



*Following Christ  
Spreading the Word  
Serving the Community*

**Minister: Revd. Alan D. Reid M.A. B.D**  
**Intimations: Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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**A very warm welcome to Kinross Parish Church**

Here is the weekly calendar and notices. For any queries, please email the Church Office or leave a voice-message. Gatherings on Zoom - please contact the Church Office for information and link details.

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**Today: Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. 1 Peter 2: 4-10 – Living Stones

Baptism of Florence

Children's and young people's activities during worship. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after the service

12 Noon: Information meeting about the Scottish Camp in Debrecen

6.00pm: Prayer Time on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in the Church Centre

6.45 for 7.00pm: Sunday @ 7 in the Church

**Catch-Up:** Audio recordings of Sunday worship on 01577 528270 line 1 or watch on YouTube or Facebook

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1.45pm: Bridge and board games in the Church

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am: Stepping Stones for the under 5s in the Church

2.30pm: Tuesday House-group

7.30pm: Kirk Session Council meeting in the Upper Room

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January**

9.30am: Monday House-group at Netherhall. Studies in the "I am" sayings of Jesus

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by Brenda Fraser

1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church

7.00pm: Prospects Across Scotland Online Training Session. See Dates for your Diary

7.45pm: Men's House-group in the Church Meeting Room, continuing studies in Acts

8.00pm: Women's House-group

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom

**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons in the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association:

6.00-7.15pm: Anchor Section P1,2 and 3. 7.00-9.00pm: Junior Section P4,5 and 6

7.00-9.30pm Company Section P7-S3. 7.00-9.30pm: Senior Section S4,5 and 6

**Next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. 1 Peter 2: 11-17 – Slavery & Freedom

Children's and young people's activities during worship. **NO** Refreshments or Fairtrade stall this week

11.45am: Informal Communion

2.30pm: Austin's Songs of Praise. In the Church

6.00pm: Prayer Time on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in the Church Centre

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sunday @ 7:** this **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January** then look out for new dates. A short, informal service of contemporary worship and bite-sized Bible teaching. Everyone is welcome. Meet in Kinross Parish Church at 7pm. Refreshments served from 6.45pm and again after the service.

### Scottish Camp in Debrecen – July 2024

Anyone interested in being part of the mission trip to our partner church in Hungary this summer is asked to be in touch with Alan Reid as soon as possible. There will be a brief gathering to ask questions at the close of the service, **TODAY, Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January**.

**NEW: Prospects Across Scotland** have an online training 'Autism in the Church Family' on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**. It is a ticketed event. All the details are here:

[Autism in the Church Family Online Training with Prospects Across Scotland Tickets, Wed 31 Jan 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**RESCHEDULED: The Songs of Praise Worship** takes place **next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**, from 2.30pm in the Church. We will be singing songs curated from the list of 187 choices, including of course our top 5 choices. Please come along, it should be a fun afternoon of singing, and learning more about why some songs mean so much to us.

### Dungeons & Dragons:

Youth D&D resumes in the Church at 5.30pm on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Future dates TBC.

Adult D&D resumes in the Church at 7.30pm on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Future dates are as follows: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 25<sup>th</sup> Mar, 15<sup>th</sup> Apr, 29<sup>th</sup> Apr, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> Jun, 24<sup>th</sup> Jun.

## NEWS:

**NEW: World Watch List 2024:** listing the 50 countries in which it is most dangerous to be a Christian, is published. To pray for persecuted Christians in an informed way, obtain a copy at [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)

**Kin-nections for March - May:** This year we are producing a 16-page full-colour 2023 Review that highlights the activities of our congregation. The Review will be delivered to members in March. So that folk are not overwhelmed with reading material, and to reduce costs, the Kirk Session has agreed to produce a "mini" Kin-nections for March–May, to supplement the Review: just one folded sheet of A4. Therefore, **we are not seeking articles for this issue of Kin-nections**. If you have an urgent piece of information to highlight, e.g. a date of a forthcoming event, please email it in by **12 noon on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January** and we will see if it is possible to include (though it might only be date and time, at best). Items can obviously be highlighted in the weekly Intimations and in the Saturday email of news. Normal service will resume for the June–August issue!

**Stamp Appeal:** Please support the Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal by cutting off used stamps (leave at least 1/4" round the stamp) and putting them in the Stamp Appeal container in the church vestibule. The current appeal is supporting an agroforestry project across Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

## PARISH GROUPING: Progress on Parish Grouping:

### Joint Vision Group of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak Church Highlights of 17 January 2024 Meeting

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please speak with the Minister or Session Clerk or send an [email](#) as we welcome everyone's input.

- The group explored four questions raised in a discussion paper from Revd. Alan Reid and Revd. Robert Calvert.
  - **What times should services be at following the union?** It was recognised that there were pros and cons to services being held at the same time or at different times. On balance, the group was minded to support a service time of 10.30am at both Kinross and Orwell churches.
  - **What issues might need to be borne in mind regarding services other than Sunday mornings?** Glenfarg, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell are/will be without a community of Christian witness. Offering perhaps monthly services in local buildings, not necessarily on Sundays, could be an important way of including these communities.
  - **Could we start to do more sharing across the two parishes before union takes place?** It was felt strongly that, rather than waiting for **1<sup>st</sup> January 2025** as the point at which the congregations come together, general moves can and should be taken now. Suggestions include Messy Church, youth activities, Christian Aid Week, house groups and mission partners. A joint Saturday email of news would enable shared information. A vision statement would encapsulate the joint churches' vision.
  - **What are the implications of union for areas of ministry such as school chaplaincy and trusteeships?** Historically the local minister has been expected to be school's chaplain and to serve on

the board of various charities, e.g. Arthur and Margaret Thompson Charitable Trust. Team ministry and the appointment of a KYTHE youth minister will allow this to be reviewed so these important roles are covered, but responsibility does not fall on one minister.

- **Team Ministry:** it is recognised that Presbytery support will be important for Cleish and Fossoway in moving towards their union and calling a minister who will be part of the Team.
- **Feedback:** the Joint Vision Group welcomes comments, questions and suggestions from the congregations: please speak with a minister or contact [orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com) or [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)
- **Next meeting:** **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February** to share updates from sub-groups together with any questions for consideration, and to plan for **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February** Joint Session meeting.

### PRESBYTERY OF PERTH:

**NEW: Presbytery Meeting:** The next meeting of the Presbytery of Perth for ordinary business is on **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February** at 10.30am in St Matthews Church, Tay Street, Perth. This is the Presbytery's first hybrid meeting, allowing presbyters to join online though it's hoped that many will still come in person, so that presbyters can continue to get to know one another better. The meeting will include a session focusing on the situation in Gaza with input from the Church of Scotland ministers at Jerusalem and Tiberias: St Andrews. In the afternoon, there will be a conference session focusing on the Presbytery's first year and on where we are going in the future.

**'Leading Worship' Course:** The Presbytery Training Team has organised this course over three Saturdays (10<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March) in St. Matthew's Perth 10am-4pm each day. Spaces available. For details about what is involved or to register, contact Alex Rae: [fourraes@btinternet.com](mailto:fourraes@btinternet.com)  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February: The Bible in worship, Speaking in Church, Prayer in worship.  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February: Music in worship, Preparing a service, how we bring all the elements together.  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Presentation of acts of worship.

**Presbytery:** The office is Suite F3, Riverview House, Friarton Road, Perth, PH2 8DF. Tel: 07596 868064.  
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### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND:

**NEW: New Ecumenical Visit to Women in Custody:** The Moderator of the General Assembly and a Catholic Archbishop visited the country's national facility for women in custody last week. Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton and Most Rev Leo Cushley, Roman Catholic Archbishop and Metropolitan of St Andrews and Edinburgh, were welcomed to HMP & YOI Stirling. The ecumenical visit also gave the Moderator and the Archbishop the opportunity to see the prison chaplaincy service, which offers spiritual and pastoral support and guidance to those in custody of all faiths and none.

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**We believe in a God who hears and answers prayer.**

**Prayer Points for the week commencing Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>:** As we celebrate the sacrament of baptism this morning, pray that we may all be blessed by this sign and seal of God's grace, and all recommit ourselves to following Christ.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for all the children and young people of our church family that they may know that they are loved and that they may each come to a living faith in Jesus.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>:** Give thanks for the ministry of Stepping Stones each Tuesday morning and seek God's blessing on every family represented there.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>:** Pray for children and young people in our own country and across the world who are caring for others – perhaps siblings, parents, or grandparents – that they may have the opportunities they need to thrive as individuals in their own right.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** Pray for the youthwork being done in our community by organisations such as Kythe and the Scout and Guide movements as well as our own work with children and young people through Junior Church, Crossfire, the Brigade and Dungeons & Dragons.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Give thanks for the ministry of organisations like Scripture Union and pray for all who will encounter Jesus through school groups or at weekends on holiday camps both in Scotland and across the world.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Pray that God will inspire in each one of us a child-like faith and enable us to grow up into Christ who is our Head.

**Amen**