



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

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Intimations: Advent Sunday, 27th November 2022

A very warm welcome to Kinross Parish Church. Pick up our magazine Kin-nections at the entrance 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, 27th November - Advent Sunday

Today is the closest Sunday to St. Andrew's Day – why not wear some tartan to the service?

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

From 10.15am: Nativity preparation at the Church Centre - children from Nursery age upwards can be dropped off from 10.15am. They will join the congregation towards the end of the morning service

10.25am: Older Children and teens meet at the Church for first part of the morning service before going to the Church Centre

10.30am: Morning Worship. Isaiah 7 – A Virgin shall Conceive. Pre-school children not at the Church Centre are welcome during the service either in the Church, if they are settled, or, if they are more restless, in the creche room upstairs where parents can hear the service over the speakers

11.30am: Brief meeting of the congregation at the close of worship to consider and vote on proposals for a Parish Grouping of the Kinross-shire Church of Scotland Churches

11.45am: Tea, coffee and Traidcraft stall after the meeting. Congregational Christmas Card to sign

6.00pm: Crossfire at the Church Centre – Dark Night Fun with games and glow sticks

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, 28th November

10.00am - 12 noon: Cosy Spaces - the Church, open to all for refreshments and chat

7.00pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons in the Church

7.30pm: Monday evening House-group

Tuesday, 29th November

10.00am - 11.00am: Stepping Stones in the Church, for babies, toddlers and their carers

2.30pm: Tuesday afternoon House-group

Wednesday, 30th November – St. Andrew's Day

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre

1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church

7.45pm: Men's House-group in the Upper Room in the Church

8.00pm: Women's House-group

Thursday, 1st December

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom

Friday, 2nd December

10.00am - 12 noon: Cosy Spaces - the Church, open to all for refreshments and chat

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons and Dragons in the Church

From 6.00pm: 1st Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association in the Church Centre

Saturday, 3rd December

1.00pm: Fossoway Christmas bazaar in Fossoway Church hall

3.00pm: Community Carols, Fossoway Church

Sunday, 4th December

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.15am: Nativity preparation at the Church Centre – children from Nursery age upwards can be dropped off from 10.15am. They will join the congregation towards the end of the morning service

10.25am: Older Children and teens meet at the Church for first part of the morning service before going to the Church Centre

10.30am: Morning Communion: Isaiah 8 – Days of Darkness. Special collection for CAP- Christians Against Poverty

Pre-school children not at the Church Centre are welcome during the service either in the Church, if they are settled, or, if they are more restless, in the creche room upstairs where parents can hear the service over the speakers

No tea, coffee or Traidcraft stall after the service

6.00pm: Crossfire at the Church Centre

6.00pm: Time for Prayer – on Zoom

DETAILS OF THIS WEEK'S EVENTS:

St. Andrew's Day - Kilts and Tartan: This **Sunday 27th November** is the closest Sunday to St. Andrew's Day. You are invited to mark the day by wearing the kilt, or some item of tartan.

Parish Grouping - Meeting: The proposals for a Kinross-shire Parish Grouping will be put to the congregation after the service today, **Sunday 27th November** at 11.30am. The proposal is a commitment to work together more closely and has already been approved by the four Kirk Sessions involved. Details have been delivered to the congregation, are on our website and will be available at the meeting.

Greetings!: A large-size Christmas Card will be available from this **Sunday 27th November**, the start of Advent, at the front of the Church after the service. This is for members to sign and, if they wish, add their own greetings to all in our Church family. We've done this over a number of years, partly to reduce the cost and resources used in giving individual cards.

Crossfire: This evening, **Sunday 27th November** 6pm to 7.30pm at the Church Centre and continuing on Sundays during term time. We will share some food together (pizza/hotdogs etc) and have different activities for young people to choose to do and have a God spot. This week we are having Dark Night Fun with games and glow sticks. If chilling and chatting is your thing or if you prefer to be more active, then energetic games activities will be provided to suit everyone's tastes. Everyone aged P7 upwards will be made most welcome. We will also be running a small tuck shop where you can purchase some snacks.

Christmas Bazaar and Community Carols: On **Saturday 3rd December** our neighbours at Fossoway Church, Crook of Devon, are running a Christmas bazaar in their Church hall (at the rear of the Church) starting at 1.00pm followed by Community Carols in the church at 3.00pm

Christians Against Poverty: The Kirk Session commends to you our special collection at next week's Quarterly Communion on **Sunday, 4th December** for Christians Against Poverty, a UK charity (No. SC038776) which works to support people to become debt free - especially important in the current cost of living crisis. If you are able to contribute, bring a donation marked CAP to Church or make an online donation via the giving page on our website ([Giving :: Kinross Parish Church](#)) labelled CAP.

MISCELLANY:

Crossfire - Supper Volunteers: Crossfire has restarted on Sunday evenings and is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help provide and cook some supper each week. Ideally, we are looking for easy to eat food - wraps, pizza, hot dogs etc. If you would like to help or for more information please contact Jenny or the Church Office.

Dungeons and Dragons: Youth D&D, which runs every other Friday, is set to expand to three tables. An adult game is being organized for Monday nights. If you'd like to take part in either, please speak to Rev Austin Wick or contact the Church Office.

Dinner on Christmas Day: With thanks to Richard and Sylvia Scott, it is again planned to host a lunch with some entertainment for those in the community who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. If you would like to book a place, please contact the Church Office or speak to Richard Scott directly on 07999 510500. If you would be willing to offer transport on the day, please also get in touch.

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Creche Helpers at Lendrick Muir: We have received a request from the Scripture Union for volunteers to help with a creche during their conference at Lendrick Muir, Crook of Devon on the weekend of **Saturday 14th To Sunday 15th January**. Slots available: Saturday 9am to 12.45pm, 2pm to 6pm; Sunday 9.30am to 1pm. Free meals provided. Around 5 volunteers needed for each session. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Ruth R or the Church Office by **Monday 28th November**. Thank you.

Job Vacancy: The new Presbytery of Perth, which starts in January 2023, is advertising for an Administration Assistant to support the Presbytery Clerk. 24.5 hours per week, salary £15,925 (FTE-£22,750). Closing date: 12 noon, **Wednesday 30th November**. Further details at: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/vacancies-and-volunteering/locally-funded-posts>

Warm Spaces: As part of developing the Church as one of Kinross-shire's Cosy Spaces, the Kirk Session has agreed to spend up to £200 to allow public access to our internet within the Church, while keeping a separate secure system for our own administration.

Moderator's 'London Week': The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, has been in London this past week meeting religious, political and charity leaders, including Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Today he will preach at a joint service of the two Church of Scotland Churches in London. At his request, the collection will be for 'Borderline', a charity which helps homeless Scots in London.

PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN - APPROVED:

Mission Plan: The final version of the Presbytery Mission Plan, which plans forward to 2027, was approved by 68 votes to 6 at a special meeting of the Presbytery of Perth on **Tuesday 22nd November**. Six members of our congregation attended, of whom four had voting rights as members of Presbytery: Rev Margaret Michie, Rev Alan Reid, and elders Gordon McFarlane and George Hayton. The background to the Plan is not only a need to reduce both the number of Minister posts and the number of Church buildings but also to encourage new ways of working so that mission is central to the life of the Church. The Plan has now to be approved by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. In as far as they affect Kinross-shire, the proposals are, in summary:

- Parish Grouping of the Kinross-shire Churches (as to be discussed at today's Congregational Meeting)
- Union of Kinross with Orwell and Portmoak. One Full Time Equivalent Minister. Arngask (Glenfarg) to join the Kinross-shire grouping. Arngask Church to close in 2023 and Portmoak by 2027
- Union of Fossoway and Cleish with 1 FTE Minister. Cleish Church to close by 2027
- In time, it is envisaged that all these churches will become one union with a team ministry of 2 FTEs

OTHER NEWS FROM PRESBYTERY

Repairs at Church Centre: At present, until the future of Churches is agreed through the Presbytery Mission Plans, the Church of Scotland is only allowing essential expenditure on buildings. A recent Presbytery meeting approved minor emergency repairs to stonework at our Church Centre building with an estimated cost of £6,000. Our hope is that some of that can be recovered through grants.

Bertha Park: Presbytery clarified the future of the outreach ministry at the new Bertha Park development to the north of Perth. The General Trustees of the national Church have bought premises, which are already in use by the community, and work will soon start on fitting these out. Our Kirk Session recently re-committed to helping this mission project in some way.

Submitting Intimations: Intimations should normally only be for two weeks. Intimations should be submitted to Gordon by Wednesday at 6pm, to the address in the weekly Sunday worship email. Note that Graeme is not currently preparing the Intimations. The Intimations are published on the Church website and are therefore in the public domain. Articles should not include personal contact details and instead queries should be routed via the Church Office. This is to protect you from potential fraudsters. If you want to include your name, perhaps say 'Please contact 'Joe or John' directly or via the Church Office.

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