



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Minister: Revd. Alan D. Reid M.A. B.D
Intimations: Sunday, 4th February 2024

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, 4th 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

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

Monday, 5th February

8.00am: Silent Meditation. In the Church

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1.45pm: Bridge and board games in the Church

NB 7.30pm: Monday House-group at Netherhall. Studies in the "I am" sayings of Jesus

7.30pm: Kirk Session Meeting in the Church

Tuesday, 6th February

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

2.30pm: Tuesday House-group

Wednesday, 7th February

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by Valerie Rose

1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church

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

8.00pm: Women's House-group

Thursday, 8th February

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom

Friday, 9th February

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1st 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, 11th February

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. 1 Peter 2: 18-25 – Godly Suffering

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

2.30pm: Let's Sing in the Church

6.00pm: Prayer Time on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in the Church Centre

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Songs of Praise Worship takes place **TODAY, Sunday, 4th 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 in the Church at 5.30pm on Fridays 23rd Feb, 8th March, 22nd March.

Adult D&D in the Church at 7.30pm on Mondays 12th Feb, 26th Feb, 11th Mar, 25th Mar, 15th Apr, 29th Apr, 13th May, 27th May, 10th Jun, 24th Jun.

Easter Sunday Morning: The Kirklands Hotel has been booked for after the Lochside Service on **Sunday 31 March**. The cost is £7 per person for a bacon roll and tea or coffee. Please contact the Church Office to book your place.

Family Week takes place **Monday, 29th July to Friday, 2nd August**. If you would like to be a member of the team, we'll be having a meeting for the whole team (along with anyone who'd like to find out more) on **Saturday 9th March** from 10am till 12 noon in Kinross Parish Church.



Sunday @ 7: Nothing this month, but 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.

NEWS:

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

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 **1st 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 or office@kinrossparishchurch.org
- **Next meeting:** **Wednesday, 14th February** to share updates from sub-groups together with any questions for consideration, and to plan for **Thursday, 22nd February** Joint Session meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH:

Presbytery Meeting: The next meeting of the Presbytery of Perth for ordinary business is on **Saturday, 3rd 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 (10th February, 24th February and 9th 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
Saturday 10th. February: The Bible in worship, Speaking in Church, Prayer in worship.
Saturday 24th February: Music in worship, Preparing a service, how we bring all the elements together.
Saturday 9th. 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:**

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Pray that your faith may be strengthened as we gather at the Lord's Table this morning and ask God's blessing on the Songs of Praise service this afternoon.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Ask God to lead and guide the elders at this evening's meeting of the Kirk Session, that the congregation may be wisely led in the year ahead.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Give thanks for the work of Kinross Centre and pray for all the staff, volunteers and service users.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>:** As the work begins to shape the 'Kythe Connects' project to disciple those young people who come to faith in Christ, pray for God's clear leading in the coming months.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Lift before God the work of MAF Uganda and pray especially for Ruth Jack as she leads the team. Pray that spiritual and practical help may be taken to the remotest places.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for representatives of all the congregations in the Kinross-shire Parish Grouping who will meet today to plan for an elders' conference later this month.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Ask God to help and guide all those who have a part to play in preparing for the service tomorrow.

**Amen**