

Kinross-shire Parish Church

Ministers: Revd. Alex Johnson and Revd. Alan D. Reid

Intimations: Sunday, 4th October 2026

A very warm welcome to Kinross-shire Parish Church of Scotland

Here are the weekly calendar and notices. For any queries, please email the Parish Office at Kinross Church or leave a voice message. Gatherings on Zoom – please contact the Parish Office for information and link details. office@kinrossparishchurch.org | 01577 862570

Orwell Church Office, South Street, Milnathort is open 10am–Noon Tuesday to Friday

Websites: [Cleish & Fossoway](#) | [Kinross](#) | [Orwell & Portmoak](#)

YouTube: [Fossoway Church](#) | [Kinross Church](#) | [Orwell Church](#)

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CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK:

This Sunday, 4th October:

All our regular worship centres have children's activities during the service and refreshments afterwards. Fossoway and Kinross services are broadcast live; Orwell service is recorded

9.00am: Choir Practice in **Fossoway Church**

9.15am: Choir Practice in **Kinross Church**

9.30am: Morning Worship in **Fossoway Church** led by Rev Alex Johnson

10.30am: Morning Worship in Kinross Church for World Communion Sunday led by Rev Kathy Dain. Philippians 3:4b-14. Followed by informal Communion at 11.30am. No refreshments or Fairtrade stall

11.00am: Morning Worship in **Orwell Church** led by Rev Alex Johnson

2.30pm: Monthly Service at **Cleish Church**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire P7+ youth café in **Kinross Church Centre**

7.00pm: Sunday@7 – short, informal worship and bite-sized Bible teaching in **Kinross Church**

Monday, 5th October:

8.00am: Silent Meditation in **Kinross Church** led by Rev Alan Reid

10.00am–Noon: Parish Office in **Kinross Church** open to visitors

1.45pm: Bridge & Board Games in **Kinross Church**. All welcome

7.30pm: Monday House Group

7.30pm: Youth and Families Team – open meeting in **Kinross Church**. Details below

Tuesday, 6th October:

10.00am: Stepping Stones in **Kinross Church** for babies & toddlers and their parents & carers

12.30pm: Funeral of Colin Malcolm in **Kinross Church**

2.00pm: Tuesday Afternoon House Group

7.00pm: Guild in **Kinross Church Centre** 'Kinross-shire Trishaws and Community Cycling' – Kirsteen Ross

Wednesday, 7th October:

11.15am: Midweek Service at **Kinross Church Centre** led by Rosemary Johnston. All welcome

Noon: Deadline for the Intimations. Send to office@kinrossparishchurch.org, NOT kpcnotices@gmail.com

1.30pm: Craft Group in **Kinross Church**. All welcome

7.30pm: Elders' Meeting in **Fossoway Church**. Open to all. Details below

7.30pm: Men's House Group at **Kinross Church** – Matthew's Gospel

8.00pm: Women's Wednesday House Group

Thursday, 8th October:

10.30am: Thursday morning House Group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom

2.00–4.00pm: Refresh Café – fellowship, a cuppa & home-baking in **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway Church**

6.00–7.30pm: Crook Youth Group – KYTHE drop in at **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway Church**

7.30pm: Fossoway House Group

8.00pm: Young Mums' House Group on Zoom

Friday, 9th October:

9.30–11.30am: Fossoway Babies and Toddlers Group in **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway Church**

10.00am–Noon: Parish Office in **Kinross Church** open to visitors

11.00am: Funeral of Grace Simpson in **Kinross Church**

Boys' Brigade & Girls Association in **Kinross Church Centre**:

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 October:

8.30am: Refresh Breakfast at **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway Church**

9.00am: Choir Practice in **Fossoway Church**

9.15am: Choir Practice in **Kinross Church**

9.30am: Morning Worship in **Fossoway Church** led by Rev Alex Johnson

10.30am: Morning Worship in **Kinross Church** led by Rev Alan Reid. Philippians 4:1-9 'Together in Faith'.

Fairtrade stall after the service

11.00am: Morning Worship in **Orwell Church** led by Rev Alex Johnson

2.30pm: "Let's Sing!" in **Kinross Church Centre**. Tea and a sing for all, but especially for those living with dementia and their carers

4.00pm: Outdoor service for dedication of Peace Pole, **the Green, Crook of Devon**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire P7+ youth café in **Kinross Church Centre**

KINROSS-SHIRE PARISH CHURCH: NEWS AND EVENTS

Coffee Morning: Our Fairtrade Group is holding a coffee morning this Saturday **3rd October** in **Kinross Church Centre**. Come along and enjoy Fairtrade tea, coffee and baking and buy from the stalls: Fairtrade, crafts, plants, baking. Admission £3.

NEW: 'Youth and Families' Open Meeting: We are invited by the Youth and Families team to attend an open meeting this Monday **5th October** at 7.30pm in **Kinross Church**. The purpose is to look together at what we currently offer as a church for children, young people and families, what resources and support may be required, and how we can encourage and help one another. This is an open meeting and anyone who is interested in being part of the work of the Youth and Families team is very welcome.

At present, the team brings together: Babies and Toddlers Group (Fossoway); Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association (Kinross); Crossfire (Kinross); Dungeons & Dragons (Kinross); Junior Church (all); Stepping Stones (Kinross); Youth Alpha (all); Family Week (all); Light Party (all); Messy Church (Orwell); School links (all); Youth Drop-in (Fossoway).

NEW: Stepping Stones – Holiday Break: Stepping Stones, for babies and toddlers and their parents and carers, meets as usual this Tuesday **6th October** at 10am in **Kinross Church**. There will then be a break for school holidays on 13th and 20th October, recommencing on Tuesday **27th October**.

NEW: Guild Speaker: The Guild meets this Tuesday **6th October** at 7pm in **Kinross Church Centre**. The speaker is Kirsteen Ross of Milnathort about the new local charity 'Kinross Trishaws and Community Cycling'. Kirsteen was one of Cycling UK's '100 Women in Cycling' in 2023 and a number of members of our church are involved in the new charity as volunteers, passengers or participants.

The Guild is open to all, men and women, and you don't need to be a member to attend. Our Guild says: 'Be assured of a warm welcome if you would like to join us.'

UPDATE: Elders' Meeting – Open to All: The next meeting for all active elders, not just the Trustees, is this week at 7.30pm on Wednesday **7th October** at **Fossoway Church**. These meetings are open to all. You can join the meeting of the eldership as it 'continues discerning God's leading for the future shape of our ministry and mission as a united church'. We are all asked to 'Pray for God's guiding for all the discussions and decisions.' Anyone may also attend meetings of The Kirk Session (the Trustees):

14 October: Kinross	9 December: Orwell	10 February: Fossoway
11 November: Fossoway	13 January: Kinross	

NEW: Breakfast with the Minister: Come along and join us at **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway Church** on Sunday **11th October** from 8.30-9.20am for our monthly Refresh Breakfast. An opportunity to chat and catch up with each other and Alex Johnson

NEW: Peace Pole Dedication: The Peace Pole service has been rescheduled for 4pm on **Sunday 11th October** on the green in the Crook of Devon. (WhatThreeWords location: [///boards.snoring.rainbow](https://www.what3words.com/boards.snoring.rainbow)) This is an opportunity to mark the planting of the Peace Pole and pray for peace.

NEW: Winter Festival: Have you picked up the programme for this year's Kinross-shire Winter Festival yet? Kinross-shire Parish Church is well represented. Here are our events up to 5th December:

- **Sunday 8th November:** Choirs Together at 7pm at the Community Campus features our joint Kinross-shire Parish Church Choir
- **Saturday 14th November:** Orwell Church Christmas Fayre 10am-12noon with stalls and refreshments
- **Saturday 21st November:** Fossoway Church Christmas Fayre 1pm-4pm with stalls and refreshments
- **Saturday 5th December:** Flower Group's Coffee Morning with stalls 10am-12.30pm Kinross Church Centre
- **Saturday 5th December:** Carol Service in Fossoway Church, 3pm, led by the choirs of Fossoway Church and Fossoway Primary School

NEW: Help in one of our Teams?: If you have been inspired by what you've heard at the Team Shout-outs during recent services and would like to know more about how to be involved in any of our teams, please contact the parish office and we will put you in touch with the right person.

Our teams are: Fellowship & Pastoral; Community & Outreach; Service (with separate groups for Admin & Comms, Finance, and Property); Worship & Discipleship; Youth & Families.

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

Flower Festival at Dunbarney Church: Our neighbouring parish to the north, in Bridge of Earn, is holding a flower festival, with flower displays, exhibition, stalls and refreshments, this Saturday **3rd October** 10am–4pm and this Sunday **4th October** 2–4pm.

NEW: Meet South Sudan Partners: Rev Tut Nugouth and James Wani, Christian Aid's lead in South Sudan, are speaking throughout Scotland in October. Closest to us is the event on Monday **19th October** at 7pm at Forthview Church, Dalgety Bay. They will be interviewed by Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, who visited South Sudan when he was Moderator, and there will be music by the wonderful Heart and Soul Band. The minister at Forthview is Rev Andrea Fraser, who was a member of our congregation.

NEW: Presbytery Worship Online: The **second** episode of a new series of shared online worship from the Presbytery is now available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gyy8xaEvrfq> Katie Hart, pioneer ministry leader at Aberfeldy, reflects on the story of Jesus and the woman at the well in John 4.

Presbytery YouTube Channel: [click here](#)

Presbytery Website: <https://perthpresbytery.org.uk>

Presbytery Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/presbytery_of_perth

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEW: General Assembly 2027: A Commission of Assembly has unanimously decided that next year's Assembly will be over five days: **Friday 21st May–Tuesday 25th May**. This took account of a survey of those attending last year's shortened four-day General Assembly. The Commission has also agreed to continue on-line attendance 'for those who might struggle to travel to Edinburgh for reasons such as health, mobility or caring responsibilities.' However, it concluded that there were great advantages in gathering together and that 'physical attendance is considered the preferred method of conducting the Church's business.'

UPDATE: Day of Prayer: This week the Church of Scotland has unveiled further details on its website of its Day of Prayer – 'Light in the Darkness' – for the Church of Scotland and the communities of Scotland on Saturday **31st October**. Congregations, Presbyteries and small groups are being urged to come together to pray for one hour. There will be events at each of our worship centres and also national on-line events. Details closer to the date.

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Pastoral Emergencies: Contact Alan Reid at areid@churchofscotland.org.uk / 01577 862952 or Alex Johnson at ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk / 07496 214189.

Pastoral Support: Congregation and Elders: Please inform a Minister, the Session Clerk or the Parish Office (office@kinrossparishchurch.org) of people who are unwell, in hospital or indeed feel that they wish a pastoral visit. Information will be treated confidentially.

Read any policy documents, e.g. Safeguarding and Whistleblowing, on the [Church website](#)

KINROSS-SHIRE PARISH CHURCH: On 1st January 2025, Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Orwell & Portmoak became the parish of Kinross-shire. There is a team of two ministers and a ministry associate with three worship centres. Revd Alan Reid usually leads worship at Kinross and Revd Alex Johnson at Fossoway and Orwell. Ministry Associate Monica Mochar works Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon KY13 0UY, Sunday service 9.30am | **Kinross Church,** Kinross KY13 8TG, Sunday service 10.30am | **Orwell Church,** Milnathort KY13 9YQ, Sunday service 11am

In addition, a worship service is held on the last Sunday of the month at **Portmoak Church, KY13 9HY** at 6.30pm and on the first Sunday of the month at 2.30pm at **Cleish Church, KY13 0LR**.

Contacts: PLEASE GET IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE, THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE OR VIA THE CONTACTS PAGE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

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Prayer Points for The Coming Week:

Sunday 4th October – On this World Communion Sunday, give thanks for the fellowship we share with the communion of saints across the world and pray for a deepening of fellowship in Christ with all our fellow Christians locally and further afield.

Monday 5th – Seek God's guiding in your own life and pray that you may be able to use the spiritual gifts you have been given for the blessing of those around you at this time.

Tuesday 6th – Remember those who mourn at this time and especially at this time the family and friends of Betty Longmuir, Colin Malcolm and Grace Simpson.

Wednesday 7th – The whole eldership of Kinross-shire Parish Church will be meeting this evening to continue discerning God's leading for the future shape of our ministry and mission as a united church. Pray for God's guiding for all the discussions and decisions.

Thursday 8th – Pray for the leaders of the nations at this time of heightened global tension and pray for peace and reconciliation in all situations of conflict near and far.

Friday 9th – Cry out to God for all who are enduring suffering today because of the cruelty or thoughtlessness or greed of others and pray that all wrongs will be righted and that justice will prevail.

Saturday 10th – Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out life with such abundance that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe. Call us again to your banquet where we may receive your holy food, and strengthened by what is honourable, just, and pure, be transformed into a people of righteousness and peace.

Amen