

KIN-NECTIONS

**Kinross Parish Church of Scotland
March–May 2024**



Following Christ | Spreading the Word | Serving the Community

Welcome to Kin-nections, a ‘mini’ version to supplement our full-colour 2023 in Review. The Review highlights how, as a registered charity, we strive to fulfil our promise of *Following Christ, Spreading the Word, Serving the Community*. The Review is being delivered to our members and is a report of all that has been achieved with your support. We hope you will enjoy dipping into it. It is intended for sharing with others in the wider community, so please pass it on.

This is therefore just a small magazine for March–May. You can continue to find out what’s on from the weekly Intimations, website, Facebook or the Saturday email of news: contact the Church Office for help with any of these.

From the Manse:

Dear Friends,
As we approach our Easter celebrations, let me encourage you not just to jump straight to the joy of the first Easter morning but to enter deeply into the whole sacrificial journey that Christ made on our behalf.

Not one of us will sail through life without struggling at times and while it is a real help at those times to have the promise of final triumph to hold onto by faith, it is also important to recognise and to celebrate that Christ is just as truly present with us in the depths of darkness and suffering as He is when we are standing tall on the mountain-top.

The resurrection promise that Jesus makes to those who follow Him – “I will be with you always” – is made to us not only when our faith is strong and we have a song of joy to sing but just as much (perhaps even more so) when we struggle even to lift our eyes above the mud and mire of particular situations we may be facing.

As we worship together through Lent and Holy Week let us linger perhaps longer than we are comfortable over the difficult aspects of Christ's journey to reflect on the reality of His presence with us in our own hard times.

With all prayerful good wishes,

Alan, **Rev. A.D. Reid**

Dates for Your Diary:

- **World Day of Prayer:** Friday 1 March, 2pm Kinross Centre, 7pm St Paul’s Episcopal Church
- **Induction of Rev Austin Wicks to the charge of Clackmannan with Sauchie & Coalsnaughton:** Thursday 7 March, 7pm
- **Better Place to Live Fair:** Saturday 23 March, Community Campus
- **Invite a Friend to Church:** Sunday 24 March
- **Orwell Messy Church:** Easter Saturday 30 March, 4-6pm
- **Breakfast at the Kirklands:** Easter Sunday 31 March after the loch-side service £7
- **Welcome Lunch:** Sunday 21 April for all newcomers who have come to worship with us since Lockdown
- **Family Week registration:** opens Friday 26 April
- **Christian Aid Week:** 12–18 May
- **Family Week:** Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August

Time for Prayer:

- **Daily prayer topics** may be found in the weekly Intimations circulated in the Saturday email
- **Weekly Time for Prayer on Zoom:** Sundays @6pm
- **Monthly Guided Meditation** in the church: Mondays @8am: 4 March, 1 April & 6 May
- **Monthly Compline** in the church: Thursdays @9pm 21 March, 18 April & 16 May

3 March Quarterly Communion Special Offering is for the Scottish Bible Society’s *Bible for Bairns* appeal

(Scottish Charity No. SC010767)

Prayer for Holy Week and Easter: Father God, at this Eastertime we think especially about your Holy Land, being torn apart by war and hatred, craving peace, yet still wracked by violence. As we remember Christ's death and resurrection, Lord, we ask that you come in love and bring peace to our entire broken world. Amen

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am. Children aged 4 to 11 are welcome to join Junior Church activities. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

3 March 1 Peter 4:1-11 – True Love.
Quarterly communion

10 March 1 Peter 4:12-19 – Rejoicing in Suffering

17 March Preacher: Alan McKay

24 March Palm Sunday - 1 Peter 5:1-14 – Christian Humility

31 March Easter Sunday – John 20:1-10 – The First Day of the Week

7 April Preacher: Brenda Fraser

14 April 1 Cor.15:1-11 – The Easter Gospel

21 April 1 Cor.15:12-19 – What if...?

28 April 1 Cor.15:20-34 – In Christ

5 May 1 Cor.15:35-58 – The Natural and the Spiritual

12 May Christian Aid Sunday

19 May Luke 4:14-21 – The Spirit of the Lord

26 May 1 Cor.2:1-16 – The Spirit of Wisdom & Understanding

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

28 March Maundy Thursday:
7.30pm Kinross Parish Church
United Communion Service

29 March Good Friday:
1pm Kinross Centre to St Paul's
Walk of Witness

2pm St Paul's Church
Last Hour at the Cross

7.30pm Portmoak Church
Good Friday Evening Service

31 March Easter Sunday:
7.30am BST Lochside service

10.30am Kinross Parish Church
Easter Morning Worship

Rev Austin Wicks: you will have heard the good news that in January the congregation of Clackmannan with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton unanimously elected Austin to be their Minister. We express our deep gratitude to Austin & Alicia for the part they have played in our church life and send prayerful good wishes as they embark on this next phase of their faith journey.

KYTHE: The Church of Scotland's Seeds for Growth Fund has chosen KYTHE as a recipient of a three-year award for youth ministry, worth £103,000. This is an exciting opportunity for the young people of Kinross-shire. The Management Group and Trustees of KYTHE are exploring with the local churches, led by Kinross Parish Church, how to take forward this initiative to best share the Good News with our young people.

Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak Union: monthly Joint Vision Group meetings are mapping out a practical way forward for the two congregations to unite at the end of the year. Updates can be found on the Parish Grouping tab of our church website. If you have questions or comments, please be in touch.

Our Church Family:

Funerals have taken place for:

- Ann MacDonald, 15 November
- Violet Henry, 21 November
- Rena Pearson, 27 November
- June Scott, 13 December
- Norma Denwick, 22 December
- Elizabeth (Betty) Hamilton, 3 January
- Campbell Thomson, 13 February

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

Baptism: we welcome Florence, daughter of Emma and Craig Marshall

We welcome Val Rose who is undertaking her discernment process as she seeks God's call to ministry.