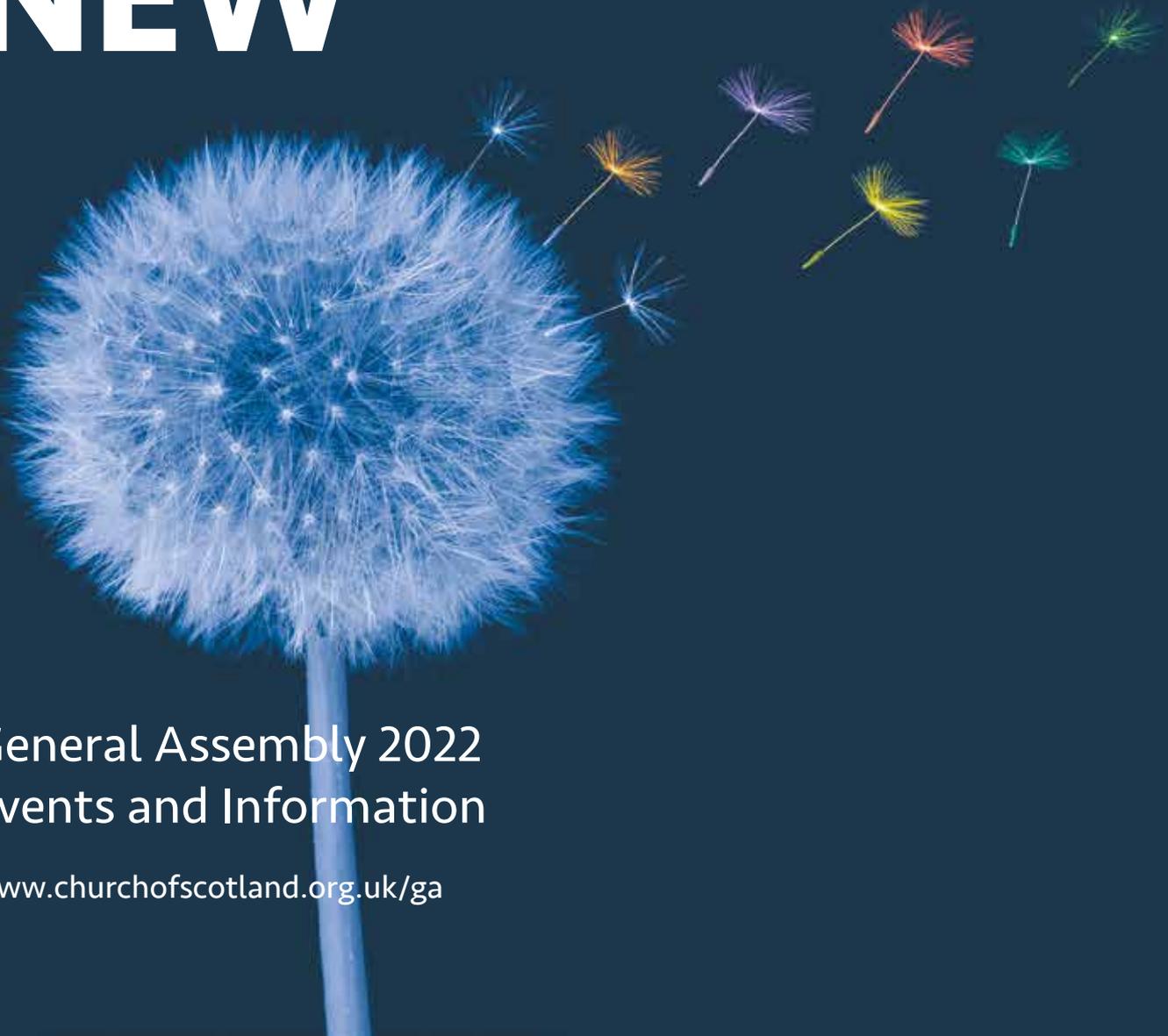




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General Assembly 2022
Events and Information

www.churchofscotland.org.uk/ga

EVENTS

Hosted by Church departments and other organisations, these varied events are designed to complement the main business of the Assembly: informing, entertaining and educating.

Please note that the lunchtime events will take place when the Assembly breaks for lunch which it is scheduled to do between 12.30 and 2pm.

The Martin Hall is unavailable this year due to fire asset protection works at New College. In addition, Commissioners' boxes are no longer being provided in a move to more digital communications. Instead, details of resources which may be of interest to Commissioners are available in the information section of this booklet.

Main Locations and directions

📍 Augustine United Church

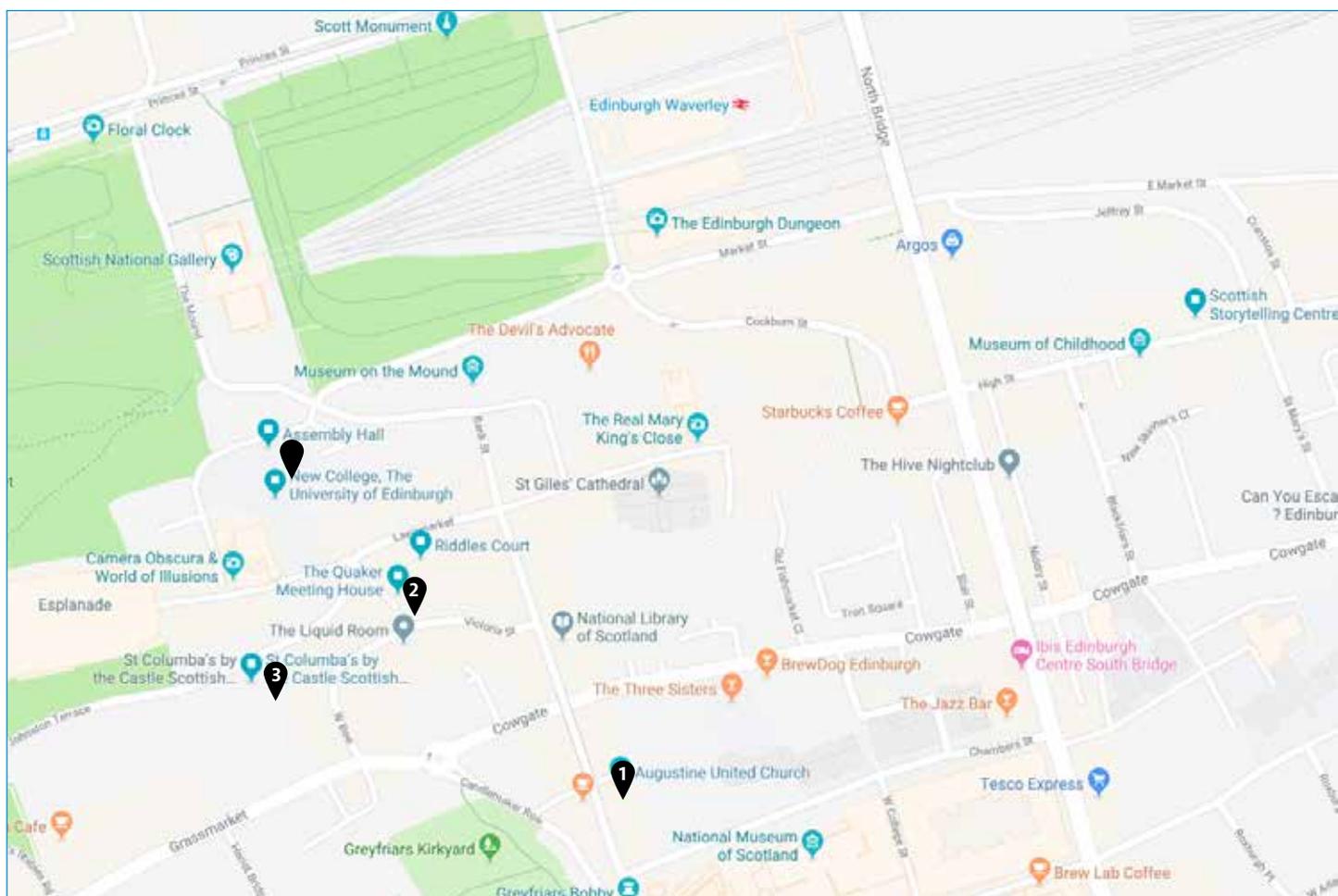
Use the Lawnmarket door from the Assembly Hall – head down the Royal Mile to the traffic lights; turn right onto George IV Bridge; Augustine is on your left.

📍 Quaker Meeting House

Use the Lawnmarket door from the Assembly Hall; cross at mini-roundabout; travel downhill to the left of the Free Church Assembly Hall; the Meeting House is on the left.

📍 St Columba's by the Castle

Use the Lawnmarket door from the Assembly Hall – head down Johnston Terrace; St Columba's is the Scottish Episcopal Church on the left (blue door).



SUNDAY 22 MAY

St Cuthbert's Parish Church, 5 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP

2.00pm – 4.30pm

Refresh @ The Rock

A new, free event open to all, featuring ecumenical worship with the Heart and Soul Swing Band, performances from Drama Kirk and refreshments. A livestream will be available on [St Cuthbert's website](#).

MONDAY 23 MAY

Quaker Meeting House Library and 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 7 Victoria Terrace, EH1 2JL

12.45pm

Church of Scotland Housing and Loan Fund for Retired Ministers and Widows and Widowers of Ministers

All are very welcome to come along to a brief presentation detailing the assistance offered by the Housing and Loan Fund. Thereafter there will be an opportunity for questions, and also to make individual appointments to discuss personal situations with regard to retirement housing. Light refreshments will be provided.

Quaker Meeting House 1st Floor Hall, 7 Victoria Terrace, EH1 2JL

12.30pm – 1.45pm

Faith Impact Forum

The realities of poverty, climate and conflict in causing migration? Come and hear from some of the overseas delegates as they share the story of migration in their context and how their church is acting to mitigate the causes and support the communities around them. Sandwich lunch available.

St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, EH1 2PW

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Place for Hope

Our churches and faith groups face change, encounter difference and experience conflict. In times of change or challenge, we know that practical support can help. We offer learning programmes, facilitated conversations and coaching to enable more open dialogue around important or challenging subjects. Come and meet some of our team who will share their experiences of peacebuilding and reconciliation, exploring what Place for Hope continues to offer the church and community. Sandwich lunch provided.

TUESDAY 24 MAY

Café Musa (Café on the Mound), 16 North Bank Street, EH1 2LS

8.00am – 9.00am

ACORN – Walk-In Event

ACORN is a movement that seeks to connect Christians with the work God is doing in the lives of friends and family, through caring conversations. It is inspiring church members across the country in mission and discipleship. Come and speak to Paul to find out more.

Quaker Meeting House 1st Floor Hall, 7 Victoria Terrace, EH1 2JL

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Buildings: a future for the Church

Buffet at 12.30pm and General Trustees presentation from 1pm: supporting Presbytery Planning to provide well-equipped spaces in the right places to deliver local mission.

Quaker Meeting House Library and 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 7 Victoria Terrace, EH1 2JL

12.30pm - 2.00pm

ACORN – Lunchtime Event

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St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, EH1 2PW

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Reimagining the Church – A HeartEdge Event

From the earliest days of the Christian Church there were people who preached, prayed and evangelised. People fed the hungry, cured the sick and walked alongside those who struggled. Some did all these things, but there was always encouragement for people to exercise their particular gifts. And so it is today. There is always room for all who wish to help our communities to thrive and people to find their worth.

As churches in Scotland face challenges associated with numerical decline, and communities long for healing and hope, there are signs of life and promise too. In our churches and with partners committed to work for human flourishing, we can create opportunities for support, learning and growth, and help our communities thrive.

Join Martin Johnstone, At The Edge, in conversation with Rev Dr Sam Wells, HeartEdge Founder, Vicar at St Martin in the Fields, London, and Rev Fiona Bennett, Moderator Elect of the United Reformed Church, Minister of Augustine United Church, Edinburgh, to explore how the HeartEdge movement can help us reimagine the church and its role in society.

Soup and sandwich lunch available.

Greyfriars Kirk, Greyfriars Place, EH1 2QQ

5.30pm

Church Service Society Annual Open Meeting and Public Lecture

Meeting from 5.30pm, Lecture at 6pm: Rev Alan Falconer DD, "A Cloud of Witnesses: Preparing an ecumenical calendar of saints" and how this could enrich worship and the spiritual life; Response from Fr Jamie McMorris, "Saints for Scotland". Followed by Supper. Please book via the Secretary:

Rev Dr Scott McKenna, smckenna@churchofscotland.org.uk

Costa Coffee, Hanover Street, EH2 2DL

5.30pm - 7.00pm

Church of Scotland Evangelical Network - COSEN@GA

An informal chance to meet, chat over coffee and network through the Church of Scotland Evangelical Network – it would be good to see you there.

General Assembly Hall, Mound Place, EH1 2LU

7.00pm

Guild Big Sing at the Assembly

Join the Guild's "Big Sing"; a great evening of worship, praise, fellowship and celebration! Tickets are available from the Guild office – contact: guild@churchofscotland.org.uk

Priestfield Church, 2 Marchhall Place, EH16 5HW

8.00pm – 9.00pm

ACORN – Evening Presentation

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WEDNESDAY 25 MAY

Café Musa (Café on the Mound), 16 North Bank Street, EH1 2LS

8.00am – 9.00am

ACORN – Walk-In Event

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St Giles' Cathedral, High Street, EH1 1RE

12.00pm

Church of Scotland Military Chaplains' Association

Annual Service of Remembrance marking the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Association. The service will be conducted by Rev Dr David Coulter, President of the Military Chaplains' Association, assisted by Rev John Duncan. Everyone very welcome. For further details, please contact Rev Stephen A Blakey, Honorary Secretary: SBlakey@churchofscotland.org.uk / 0771 254 2518.

Augustine United Church Sanctuary, 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Aberdeen Christ's College, Divinity Alumni

The annual General Assembly reunion buffet lunch for Aberdeen Christ's College Divinity Alumni and friends is always a happy occasion and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Copies of College Voices will be available.

St Columba's by the Castle, 14 Johnston Terrace, EH1 2PW

12.30pm - 1.50pm

Care, Prayer and Time to Share – CrossReach (Social Care Council)

Thank you! Your prayers have upheld us over the past 2 years and we are delighted to invite you to the launch of our **New Prayer App**. Over a light lunch and a time of fellowship you will experience first-hand how prayerful support is key in our continued service of love in action. Our hope is that our prayer diary will be more accessible in the future and that the Prayer App will provide insights, focusing on the journeys of people we serve in Christ's Name.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIVUK)*

<https://crossreach.org.uk/ga2022/prayer>

<https://crossreach.org.uk/bb/impact22>



THURSDAY 26 MAY

New College - Main Reception Area

12:30pm – 2.00pm

New College Alumni Lunch

All New College alumni are warmly invited to the annual alumni lunch. There is no cost in attending, however a retiring collection will be taken. The last alumni lunch was in 2019 so we very much look forward to seeing you again.

INFORMATION

ACORN

An informal and cost-free method of faith-sharing that has gained huge popularity amongst ordinary members of congregations all over Scotland. Find us on Facebook: 'Acorn Faith', or contact Rob Rawson: rrowson@churchofscotland.org.uk or Paul Haringman: 07837 903 277 for more information on events during the Assembly. More details are available online: <https://ascend.churchofscotland.org.uk/2022/03/acorn-the-simplest-way-of-following-god-in-mission/>

Assist our Song: Music Ministries in the Local Church

In this practical manual, Douglas Galbraith, formerly Precentor of the General Assembly, explores how the tasks and responsibilities of musician, clergy and congregation must be approached in a time of stretched resources and bewildering choices: dgalbraith@churchofscotland.org.uk

Church of Scotland Housing and Loan Fund for Retired Ministers and Widows and Widowers of Ministers

The Secretary of the Housing and Loan Fund would be delighted to arrange appointments during Assembly week or thereafter with anyone wishing to explore eligibility for assistance from the Fund. Please contact Hazel Bett on 07929 418 762.

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- Read our latest [Impact Report](#) and [CrossReach News](#)
- Visit our new and inspiring [Heart for Art Exhibition](#)
- Hear [Scott's personal journey](#) of recovery and [Marta's enthusiasm](#) on becoming a CrossReach employee.
- Meet the team at [one of our fundraising events](#)

<https://www.crossreach.org.uk/ga2022>

<https://crossreach.org.uk/bb/impact22>

<https://bit.ly/3vLt58Z>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/8A56FE5569B/copy-of-heart-for-art-the-beauty-of-nature-exhibition.html>

<https://vimeo.com/697013599/a618906a98>

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www.crossreach.org.uk/events-and-fundraising

Contact us: bdd@crossreach.org.uk



Esdaile Trust

The Trust supports the education of daughters of Ministers and Missionaries of the Church of Scotland, and of Deaconesses of the Church of Scotland who are widows. In 2021/22 we made grants totalling £27,981 and we now welcome applications for 2022/23. Application forms and information from SM-Charity@azets.co.uk / <https://www.azets.co.uk/esdaile-trust/>

Fasti

Hard copies of the recently published Vol XII of the *Fasti* (the latest volume of the record of ministries in the Church of Scotland since the Reformation) will be available for purchase during the Assembly. Commissioners attending in person may purchase a copy by visiting the Assembly Office; Commissioners attending online may email PCOffice@churchofscotland.org.uk to place an order.

HeartEdge

An international, ecumenical movement galvanising churches to be at the heart of their communities, while being with those on the Edge. With a "4 Cs" framework and active network, HeartEdge creates opportunities for learning and growth through commerce, culture, compassion and congregational life. Founder Dr Wells recently published *Humbler Faith, Bigger God: Finding a Faith to Live By* (Canterbury).

<https://www.heartedge.org/>

Life and Work

Life and Work will publish a FREE four-page General Assembly 2022 Special Supplement available to download from the magazine's website from 1 June 2022. In addition, a General Assembly Report will feature in the July issue of Life and Work available to purchase from 17 June 2022. Access both at: <https://www.lifeandwork.org>

Manse Bairns Network

Heard of us? Since 1790, we've been helping Manse families with financial problems. We're all Manse Bairns. Maybe you are too. If so, we'd love you to join us to help others too. Or it might be you who needs our support. Have a look at: <https://www.mansebairnsnetwork.org>

Place For Hope

We exist to accompany and equip people and faith communities so that all may reach their potential as peacemakers, able to navigate change and conflict well.

We offer:

- support for those experiencing conflict
- facilitation of difficult conversations, e.g. preparing for change or transition
- coaching
- training and resources for working with conflict and change.

info@placeforhope.org.uk

www.placeforhope.org.uk

Royal School of Church Music

The Royal School of Church Music is the heart and home of Church music. Effective music in worship, performed to a high standard, does not simply happen spontaneously. The RSCM is uniquely placed to guide and to provide the education required to meet these standards.

www.rscm.org.uk

RSCM Regional Manager for Scotland: imunro@rscm.com / 07821 125 548

SCOTS

The Scottish Churches Organist Training Scheme (SCOTS) provides support, training and fellowship for all those, at whatever level of musical experience, who find themselves leading worship at the organ. Workshop days, assessment, mentoring and a supportive community of fellow musicians. More information at www.rco.org.uk/scots or email andrew.macintosh@rco.org.uk

Society for the Benefit of Sons and Daughters of Clergy of the Church of Scotland

Education Grants are available for children (normally aged 12 - 25) of ministers. The Society also makes Grants to financially assist unmarried sisters over 40 and unmarried or widowed daughters of ministers. Further information by emailing SM-Charity@azets.co.uk / <https://www.azets.co.uk/sons-and-daughters-of-the-clergy-of-the-church-of-scotland/>

Stewardship – Supporting the Church’s Mission

Is your Congregation or Presbytery in need of fresh impetus to help resource and sustain its mission plans? The Stewardship Team can support you with:

- stewardship initiatives
- teaching resources
- digital giving
- Gift Aid/GASDS
- legacy promotion
- maximising resources.

Contact us for a conversation: stewardship@churchofscotland.org.uk

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/stewardship>

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