



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Minister: Revd. Alan D. Reid M.A. B.D.
Intimations: Sunday, 22nd October 2023

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, 22nd October

9.15am PROMPT: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship: Genesis 14 – God's Blessing

Children's activities are available during the service. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after worship

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

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

Monday, 23rd October

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

NOON: Deadline for the December issue of Kin-nections

1.45-4.00pm: Board games & bridge in the Church

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons & Dragons in the Church

7.30pm: Monday House-group – returns 30th October

Tuesday, 24th October

10.00am: Stepping Stones for Under 5s and their carers. In the Church

2.30pm: Tuesday House-group

7.00pm: Guild in the Church Centre. Aero Space Kinross – Alisdair Stewart

Wednesday, 25th October

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by Revd. Margaret Michie

1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church

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

8.00pm: Women's House-group

Thursday, 26th October

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom. See the weekly email for the link to join in

Friday, 27th October

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons in the Church

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, 29th October

9.15am PROMPT: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship: Bible Sunday and Brigade Enrolment Service.

Matthew 22:34-36 – The Most Important Thing

Children's activities are available during the service. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after worship

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

December 2023 Church Magazine: we are compiling articles for the next issue of *Kin-nections*. If there is anything you would like to submit, please contact Anne S kinnectionseditor@gmail.com no later than **noon on Monday, 23rd October 2023**. Please ensure your item is 100 to 150 words.

Ladies Night: Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church's Women's group are holding a Ladies Night on **Wednesday, 25th October** 7-10pm, in the Dunbarney Church Hall, Bridge of Earn: 'a great opportunity to

start your Christmas shopping or simply treat yourself'. Proceeds for Perth Women's Aid. More information here: [Invitation to Ladies Night.docx](#)

Fossoway Scarecrow competition: There are 6 categories that you can enter: Local Business, Community Group, Church Member, Child: Nursery, P1 and P2, Child: P3-P7 and Child: S1 and over. Please make sure you fill in an [application form](#) with each entry and attach it to your scarecrow. You can also give your scarecrow a name. All entries are to be taken to Fossoway Church Hall between 2-4pm on **Saturday 28th October** and will be displayed and prizes presented at the Harvest Service on Sunday 29th October. You may take your scarecrow home afterwards or you can leave it with us to be included in a scarecrow display outside the Crook of Devon Inn. The outdoor display will just be for one week and if scarecrows are not removed by 5pm on Sun 5th November they will be carefully disposed of.

Light Party: our annual Light Party takes place 5.30–7pm on **Tuesday, 31st October** in the Church. All children are very welcome to attend, and it is free. We are looking for people who are willing to be extra pairs of hands on the day – please speak to Ruth R or email the Church Office if you can help.

The Craft Group are holding a **Coffee & Crafts** in the **Church Centre** on **Saturday 4th November** from 10am until 12 noon. Lots of handmade items will be available for sale and the KPC Fairtrade Team will also have a stall. Should you wish to purchase in advance any items for the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal please pop in on a Wednesday afternoon when we meet in the Church from 1.30-3pm or from the Fairtrade Stall on a Sunday. We have hats, scarves & mitts for sale. All proceeds will help the General Fund of KPC.

Festival of Remembrance: On **Saturday, 4th November** at 7pm, the Royal British Legion Scotland will hold a Festival of Remembrance in the Caird Hall in Dundee. The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland will be playing. There will be a "muster" of representatives from the armed services, uniformed civilian services, and cadet forces. The proceedings finish with an act of remembrance. Further details: click [here](#)

Bridge & Board Games Afternoons: **Weekly on Mondays from 1.45pm** there is an opportunity to play Bridge. **Mondays from 2pm** every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month come and play Scrabble, Rummikub and other board games. Everyone welcome, whether or not you have played these games before.

Church family walks: Please join us on the third Sunday of each month. Meet at 2.15pm at the church car park to share lifts. Anyone needing a lift to contact the Church Office. All ages very welcome.

Sunday, 19th November – John Knox's Pulpit.

Dungeons & Dragons: You can sign up via the Church Office:

Adults: Mondays 7.30-9.30pm: 13th & 27th Nov. 4th Dec.

Youth: Fridays 5.30-7.30pm: 10th Nov. 1st & 15th Dec.

The Big ADVENTure: will take place on **Saturday, 9th December** 1–4pm. There will be a series of different workshops that children can sign up for. **SAVE THE DATE** and there will be more information nearer the time. Meanwhile, we are looking for people who are willing to be involved in both the planning and on the day. If you would like to help, please speak to Ruth R or email the Church Office. Thank you!

RESTORE

GOD'S HEALING IN THE HEART AND MIND

Deep wounds of the heart and mind can prevent us living life to the full.

Over 6 weeks a small group with facilitators trained by the Scottish Bible Society will look at what the Bible and mental health best practices teach us about how to heal from trauma. Topics include:

- If God loves us, why do we suffer?
- What can help our hearts heal?

Thursday mornings 10am -12pm, 26th October – 30th November in **Orwell Church**.

Refreshments provided. Age 18 years +. Free to attend.

For more information or to sign up contact Fiona Seaman:
Email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

NEWS

Blythswood Shoe Boxes Blythswood Shoe Boxes are being collected in early November. Leaflets detailing suggested contents and flat pack boxes (50p each) are available in Church for the next few weeks, or by contacting Robert. If you cannot provide all the items suggested, bring what you can to Church by 31 October and we will make up boxes from these contributions. Thank you for all your donations. More information about Blythswood is available at Blythswood.org or from Robert.



Support for Broke Not Broken: The Kirk Session recently took the decision to wind up a small Parish Benevolent Fund, which has been a fixture of our annual accounts for many years, and donate it to Broke Not Broken, our local anti-poverty charity. The sum of £267 has therefore been donated to its work.

Christian Aid is asking us to write to our MSPs to encourage them to support the Motion on Paying Loss and Damage Funds that were promised at COP27 to the countries who are dealing with the effects of Climate Change now.

- Ask your MSP to attend the Parliamentary Reception on loss and damage on **Tuesday, 31st October**. The reception is being sponsored by Maggie Chapman MSP and it is a chance to learn more about what loss and damage is, hearing from Christian Aid and SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund) partners in countries such as Malawi.
- Ask your MSP to support the Members Business Motion on loss and damage. The motion is linked to the parliamentary reception and is likely to be debated in the Scottish Parliament on **25th October**. We need as many MSPs to support the motion as possible and to positively participate in the debate. You can write a letter to your MSPs about loss and damage or use Christian Aid's template letter. You are represented by 8 MSPs: a constituency MSP and 7 regional MSPs. You could contact all of them, and the Christian Aid resource has links to the letter and how to contact your MSPs.

Scotland loss and damage resources:

- Briefing paper: what to ask Scottish MSPs & MPs: [Loss and Damage Scotland Briefing - Christian Aid](#).
- MSP template letter: [Loss and Damage MSP Letter Template 2023 - Christian Aid](#)

Check the church building is available: With the welcome increase in the use of the church by non-church groups, plus the usual 'reservations' for meetings, rehearsals, repair work and so on, it is important that you check with the office that the church is available and reserve a slot if you need access. The diary on our website only shows the public church events.

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**PARISH GROUPING:**

The Kirk Session recently agreed that talks with our neighbours at Orwell and Portmoak be progressed with the aim of uniting by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This has also been considered and approved by the Kirk Session of Orwell and Portmoak. The Kirk Sessions, and the Vision Group for the Parish Grouping, are also exploring ways of increasing cooperation ahead of formal union.

**Vision Group for Union:** The Kirk Session recently agreed that our representatives on the Vision Group for talks with Orwell and Portmoak on union should be Brenda Fraser, Alice Getley, Alan McGhie, Stuart Neave and Jaffrey Weir. The aim is to unite by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

**Steering Group for Parish Grouping:** The wider Steering Group for moves towards the Parish Grouping of all the Kinross-shire Church of Scotland churches, together with Arngask (Glenfarg), consists of the Minister and Session Clerk of each congregation. The Steering Group is meeting later this month.

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PRESBYTERY:

Mission Action Training Commences: There was a good representation from our congregation at the first of these Presbytery-run courses on Pastoral and Bereavement Care. The Leading Worship course will start on the amended date of **4th November**. On **25th November** there will be a course on Eldership Now. These courses are held in Perth. If interested contact Alex Rae: fourraes@btinternet.com

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**From Your Editor:** Please remember that when you submit intimations for publication, they should only be for **TWO WEEKS**. Any longer is at the Editor's discretion! Intimations can be sent to the address in the weekly Sunday worship email. Please send your intimation in the body of the email, rather than as an attachment. Many Thanks, *Graeme*

**Please take note of the email address for submitting intimations: [kpcnotices@gmail.com](mailto:kpcnotices@gmail.com)**

**PS: PLEASE DON'T SEND EMAILS ON A SUNDAY, GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK!!!**

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We believe in a God who hears and answers prayer.

Prayer Points for week beginning 22nd October.

Sunday: Ask that the presence of God may be known in the midst of Sunday worship and that all who enter the doors of the church or who join online may be transformed by their encounter with Christ.

Monday: As school returns after the holidays pray for pupils and all school staff that there may be a good environment for learning between now and the end of the year.

Tuesday: Lift before God all who are involved with Stepping Stones on a Tuesday morning and pray especially for the youngest members of our community that they may be conscious of the love of Christ from their earliest days.

Wednesday: Pray for all involved with the Day Centre and ask God to bless those who might otherwise be on their own that they may find support and companionship there day by day.

Thursday: Pray for peace in Israel and Palestine, in Ukraine and in other warzones. Pray also for those who experience domestic violence even in our own community that they may be miraculously protected.

Friday: Remember the work of the Brigade and pray for the officers and the young folk.

Saturday: Ask that the sound of the Gospel may be heard in our own community, across the nation and across the world and that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit many may find faith in Christ in these days.

Amen