

Minister: Revd. Alan D Reid MA, BD

Intimations: Second Sunday in Advent, 7 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 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

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 8 December

8.00am: Time for Prayer: Silent Meditation led by Rev Jim Redpath in **Kinross Church**

10.00am–12noon: Church Office open to visitors

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

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

7.30pm: Monday House-group

Tuesday 9 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 10 December

11.15am: Midweek Service in **Kinross Church Centre**, led by Irene McFarlane. All welcome

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

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

7.30pm: Kirk Session (Trustees) meeting in **Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway**

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

8.00pm: Women's House-group

Thursday 11 December

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

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk Christmas Gathering, all welcome, in person in **Kinross Church**

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

Young Mums' House-group in recess. Reconvening on **Thursday 15 January**

Friday 12 December

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

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

2.00-3.30pm: Tea & a Blether **Orwell Church**

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

Next Sunday 14 December: Third Sunday in Advent

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

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

6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom

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

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

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](#)

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

Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Fossoway

Elders Meeting: Saturday 17 January 9.30am

Fossoway Church



This year, we have an international theme plus special performances including the Fossoway Church Choir, Fossoway Primary School Choir, and other soloists.

With tea, coffee and refreshments in the hall afterwards.

So why not come along and join us to celebrate Christmas with our enchanting Singalong event. All families and friends welcome.



Alpha Youth
Join a Conversation on Life, Faith and Purpose
On Sundays in Kinross Church Centre
Starting Sunday 11th January
Then every week till Sunday 8th March
10.15am till 11.45am
Includes breakfast
(Full day away on Sun 15th Feb)
Everyone welcome P7-S6



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

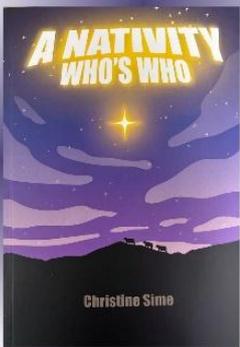
NEW: Sunday Flowers Marking a Special Occasion: It's time to look ahead and get dates into the calendar for next year. Please speak to a member of the Flower Group or Kinross Church Office if you would like to 'book' a special Sunday next year – a birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one. We 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

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.



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
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PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

NEW: Induction: Rev Mark Boshoff was inducted by the Presbytery this week as minister to Dunblane: St Blane's linked with Lecropt. Mark was previously a minister in the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa and completed his transition to the Church of Scotland in 2022, since when he has been assisting in three linked churches in Dumbarton.

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 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: Advent: The Moderator, Rt Rev Rosie Frew, last week welcomed the start of Advent. The theme for 2025 is "Peace, I Give You". Mrs. Frew said, "This Advent take time to be still, to remember to read from Scripture what it is all about . . . A child who brings peace and hope."

NEW: Snippets: Some recent items on the Church of Scotland website:

- The ordination of the church's newest minister, Rev Katriona Templeton, a champion embroiderer and a disability inclusion advocate
- A community shop in Carluke founded in 1993 by St. John's Church has been honoured with the King's Award for Voluntary Service
- An ecumenical scheme by churches on the Lothians to donate Christmas gifts to the children of prisoners at HMP Edinburgh has been running for 25 years

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*.

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](#)

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 | Associate Minister: Rev Robert Calvert. Website: [ORWELL & PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH](#)

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](#).

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 7 December: As we gather at the Lord's Table this morning, pray that all who break bread and share the cup together may know the living presence of Jesus and be touched afresh by His transforming grace.

Monday 8 December: Wait for the Lord, His day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart. Set apart time today simply to be still, to watch and pray, and to be open to the Lord's leading.

Tuesday 9 December: Pray for all who are part of Stepping Stones on Tuesday mornings and pray that each one may have an encounter with Jesus this Christmas.

Wednesday 10 December: Pray for all the service users, staff and volunteers at Kinross Centre and pray that each one may have an encounter with Jesus this Christmas.

Thursday 11 December: Pray for our partner church in Mombwe, Malawi, this Christmas and pray that our special collection will not only raise welcome funds to support their work but awareness of the blessings and challenges they are experiencing at this time.

Friday 12 December: Remember before God all who suffer at this time whether through illness or grief, anxiety or persecution that each may know God's restoring touch upon their life.

Saturday 13 December: O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy.

Amen