

Minister: Rev Alan D Reid MA, BD

Intimations: Fourth Sunday in Advent, 21 December 2025 – Saturday 10 January 2026

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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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions to the Intimations over this first year of our United Kinross-shire Parish. I think we can deem it a success!

I would also like to wish You and Yours A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful, & Prosperous 2026. From My Home to Yours, With Much Love, Graeme xx

Today: 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**

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

Monday 22 December

10.00am–12noon: Kinross Church Office open to visitors

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.

Tuesday 23 December

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

Kinross Church Office will be closed from this afternoon until Monday 5 January, although emails and voicemail will be checked daily

11.00am: Funeral of Meta Niven in **Kinross Church**

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

Wednesday 24 December: Christmas Eve

NB: NO Midweek Service, as the Day Centre is closed

4.30pm: Crib Service in **Kinross Church**

11.15pm: Watchnight Service in **Kinross Church**

Thursday 25 December: Christmas Day

10.30am: Christmas Morning Worship in **Kinross Church**

12 Noon: Christmas Lunch in **Kinross Church Centre**

Next Sunday, 28 December: Christmas Sunday

10.30am: United Service in **Kinross Church** – Readings and Carols for Christmas. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after the service

NB No services at **Fossoway** or **Orwell** this Sunday

NB No Time for Prayer gathering on Zoom this week

Wednesday 31 December

NB: NO Midweek Service, as the Day Centre is closed

Saturday 3 January

10am-4pm: Exhibition of icons from Ukraine painted on wood from ammunition boxes from the conflict at **St Paul's Church**. With prayer vigil for peace every hour

Sunday 4 January: The Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30am: Morning Worship for New Year Sunday. No refreshments or Fairtrade Stall this week

11.45am: Informal Communion

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6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

Monday 5 January: Twelfth Night

8.00am: Time for Prayer – Silent Meditation in **Kinross Church**

10.00am-12noon: Kinross Church Office open to the public

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

Wednesday 7 January

11.15am: Midweek Service at **Kinross Church Centre**. All welcome

7.45pm: Men's House-group in **Kinross Church** Meeting Room

Thursday 8 January

2.00pm: Refresh Café offering fellowship, a cuppa and home-baking in **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway**

Friday 9 January

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

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons 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

Sunday 11 January: Epiphany Sunday

Please note arrangements for Alex Johnson preaching as sole nominee in the vacancy for the second pastoral charge in Kinross-shire Parish Church

9.45am: Morning Worship at **Fossoway Church** followed by vote

11.15am: Morning Worship at **Orwell Church** followed by vote and count

NB: There will be **NO** service at Kinross Church this Sunday. All are invited to worship at Fossoway or at Orwell. Please share transport where possible. The service from Fossoway at 9.45am will also be publicly streamed via YouTube or by logging in to a Zoom meeting where those whose names are on the electoral roll will be able to vote in the election after that service.

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

7.00pm: Sunday@7. Informal and contemporary worship for all ages in **Kinross Church**

Pastoral Intimation: Congregation and Elders: Please inform the Minister, areid@churchofscotland.org.uk Session Clerk, or Kinross Church 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Office please

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

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

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 [Kinross Church Office](#) or call Nan at the Kinross (Day) Centre 01577 863869

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Alpha YOUTH

Every Sunday
from 11th Jan to 3rd March
10.15 - 11.45a.m
Kinross Church Centre.
Breakfast included
Day away to Go Ape on 22nd Feb
P7 - S6 All free

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Register by
4th Jan

NEW: Alpha Youth starts on **Sunday 11 January 2026** in Kinross Church Centre from 10.15am till 11.45am and is for all young people from P7 up to S6. It's a chance to explore some of the big questions of life. It includes breakfast each day and a full day trip on 22 February which involves a day trip to Go Ape. It's all free. Please register by **Sunday 4 January** by using this form [Alpha Youth Registration 2026](#)

Would you like to be part of the support team for Alpha Youth? Could you help cook breakfast in the Church Centre for some young people? We'd give you some cash and you'd buy and cook for a few teens. Could you make us something like French toast with maple syrup and bacon? Or bacon rolls? Or egg rolls? Or rolls with sausage? Or a full fry up? We're looking for cooks to serve breakfast at 10.15am on the following Sunday mornings – **18 January, 1 February and 15 February**. We're also looking for someone to help serve and wash up on 15 February. If you can help, please speak to Ruth or contact Kinross Church Office. Thank you.

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

2026 Kirk Session meetings at 7.30pm (venues tbc):

11 February	13 May	12 August	11 November
11 March	10 June	9 September	9 December
8 April	8 July	14 October	

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 Sundays 4 or 11 January. Reconvening on 18 January 2026

There will be an extra choir practice after Morning Worship on 18 January, finishing about 2.30pm

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: Thank you to our Intimations Editor, Graeme: a huge thank you to Graeme for his diligence, skills and patience producing the weekly notices for the Kinross-shire congregation. We are all very grateful. (Submitted by Convenor of Admin & Comms, Alice G. – I'm not allowed to publish her full name, GDPR!)

Stamp Appeal – last chance to hand in used stamps: 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-Ahli 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 in Wishaw, 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.

The Flower Group will have table decorations for sale after Church **TODAY, 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

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

NEW: Moderator Visit: The Moderator will be visiting our part of Presbytery – Perth and Kinross, Dundee, and Angus – in March. Congregations are putting forward examples of ongoing work for her to visit.

Christmas Events: There is so much going on across the Presbytery at Christmas! Presbytery's Facebook lists over 400 services and events. 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](#). Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/presbytery_of_perth

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NEW: Bondi Beach attack: The Moderator, Rt Rev Rosie Frew, has issued a statement expressing the Church of Scotland's sympathy for those affected by the Bondi Beach attack, the wider Jewish community and the people of Australia.

Book of Confessions: A new book of confessions was published by the Church of Scotland last 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.' [Church of Scotland website: Church of Scotland](#)

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*.

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](#)

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](#). **Orwell Church**, Milnathort KY13 9YQ | Sunday service 10.30am | Website: [ORWELL & PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH](#)

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 over the festive season?**

Prayer Points for The Coming Weeks

Sunday: Pray that the preaching of God's Word each Sunday and at special services may enable all who attend church whether regularly or occasionally, in person or online, to encounter the Living Word in Jesus Christ, God's Son our Saviour.

Monday: Ask God to draw near to those who are struggling with ill-health or anxiety or bereavement to know healing and peace and to enter life in all its fullness.

Tuesday: Lift your eyes beyond the horizons of this parish and bring before God the needs of the wider world, especially those facing hunger or homelessness and those in the midst of war.

Wednesday: Remember before God the children and young people of our community that in the midst of the excitement of Christmas they may come to know Jesus for themselves.

Thursday: Give thanks to God for His indescribable gift to us of Jesus and pray that God's Kingdom may be extended throughout the coming year in our own lives, in our community, across the nation and throughout the world.

Friday: Pray for those who today face persecution for their faith in Christ and ask God to work in the hearts of their persecutors to bring transformation.

Saturday: **Blessed are you, sovereign God,** Creator of heaven and earth, to you be praise and glory forever. As your living Word, eternal in heaven, assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh, may the light of your love be born in us to fill our hearts with joy as we sing: ***Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.***

Amen