



Origin works to deepen the fellowship of Christian believers with God and each other, and to reach out to those outside the church.

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Websites

Origin runs a number of websites, aimed at letting people know about the ministry, and serving the church.

www.originscotland.org:
the main UK site with info about our events, news, links to corporate stuff like annual reports, and online donations.

www.originsa.org:
the main RSA site with info about events, news and corporate stuff about our South African NGO, Origin South Africa.

www.eventsguide.org and **www.capechurch.org:**
respectively the UK and (under development) SA church databases and events guides. These cover churches in Edinburgh and Cape Town and provide information for people looking to find their local church.

www.inexile.net:
our main UK choir, band and orchestra site, with info on upcoming outreach events as well as signups for choir and orchestra.

It's Hollywood, Baby*

A sell-out show in the 2007 Fringe and spin-off from the 2005 Usher Hall debut (also performed in Cape Town at the City Hall), Gospel According to Hollywood is on again this Edinburgh Festival season, this time at Gorgie Parish Church. The music is a blend of the magnificent and the cheesy, as befits its use in movies from all over. We've updated the programme from last year's events to include songs such as 'Are you ready for a miracle' (used in the recent blockbuster Evan Almighty), and songs from movies The Gospel, The Color Purple, The Preacher's Wife, Amazing Grace (guess the song...) and others.



Of course we won't be leaving out classics from The Blues Brothers and Shrek, and there may even be a bit of Disney in there (if we can quash the band rebellion and force them to play it...).

The show will be about an hour long, and will have no speaker or other evangelistic input besides the words of the songs. The reason is simple - this event is aimed at people who do not come to church, have not come to church, and have no intention of coming to church. It's for Christians to invite friends as a point of first contact - an opportunity to see that Christians are normal people, but with the Christian content of the songs, to give you a topic to start that otherwise difficult-to-begin conversation about God, the Church, life, the universe and everything.

We hope you find the opportunity useful!

*The editors would like to apologise for the cheesy nature of this headline, but Colin said he didn't get as much cheese into the programme this year as he would have liked, and the excess had to go somewhere.

Praise Nights

On 11th of May we had our last Praise Night in Edinburgh (at Viewforth Parish Church). It was a good time of praise and worship despite the problems of trying to find parking in that part of town. Our next in the Praise Night series is the Festival Praise Night, this year in Charlotte Chapel on West Rose Street, Edinburgh.



Events July-Dec 08

UK Events:
Festival Praise Night
3rd August, 8.30pm
Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh

Gospel According to Hollywood
7th-9th August, 7.30pm
Gorgie Parish Church, Edinburgh

Book Tickets Now

(Edinburgh Festival Fringe Production)



Chamber Concert
4th October, 8pm
Exile Chamber Orchestra
directed by **Iain McLarty**
Greenside Parish Church,
Edinburgh

Charlotte Chapel 200th

It's always a mission to hold an event in 'The Chapel' as it's known, because the stage area makes the vestry feel like the stage at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre, but by the same token it's always a great atmosphere as the building design allows for a big congregation, and it's real close fellowship! Our theme for this event is a big one - The Glory of God. Hope you can join us.



How Origin Works

People often ask us (well, someone asked us once) how Origin works. So here you go. We have two executive committees, one in Edinburgh and one in Cape Town. Some members in the UK and SA are on both, and meetings are held in venues that have a broadband connection, so they are truly transcontinental! These are the governing bodies, and each is responsible for their own geographical area. Then we have an oversight committee. This is made up of church leaders from Scotland and South Africa; trusted, recognised leaders in the church from many denominations. Minutes of meetings are sent to them at the same time as they go out to our execs, at which point the exec cannot take irreversible action for seven days, so that the overseers can comment (if they want to) on the decisions taken.

Origin tries always to work with local churches wherever possible, and tries never to hold events at times where other local churches have services, unless providing a service for just a single church (in which case we do not allow the event to be advertised outside that church). This is to limit transfer growth. We believe in NEW growth. Got a new church? Great - get new converts. Don't just Hoover up people from other churches promoting the great merry-go-round that we see in church membership. So when we have people at our events wanting to become Christians, we feed them into their nearest Bible-teaching church. When we have people who tell us that they have stopped going to church and just watch God-TV, we say we have a great solution to their problem - go to church. We don't have a follow-up policy at events - or rather, our policy is to rely on the local church to do that once we pass on their details. The local church is better-equipped, better-trained and better-positioned to help people than we are.

Origin is a facilitator. We help to make things happen. We can pool the resources of many to create quality events, publishing, and all the other stuff we do. But the real place that the rubber meets the road is in the local church. So we exist to complement them, support them, provide services for them, allow them to use us in their mission, and encourage them. Not replace them. And in doing this unite the church, and reach the lost. This is our passion.

In the next edition (Sept) we'll talk a little about how the ministry is funded.



How long have you been involved with Origin?

I went to the City Praise Night October 2006 and joined very shortly after that (in time to sing that Christmas), and I auditioned for and was accepted into the Singers.

Anniversary

26th October, 8.30pm
Charlotte Chapel, Edinburgh
with special guests **Stuart Townend** and **Keith Getty**

City Praise Aberdeen

16th November, 8pm
AECC Aberdeen,
in association with **Souled Out**

Carol Service with the Exile Chamber Orchestra

6th December, 7.30pm
St Cuthberts Church, Edinburgh
with guest speaker
Rev Kenny Borthwick

South Africa Events:

Please see [website](#) for details



Choir

Do you have tunable vocal cords?
Come lead in praise for the King.
Contact info@inexile.net for more.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held at **Charlotte Chapel** on **31 July**. Membership information from info@originscotland.org

Support

Want to support us in prayer? Can you spare a few pennies a month? Or a few minutes? Visit us online at www.originscotland.org or www.originsa.org to make a donation or for other ways to get involved.

What are your roles?

I am the librarian, which means that I have a vast array of music – books, songsheets, CDs, scores, orchestral music -- in various cupboards and the loft space in my house. I endeavour to get the right music to the right people in a timely fashion. Sometimes I help with the juice and biscuits at rehearsals, and occasionally provide comic relief, but that's more of an avocation than a proper role...

What do you do when you are not singing or filing?

I stamp out ignorance and disseminate information... Or, more prosaically, I teach history (at all levels) and Higher Modern Studies at Queensferry HS as well as being involved in many, many other things.

Do you have any hobbies or other activities?

I like to: read; swim; cook/bake; travel; photography; do crafty kinds of things – jewelry making, card making, paint, etc.; watersports; entertain; listen to music; watch movies; do lots of church stuff; involved with many extra-curricular activities at school – from Pupil Council to SU to working with school shows to organizing the Activities Days to cheerleading (don't ask...)

What church do you attend?

St. Columba's Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.

When and how did you become a Christian?

I do not remember a time when I didn't know Jesus as my Savior. My understanding that I am a sinner who stands in God's grace; that I have been justified through Christ's atoning sacrifice; that I am further sanctified by Him every day; that He is the reason for my hope and joy; that He is the Creator of the universe and He cares for me as His child – now these things – grow all the time.

Find out more:

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