

God created mankind in his own image

Genesis 1:27

Life is precious. All human life has intrinsic worth and we are accountable to God for our treatment of our fellow humans. The church has always recognised the inherent value of human life, both before and after birth.

"Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name."

(Isaiah 49: 1)

God's care and calling on an individual begin in the womb. To end the life of one created by God for his purposes is sin.

In accord with Biblical teaching and Christian tradition, we affirm the value of human life in the womb. Abortion as a means of birth control is therefore morally unjustifiable.

The lives of the unborn are as valuable as any others.

Of course, there is forgiveness and renewal offered to us all, whatever our story.

Women considering abortion or who have had an abortion, and the men involved, need our support, our care and God's grace

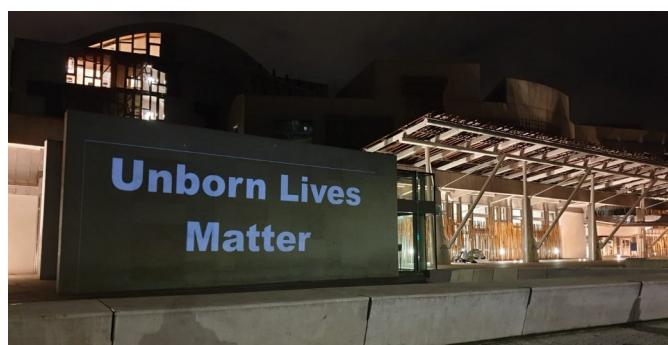
It's necessary to be blunt here. We can't skirt around the issue. In accord with Scottish Government policy, 18,000 unborn children were killed in 2023. This is not just another run of the mill political issue among many others, it is a grave evil and an appalling affront to our creator God.

We must allow God to order our political priorities, not political parties or the media. As Christians, we can't sit idly by while the unborn are being led to death on an industrial scale.

With regard to abortion, there are two types of political party: pro-abortion ones that would continue the slaughter and pro-life ones that would stop it. We would stop it.

Pro-abortion Parties in Scotland include the SNP, Labour, Greens, Lib Dems, Conservatives, Reform and Alba.

A vote for a pro-abortion party is a vote for continuing abortion. Even if a voter wishes a party were not pro-abortion, the fact remains: a vote for a pro-abortion party is a vote for continuing abortion.



Fetus at 12 weeks in the womb

Rescue those being led away to death

Proverbs 24:11

We believe that it wrong to endorse the destruction of God's precious new lives by voting for a pro-abortion party.



Not convinced? Try standing in front of the mirror and saying a few lines like this:

"I voted for a party that would continue the killing of unborn children because they were the ones most likely to beat the SNP here."

"I am a member of a party that would continue the killing of unborn children because I like their other policies."

"I urge you to vote for a party that would continue the killing of unborn children because Scotland should be independent."

Can you, in good conscience before God, say such things? Can anyone?

Perhaps you are thinking we're sounding a bit extreme, too black and white for your taste? God instructs us to "hate what is evil" (Romans 12: 9), and surely there is no greater evil in Scotland today than the killing of the unborn by the thousand. As Christians, we should not compromise on the value of human life.

"You can be a Christian in any party"

Many Christians say this, but we don't see any Biblical support for it. Christians are found in all parties, but the question is whether Christian should support parties that support the mass killing of the unborn.

"The Bible doesn't tell us which party to vote for"

We're not claiming that. We're claiming that it strongly implies which parties we should not vote for. Christians should weigh up the pros and cons of parties that do not endorse appalling evils such as the killing of the unborn. We commend the Scottish Family Party in particular on the basis of many other policies.

"I'm in this party to change it"

Membership of a party implies support for that party as it currently exists. There are some issues that are so grievous that they must be regarded as red lines. We shouldn't endorse grave evils by aligning ourselves with the perpetrators.

Assisted Suicide



The Bible presents a high view of the value of life. Where suicide is contemplated, requested, assisted or committed it is never approved and often criticised (1 Samuel 31:4, 2 Samuel 1:9, 2 Samuel 1:14-16). Church teaching reflects this.

We obviously sympathise with those in pain or despair, wanting to offer care and support, but a moral line is crossed by endorsing and facilitating suicide.

Accepting suicide as a positive choice would inevitably lead to people feeling under pressure to end their lives for the sake of others and no "safeguards" can prevent this. Developments in nations that have legalised assisted suicide and euthanasia have been extremely concerning.

We oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia as a matter of party policy. If it is introduced in Scotland, we would seek to repeal it.

"I had an abortion"

"At the age of 20, I had an abortion. A dark cloud descended on me that day and it stayed with me for three decades. I wanted to punish myself and tried to shut out feelings of love for my child. I knew beyond any shadow of doubt that I had ended the life of my baby.

I later became a Christian and now I know that I am completely forgiven and I am set free from the desire to punish myself.

Through support groups, I now have the joy of bringing this message of hope and healing to other women who have had abortions.

Abortion is the taking of a human life and causes untold damage to women. As Christians, we can't continue to tolerate the shedding of innocent blood in Scotland."

Mairi Lucas

The Scottish Family Party is not a Christian party. It is a party with many policies that align with Biblical principles. While this leaflet is written for Christians in particular, we commend our policies to people of all religious faiths and none and welcome all who share our values.

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"

Jeremiah 1: 5



Fetus alive in the uterus
12 weeks following fertilization



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