



Davidson's Mains Parish Church

2026

Sundays 10.30am

1st Sunday of the month 7pm

(not July and August)

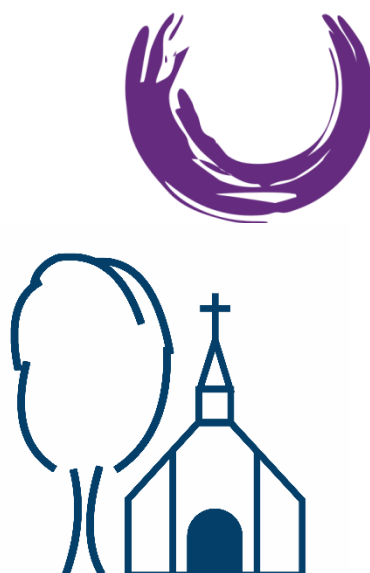
Wednesdays 12.30pm

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Sycamore Tree Café



Wellbeing Centre

Welcome!

Autumn 2026

Sundays

Whoever you are and whatever you believe, you are welcome as we gather for worship. Come just as you are.

10.30am

in the church building

There's a crèche available throughout, and the children go out to their own groups after the first 20 minutes or so.

The service usually lasts around 1 hour 15 minutes and involves a mix of traditional and modern songs, Bible reading, prayers and a talk. Refreshments available afterwards.



1st Sunday in the month 7pm

in the Sycamore Tree Café (north hall)

Informal café-style evening gatherings with an emphasis praise and prayer. Refreshments from 6.45pm.

Not July and August



Communion dates

Sunday mornings	Wednesdays
26 January	4 February
22 March	1 April
31 May	3 June
23 August	5 August
29 November	7 October
	2 December

We also sometimes celebrate communion at our evening services.

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Wednesdays

Whoever you are and whatever you believe, you are welcome as we gather for worship. Come just as you are.

**Looking for a midweek pause?
Short simple service in the church
12.30-1pm
followed by lunch in the
Sycamore Tree Café for those who want.**



**Free transport by minibus available –
contact Sean 312 6282
communityworker@dmpc.org.uk**



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Children & young people

Children and young people are an important part of our church community. We want to nurture and support them in all aspects of their lives, to introduce them to Jesus, and to equip them to make a personal choice to live for him.



Sundays:

There are crafts and toys in the side area at the front of the church. Feel free to get up and move round!

There's a **crèche** for babies and pre-school throughout the morning service with toys to play with and people ready to care for your little ones.

After the first part of the service children and young people usually go out to their own groups to have fun together and find out more about Jesus. There's **Explorers** for P1 to P5 and **Baseline** for P6-S3.

Through the week:

There are lots of activities for children and young people through the week, from **Sycamore Singalong** for the little ones to **Boys' Brigade**, **Toastie Bar** and **Friday Night Live** – more info on the next few pages!

Easter Holiday Club

Our popular holiday club for P1-7 runs each Easter in the first week of the Edinburgh Council school holidays.

Safeguarding:

We take safeguarding very seriously and follow the Church of Scotland's Safeguarding Policy Statement. All our volunteers are members of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.

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Restarts 15 September

Waiting list



SYCAMORE Sing-Along!

Tuesdays 10-11:30am
at The Sycamore Tree Cafe

**JOIN US FOR SINGING,
PLAYING AND A BIBLE STORY!**

For 0-5s with their grown-ups.
£3 per child with snack provided!
Cafe open for coffee, cakes and
lunches!

Contact us:
life@dmpe.org.uk 312 6282



Toastie Bar

for S1-6 on Friday afternoons



In S1-6?
Start the weekend with a Friday toastie
in the Sycamore Tree Café!
Table tennis, games and
time to sit and chat.

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Friday nights for P7 upwards
Food, fun and a chance to chat about
life's big questions.

FRIDAY NIGHT — LIVE

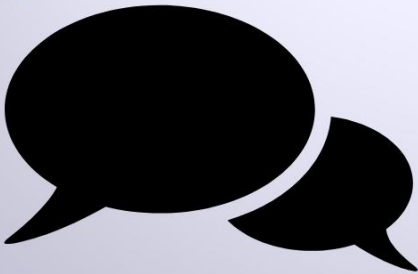
YOUTH DROP-IN



GAMES



FOOD



DISCUSSION

**1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
6-8 (P7-S6)**

**DAVIDSON'S MAINS PARISH CHURCH,
QUALITY STREET, EH4 5BB**

E:COMMUNITYWORKER@DMPC.ORG.UK



SYCAMORE

Sing-Along Sunday!

Several time a year we have a special
Singalong Sunday for all the family!

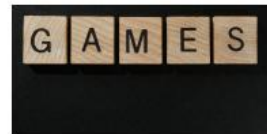
We start in the church building at 10.30am
and enjoy singing, story, bubbles and snack.
All ages welcome.

Our next Singalong Sunday is 4 October:
hope to see you there!

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PLACES NOW AVAILABLE



PLACES AVAILABLE FOR BOYS P1 - S6

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:00-8:00

DAVIDSONS MAINS PARISH CHURCH HALLS

contact us to organise your free taster sessions

56edinburgh@boys-brigade.org.uk

www.thebb-edinburgh.org.uk

Boys' Brigade meets on Monday evenings. There are lots of different activities and a chance to explore the Christian faith.

56edinburgh@boys-brigade.org.uk

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Small Groups

We encourage everyone to get involved in a small group at DMPC.

These are an important part of how we care for one another, and offer a chance to get to know Jesus better and to ask questions in a safe environment.

The format varies, but all offer opportunities for prayer, learning from the Bible, discussion, pastoral support and having fun together.

There are groups which meet during the day and groups which meet in the evenings. Some meet weekly and some meet fortnightly.

Please contact Ken and Caroline Dickson or life@dmpc.org.uk for more info.

Monday Club

The Monday Club is a friendly group which meets in the Sycamore Tree Café at 2pm on the first and third Mondays of the month (October to March) for an interesting talk, refreshments and the chance to chat.



**During summer months we meet on the first Monday of the month only.
Everyone is very welcome to come along.**

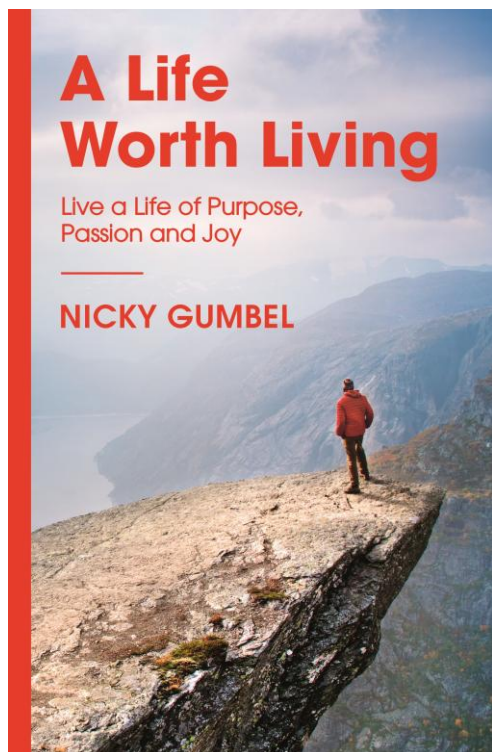
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Discipleship



Every year we offer a course which helps us to go deeper with God and with each other.

This year we're running ***A Life Worth Living***. It follows on from the Alpha Course but you don't need to have done Alpha to come along.



The course starts in the Sycamore Tree Cafe on Thursday 3 Sept 7.30-9pm and runs for 10 weeks. Tea / coffee / fruit / cakes will be served. All welcome.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course a great opportunity to enjoy good food, good company and to ask your questions and share your thoughts. There's no charge.

We usually run **Alpha** on Thursday evenings between Easter and summer, but we sometimes also run a daytime course or Youth Alpha. Contact life@dmppc.org.uk for details of the next course.

Prayer @ DMPC

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' Philippians 4:6

Prayer Ministry:

Members of the prayer ministry team are available to pray with you on Sundays after worship and at other times by arrangement.

Prayer Line:

Specific prayer requests by whatsapp - text 0759 852 7547 to be added.

Prayer for our church & community:

Tuesdays 7.30-8pm by zoom. Details in the weekly prayer update.

Monthly Praise & Prayer evenings:

First Sunday of the month in the Sycamore Tree Café, 7pm with coffee served from 6.45pm. Not July & August.

Prayer Update:

Sent out by email weekly, contact life@dmpc.org.uk to be added to the mailing list. Printed copies available

Weekly Rhythm of Prayer:

Pick up this resource to help guide our prayers together.

Praying together:

Prayer is an important part of our Sunday and Wednesday worship and our small groups.



Sycamore Tree Café

Our friendly community café is open **Tuesday to Thursday 9.30am to 2.30pm**, serving teas and coffees, delicious cakes, freshly made soup and toasties. Last lunch orders 1.30pm.



We have comfortable sofas, well spaced out tables, a library, and a special family friendly room with toys for little ones to enjoy. There's also seating outside in the beautiful garden for those sunny days.

Look out for the changing art and local history exhibitions on display.



If you would like to volunteer with making soup, baking or serving in the café, please contact sycamore@dmppc.org.uk or 312 6282.

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Counselling service



Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30am - 5pm

Thursdays 9:30am - 7:30pm

donations based, 10 counsellors available, waiting list

contact oasis@dmpc.org.uk or **07480 997280**

Our Oasis Counselling Service offers affordable weekly counselling for adults (16+) primarily in the EH4 region. We also have a limited capacity for couples counselling. We operate a waiting list.

We are in no doubt this is a service much needed by the local community and beyond. Clients come weekly for a one hour session. All our client work is strictly confidential and we follow the COSCA statement of practice and code of ethics. (COSCA is Scotland's professional body for counselling and psychotherapy.)

If you're thinking of suggesting Oasis to a friend it may be useful to know that our service is open to those of any faith or none.

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Bereavement service



*Everyone is welcome to
our annual service of bereavement
in Davidson's Mains Parish Church
on Sunday 15 November at 2.30pm*

*This is a reflective service of thanksgiving and
remembrance. As well as sitting and listening to
music and some readings, there will be an
opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved
one. The service lasts for 30 minutes and you can
come and go as you please.*

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Pastoral care



There are many ways in which we can care for one another in our church family. Much of our pastoral care happens through our network of small groups. Contact Ken & Caroline Dickson or life@dmpc.org.uk if you'd like to join a group.

Where possible, we match up visitors with those who find it hard to get out and about or are in care homes. Please let us know if you could help with this or if you know someone who would appreciate a visit.

Flower ministry: you can sign up to provide/pay for church flowers one Sunday. Some people choose to do this to mark a special date. These are passed on to people each week as an expression of our love and are greatly appreciated.

Contact Anne Allan or life@dmpc.org.uk

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The Sycamore Tree Café is a drop off point for
Foodbank+ and **Fresh Start**.

Non-perishable foods

Small electricals eg table lamps, kettles, irons

Kitchen utensils

Towels, toiletries, cleaning products

Pillows and duvets in unopened original
packaging only

Fresh Start cannot take clothes, furniture,
books or bric a brac

We also have a team of people helping with the
work of the **Care Van** in Edinburgh city centre,
which is run by
Edinburgh City Mission and Bethany Christian
Trust.

If you'd like to help contact life@dmpc.org.uk

FreshStart
helping people make a home for themselves



Bethany
Christian
Trust



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Mission Team

We are committed to local, national and international mission. We have five partner organisations which we support through a mix of giving, prayer and volunteering. We also support certain other charities and individuals through occasional gifts or fundraising events.



Nigel and Ailsa Pollock are DMPC members who moved abroad with their family in response to God's call. Nigel is now President of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship of Canada.



OMF serves the church and seeks to bring the gospel to all the people of East Asia. We are continuing with a long-standing link with OMF by supporting and praying for a family working in Indonesia.



We partner with **SU's Es-team**, which provides school workers in the Edinburgh area who support SU groups and contribute in schools at the invitation of head teachers.



FYP primarily works with young people from Pilton, Muirhouse and Drylaw. Activities include DIME youth club, after school and lunchtime clubs in local schools, one to one work and residential breaks.



The Explorers are sponsoring Odero and Atieno from Kenya through **Compassion**, providing them with health check ups, education, nutritional support.

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Joining DMPC

Everyone is very welcome to share in the life and worship of our congregation, whether you are a member or not.

If you would like to commit to this local congregation of God's people and find out more about becoming a member, please speak to our minister Dan Robertson or our session clerks Joy Atterbury and Phil Coad.

There are three main ways to become a member:

By profession of faith: *perhaps you have reached a stage in your relationship with Jesus where you would like to declare your commitment publicly as part of a special service. Sometimes people choose to do this after working through the Alpha course.*

By transfer: *If you are already a member of a Church of Scotland congregation it's very easy to transfer your membership to DMPC.*

By resolution of kirk session: *If you were previously part of a different Christian denomination just let us know.*

Giving

There are many opportunities to share in God's work by giving our time, talents and money. Everything we do to share his love and good news in our community depends on his grace, strength and provision and on the willing service and financial giving of his people here.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

How can I give?

Standing Order (regular giving from your bank account). This is the most common form of giving now as most people receive salaries or pensions directly into their bank account.

Payroll Giving. Many employers have schemes that allow you to donate directly to charity from your pension or salary. It's a very simple way to give and avoids the need to complete a Gift Aid declaration as your donation comes off your salary before tax is calculated.

On a Sunday morning after the service – there are offering boxes as you leave. We don't 'pass the plate' as it's not the job of visitors to fund the work of DMPC

By leaving a **legacy**. Many members choose to remember the church in their will and in recent years this income has allowed us to develop new ministry areas.

If you are a UK tax payer and you give by standing order you can complete a **Gift Aid** declaration. This allows the church to claim an additional 25% on top of your offering from HMRC.

Gift Aid forms are available from the church office. If you want to discuss any aspect of your giving, please speak to any member of the church's stewardship and finance team.

DMPC bank details:

Sort code 83-18-47 Account number 00140077

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Opportunities to serve

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Sycamore Tree Community Café

Could you help serve, set up, clear away or just chat to customers?
Could you prepare soup or bake in the café kitchen?



Caring for our premises

Help is always needed, whether you prefer painting, mending, cleaning and sorting, or caring for our beautiful gardens.

Welcome and hospitality

Would you like to provide a warm welcome on Sundays, to serve Sunday refreshments or to provide food for the Alpha course?



Pastoral care

Could you help keep in touch with people in their homes, in care homes and in hospital, and offer support at times of special need?

Worship

Join the praise band or sing in a choir.
Help with the sound desk, livestreaming and slide projection.



Children and young people

Help provide fun and learning for our young people, from babies to teenagers, on a regular basis or on special occasions

Outreach

From Davidson's Mains Gala to Alpha to Christmas Lights, there are lots of opportunities to share God's love with our community



Banners and flowers

Get involved with a friendly group making banners and decorations for our premises, or arranging flowers each week in the church.

Easter and Christmas cards

We deliver cards to every home in the parish twice a year. Could you take a bundle?



These are just a few of the many opportunities
to use your time and talents for God's work here.
Contact the office or pick up a green form.

Who's Who



Leadership at DMPC is shared by volunteers and staff. The leadership team is known as the Kirk Session, and they set the vision and strategy for the church. The kirk session is made up of a mix of those responsible for a particular Ministry Area and elected members who serve for a period of six years.

Kirk Session

Dan Robertson, minister daniel.robertson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Cat Rawlinson-Watkins, ministry assistant

crawlinson-Watkins@churchofscotland.org.uk

Joy Atterbury & Phil Coad, joint session clerks

dmpcsessionclerks@outlook.com

Anne Allan, pastoral care

Raymy Boyle

Andy Howlett

Joan Macdonald

Derek Peach

Sandy West

Stephen Ashforth, stewardship

Caroline Dickson, discipleship

Susan McNarry, presbytery elder

Vanda Noble

Claire Sunter, youth

Staff team

Dan Robertson, minister daniel.robertson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Cat Rawlinson-Watkins, ministry assistant

crawlinson-Watkins@churchofscotland.org.uk

Sean Carnochan, community worker communityworker@dmpe.org.uk

Gail Rose, Oasis Wellbeing Centre gail@dmpe.org.uk

Il Yong Ahn, café manager sycamore@dmpe.org.uk

Flora Johnston, office manager life@dmpe.org.uk

Donna Bongartz, church officer

Lindsey Muir, kitchen & general assistant

Phil Coad, organist

Regular activities in the halls

Please use the contact details below for more information

Children and young people

Boys' Brigade (Mondays) 56edinburgh@boys-brigade.org.uk 551 1200
Sycamore Singalong (Tuesdays) life@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Brownies (Tuesdays) 35thbrownieunit@gmail.com
Guides (Wednesdays) 217guides@gmail.com
Toddler Group (Thursdays) davidsonsmainstoddlers@hotmail.com
Mini Languages (Fridays) hello@minilanguages.co.uk
Toastie Bar S1-6 (Fridays) communityworker@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Captivate Drama (Fridays) www.captivatetheatre.com
Friday Night Live (monthly Fridays) communityworker@dmipc.org.uk

Adults

Pilates for seniors (Mondays) 312 7168 janeerobson11@gmail.com
Monday Club (2 Mondays each month) life@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Ladies' Badminton (Tuesdays) life@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Senior Fit (Tuesdays) fitlifefitnesswellbeing@gmail.com 07846286603
Scrabble Club (Tuesdays) life@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Simply Pilates (Wednesdays) simplypilates@sky.com 07787321571
Banner making (Thursdays) life@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Sycamore Scones (occasional Thurs) life@dmipc.org.uk 312 6282
Sidey Pilates (Thursdays) diane@sideys-pilates.co.uk 07882 359741

Our premises:

Priority is given to church ministries and to using our premises to bless our local community. We also want to support the wider work of the gospel by making our halls available for conferences, courses etc.

The halls are not available to hire for private parties / events and can only be used in this way by those with a close connection with the congregation. All outside hall users must arrange their own insurance.

For enquiries about bookings and hire rates please contact life@dmipc.org.uk.

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Find out more

Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.'



We run at least one Alpha course each year which can be a great place to ask questions and find out more. Contact communityworker@dmpe.org.uk

If you'd like to find out about becoming a member here, speak to our minister **Dan Robertson**
daniel.robertson@churchofscotland.org.uk



Follow us on facebook and check the website www.dmpc.org.uk for the latest news

You can also find cafesycamoretree on instagram



Church office opening hours
Tuesday - Thursday 9am-4pm
Answer phone at other times.

We issue a weekly prayer update to help you know what's going on and pray for the life of the church. To receive this by email contact life@dmpc.org.uk. Printed copies are also available.

Contact 0131 312 6282 life@dmpc.org.uk

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