

Minister: Rev Alan D Reid MA, BD
Intimations: Advent Sunday 30 November

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 30 November: Advent Sunday

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

10.30am: Morning Worship – Barnabas, Son of Encouragement

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

3.00pm: Songs of Praise at **Portmoak Church**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in **Kinross Church Centre**

7.00pm: Sunday@7. A short, informal service of contemporary worship in **Kinross Church**

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

Monday 1 December

Please note that Silent Meditation will take place next week on Monday 8 December

10.00am–12noon: Church Office operating remotely

1.45pm: Bridge & Board Games in **Kinross Church**

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

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons & Dragons in **Kinross Church**

7.30pm: Monday House-group

Tuesday 2 December

10.00am: Stepping Stones for the under 5s and their carers in **Kinross Church**

2.00pm: Tuesday House-group

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

Wednesday 3 December

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

12 Noon: Deadline for the Intimations kpcnotices@gmail.com

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

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

8.00pm: Women's House-group

Thursday 4 December

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

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom

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

8.00pm: Young Mums' House-group on Zoom

Friday 5 December

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

10.00am–12noon: Church Office operating remotely

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

Saturday 6 December

9.30–12.30pm: Flower Group Coffee Morning in **Kinross Church Centre**

3.00pm: Singalong at Christmas, **Fossoway Church**

Next Sunday 7 December, Second Sunday in Advent

Communion & Christmas Special Offering for the work of Mombwe Church in Malawi

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

10.30am: Morning Communion: Isaiah 11:1–10 and Matthew 3:1–12 – Peace

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

Monday 8 December:

8.00am: Time for Prayer: Silent Meditation led by Rev Jim Redpath 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

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

Thurs 25 December @ Noon: Christmas lunch at Kinross Church Centre. Names to 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](#)



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). Dates of forthcoming meetings:

Kirk Session: Wednesday 10 December @ 7.30pm

Fossoway Church

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

NEWS


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

Please consider signing the Fairtrade Petition: Fairtrade Foundation has 20,000 signatures and would like 25,000. Some of you have signed our paper version and it will be available this Sunday but you can sign online via the link. In two weeks’ time, the Fairtrade Foundation will submit our petition to the UK government. We’re calling for a new law to protect tea farmers and workers – many of whom face poverty, unsafe working conditions and the mounting threat of climate change. Please sign now! [our petition!](#)

Kinross-shire Parish Church Action Plan: we are creating our vision and mission for the next 5 years, looking at what we want to achieve and how we want to achieve it. This covers all aspects, including youth & family, worship, pastoral, community and world church, as well as property, finance and communications. Do you have suggestions or comments? All ideas welcome. We would love to hear from you. Please speak to a Minister or the Session Clerk or contact the Church Office by email: office@kinrossparishchurch.org or by telephone 01577 862570.



A NATIVITY WHO'S WHO
Christine Sims

Who travelled to see Jesus?

Who made it happen?

And why?

Age 8 to Adult

Books are available for a donation of £3

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PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

NEW: Calling Photographers: Presbytery is looking for photographers willing to submit photos from around the Presbytery area and of what has been happening in our area to appear on the Presbytery's website and Facebook page. Further details on Presbytery of Perth Facebook.

NEW: New Reader: The Presbytery last week admitted Mr Gavin Berry to the Readership at a special service at Barry Church. Gavin will assist congregations in worship, particularly in the Angus area.

Vacancies in the Presbytery:

[Treasurer post](#)

[Bertha Park](#)

The first is for the post of Treasurer for the Presbytery. The second post is the vacancy for the Bertha Park Development Leader. This post was originally advertised for ministers only and is now being readvertised for both ministers and Mission Development Staff.

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: London Week: The Moderator, Rt Rev Rosie Frew, visited London last week to meet with political leaders as part of the traditional annual 'London Week' of each Moderator. She said: "The visit is a reminder that a Christian witness in places of influence is so important – and that a careful balance is needed between building bridges and starting firm on principle."
During the week she also preached at a parliamentary service in the Palace of Westminster and visited ScotsCare, a London-based charity.

Church of Scotland website: [Church of Scotland](https://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!!!

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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](https://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](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/)

Orwell Church, Milnathort KY13 9YQ | Sunday service 10.30am | Associate Minister: Revd. Robert Calvert. Website: [ORWELL & PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH](https://www.churchofscotland.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](https://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 30 November: *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)* Pray for an increase in your hope and faith this Advent.

Monday 1 December: At the start of this Advent season, let us take time today to remember before God those areas in which we have fallen short; as individuals, families, church families, as congregations, presbyteries and national church; as a nation and as people of the world and to ask for fresh mercy and forgiveness. *“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near.” (Matthew 3:2)*

Tuesday 2 December: Taking encouragement from the fact that Christ promises that He will build His church in us and through us, pray for our church today here in Kinross-shire.

Wednesday 3 December: Ask God what message there is for you particularly today from on high. Open your ears as you open your Bible and share what God has said to you with someone else.

Thursday 4 December: Pray today for children and young people, that more and more may come to know what it is to be a child of God. Pray that God will draw whole families into the church in these days.

Friday 5 December: Ask God to show you what needs to pray for in the wider community, in our nation and in the world at large. Pray that God will equip you and others to be the answer to your prayers.

Saturday 6 December: **God of timeless grace**, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen