

[‘As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.’](#)

(1 Peter 2:4-5)

‘Gil, are we putting these out?’

‘I thought we agreed we were... do you want to hold on to them?’

‘No, it’s alright, I suppose we don’t need them.’

I was with Gil and Pam for a few hours last week helping them as they were preparing the next phase of their lives. Before the next phase began however, they first needed to decide what they were taking with them and what they were letting go.

It brought back memories when Julie and I moved house 6 years ago. Julie was less sentimental than me and was therefore making better progress. But to get rid of certain things seemed like sacrilege! ‘Julie, can we come back to that?’ (This was sometimes reversed when I didn’t realise an item meant as much for Julie.) Like Pam and Gil, we negotiated and agreed, and moved into the next stage of life that God had for us. The outcome for both households was that we were lighter than we were before!

As we move into this next stage of life as a church, let’s remember that as a spiritual household, we need to take with us the most important things but also to be ready to let some things go. We are coming into a period of weighing and deciding. We can only do this prayerfully. The process starts with a question to the head of the household, ‘Lord, what is most important to you that we keep?’

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Sunday Services in September

Date	Info	Speaker	Reader	Host	time	communion
5/9/21	Praise Service	Allan H		Allan	2pm	yes
12/9/21	1 Samuel 16:1-13 The anointing of David	Alan Berry (guest)	Doris	Julie	11am	no
19/9/21	1 Samuel 17:1-31 David and his brothers	Dawn Martindale	Julie	Pete	11am	yes
26/9/21	1 Samuel 17:32-58 David defeats Goliath AGM	Alan Milnes (guest)	Christine	Chris	11am	no
3/10/21	Praise Service	Pete Smith		Allan H	2pm	yes

Please take note of the new columns for time and for communion. Once a month there will be no service at 11am! More information over the page.

Other Calendar Events in September

Wednesday 1st September



Bridgehead Healing

The Bridgehead Healing Rosyth team will be back at Rosyth Baptist Church this Wednesday 1

September. Contact us to book an appointment

between 7.30pm and 8.30pm by texting 07941 705031. We are really looking forward to meeting in person again.

However, to keep everyone Covid safe we will be operating with precautions: please remember to wear a mask and if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive do not come in person, but request remote prayer.



Joint Rosyth Baptist and Dunfermline West Baptist Reflection in the Psalms with Prayer



On the first Wednesday of every month 'Reflections in the Psalms with Prayer' is released as a YouTube video. This began as a mid-week video going through the Psalms for Dunfermline West Baptist. However, it has adapted as times changed: first moving from weekly to monthly, and then becoming a joint, conversational reflection. This month's Psalms are 96-99. The link to watch the video is.

<https://youtu.be/zXEW-r9HJE>



Tuesday 14th September

Christianity Explored

This is a 7-week course being run by Dunfermline West Baptist. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this course there are still spaces available. See advert on the back page (pg. 6).

Thursday 16th September

On this day there will be a **skip** in the church grounds. This is to clear out the cellar which is currently a health and safety hazard. If you are free on Thursday 16th September and would like to offer a helping hand please speak to Allan Hampson or another member of the Leadership Team.

Saturday 25th September

LEADERSHIP AWAY DAY

Please pray for all of our leaders: Search Team, Leadership Team, and Preaching Team, and our moderator Alan Milnes, as they spend a day away together seeking the Lord's guidance for the next steps of the church's journey.

6 Values

1. **Holy Spirit dependent.**
Dependency means we are led, shaped and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge Christ's authority and expect him to move in power.
2. **Adventurous.**
Ready to follow where the Spirit leads. Flexibility, fluidity, creativity. We don't become set in our ways.
3. **Pastoral.**
Everyone matters. Everyone's needs appropriately met. Everyone takes on pastoral responsibility. We all care for one another.
4. **Relational.** This is about encountering each other. Church is more than a Sunday event. A Church that is small groups rather than a church that has small groups. What we are is defined by relationships.
5. **Embedded.**
This is about encountering our neighbours. Mission is holistic, relational, and generous. We *all* engage in mission by how we live in the local community.
6. **Connected.** This is about working with other Churches. We are interdependent not independent of other Churches. We connect, co-operate, and collaborate to resource effective mission and ministry.

Getting Involved at Rosyth Baptist Church

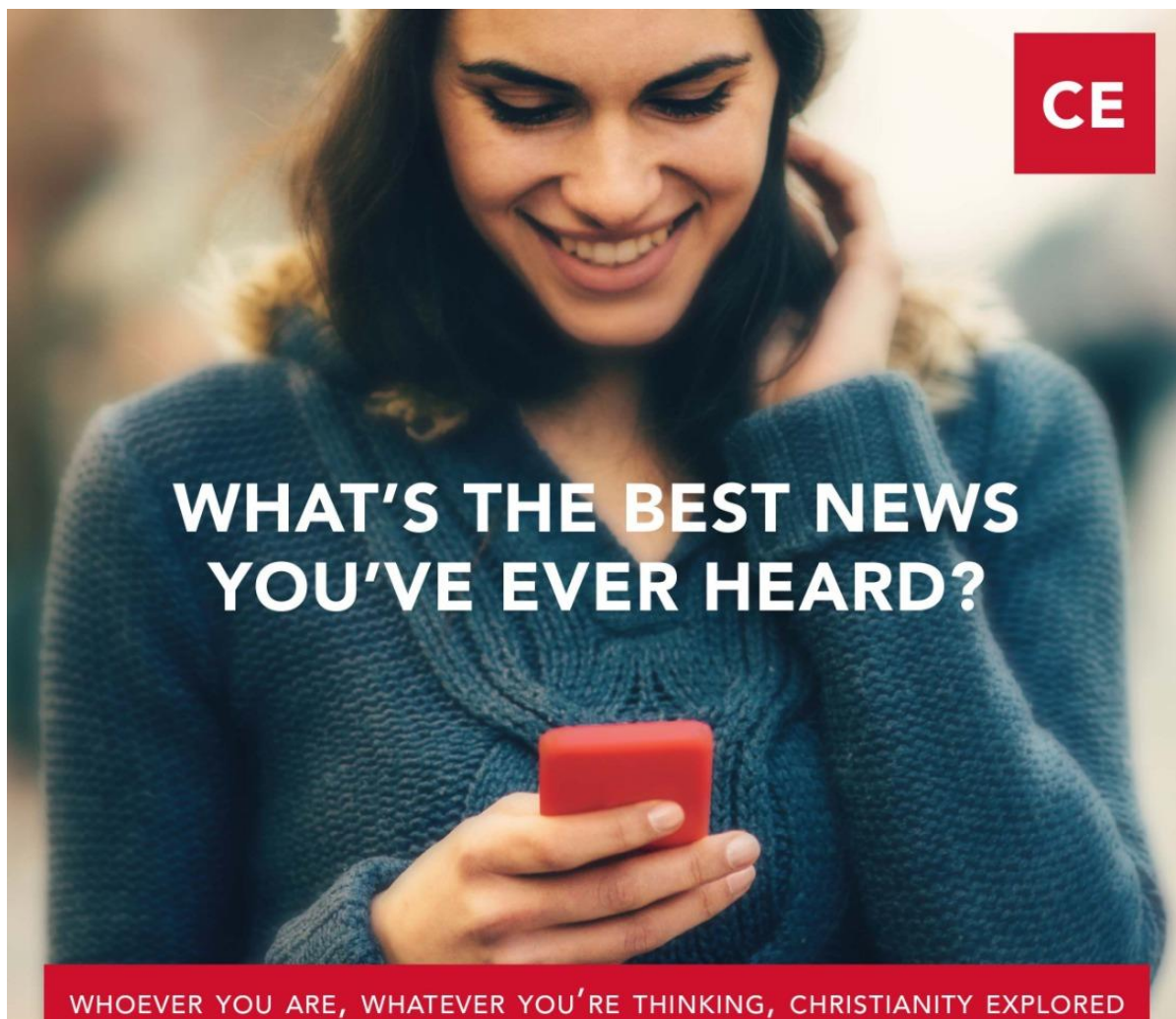
If you would like to use your skills and gifting in the work of RBC please let us know. The following areas, and people, are currently involved, but we are not restricted to the areas below. To get in touch email rosythbaptist@gmail.com

Preaching	Chris, Dawn, (Alan Milnes will also preach occasionally in vacancy)
Readers Team	Julie, Christine, Doris, Pete, Ian
Administration, and technical work	Dawn
Worship	Allan
Host Team (who lead the service)	Pete, Chris, Julie, Dawn
Treasurer	Pete
Fabric	Ian, Pete

Leadership Team: Dawn Martindale, Marnie Hampson, Allan Hampson, Peter Smith, Julie Demetriou,

Pastoral Vacancy Search Team: Peter Smith, Marnie Hampson, Allan Hampson, Diane Rendall, Ian McKelvie, Nicole Curciuc, Doris Braybrooke

Leadership and Pastoral vacancy teams are facilitated by our moderator Alan Milnes.



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Starting **Tuesday 14th September, 7pm.**
Dunfermline West Baptist Church, Chalmers Street.



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