



Towards our Union

News on progress towards the new congregation of Newington Trinity Church

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Welcome to issue number 18 of our monthly newsletter. We are now only three months away from formal union and plenty is happening.

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Good News! We have passed another milestone with OSCR (the Scottish charity regulator) giving consent to our proposed name. So, from 1 January we will officially become Newington Trinity. Our formal name will be Edinburgh: Newington Trinity Church of Scotland.

OSCR has also confirmed that Newington Trinity's charity number will be the number currently being used by Mayfield Salisbury. A



consequence of this is that those of us from

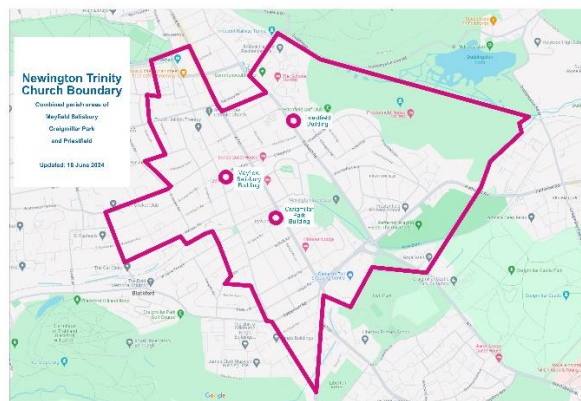
Craigmillar Park and Priestfield who currently have bank standing orders and direct debits will need to complete new mandates to come into effect after 1 January 2025. This is a very simple process and the treasurers will be in touch to assist, if necessary.

Our current understanding is that those with Mayfield Salisbury standing orders won't need to do anything, their instructions will simply carry over.

Getting Together for Pioneer Ministry

We are now thinking, discussing and praying about where we think God is working in our local community and where he wants us to

be too. We have generated lots of ideas and in our October meeting we'll be looking to despatch small groups around the new parish to discuss and explore these possible opportunities.



We'll be seeking to energise the whole of our congregation to engage with the opportunities and challenges of pioneering in our local community.

We'll also shortly be getting to grips with preparing a job description for the Pioneer Minister, an essential next step.

The Proposed Changes at Newington Trinity

The summer has seen a period of consultation on the two important issues of 'Worship' and 'The Sanctuary.' The lengthy period has ensured that everyone has had the opportunity to read the papers and think about the issues. We also had a useful congregational meeting in September when questions were asked and points were made. The consultation has now closed and the three Session Clerks are busy collating all the

results so that a report can, hopefully, be considered by the Plenary (the three Kirk Sessions meeting together) at an extra meeting on 30 October.

It is likely that final decisions will be made by the new Newington Trinity Kirk Session early in 2025.

What's happening at Craigmillar Park?

The sale of the Craigmillar Park buildings has now been completed.



The Greek Orthodox Church (The Orthodox Community of St Andrew in Edinburgh) took possession on 27 September and is now progressing with its plans for the building.

It is good that the Craigmillar Park congregation's care of its building over many years as a centre of Christian worship and community will continue. The handing of the baton to a new church family is to be celebrated as we, in turn, embark on creating our own new Christian community together.

What's happening at Mayfield Salisbury?

The fine cross from above the communion table at Craigmillar Park has now been given pride of place in the centre of the south transept. Do take a look at it when you have a moment.

The work to replace the heating in the halls is expected to begin in October. Following the receipt of a generous grant from Local Energy Scotland, the contractor Latent Heat has been commissioned to undertake the work. This will include installation of air source heat pumps as well as solar panels in the south facing hall roof. Only minimal disruption is expected during the ten weeks or so that the work is expected to take.

What's happening at Priestfield?

The repainting of the exterior woodwork and metalwork, including the railings, is now complete. The work attracted a welcome grant from the Church of Scotland General Trustees.

We are pleased to be able to help our neighbours at Duncan Street Baptist Church while they undertake internal work to their church building. From late October they will be having their morning and evening services in the Priestfield building while the Edinburgh Korean Church continues to have its worship service in the afternoon.

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid teams from the three congregations are already working together as a single team. Look out for their autumn sale of preserves on 6 October and the Coffee and Crafts event on 9 November.



Students and Young Adults

Our Newington Trinity Young Adults Group is



another place where we can already see the union in action. On Sundays in September

they have been sharing lunch together and offering a welcome to students coming to Edinburgh for the first time.