

## Minister's Message for Sunday 1 March 2026

Dear Friends,

After a very long period of discussion and discernment we have finally reached the position of agreeing the terms and job description for a Pioneer Youth Minister for Kinross-shire and the post has now been advertised. (The advert can be viewed here: <https://bta.current.jobs/job/pioneer-youth-minister-kythe-511.aspx>)

This appointment is a collaboration between Kinross-shire Parish Church and KYTHE and is funded (for 2 years initially) through the Church of Scotland Seeds for Growth Fund, which supports mission to those under the age of 40. Over the last 10 years KYTHE has developed a very wide ranging ministry which spans the provision of universal youth services on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council to the support of those young people who wish to explore the Christian faith for themselves. At the same time the work of local churches through such things as Family Week, Crossfire, Sunday@7 and Alpha Youth has led to a growing number of young people who wish to deepen their faith but for some of whom the church traditions and style that are precious to many older people can be more of a hindrance than a help on their discipleship journey. The appointment of a Pioneer Youth Minister is designed to straddle the work of KYTHE and all the local churches to help young people in our community find a place within the Body of Christ.

Perhaps, in God's timing, this new appointment, coming as it does just as our Team Ministry in Kinross-shire parish is established and as St Paul's Episcopal Church is also looking for a new minister, opens doors for all of us to grow in faith and to widen our fellowship which Christians of all ages.

Please feel free to make this position known to anyone you think might be interested and please pray for those from KYTHE and from the local churches who this time next month will be involved in considering applications and, we trust, making an appointment.

With all prayerful good wishes,

Alan

**Revd. A.D. Reid**