

Minister: Rev Alan D Reid MA, BD

Intimations: Third Sunday in Advent, 14 December 2025

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

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 14 December: Third Sunday in Advent – Joy

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

10.30am: Morning Worship: Isaiah 35:1-10 and Matthew 11:2-11 – Joy

Children's activities during the service. Refreshments & Fairtrade stall after worship

NEW: Bible Reading Notes: If you normally order Scripture Union Bible reading notes, please collect these for January to March from Irene after worship this morning

2.30pm for 3.00pm start: "Let's Sing!" **Kinross Church Centre Last meeting before Christmas**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in **Kinross Church Centre Last meeting before Christmas**

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

Monday 15 December

10.00am–12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1.45pm: Bridge & Board Games in **Kinross Church Last meeting before Christmas**

6.30–8.30pm: Fossoway Creative Crafters in **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway**

7.30pm: Monday House-group **Last meeting before Christmas**

Tuesday 16 December

10.00am: Stepping Stones for the under 5s & carers in **Kinross Church Last meeting before Christmas**

2.00pm: Tuesday House-group **Last meeting before Christmas**

2.00–3.00pm: Advent Bible Study Group in **Fossoway Church**

Wednesday 17 December

11.15am: Midweek Service in **Kinross Church Centre**, led by Rev Alan Reid. All welcome

12 Noon: Deadline for the Intimations kpcnotices@gmail.com Last Intimations of 2025!

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

7.45pm: Men's House-group in **Kinross Church Meeting Room Last meeting before Christmas**

8.00pm: Women's House-group **Last meeting before Christmas**

Thursday 18 December

10.00am–12noon: Fossoway Church Choir rehearsals for Christmas events, **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway**

10.15am: Rosemount Nursery Nativity in **Kinross Church**

9.00pm: Late Evening Service of Compline in **Kinross Church**

Friday 19 December

9.30–11.30am: Parents & Toddlers Group in **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Foss. Last meeting before Christmas**

10.00am–12noon: Church Office open to the public

2.00pm: Marriage of Ailsa Morris & Peter Davies at Balhousie Castle

Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association in Kinross Church Centre Last meeting before Christmas

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

7.00pm: Shepherd's Quartet Advent Concert in **Kinross Church**. Donations welcomed

Next Sunday 21 December: Fourth Sunday in Advent – Love

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

10.30am: Nativity Service with children's involvement during the service

Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after the service

3.00pm: "The whole story of Christmas" **Cleish Church**

6.00pm: Carols at the cross, **Milnathort**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

7.00pm: Sunday@7 – Informal contemporary worship in **Kinross Church Last meeting before Christmas**

Monday 22 December

6.30pm: Service of Quiet Reflection and Thanksgiving in the church. An opportunity for those who will be missing a loved one at Christmas to pause and remember them. All welcome.

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**Pastoral Intimation: Congregation and Elders:** Please inform the Minister, [areid@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:areid@churchofscotland.org.uk) Session Clerk, or Kinross Church Office ([office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)) of people who are unwell, in hospital or indeed feel that they wish a pastoral visit. Information will be treated confidentially.  
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEW: CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR "BUMPER ISSUE" INTIMATIONS DEADLINE:

Wednesday 17 December, 12noon – SHARP, please!!! These intimations will cover the period from Sunday 21 December 2025 until Saturday 10 January 2026, when the New Year edition will be published. Many Thanks, *Graeme*

Year of Listening Project: For more information, please contact Alex on: ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Advent & Christmas services at Kinross Church:

Monday 22 December, 6.30pm: Bereavement service

Wednesday 24 December, 4.30pm: Crib service

Wednesday 24 December, 11.15pm: Watchnight service

Thursday 25 December, 10.30am: Christmas Day Family Service

Thursday 25 December, 12noon: Christmas lunch at Kinross Church Centre. Names to Kinross Church Office please

Sunday 28 December, 10.30am: Joint Kinross-shire service

For a full list of services across the parish please see our [leaflet](#)



NEW: Christmas Day Lunch: Thursday 25 December 12 noon Church Centre, Kinross

Will you or someone you know be on their own on Christmas Day? If so, why not join us in the Kinross Church Centre for Christmas lunch and entertainment. Lunch is served from 12 noon and transport can be provided if necessary. Free of charge, however donations are welcome. For further information or to book a place call or text Richard 07999 510500, email the [Church Office](#) or call Nan at the Kinross (Day) Centre 01577 863869

Kirk Session and Eldership Meetings: Meetings of the Kirk Session and those for all active elders are open for anyone to attend (occasionally an item may need to be discussed in private, but this would only apply to that particular item and not the whole meeting). Date of a forthcoming meeting

Elders Meeting: Saturday 17 January 9.30am Fossoway Church

Debrecen Trip 2026

Would you like to join the team for the Scottish camp next summer? The camp will run from **6 - 10 July**, but the entire trip including travel is likely to be **4 - 12 July**. If you are interested (and are 16 or over) please give your name to the Minister or contact Kinross Church Office.

CHRISTMAS RECESS

Monday House-group: In recess from 22 December, reconvening on Monday 12 January 2026

Adult Dungeons & Dragons: In recess from 8 December, reconvening on Monday 12 January 2026

Bridge & Board Games: In recess from 22 December, reconvening on Monday 12 January 2026

Stepping Stones: In recess from 23 December, reconvening on Tuesday 20 January 2026

Tuesday House-group: In recess from 23 December, reconvening on Tuesday 13 January 2026

Craft Group: In recess from 24 December, reconvening on Wednesday 14 January 2026

Men's House-group: In recess from 24 December, reconvening on Wednesday 7 January 2026

Women's House-group: In recess from 24 December, reconvening on Wednesday 14 January 2026

Thursday House-group: In recess from 18 December, reconvening on Thursday 15 January 2026

Table Talk: In recess from 18 December, reconvening on Thursday 15 January 2026

Refresh Café: In recess from 18 December, reconvening on Thursday 8 January 2026

Young Mums' House-group: In recess from 11 December, reconvening on Thursday 15 January 2026

Fossoway Parents & Toddlers: In recess from 26 December, reconvening on Friday 9 January 2026

Youth Dungeons & Dragons: In recess from 19 December, reconvening on Friday 9 January 2026

Brigade: In recess from 22 December, reconvening on Friday 9 January 2026

All Friends Together: No meeting in December, reconvening on 17 January 2026

Crossfire: In recess from 21 December, reconvening on Sunday 18 January

Sunday@7: In recess from 28 December, reconvening on Sunday 11 January 2026

"Let's Sing!": Last Meeting 14 December, reconvening on Sunday 11 January 2026

Kinross Choir: No choir on Sunday 4 January 2026

Tea and Blether: Last meeting 14 December, reconvening on Friday 16 January 2026

Messy Church: Last meeting 29 November, reconvening on 31 January 2026

NEWS

NEW: Stamp Appeal Ending: The Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal – running for 30 years – is coming to an end in February. So, this is your last chance, especially with Christmas post, to cut out used stamps (please leave a minimum of 1/4inch (5mm) around stamps) and leave them in the collection tubs in the church vestibule. Stamp collections are particularly welcome.

By 2024, the Appeal had raised over £96,000 for annual projects connected to World Mission. It is currently supporting the Al-Ahili Hospital, the only Christian hospital in Gaza, which has continued to operate through the bombings since 2023, including fatal hits on the hospital.

The Appeal has always depended on the hard work of the amazing Keith Scott, an elder, who throughout 30 years has received the stamps, sorted them, and ensured a best price, especially for unusual stamps and stamp collections.

In our congregation our thanks are due to Kathleen S. and her predecessors for collecting the stamps, sorting them and passing them on to Keith Scott.


NEW: The Flower Group will have table decorations for sale after Church **NEXT Sunday 21 December**. To be guaranteed one, please place an order as soon as possible. Many thanks for supporting the Flower Group. To place an order, please speak to Anne Miller or another member of the Flower Group.

Sunday Flowers Marking a Special Occasion: It's time to look ahead and get dates into the calendar for next year. Please speak to a member of the Flower Group or Kinross Church Office if you would like to 'book' a special Sunday next year – a birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one. We don't need you to arrange or even buy the flowers – just a commitment to provide a monetary donation for us to continue our flower ministry. You then can see the arrangement on your special Sunday.

December 2025 Communion and Christmas Special Offering: Mombwe, Malawi: Orwell Church has a longstanding partnership with the Mombwe congregation in northern Malawi, helping with building projects and with food and seed purchases after severe weather events. It has been chosen by the Eldership for our special collections and is commended to you. If you would like to support:

- please hand in a donation at a Sunday service, marking your envelope "Mombwe"
- special envelopes will be available.
- donate online via [our Stewardship link](#) marking your donation "Mombwe"

Please consider giving Fairtrade goods from our stall as presents this year. You can make up any goods you choose into a basket, which we will wrap for you at no charge. You could choose tea and coffee and chocolate or sauces, relishes and rice or beer bread and whatever you choose will be useful and delicious and you will be helping the producers as well. Please come and look at the stall and you can choose the items you would like to include. Thank you. Fairtrade Team



A NATIVITY WHO'S WHO

Christine Sime

Who travelled to see Jesus?

Who made it happen?

And why?

Age 8 to Adult

Books are available for a donation of £3

Contact Kinross Church Office

Donations to Kinross-shire Parish Church
Scottish Charity No SC015523

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

NEW: Christmas Events: There is so much going on across the Presbytery at Christmas! Presbytery's Facebook lists over 400 services and events. 'Whether you're looking for candlelit carols, kids' fun, or something quiet and reflective – there is something for everyone.'

Presbytery: The office is Suite F3, Riverview House, Friarton Road, Perth, PH2 8DF. Tel: 07596 868064. perth@churchofscotland.org.uk; www.perthpresbytery.org.uk. Facebook: [Presbytery of Perth](https://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofPerth). Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/presbytery_of_perth

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEW: Book of Confessions: A new book of confessions will be published by the Church of Scotland this week. This follows a detailed seven-year review of the confessional position of the Church led by the Theological Forum. The new book has been approved by Presbyteries and the General Assembly and 'provides a more holistic account of the Church's faith.'

NEW: Fire Destroys Glasgow Church: Pollokshaws Parish Church, a much-loved and well-used church building in Glasgow, was destroyed by fire last Sunday. The building dated from 1843 and was 'B listed'. Rt Rev Rosie Frew, the Moderator, said the news was very upsetting. She will visit the site to stand in solidarity and support the congregation.

Church of Scotland website: [Church of Scotland](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

From Your Editor: Please remember that intimations for publication to kpcnotices@gmail.com should only be for **TWO WEEKS**. Any longer is at the Editor's discretion! Please send your intimation in the body of the email, rather than as an attachment. Many Thanks, *Graeme*.

PS: PLEASE DON'T SEND EMAILS AT THE WEEKEND, GIVE YOURSELF (AND ME!) A BREAK!!!

The Intimations are published on the Church website and are therefore in the public domain. To protect you from potential fraudsters, articles should not include personal contact details and instead queries should be routed via the Church Office. If you want to include your name, perhaps say, "Please contact Joe directly."

Pastoral Emergencies: If the Minister is away or not immediately available, please contact Probationer Alex Johnson ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk. Alternative points of contact will be given on the Manse answering machine Tel. 01577 862952.

Read any Kinross Church policy documents, e.g. Safeguarding and Whistleblowing, on our [Church website](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk)

KINROSS-SHIRE PARISH CHURCH On 1 January 2025, Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Orwell & Portmoak became the new parish of Kinross-shire. There are three churches, including Kinross Church: **Fossoway Church**, Crook of Devon KY13 0UY | Sunday service 9.45am | Website: [Cleish and Fossoway churches](http://www.kinross-shire.org.uk)

Orwell Church, Milnathort KY13 9YQ | Sunday service 10.30am | Associate Minister: Rev Robert Calvert. Website: [ORWELL & PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH](http://www.kinross-shire.org.uk)

The Ministers in each of the churches would be pleased to continue answering any questions the congregation may have about the transition through the union. Updates can be found on the [church website](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk).

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

We believe in a God that hears and answers prayer. Why not print this page and use it this week?

Prayers for The Coming Week

Sunday 14 December: Pray for any who may find their way into a church service over the Christmas period that the Good News of Christ's coming into the world may touch the deepest places in their soul.

Monday 15 December: Ask God to help you invite friends or family members to one of our Christmas events or services over the coming two weeks.

Tuesday 16 December: Pray for assemblies each morning this week at Kinross High School that as the Christmas message is shared it may give all who attend cause for thought.

Wednesday 17 December: Pray for this afternoon's Christmas assembly at Kinross Primary School that the children may grasp something of the heart of the story of Christ's coming.

Thursday 18 December: Pray for the children of Rosemount Nursery as they give their nativity presentation at the church this morning and for family members who attend that they may be drawn into the story of Christ's birth.

Friday 19 December: Ask God's blessing on Ailsa Morris and Peter Davies as they are married today at Balhousie Castle in Perth. Pray that many will come to the carol concert in the church this evening and that this event will be a blessing to all who attend.

Saturday 20 December: O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Saviour. Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with songs of praise, that we may announce glad tidings of peace, and welcome the Christ in our midst.

Amen