

Family and YOUTH newsletter

Past activities

Family Carol Service—8th December

There was a great turn out for the Cluster Family carol service hosted by Longniddry Parish Church. We enjoyed singing new and old Carols and hearing a little about the Christmas story as told by Charlie Brown.



The service was held in support of Muirfield Riding Therapy who were delighted with the £670.89 that was raised to support their ongoing work. **See Future Activities for details of our upcoming Cluster events.**

Family New Years Walk and Lunch—4th January



A group of families from around the cluster got together on the morning of the 4th of January to go a short walk through Saulton Big Wood. The weather was perfect for a stroll through the forest. We followed this up with lunch to make sure to replace any missing calories! Keep an eye on the new Cluster Facebook page for news of when we will hold out next families meet up.

Highlighting the work among young people and families in the Tranent Cluster Churches

Wee Sleep Out

Chalmers Memorial Youth Kirk took part in Social Bite's Wee Sleep Out. This took place on a wet and wild Saturday night in December 2019 with 11 young folk and 4 hardy adults, sleeping on a hard floor to see what it's like to be homeless. They took part in discussions and activities to highlight some of the issues on homelessness. They raised £1,000 for Social bite which we are all very grateful for (£1,250 with Gift Aid) Watch this space for the 2020 event.



Refresh| YOUTH event

On the evening of 21st of February we are held a youth event "refresh| YOUTH" at the Lighthouse community centre in Prestonpans for young people in s1-s6.



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The focus of the evening was on waste as we considered how we can contribute to pollution and environmental crisis. According to Philippians 3:7-11 we risk wasting our own lives unless we focus on Jesus. There was a good turn out of young people from groups in Musselburgh, Tranent, Prestonpans and North Berwick. We expect many of the to be attending the camp in March which will continue exploring some of these themes.

Tranent Cluster Facebook page



We have recently launched a cluster Facebook page. You can find it by searching for Tranent Cluster on Facebook. Please join/ share/like the page to be kept updated on news and events around the cluster.

Future activities

7pm-9pm, 17th January — **Tranent Youth Café** at Salvation Army Hall, Tranent. Meets weekly thereafter

7pm-9pm, Fridays—**Focus Youth Group** at Salvation Army Hall, Prestonpans. For all in p7-s6

10 am – 12 noon, 3rd Saturday of the month **Kids Kirk** meets in Chalmers Church, Port Seton. This is for P1 - P7 children.



6 pm – 7.30pm, 3rd Sunday of the month **Youth Kirk** at Chalmers Church, Port Seton. For young people from P7- s6.

15th March— **Family Fellowship** walk and lunch, message Ewen for more details.

27th-29th March—**SU East Lothian and Midlothian Regional Camp**. For all in p7-s6. Bookings can be made on the SU Scotland website.

5th April—**Palm Sunday Praise**. 630pm-8pm Contemporary praise event at Tranent Parish Church. Including drama, dance and music.

10th April- **Blues Passion** 11am-12noon at Longniddry Parish Church. Featuring a range of musicians from late teens upwards, providing music for a journey through Mark's journey of Christ to the Cross.



31st May— **Big Sing** event led by John Bell. 6.30pm at Chalmers Church, Port Seton. More details to follow.

Resources

Drama and short sketches can be a great way of communicating a message in a church service/ holiday club/ youth event. However, it can be hard to find good scripts. To help with this I have made various scripts I have written/ sourced available via this link...

shorturl.at/aoKQ8

The Family and Youth Newsletter is produced by Family and Youth Development Worker, Ewen Glen on behalf of the churches of Prestongrange, Chalmers Memorial, Cockenze Old, Gladsmuir, Longniddry and Tranent.

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