

BOOKING FORM

SINGING THE LORD'S SONG IN A STRANGE LAND

One name per form please. Please photocopy for additional registrations.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Rev/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other:

Surname:

First Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Church:

If under 18 please give date of birth:

If necessary, **please include** on a separate sheet the names of any who will be attending the crèche, children's or teenage programme.

Costs:

Adults - **£12**

School aged children & unwaged young people - **£2**

Pre-school children - **Free**

I enclose cheque for £..... payable to 'United Free Church of Scotland'.

Please send by Friday 18th August to:

United Free Church of Scotland, 11 Newton Place, Glasgow G3 7PR

PLEASE SELECT THE WORKSHOPS YOU WISH TO ATTEND OVERLEAF



Timetable

From 9.30am

Arrival & Registration
(tea & coffee available)

10am - 11.30am

Opening Session

11.40am - 12.40pm

Workshops 1

12.40pm - 1.45pm

Lunch

1.45pm - 2.45pm

Workshops 2

2.45pm - 3.15pm

Tea Break

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Closing Celebration

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should be enclosed with bookings.

Crèche

There will be a crèche for pre-school children run by experienced leaders.

Children

The programme for P1-P7's will be facilitated by Alex Mackenzie of Godly Play Scotland and registered volunteers from Portobello: Wilson Memorial UF Church. "Godly Play is a very different, but amazingly engaging, creative and imaginative method for exploring our Christian faith and heritage. It is not about learning lessons, keeping children entertained or telling children what they need to know. It's about experiencing and exploring the sacred stories of God's people, of knowing

Jesus through his life and his parables and understanding the way in which we approach God".

The children will be involved in the early part of the opening session and should be collected at the lunch break and can return 10 minutes ahead of the second workshop session after lunch and will remain there until the end of the closing session.

Teenagers

Teenage programme for S1-S4's will be led by Mr Gordon Roy who will introduce his Clowning persona and train the young people in various circus and clowning skills. The young people will also have opportunity to explore and discuss ways that these

newly learned skills can be used in creative mission. Gordon is the North Team leader for SU Scotland in addition to his 'clowning'!

Please book in advance for those attending these programmes so that we can ensure sufficient leaders etc.

Please include names and ages on a separate sheet if necessary.

Venue

The event will be held in Dunblane High School which is close to the M9 & A9 and is convenient for those travelling from different parts of Scotland. A map will be sent when bookings are acknowledged.

Food

You are asked to bring your own lunch - tea, coffee and juice will be available.

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UNITED FREE CHURCH
of SCOTLAND

SINGING THE LORD'S SONG IN A STRANGE LAND

Dunblane High School

Saturday 26th August, 10.00am - 4.15pm

SINGING THE LORD'S SONG IN A STRANGE LAND

How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign, strange, pagan land?

Psalm 137.4

Many of us can feel that, like the people of Israel in exile, we are living in a 'strange land' which is very different to what we once knew. As Christians and as a Church how do we communicate with the people around us and respond to the way society is moving?

The event will begin with an opening session from 10.00 - 11.30. We are delighted that Stuart Weir, National Director of CARE (Christian Action, Research & Education) for Scotland will be the main speaker and he will help us reflect on what the Bible has to say on the theme both for individuals and for the Church. This session will also include praise & worship and other input.

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Following this there will be a series of workshops from 11.40 - 12.40 and which will be repeated from 1.45 - 2.45. Then we will have the closing Celebration from 3.15 - 4.15. There will again be a display of books and other resources available for sale.

There will also be a display by a number of Christian agencies giving information on their work in different parts of the world and in Scotland.

We are again meeting in Dunblane High School, with bright modern, spacious facilities mostly on one level and with a lift to the upper floor.

WORKSHOPS

1: Persuasive Evangelism

Led by David Robertson, minister of St. Peter's Free Church, Dundee, debater, & media commentator.

We live in a sceptical, confused, increasingly secular and biblically illiterate society. How can we bring the Good News to those who see no need of it and indeed have rejected without having heard? This seminar will look at some of the big 'defeater beliefs' and suggest ways of presenting Christ in 21st Century Scotland.

2: Christians and Politics

Led by John Mason MSP

John will speak about his own personal experience of being a Christian in politics. We will then have the opportunity to discuss some current issues, e.g. poverty, named person, smacking, homelessness, assisted suicide, overseas aid... whatever those attending want to focus on!

3: Here I Stand: Martin Luther and the Unquenchable Flame

Led by Dr Ian Shaw Director of Langham Scholarship programme in the UK and previously Lecturer in Church History at International Christian College, Glasgow.

In 1517 Martin Luther took a stand against aspects of the teaching and practice of the medieval church that shook all of Europe. But what was it all about, what did it achieve, and is it still relevant today?

4: Who we are is how we pray

Led by Olive Drane, a theologian and minister widely known for her use of clowning.

How do we pray in this unfamiliar changing landscape? Let's reimagine some possibilities as we explore the resources we have: Scripture, experience, recent stories of answered prayer. Can prayer stations or artistic expressions help us when we feel lost for words? How can we share these rich resources in the market place of life and authentically engage our diverse networks?'

5: Bible Study: A Strange Land?

Led by John Cross, Session Clerk of Murrayfield UF, Bannockburn

How strange is this land we inhabit? Is it more alien than it used to be? Or are we the strangers, "just a-passin' through"? What is the "Lord's song" anyway, and how can it be understood in a "strange land"? We'll start off by the rivers of Babylon in Psalm 137, but where our journey takes us is up to you. Bring your Bible and suggest passages which will help us explore some of these questions on "Route 66".

6: Love One Another: Mental Health in the Church

Led by Marion Carson who currently lectures at the Scottish Baptist College and previously at International Christian College.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35) This seminar explores how the church can love those who have mental health problems and their carers. It will consider Scripture, address practical issues and discuss what it means to provide compassionate pastoral care.

There is a choice of **11 Workshops** which will take place from **11.40am - 12.40pm** and again from **1.45pm - 2.45pm** so that you will be able to attend two workshops.

7: Communicating the Gospel to people of other cultures

Led by Catherine who serves with UFM worldwide in Spain.

A missionary colleague said, "describing Muslims is like trying to nail jelly to the wall, because each person is so different." So how do we go about reaching them with a strange-sounding Gospel, and what's more, in a culture that might not be their own? You'll hear about missionary work amongst Muslim immigrants in Spain, get a hands-on experience of being a foreigner, and reflect on how you can be more involved in cross-cultural mission.

8: Street Pastors... In the moment ministry

Led by Stuart Crawford who coordinates the work of Street Pastors in Glasgow.

Working on the city streets requires dependence on the Holy Spirit. Following the leading of the Spirit takes Street Pastors into some incredible 'moments of ministry'. The session will inform you about the exciting work of Street Pastors and challenge you to pray, get involved and think about your own moments of ministry.

9: Serve your Local School

Led by Jen Robertson, SU's Schools/ Church Development Worker in Lanarkshire.

Is this even possible? How can we build relationships between our congregations and local schools? What are the current Scottish guidelines for Religious Observance in school? How can an SU group fit into the life of a school? At this seminar we will look at these questions (and others you may have) regarding creating good church/school partnerships.

10: Using Social Media

Led by Carol-Anne Latta, PR and Communications Manager with the Salvation Army in the UK and Ireland and a member of Cathcart Trinity Church. For the last 13 years she has been promoting the Christian mission of The Salvation Army, creating programmes for the BBC and others.

How can we be involved in mission and evangelism through Facebook /Twitter & the Media - or does that seem a very strange land?

11: Sharing Faith

Led by Wilma Pearson who serves at Cathcart UF and is also Associate Minister of Cathcart Trinity Church.

Sharing faith is something we all know we should do but we don't find it easy - in fact the thought terrifies some of us! There isn't a 'one size fits all solution' but with a few tips, trying it out in a safe place, and a willingness to 'give it a go' maybe God will surprise us and give us the courage and conviction we need. Whether you're feeling brave or timid this could be for you!



CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOPS

Choose 2 workshops & indicate a 3rd alternative - please mark '1', '2', '3'

The same programme will run morning and afternoon.

- 1: Persuasive Evangelism
- 2: Christians and Politics
- 3: Here I Stand: Martin Luther and the Unquenchable Flame
- 4: Who we are is how we pray
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