



## Hebron News Update

19<sup>th</sup> December

On Sunday:

- 10.30am - Prayer time, with coffee served from 10.15am
- 11am – The Sunday School children present the Nativity story and Willie speaks on John 1:19-34
- 6pm – Peter Osei-Bonsu continues our Advent series as he speaks on John 1:35-51 and we share communion together.

We had a great weekend last week with the Festive Stay and Play on Saturday afternoon, which was attended by 55 people from our mid-week groups and church families. Thank you to all who helped with food, preparing and serving. The Carol Service on Sunday evening was also a wonderful evening of music and celebration of the “Word in Flesh Appearing”. You can still catch up on the event through the livestream link to Youtube on our website.

Join us for the last of our Christmas events in the coming week:

- Sunday 21st December: Sunday School Nativity Play at 11am
- Wednesday 24th December: Christingle Service at 4pm – this is a lovely service using the Christingle as an illustration of the gospel story. You can find out more about on the Christmas page of our website.
- Thursday 25th December: our Christmas Day All-Age Service at 10.30am will be a relaxed service of celebration for all the family.

See [www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/christmas](http://www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/christmas) for fuller details.

- Sunday 28th December: 11am Morning Service only. Jonny will be preaching and there will be all-age children’s activities downstairs during the second half of the service.
- Sunday 4th January: normal services resume with Stephen preaching in the morning and our monthly communion service at 6pm.

Hope Explored will be running in the new year. This is the 3-session course for those who are interested in finding out more about what we believe as Christians. Have a think about the opportunity this is for you to invite someone to come along to it.



We will need help with preparing the Christingle bags for Christmas Eve – the plan is to do this in Hebron on Tuesday 23rd at 11am, and should only take an hour or so, depending on how many helpers are able to come along. Please get in touch with Sally if you can help, or if you could help on Tuesday at a different time, we are open to rearranging!

We are delighted to let you know that Naomi and Samuel Scott have taken on the lead role in Monday Club, following Chloe and Tim's - and before them Katy McLeod's - footsteps. Please pray for them and the gospel work that goes on week by week with the primary school children. Here's a note from them:

"Hebron's children's club, Monday Club, is looking for helpers to support this ministry. We're especially looking for people who would be willing to help with:

- Craft activities
- Memory verse
- Bible story

Helpers will be placed on a rota, so you won't need to be there every week, and you can sign up for specific duties that suit you.

If you enjoy working with children and would like to support this ministry in a practical way, we'd love to have you involved. Please speak to Naomi or Samuel Scott if you're interested. Thank you for considering helping with Monday Club!"

We are also looking for more helpers on Tuesday afternoons at Mainly Music where the snack team is in need of another name or two to join the rota. Please speak to Joanna if you would like to know more.

And on Sundays, the Sunday School team are one person short of ideal. If you would be interested in teaching a small group of children on a 4-week rota, using a set curriculum with all lesson plans, videos, craft and games ideas provided, please get in touch with Sally.

Note that for both Monday Club and Sunday School there is a PVG requirement before you can take on a role so the sooner we get that process started the better!

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On the subject of PVG (the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme), there are some more changes coming in 2026 which will mean updates are required every five years. Please note the latest information from Disclosure Scotland as it may be relevant to you:

"From 1 April 2026, individuals who join the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme will automatically be part of the five-year PVG scheme membership.

Many PVG scheme members will not need to do anything ahead of the move to the five-year scheme.

If you are a PVG scheme member who has not recently applied for PVG (for example, you haven't applied since PVG moved online in 2021), it's important that you tell us your current email address. We need this so that we can get in touch with you easily in the future to tell you when you are moving to the five-year scheme and how to create your online account.

Please email [dsupdate@disclosurescotland.gov.scot](mailto:dsupdate@disclosurescotland.gov.scot) with the subject header 'Email address update', your:

- name
- date of birth
- PVG scheme number
- current email address

(If you need a note of your PVG scheme number or your date of application please email the church office.)

A note of staff holidays: Stephen will be away from 22nd to 31st December, Joanna will get some time with her family over Christmas between hospital shifts, Jonny will be away from 29th-4th and Sally will be away from 1st - 4th.

If you've got a quiet evening at some point in the next couple of weeks, you may like to watch the livestream of the Keith and Kristyn Getty "Home for Christmas" concert which takes place tonight at the Royal Albert Hall in London. You can sign up to receive the livestream link at [getty.pub/live](https://getty.pub/live)

Every Blessing,

