



Weekly Bulletin

6th August 2026

VACANCY LIST

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Representative Elder Training

As we are just about to head into a new Presbytery session, we thought it would be good to hold a training evening for new, or fairly new, Representative Elders before our September Presbytery meeting. This will take place on **Tuesday 8th September at 7pm** in the Presbytery Office. If you would like to book in to this training session, please book using the following link:

[Register for Representative Elder Training](#)

Property Roadshow!

Date for your diary – the Presbytery Property Stewardship Committee are holding two **Property Roadshows on 9th and 12th September 2026** for anyone who is involved in looking after the fabric of ecclesiastical buildings.

Invites will be sent out nearer the time, however if you would like more information, please contact the Presbytery Buildings Officer, Mhairi MacLeod mhairi.macleod@churchofscotland.org.uk



Sharing the Good News with Young People

Over the Summer Presbytery Mission Officer Scott Paget has been able to visit around 20 holiday clubs taking place across the Presbytery. Here are some reflections from those visits.

Clubs run in different ways with activities taking place within churches, halls and outdoor spaces. Some clubs run for a full week, others are a couple of days or one-day events, serving as a taster to explore what might be possible. Some happen one day each week that allows parents to plan ahead.

Most holiday clubs have taken place during the morning, with a few continuing into the afternoon to connect with wider community events and youth events in the evenings. Holiday clubs have been full of energetic activity and noise, or are more reflective, where children engage in a quieter way.

What unites all of these different spaces is this: each one is appropriate to its local context and community. Not everyone is doing the same thing, nor in the same style. Local church volunteers are responding to the needs of their local area and engaging with young people in ways that make sense for their communities. Holiday clubs, regardless of their size, couldn't run without the volunteers from local congregations generously give their time to engage with and support young people.

Often, the cost of youth work is seen as too high. Yet holiday clubs show us that things can happen, that people are willing to volunteer and meaningfully work with children and young people. Across the Presbytery, a range of support mechanisms have been used including locally employed church workers, partnerships with outside organisations, or resources for clubs from other holiday club providers. These resources provide guidance and suggestions that churches can adapt, adopt, or set aside as appropriate.



I was able to see that those serving on behalf of the church were committed to sharing a simple message with young people: "God loves you and wants to know you." People were committed to communicating that message in ways that children could understand and that made sense for where each child was in their own journey.

The purpose of these visits was to support and encourage and learn how we could offer ongoing support. In turn I felt it was me that was supported and encouraged! I am able to tell the Presbytery that these have been valuable projects and that churches across the Presbytery are serving well. There was evident love for God/Jesus/Holy Spirit and many children filling church buildings with joyful noise. That was encouraging for everyone to see.

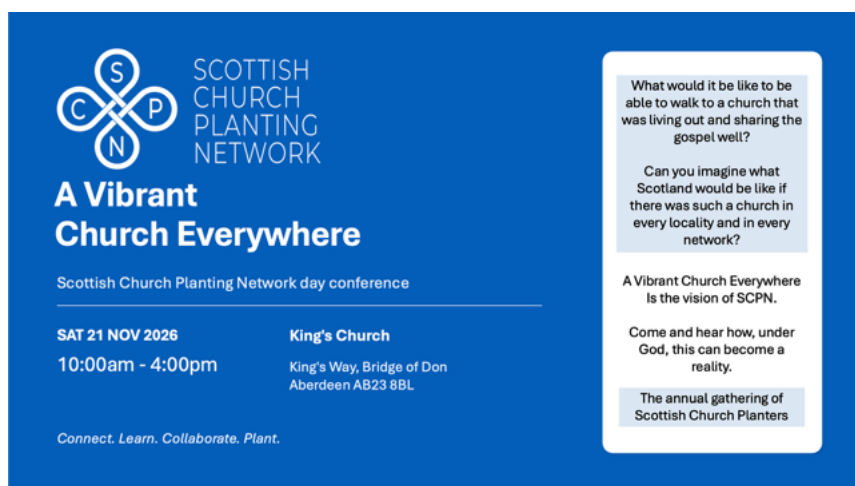
By the time this bulletin is published, most holiday clubs will have finished, and I was not able to visit all of them. More churches were running holiday clubs than I had time to visit. Thank you to everyone who took part in this work. And thank you to everyone who made it possible for my visits. If you are thinking about a holiday club or considering what a congregation could do in mission with children or young people in your local area, please feel free to contact me. I'd be delighted to have a conversation about how we can encourage and support your work.

Scott Paget, Presbytery Mission Officer
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Scottish Church Planting Network Event

We warmly invite you, and others from your presbytery, to Aberdeen for a Scottish Church Planting Network day with other denominations from across Scotland. This is will a day of gathering, reflection, learning and conversation as we explore the future of church planting together.

Church planting is woven into our story and Church of Scotland heritage. Throughout our history, God has called people to establish new Christian communities in response to changing times and needs. While we recognise the challenges facing the Church today, we also believe there are significant opportunities before us. As we seek to discern God's leading for the future, what might faithful witness and mission look like in the years ahead?



Could God be calling someone within your presbytery to explore church planting? Might there be individuals, congregations or communities already sensing a call to develop new expressions of church? We hope this day will help identify, encourage and connect those who are exploring such possibilities.

We are excited about the opportunity to gather people from across our denomination to pray, think creatively and discern

together how God may be inviting us to participate in His mission in this generation. We would be delighted if you could join us and encourage others from your presbytery to attend. Please find the event flyer and a booking link below.

[A Vibrant Church Everywhere \(21-Nov-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

Sing A New Song...

On **Sunday 23rd August** there will be a special songs of praise service with Phill Mellstrom, Worship Development Worker with Faith Action, in **Newarthill and Carfin Church at 6.30pm**. Churches across the Presbytery are warmly invited to attend.

Using new songs from *God Welcomes All*, and working with some worship leaders from the Presbytery, Phill will take the theme of Refreshment. His hope is we will leave feeling uplifted and encouraged. *God Welcomes All* brings together songs written within the last twenty years from a broad range of musical styles exploring contemporary themes.'

It would be helpful for catering purposes to know how many people will be attending, particularly if a group from your church is attending. Please contact Rev Muriel Pearson so that she has an idea of numbers: MPearson@churchofscotland.org.uk



Jonathan Veira Live

Jonathan Veira is a well-known pianist and Christian singer and is coming to Carluke and Law Church in September - a concert not to be missed!

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**Saturday, 12th September 2026
at 7.30pm**

**Carluke and Law Church of Scotland
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Adults: £15.00, Under 16s: £5.00
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