

Welcome



to

Hebron

Testimonies from Students at Hebron

From my first week at Hebron, I felt so welcome and experienced a true sense of community. It became clear very quickly that Hebron had a real heart for students and actively worked to ensure we felt welcome and more importantly, that the gospel was at the centre of Hebron's life. I also began serving in the worship team and creche rota, which has been another fantastic way to get more involved in church life. One of the most valuable things I discovered for students at Hebron is the mentor system. I have so appreciated having a mentor throughout university for my own spiritual growth and development, as well as having the support of a mature and caring Christian. Alongside mentors, Hebron also hold student conferences at the end of each semester which provide excellent teaching alongside more opportunity for fellowship. Hebron has been a constant source of fellowship, encouragement and spiritual growth throughout my university life so far.

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Choosing to settle into a church is important for any Christian's life, through a church in individual can grow in knowledge of the Word of God, through teaching, house groups and personal relationship with other members. Hebron is a church that concentrates on the importance of the Bible and the application of it in today's world. The exposition in teaching of the Word of God is very good, I personally have gained knowledge in my time here, but not only in a spoon-fed way, waiting for the Sunday sermon once a week, but by being encouraged to analyse the Bible for myself. In addition, the worship centres on the person and work of Jesus Christ; we are saved by grace through faith, not through our own works.

Welcome to Hebron Evangelical Church

(or Hebron if you don't want to be too official)

We hope that you enjoy your time with us.

Students@Hebron is our student ministry, and there is a lot going on – all of which is designed to help you to grow in your understanding and love of Jesus, be equipped to be living and speaking for him while at university and to be prepared and encouraged to be serving member of a local church both as a student, and afterwards. We think that your student years are pivotal and we want to help you live them to the full.

This booklet should give you an idea of what's going on at Hebron for students, so sit down with a cuppa, maybe a biscuit and a read through. If you've got any questions, come and chat to Alex or Helena (more on them in a bit).

So, welcome to Aberdeen! We can't wait to get to know you and see how you grow in Him in over the next 4/5 years.

Hebron: What's the chat?

We think it is very important not to separate the students from the rest of the church family. One of the many beautiful things about the church of Christ is that we come from a variety of different generations, places, and backgrounds. So it seems silly to take away from that. One of the main roles of Students@Hebron is to help you get involved and use your gifts in our church family.

However, we also realise that being a student brings its own unique opportunities and challenges, so we run lots of stuff to help you make the most of this exciting time.

So read on to find out what we have on offer....

Sunday Services

The main events of church life are the Sunday services. It's gathering together that makes us a church, not just a bunch of individual Christians. We believe that singing, praying and hearing the bible taught together is the best way for us all to grow. If you only do one thing at Hebron then come along to our Sunday services.

We have three services every Sunday - They're all different and we would encourage you to come to all three.

<p>10am:</p> <p><u>Breaking of Bread</u></p> <p>A service where we celebrate the Lords supper. Different people share from the Bible, pray or suggest a song. It is a wonderful chance to gather as a family and focus our hearts on remembering together Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross</p>	<p>11:30am:</p> <p><u>Family Service</u></p> <p>Our morning worship meeting. We sing, pray and hear about the life of the church. The main part of the service is the sermon, when God's word is taught and applied.</p>	<p>6.30pm:</p> <p><u>Evening Service</u></p> <p>More worship, prayer and Bible teaching in the evening. There is nothing better than beginning and ending each Sunday with Bible teaching and meeting with our church family. There's usually supper after the service!</p>
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Student Lunches

After the family service during term time, we share a home cooked meal, lovingly provided by families in the church. It is a great way to know the other students and other members of the church family.

Student Supper

After the evening service, students are invited to stay behind for supper, to look more in depth at the Christian faith and how that affects their lives as students. The perfect way to end the weekend, and the chance to pray for one another as you go into your week of studies.

Mentoring

One of the best ways you can grow in your faith is to study alongside other people – God graciously put us in a community of believers to do just that. We believe that discipleship is so important in the life of the church and someone in the church would love to regularly meet up with you to study the Bible, pray and help you to follow Jesus (and they may even treat you to food). Chat to Alex to find out more and to sign up.

Home Groups

In a church the size of Hebron, you can't get to know everyone really well, so during the week we meet in smaller groups across Aberdeen for Bible study and prayer. Grow together with Christians of all ages and stages by investing in one of these communities.

Prayer

One of the most important things we can do as a church is to pray, and we meet to pray as a church, drawing near to God as Father and ask for help for the life of the church, our city and our world. We meet on Sundays at 6:10pm and the 1st Wednesday of each month and would love for you to join us.

Weekend Away

This year we will be having our first ever Student Weekend Away. The **25th-27th January 2019** we'll be heading to Aviemore for a weekend of Bible teaching from a guest speaker, seminars addressing specific issues and an opportunity for the students to get to know each other better. Chances to sign up will be available throughout the first term

Conferences

We realise that being a student brings its own challenges that may not be addressed in a Sunday sermon, so at Hebron we aim to put on day conferences to help you apply biblical truth to your life as a student. These will be on the **15th December 2018** and the **31st March 2019**. There will be more details announced closer to the time, but **keep those dates free**.

CU

Students have a unique chance to share the gospel with others, as you live and study every day with people who've never heard the gospel. And while inviting your friends along to church is a great way for them to meet Jesus, we also encourage you to get involved in the CUs and are happy to link you up with your CU. AUCU meet on Monday nights and RGUCU on Tuesday nights.

Meet the Dream Student Team

The student team is your first point of contact for finding out more about getting involved in Hebron. They're here to help you grow and become part of the family, and are happy to meet up (More to follow!)

Alex - Church Intern

N. Irish, was a student in Aberdeen from 2012-2017 and spent a year in London working with UCCF.

Likes: Good food, good coffee, good books and good sports

Fave thing about Hebron? It was here that I first heard the Bible faithfully taught. I was welcomed into the church family and have been able to call Hebron my home for the past 6 years.

Random fact: Once appeared on Blue Peter and crowd surfed at a Foo Fighters gig



Helena - Children's and Women's worker



Scottish (despite not sounding it), studied Linguistics & English Language in Edinburgh, needs coffee to be vaguely human.

Likes: Harry Potter (especially Ron Weasley), the US Office, Parks and Rec and cats.

Dislikes: Sharks, things with more than 4 knees, feet.

Fave thing about Hebron? Studying the Bible and learning more about Jesus with my church family.

Random Fact: I've been proposed to roughly 5 times by 6-year-old boys... I used to be a Primary Teacher!

Meet the Staff

These are some people that you should meet, & will help you get involved. Here's a wee intro to them, go and introduce yourself to them.

Duncan - Pastoral worker (Teaching Responsibility & pastoral care)



Married to Amy, and dad to Archie and Maisie.

Fave thing about Hebron? The hearing of God's word is the priority when we meet together.

Random fact: In a former life, I completed a PhD in Neuroscience

Mark – Community worker (Missionary in the local area)

Husband to Lisa, dad to Samuel & Benjamin



Fave thing about Hebron? The diverse body of believers: The mix of young, old and in-between ages with different experiences and gifts that maybe don't naturally have much in common but are united in Christ.

Random fact: I'm a terrible musician, really can't play anything much (mostly due to lack of effort), but I did once play bass at a gig in Romania with a friend's band. There were approx. 10,000 in the crowd! I'm also a trained physio

Sally – Church Admin (rotas/newsletters/diary/website etc)

Married to Rod, and have two children, Nathaniel and Rebecca.

Fave thing about Hebron?

The view from the window beside the piano, & that it's been a strong spiritual home for Christians in Aberdeen city centre for over 100 years- my Granda used to visit to preach here

Desert island choices? I've never understood Why anyone would pack to go to a desert island by choice



Willie – Teaching Elder (Teaching Responsibility)

Married to Angela, Father of 4 and Grandad of 2. I'm also a Family Doctor and Medical Examiner with Police Scotland.



Desert Island Choices: 'Shadow of the Almighty' – the biography of Jim Elliot and Bob Dylan's album 'Shot of Love'

Random Fact: I used to be a medical missionary in Zambia, and continue to teach and train in Malawi with the Dòchas Education Trust

Get Involved

We would love to see you use your gifts to serve others and make God known in Aberdeen. Jesus calls all of us to serve him and one another in the church, so we really encourage you to serve in at least one area of Hebron. Here are just some of the areas where you can to do that:

○ Catering

- Morning Teas
- Sunday Supper



○ Children and Youth

- Youth Fellowship
- Crèche
- Sunday School
- Bible Class



○ Community Outreach

- Monday Club
- Holiday Clubs
- Legacy (teen outreach)
- Mainly Music
- Baby & Toddlers



○ Music

- Audio
- Visuals
- Band

○ Stewarding

For details of these areas, more information or to sign up speak to Alex, Helena or check out the website (www.hebron-evangelical.co.uk/ManyHands)

What we believe

We at Hebron are a gospel-centred, evangelical church and we are committed to exalt God's name, to the building up and equipping the body of Christ, and to reach the lost both locally and globally with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Exalting God's name

As God's people we seek to fulfil the purpose for which we were created - to worship and glorify God. As a church we accomplish this through:

- Remembering the Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of bread.
- Corporate worship as a congregation and corporate prayer
- Each member walking daily with Christ Jesus

Building up and Equipping the body of Christ

Every member of the church has a vital role to play. The church should be a place where we are encouraged in our faith and equipped to serve the Lord in all aspects of our lives. Together we do this by:

- The Systematic study and teaching of God's word, the Bible to all ages and applying it to our lives
- Providing opportunities for each member to exercise their God-given gifts and abilities.
- Provide opportunities to support and encourage one another in fellowship together
- Nurturing the young in the faith, teaching them what it means to follow Jesus
- Training people to handle the Scriptures for themselves and to share the gospel where God has placed them.

Reaching the lost with the good news of Jesus Christ

Everyone in the world needs to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, as it is only through Jesus that any of us can be made right with God. Jesus has commissioned and commanded the church to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). As a church we fulfil this by:

- Living Christ-centred lives and personally sharing the gospel
- Church events aimed at interacting with those who do not yet believe with a view to sharing the gospel of Christ with them
- Supporting the work of Christian mission both locally and globally by prayer, financially, and practically.

To see our Statement of Faith head to:

<http://www.hebron-evangelical.co.uk/WhatWeBelieve>

Thanks for reading – hopefully you feel like you know us at Hebron better and what it would be like to be involved here.

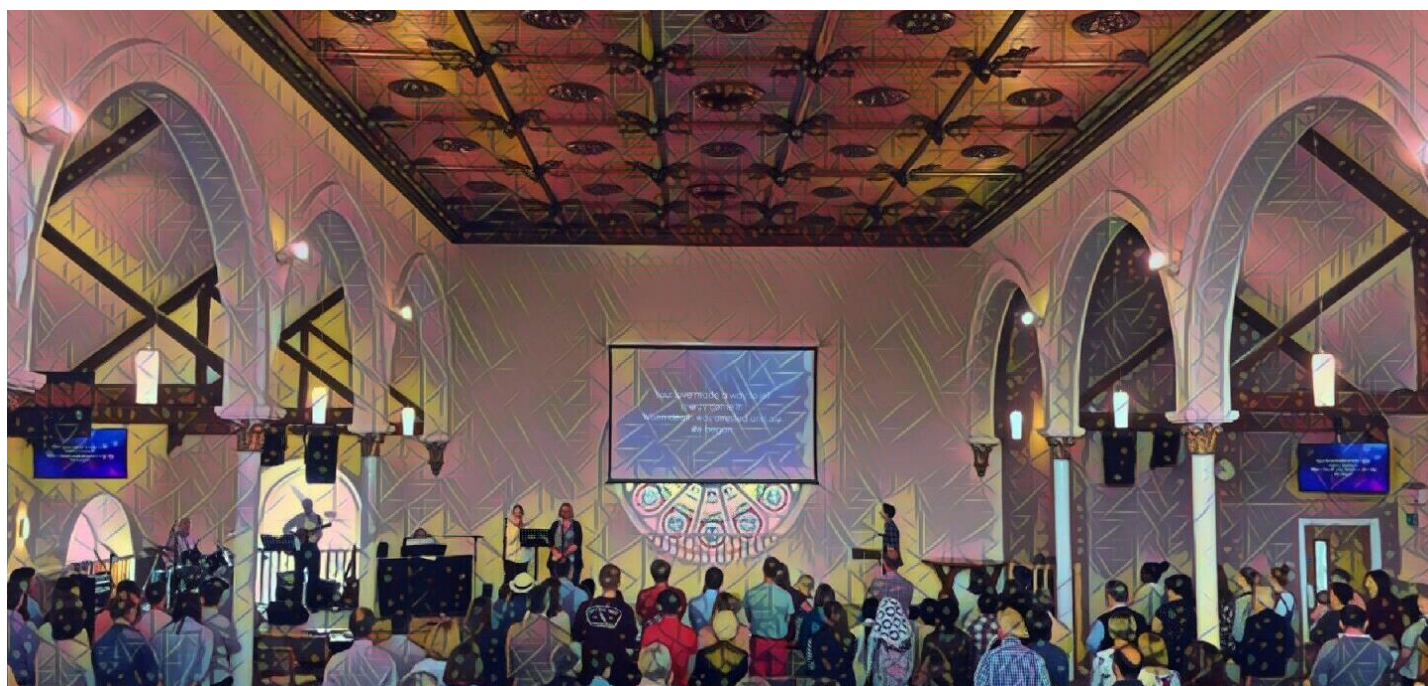
I hope you're feeling ready to get stuck in, get to know us and grow with us as we serve Jesus together. If that's you, we'd love to take you out for a coffee, or other beverage of choice, and chat about how you can get involved.

But maybe you're thinking Hebron isn't for you – feel free to chat to us about your concerns. We long for you to be part of a church family where you'll grow in love for God as you get to know him better through his Word and are equipped to serve Him – and we'd love to help you find a church where you can do that. We urge you to commit to a church as soon as possible and start getting to know the people there

We hope that you have an amazing time studying in Aberdeen, and hopefully will get to know you over the next few years!

If you have any questions, concerns or just want to meet up and have a chat, send Alex an email at

alex@hebronaberdeen.org.uk



Beth
2nd year
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student

Whilst I was in the process of finding a church to settle down in, I decided to try out Hebron as my uni friends went there. Everyone was so welcoming to me when I first came and people made the conscious effort to try and get to know me. Hebron is a great church for it's teaching and every Sunday members of the church kindly prepare a lunch for the students after the service which is a great chance to get to know people from both Aberdeen uni and RGU. Hebron also invests time in its students with opportunities for mentoring which I found a great way to get to know someone older within the church who can help you in your walk and also help act as a gateway to get to know other members of the church which you may not stumble across. Hebron is a great home for students looking to feel part of and be a part of a family of other brothers and sisters of Christ especially whilst living away from the comforts of home.

Hebron was the first church where I truly felt a part of the wider Christian community. The congregation is quite sizeable and there's always someone to speak to, you're immediately greeted by the stewards on the door and if you're new or on your own you'll often be approached by one of our friendly members and shepherded off to meet others. The teaching is excellent and always endeavours to be true to the original meaning of the text. Students are also encouraged to engage in a wide range of activities from stewarding to preaching, whatever your gift is, if you seek to use it for God's glory there may well be a role for you at the church.

Sam
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Medical
student

Colossians 1:9-12

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.