



Hebron News Update

Friday 11th September

On Sunday:

- 10:30am – Prayer Time in the games hall (with coffee served from 10:15am)
- 11am – Morning Service with Jonny beginning a new topic in Acts. We will also be sharing communion together this week. Children will go downstairs for Bible Class, creche and Sunday School groups just before the sermon.
- 12.15pm – Tea and Coffee served downstairs
- 6pm – We meet for our evening service when Willie will be speaking on the topic of “Can We Trust The Bible?”

During this week, all of our mid-week groups and activities are running in their normal slots.

Home Bible Study Groups meet again for the study in Acts which will tie in with our new Sunday morning series of sermons. If you've not been part of a group before there are currently five running at various locations in the city:

Wednesday morning in the church, Wednesday evening in Midsocket area and Broomhill area, Thursday evening in Hazlehead area and Cults/Westhill area.

Get in touch with Jonny or reply to this email if you would like to be put in touch with one of the groups.

A big welcome to new and returning students who are in town for Freshers week. If you're a regular at Hebron, please make sure to give our returning students a big welcome back, and to look out for new students and young workers. Please also be especially praying for our students and young workers over the next few weeks; for those arriving in Aberdeen for the first time, for those leaving Aberdeen for the first time, and for those returning to studies after summers at home.

From next Sunday (20th September), our student and young adults ministries will be starting up for the new term. We'll be serving lunch for all students and young adults after the morning service. And after the evening service, students and those of student age will meet for the Roots Bible study, where we'll be studying the book of Ephesians this term. If you'd like to know more about what's available for students and young adults, please speak to Stephen

(If anyone can provide baking for Roots one Sunday you can pop your name on the rota at www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/rootsbaking)

Dates coming up this month:

- **Hope Explored** will be running for three Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the church on 24th Sept, 1st October, 8th October. This is an ideal introduction to what we believe as Christians for anyone who is interested in finding out more. Please pray about who you might tell about it, or who you could bring along to the course. You can sign up here: www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/hope
- Roof repairs are scheduled to begin on Monday 14th with scaffolding going up around the building at various junctures. Parking on site for mid-week activities will be very much restricted during the work. Please be prepared to use the multistorey car park or street parking if you are attending activities, car sharing may be a good idea if possible!
- Freshers' Weeks lunchtime event run by Aberdeen CU on Friday 18th – we are providing the food! If you are free that morning and willing to pop in to the church from 10am to make some sandwiches that would be great – let Sally know if you can help!
- Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin later in September – see Sally as soon as possible if you want to know more about joining the choir!



Attention required

September is when we review all our activity Risk Assessments and a few things have been highlighted which we need your cooperation with to make sure we are keeping everyone safe when they are at church - in particular the children, who we love to see enjoying their time together after the services each Sunday while parents have a chance to enjoy fellowship. There are a few areas where we need to reduce risks which parents will need to explain to their children, and other adults should be aware of:

1. The smaller Sunday School classrooms are generally out of sight of adults so they are not to be accessed by children before and after their actual Sunday School sessions. We want to be sure children can be seen at all times so the main conference room and the games hall (without interfering with creche) are our designated safe areas for children to play. (NB the conference room will be the tea&coffee room once Student Lunches begins again on 20th September.)
2. The Big Store cupboard in the games hall is absolutely out-of-bounds for children due the nature of the storage set-up in there, as well as it being out of sight of adults. We plan to create a box of Sunday Toys which will be for use on Sundays and can be pulled out when creche is being tidied up - the cupboard will then be locked. Any requests for which all-age-toys should (reasonably) be included in the Sunday Toy box are welcome – [send a message here!](#)
3. This one's more tricky! The Sunday School sessions are short but are being frequently interrupted by toilet trips, particularly in the youngest group. This takes volunteers out of the room as they accompany children to the toilets and so it can become quite difficult to safely run the activities in that half hour! We know that with little ones it's important to get to the toilet when needed (and difficult to go when not needed!) but it might be a help if parents could ensure they do pay a visit before the service, just in case! Thank you!

Admin tasks:

A reminder to download the Church App, and allow notifications, to help us run our rotas more smoothly and reduce the sharing of personal contact details amongst groups. As we settle into the new term of

activities we aim to use this function when communicating within our various volunteer teams so - as much as we know we all resist adding more apps into our lives - we very much hope you can make use of it as we really like this one! Find it at www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/hubb and don't forget to "allow notifications"!

PVG scheme update reminder: 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 is important that you provide your current email address. (It won't have been included in your application at that time.) They need this so that they can contact 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 with the subject header 'Email address update,' and provide your:

- name
- date of birth
- PVG scheme number (available from Sally if you don't have a note of it.)
- current email address

Every Blessing,

