 20-20-20, helping you online

If you are online a lot, here’s a wee reminder from optometrists; after 20 minutes online, spend at least 20 seconds focussing at something, that is at least 20 feet away.

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When He calls me to obey, love will always be the underlying motive and when I do, I will be better off.

Scripture & spiritual growth resources

Many Bible translations on **Biblegateway**

Read the Bible together with Bible Plan from Bible.com

Youversion is a **Bible app** with lots of extras <https://blog.youversion.com/2020/>

Memorise core Scripture verses with the [topical-memory-system](#)

Scottish Bible Society – scottishbiblesociety.org/ exciting resources from children's to all age, from in-depth studies to light encounters, for indoors and outdoors, the high quality and variety of material is commendable.

Daily Devotional Lectio 365 app available in App store & at [24-7prayer](#)

Bible Society's Bible Course. Video teaching, group discussion and more, It works with online conferencing tools like Zoom and Skype. £14.99, then free for group members, run as many groups as you like, with devotions and a leader's manual. Full info [here](#).

Measuring ministry in our congregations. [Here](#) is a challenging article with great questions for conversations with kirk sessions or strategy days.

Rutherford Centre interview series: what is the church? <https://www.rcrt.scot/news/>

Celtic worship. Contemporary old favourites <https://celticworship.co.uk/videos/>

Old church basement, a **vibrant new worship** collection on: [here](#)

Scripture & spiritual growth resources 2

Tapesfromscotland.org treasure trove of sermons by many of Scotland's most gifted Bible teachers.

Challenging messages by Alistair Begg; parksidechurch.com or [Youtube channel](#).

Life and Work, the monthly Church of Scotland magazine, www.lifeandwork.org

St Columba: The Faith of an Island Soldier **book** by local Rev Dr Bruce Ritchie, [here](#).

Simple time with God practical booklet provides a framework for engaging with God at three different times of the day in different ways [here](#).

Only £1 each, a great resource for church entry tables and easy to give away.

Evangelical Alliance UK resources eauk.org/great-commission/resources

Becoming a mature disciple study guide [What-Kind-of-Follower.pdf](#).

Evangelical Alliance European news <https://evangelicalfocus.com/>

Highland Theological College <https://www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/>

Pray for Scotland <http://www.prayforscotland.org.uk/>

Walk and pray ideas <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-walking>

BBC Scotland – Reflections at the Quay bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000h441

The Wheel illustration [the-wheel-illustration](#), how to live an effective Christian life.

The Bridge illustration booklet [navigators bridge.pdf](#), explains Christ's sacrifice.

Resources for mission

Acorn Is there someone outside the church God is nudging you to contact?

Acorn is a way to connect Christians with the work God is doing in others through caring conversation. It really works. You can sign up to trial this simple way to share faith. Contact Paul for further info. What is it? 8 minute video [here](#). 34 minute exploration [here](#). Two short videos with some familiar faces: [video 1](#), [video 2](#). [Facebook page](#) with inspirational thoughts and stories.



The Engel Scale is a most helpful missional resource. It can help us figure out where someone is at with God, what to pray, say and do to help people take the next step with Him. Various models [here](#). In depth exploration [here](#).

Resources for mission 2

Solas When talking about faith, consider asking prodding questions over giving air-tight theological answers, like Jesus did. Helpful support from the Christian organisation [Solas](#), with videos on [youtube Solas](#). Dozens of short answers [here](#).

Questioning evangelism a [book](#) about engaging people's hearts, the way Jesus did.

Fresh Expressions is a movement with lots of new expressions of church, connecting with a changing culture. There is a [Youtube channel](#) with a [video](#) from our own North of Scotland author Steve Aisthorpe about his [book](#) 'Rewilding the church'.

Churches growing young strategic church growth, to reach younger generations in a way that breathes life into the whole church <https://churchesgrowingyoung.com/>

Alpha course Over 24 million people have tried Alpha in over 100 countries, in every part of the global church. <https://alpha.org.uk/scotland> or <https://alpha.org.uk/alpha-online>. If you organise Alpha, *free* large blue or white banners can now be picked up from Inshes church. Contact them on Doris: office@insheschurch.org, tel 226 727

Christianity Explored helps people to meet Jesus www.christianityexplored.org/

Good News Newspaper Ask Paul for a copy, or Nick Archer na.overcome7@gmail.com or check out www.goodnews-paper.org.uk

<https://40acts.org.uk/> 40 days, 40 challenges, 40 ways to make a difference.

<https://licc.org.uk/resources/trusting-god-journey/> Trusting God, 40-day prayers

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<https://www.cpo.org.uk/> contemporary cards, booklets, banners and more

Trypraying resources on <http://thereishope.co.uk/resources/>

Rewilding the Church, an inspiring conversation on releasing people for mission, [here](#)

Rev Martin Fair's powerful 13 minute speech about **reimagining the church** [here](#)

The4points.com a most simple gospel illustration the4points.com/uk/index.php

See further missional resources in the Stories resources section

God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply - Hudson Taylor

World Wide Church resources

Find out about **current Christian persecution** [here](#) from Open Doors US

Church of Scotland World Mission [news](#)

Open Doors <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/latest-news/>

Release releaseinternational.org/prisoners-of-faith/; Write to a persecuted Christian

CSW - Christian Solidarity Worldwide csw.org.uk/connectencourage.htm

OMF hope for Billions in Asia <https://omf.org/uk/>

One for Israel Training leaders through Bible college <https://www.oneforisrael.org/>

Worldvision - Global humanitarian aid



There's always a reason to always choose joy. ('Smile' video [here](#))

Children's resources

Out of the Box local ministry 'inspiring children through performing arts'.

Website with [resources](#) and [Youtube channel](#).

Scripture union Scotland <https://www.suscotland.org.uk/>

Care for the Family <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/>

Superbook is a website full of fun Bible (video) resources for kids with a [youtube channel](#) and [website](#).

A great [book](#) with **Bible crafts** for kids (£15.22, reduced in price).

Bible App for Kids <https://www.bible.com/en-GB/kids>

Faith in Kids supports churches and parents <https://faithinkids.org/>, a website packed full of resources for families and children's workers.

Easter crafts: [christ-centered-easter-activities-and-crafts/](#)



*The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet
seeking out the lost and helpless - Billy Graham*

Youth resources

Scripture Union **Equip North** events for S3-6 [here](#).

Magnitude Youth event at Lendrick Muir, July 23-26, five incredible days that will inspire and empower you to boldly and fearlessly live out your faith. magnitude.org.uk/booking open now

NUA (SU) discussion film series <https://nuafilmseries.org/who-is-nua>

Youth Alpha discussion film series <https://www.alpha.org/youth/>

Developing the young work force [skills-academy](https://skills-academy.com). Videos on how to present yourself with confidence on youtube.com/channel/UCf00t2YwEAWeNJazS_Ez7Fw

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*If I can explain to myself what Jesus did for me,
can I explain it to someone else?*

Stories resources

This section is full of interviews and testimonies. Within this section you can carefully pick sites and stories that can be shared with seeking friends, or be used in a church service, small group or outreach event.

I Am Second High quality, real life stories worth watching and sharing with fellowship groups, in services and with non-Christians <https://www.iamsecond.com/film/>

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus, that is now free to watch and deeply engaging for many in and beyond the church. <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen>, or the [Youtube channel](#), or mobile [app](#).

Five 7 minute videos why God allows pain by Mike Novotny [Time of Grace playlist](#)

From Gateway, **Highland Homeless Trust**, read some powerful local [stories](#).

DramaKirk bringing the Gospel to life in Scotland. www.dramakirk.org, [Facebook](#)

Dramatic Answer to Prayer; The Miracle of Dunkirk. A ten minute film [here](#)

Poems by *Anne Smith*, elder in Aberdeen, self-publisher who writes faith poems. Interested in receiving any of her writings? Get in touch on smithanneg@tiscali.co.uk.

41 minutes of Corrie ten Boom talking about God's Love [here](#)

Wall of Answered Prayer, UK centre,
many answered prayers www.eternalwall.org.



Social action resources

Christian Institute affecting public policy <https://www.christian.org.uk/>

Blythswood foodbank <https://blythswood.org/>

Inverness Foodstuff Emergency meals at Ness Bank. Helpline 07552303056 [Foodstuff](#)

Benefits/council services. The single free helpline number – **0300 303 1362** – will connect callers to relevant Council specialist teams (Mon to Fri from 8am to 6pm).

New Start Highland helps struggling people newstarthighland.org/

Mental Health Crisis support for people struggling with severe issues around social isolation, mental wellbeing and for those in crisis.

Mikeysline local Highlands support, to help prevent tragic loss of lives. [mikeysline](http://mikeysline.co.uk). Text 07786 20 77 55, phone (daytime) 01463 729000, enquiries@mikeysline.co.uk.

Samaritans free helpline tel no 116123, 365 days a year day or night. Info: [samaritans](http://samaritans.org)

Money talk. Worried about bills? Contact the Money Talk Team Service from the Citizens Advice Bureau. Helpline: 0800 085 7145 <https://moneytalkteam.org.uk/>.

Parent Club from the Scottish Government is full of hints and tips from parents and carers, with articles across dozens of topics. <https://www.parentclub.scot/>

Transforming Lives for Good. TLG helps churches to bring hope and a future for struggling children. Hilton church loves the programme <https://www.tlg.org.uk/>

Martin Fair interviews Sally Magnusson about the effects of *dementia* [here](#).

Christian faith in **political life**; <https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/>

L'Arche Highland helps people with disabilities to live their lives to the fullest. Why not volunteer? <https://www.larchehighland.org.uk/>, 01463 239 615.



Local partnership resources

A local quiet two acre **open garden** for contemplation near Farr. Contact Joyce Mitchell stanleymitchell121@btinternet.com, or 01808 521285, See quietgarden.org/

Actionforchildren.org.uk/ protect and support young people, 01463 717227

Street Pastors <https://streetpastors.org/locations/inverness/>.

Commissioning service at Culduthel Christian Centre, Sun January 23 at 6pm.

Christian Youth Centre <https://www.facebook.com/cycinverness/>

Christian fellowship of Healing, Highland christianfellowshipofhealinghighland

Adopt a Child Charity Shop in Culloden. facebook AdoptAChildCullodenCharityShop

Thy Kingdom Come Inverness partnership of many local churches on [Facebook](https://facebook)

A local **Worship treasure trove**, from worship –traditional and contemporary to Gaelic teaching and songs to a plethora of sources like Solas, Soul Survivor, Christianity Explored and testimonies on East church playlists

Listening Ear . Talk things through in confidence, by *Culduthel Christian Centre*. listenin-gear@culduthelchristiancentre.org 07908402344

Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland. Local chaplain Christina McCrae is looking for new volunteers. Contact: 07432 721171, christina.mccrae@wpcscotland.co.uk

Hi-hope, aimed at helping 14 to 24 year olds in the Highlands <https://hi-hope.org/>

*Join heart and soul and body and circumstances
in the march to publish His mercy to the world - William Booth*

Green matters resources

[Ecocongregationscotland](#) lots of resources for churches and Christians, like this resource for discussion:
[lets-talk-about-the-climate-emergency/](#)

Replace Google with **Ecosia**. Ecosia is a search engine that plants trees whenever you search on the web, easy! More info [here](#).

Sobering climate facts on **[Earthday](#)**

More facts on **[Climate.nasa.gov/evidence/](#)**

[Top-15-useful-environmental-websites-in-the-uk](#)

[Greenpeace.org.uk](#) and local [facebook/greenpeaceinverness](#)

Always worth sponsoring; [www.wwf.org.uk/](#)

[Friendsoftheearth.uk/](#) the UK's largest grassroots environmental organisation

Powerful, poetic videos; [Man vs earth](#), 4min; [Sorry](#), 6 min.

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'Not called!' did you say? 'Not heard the call' I think you should say
William Booth

Resources related to Covid

Relevant and up to date info:

NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

HIGHLAND COUNCIL <https://www.highland.gov.uk/news>

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND <resources/covid-19-coronavirus-advice>

Covid help 4 Highland (HTSI) <resources-and-information.html>

Ready Scotland Volunteering, shopping, support, helping neighbours, groups and businesses <https://ready.scot/coronavirus>

Food Standards Scotland advice on Covid-19

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/consumers/food-safety/coronavirus>

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*How can we build a church that is sharply focused
on making followers of all people?*

Inverness Presbytery church links

National website <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Donate to the Church of Scotland or a congregation: [donate](#)

Presbytery website <https://invernesspresbytery.co.uk/>

Local churches:

Alves & Burghead linked with Kinloss & Findhorn
[abcofs](#)

Dallas linked with **Forres: St Leonard's** linked with **Rafford**
[dallas-l-w-forres-st-leonards-l-w-rafford](#)

Dyke & Edinkillie
[dykeandedinkillie](#)

Ardersier, Petty
[facebook](#)

the Barn
<https://www.barnchurch.org.uk/>
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbOxqHCUifxvQyRfGW3qZzQ>
[facebook](#)



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Inverness Presbytery church links - 2

Cawdor, Croy

<https://www.facebook.com/CCDParishes/>

Crown

<https://www.crown-church.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CrownChurchInverness/>

Dalneigh & Bona

<https://www.dalneighandbonachurch.org.uk/>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/dalneighandbona/>

Daviot, Dunlichty, Moy, Dalarossie, Tomatin

<http://www.strathsnairnanddearn.co.uk/>

East

<https://www.invernesseast.co.uk/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/eastinverness/>

Forres: St Laurence; [stlaurencechurchforres](http://stlaurencechurchforres.org)

Forres: St Leonard's linked with Dallas and Rafford

stleonardschurchforres.org

Hilton

<http://hiltonchurch.org.uk/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/hiltonchurchinverness/>

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Inshes

<https://www.insheschurch.org/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/insheschurchofscotland/>

Kilmorack & Erchless (Beauly)

<https://www.beaulychurch.org.uk/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/beaulychurch/>

Kiltarlity & Kirkhill

<http://www.kiltarlityandkirkhill.org.uk/>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/kiltarlitykirkhillchurches/>

Kinloss & Findhorn linked with Alves & Burghead
kinlossandfindhornchurch.org.uk/

Kinmylies

<https://www.kinmylies.co.uk/welcome.htm>

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook](#)

Nairn Old

<http://www.nairnold.org.uk/>

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Nairn St Ninians, Auldearn

<https://www.nairnstninians.org/>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/stniniansauldearn/posts/>

Ness Bank

<https://www.nessbankchurch.org.uk/>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/nessbankcos/>

Old High, St Stephens

<https://www.oldhighststephens.com/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/oldhighststephens/>

St Columba's, Dores & Boleskine

<http://stcolumbainverness.org/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/InvernessStColumba/>

Trinity

<http://trinityinverness.org.uk/>

[Facebook](#)

Urquhart & Glenmoriston

<https://lochnesschurch.org/>

[Youtube](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/LochNessChurch/posts/>

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Next edition in a month's time.

Please contact us with your stories and signs of hope or for further help or info, or let us know if you'd like to be added to (or taken off) the email list.

People from beyond Inverness Presbytery are welcome too.

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