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# SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

We warmly welcome all ages. Children aged 4 to 11 are welcome to join Junior Church activities. On the first Sunday of each month Communion will be celebrated at the service in the church and online.

3 December Communion	Luke 1:5-23 <b>Hope: Zechariah and Gabriel</b>
10 December	Luke 1:26-38 <b>Peace: Mary and Gabriel</b>
17 December Nativity service	Luke 1:57-80 <b>Joy: Zechariah's Song</b>
24 December Service of Lessons and Carols	Luke 2:1-21 <b>Love: Jesus</b>
31 December	United New Year Service at Cleish Church at <b>11am</b>
7 January	1 Peter 1:1-2 <b>Our Christian Calling</b>
14 January	1 Peter 1:3-12 <b>Gospel Promises</b>
21 January	1 Peter 1:13 to 2:3 <b>Holy Living</b>
28 January	1 Peter 2:4-10 <b>Living Stones</b>
4 February	1 Peter 2:11-17 <b>Slavery and Freedom</b>
11 February	1 Peter 2:18-25 <b>Godly Suffering</b>
18 February	1 Peter 3:1-7 <b>Reverence without Fear</b>
25 February	1 Peter 3:8-22 <b>Christian Witness</b>

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# FROM THE MANSE...

Dear Friends

Many of you will be aware of the major readjustment of parishes across the whole of Scotland at this time, with unions of congregations and closure of church buildings underway in every corner of the land. Let me take this opportunity to update you all on developments in our own area.

Last year the four congregations of Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Orwell & Portmoak agreed to enter into a Parish Grouping (which will take in Arngask in due course) with a view to working together more closely and, in the words of the agreement, 'to do separately as congregations only what we cannot do together'. As well as regular meetings of the Ministers and Session Clerks of all the churches, representatives of different areas of church life have been cooperating with their opposite numbers in other congregations and that is bearing fruit in many ways.

The closure of Arngask Church in Glenfarg has now been agreed and a number of people from there are now worshipping at Orwell. The process towards the closure of Portmoak Church will be progressing in the coming months with a congregational meeting there in December and a community consultation in January.

The next stage will be for the congregations of Cleish and Fossoway to agree a Basis of Union. As part of that union, the closure of Cleish Church will be progressed, with regular worship taking place at Fossoway Church in the Crook of Devon. The Kirk Sessions of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak have begun to look at what our future relationship might be and have set up a joint



Vision Group to consider the practicalities of being a united charge by the end of 2024 under the continuing ministry of Rev Robert Calvert and myself, with worship taking place at Orwell and at Kinross.

However, with the recently announced departure of Rev Lis Stenhouse, now may be the time to address the whole parish structure across Kinross-shire. The ultimate aim is a united charge of Kinross-shire with one Kirk Session, three places of worship, and two full-time Ministers with additional ministry support. We are also exploring funding streams for a project which would involve appointing a full-time Pioneer Minister to work as part of KYTHE in encouraging younger people to grow as disciples of Jesus. We will also be looking at how Christian fellowship and discipleship may be fostered in the communities where there is no church building and how we can continue in our day the work begun by St Serf in sharing the Good News of Christ with the people of our communities.

Please pray for all of those involved in these various discussions (which are time-consuming and sometimes draining) and pray for an openness in all of us to the leading of the Holy Spirit as the right shape and style is found for the Church of Jesus Christ in Kinross-shire for the next century.

Yours in Christ,

Alan  
Rev. A.D. Reid

## TIME FOR PRAYER

Please look out for the **daily prayer topics in the Intimations** circulated in the Saturday morning Church News email. If you are not on this mailing list, contact the Church Office. You are also invited to gather with others to pray:

- Every **Sunday evening at 6pm** there is an opportunity to gather with others to pray via Zoom (online or by telephone) - the link is published in the weekly email
- On the **first Monday morning of the month at 8am** there is a time of guided meditation in the church: **4 December, 8 January & 5 February**
- On the **third Thursday of the month at 9pm** you are invited to the late evening monastic prayer service of **Compline** in the church: **21 December, 18 January & 15 February**

## Welcome to Kin-nections

As we start in earnest our journey to unite with the congregation of Orwell & Portmoak, our theme is Together We Serve, United By Love. There are many ways in which we play our part in God's service, whether in our churches, our communities or supporting our international friends. Feel free to pass on your copy to a neighbour or friend or request additional copies.

Would an online magazine suit you better? Kin-nections may be read online at the News tab of our website or ask for the quarterly email with a direct link to the digital version. Just contact the Church Office if you no longer need a print copy.

# OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

## Brigade: Be Adventurous and Get Involved

To create more “together” activities and competitions, this session has seen a number of inter-battalion events involving our own Perth Battalion along with Dundee, Angus, Stirling and Fife battalions. October and November have been particularly busy months with our own October holiday “potted sports night”, 10-pin bowling (see picture), Hallowe’en evening, battalion badminton and swimming gala, as well as our enrolment service. The annual remembrance service included the march to the war memorial for the wreath laying ceremony.



Numbers are picking up again and we welcome several new faces. There are still vacancies for boys and girls in Anchors (P1-3), Juniors (P4-6) and Company (P7 to age 18). All three sections meet at our Church Centre on Friday evenings.

Members are looking forward to more events and competitions in November and December with table tennis, dodge ball, the pantomime and Christmas carol service.

David Munro



Top: Mission Aviation Fellowship fundraising certificate presentation; Below: 10-pin bowling



## A Christmas Meditation by Rev Evelyn Cairns

*Jesu, Jesu,  
Fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve,  
The neighbours we have from you.*

Tom Colvin

Heavenly Father,

As we approach Christmas with all its hustle and bustle, help us to stop, reflect and breathe in the Holy Spirit and see the true wonder of this season.

We hurry to buy gifts and cards, desperate not to miss anyone out, or to offend. We become anxious if we receive a card from someone we didn't send to.

Let us see that a gift given out of obligation is not worth much, whereas a gift given out of love is beyond price.

May we ourselves be a gift, giving our time, friendship and love to others. Let us be grateful for our good fortune in being able to do so.  
*Fill us with your love, show us how to serve.*

As we try to accommodate family and friends in our homes and worry about beds and meals, let us pause and remember those who have no one and will spend this day alone, just like every other day. We pray for those who have no home or even a country to call their own.

Bless them, our neighbours, and guide us to ways to change the situation.

Let us give thanks for the comfort and safety we enjoy and the company of those we love.  
*Fill us with your love, show us how to serve.*

Jesus was born in an occupied country and we pray for the children who will be born into turmoil and war today.

He is the Prince of Peace, yet humanity still seems to be unable to live in harmony.

We earnestly pray for peace and shamefully admit when we have caused discord and division.

As we kneel at the crib, give us your tranquility and calm, absorbing your great love for us and let us carry that light out into the dark world.  
*Fill us with your love, show us how to serve,*  
For we pray in the Name of Jesus, our Saviour,

Amen

## KYTHE: Transforming young lives



KYTHE's mission statement is "Transforming young lives" and in the past year we have seen many lives transformed. As the front-line team meet the young people in and around Kinross, they demonstrate God's love by accepting them as they are and seeing the best in them and the potential they have, even if the young people do not recognise it themselves.

Activities in the Hub continue to be popular, especially Friday afternoon drop-ins; holiday events are always well attended. We reach out to other areas in Kinross-shire with KYTHE Mobile and have supported Dunbarney Church to set up their own regular youth service.

Incredibly, we will have had over 6,500 contacts with young people by the end of the year, a number which increases annually. Respondents to a recent survey indicated that there was still a lack of youth work services

and had suggestions for more activities and events.

To read our full annual activity report and see how KYTHE has touched young people's lives through the stories of Sam, Alex and Ellis, visit [www.kythe.org.uk](http://www.kythe.org.uk) "Together we serve, united by love" : if you are touched by the positive outcomes in these young lives and want to serve together as part of the KYTHE family, either working with the young people or supporting in the background, please get in touch at [office@kythe.org.uk](mailto:office@kythe.org.uk)

*As we look towards 2024, please pray for those working with our young people, the funding we need to provide these services and, above all, the young people themselves.*

Fiona Eastop  
KYTHE

## Crossfire : Seeking Volunteers

Crossfire for P7+ has been meeting term-time Sundays 6-7.30 pm in the Church Centre for friendship, fellowship, fun and food. We had a great time in September on canoes and kayaks at Lochore Meadows and in October we had a thought-provoking discussion after watching the 'Jesus Christ Superstar' video. We now look forward to some dark night games and will finish 2023 with our usual wacky games Christmas party.

Our young people are amazing. As leaders we come away feeling very positive, if not a little exhausted! We are looking for more willing helpers/ leaders so that we can provide a range of activities and allow leaders to have an occasional break. If you think it is something you might be interested in please contact me via the Church Office - we would love to hear from you.

Jenny Masson

## Stepping Stones for the under 5s

Parents, carers, babies and toddlers are warmly welcome at Kinross Parish Church on Tuesday mornings term-time from 10am for play, coffee and chat.



## SAVE THE DATE: Family Week 2024 - Starship Discovery

Save the Date for 2024 Family Week, when we'll be blasting off into space for Starship Discovery. It will be happening from **Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August** and will include all your favourite Family Week activities. Registration opens Friday 26 April and closes midnight Friday 26 July. More information nearer the time.



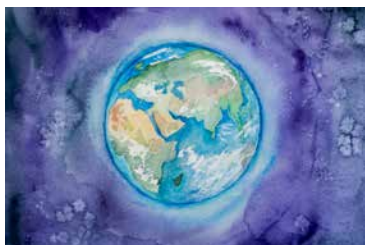
2 December  
27 January

Saturdays 4pm - 6pm  
Orwell Church, Milnathort

24 February  
30 March

Orwell & Portmoak Church warmly invites you to Messy Church - Crafts, activities, stories, music and celebration.





# Our Global Neighbours

## Israel and Palestine

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland issued a statement at the start of the current conflict, including that: “We pray ceaselessly for our family in Israel and Palestine, for we are all family and when one part suffers, we are all depleted”. The Church of Scotland is active in the area and Rev David Cameron, Convener of the Assembly Trustees, in his statement said that “with two mission partners and 150 locally employed staff our prayers are also with them and their families.”

*From information on Church of Scotland website*



## Supporting Fairtrade Producers

When we buy Fairtrade goods we are helping people in the global south, who are struggling with the effects of climate change and need a market for their goods if they are going to be able to support their families.



This photo shows a Meru Herbs farmer in Kenya picking hibiscus flowers to make hibiscus jam. Meru Herbs also makes delicious tomato & basil and tomato & chilli sauces. The closure of Traidcraft has been extremely challenging for Meru Herbs, so if you buy a jar of sauce or try one of their jams, you are making a difference.



If we show care and compassion for our sisters and brothers in other parts of the world, we are serving God and are united by love for his children and our world.

**Karena Jarvie**

## World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer takes place on **Friday 1 March 2024**, hosted by St Paul’s Episcopal Church. There will be the usual 2pm afternoon service in the Kinross Centre and the evening service at 7pm in St Paul’s. All are welcome. The service has been written by Christian women in Palestine, which makes for a very topical event. The theme is ‘Bear with one another in love’. Further information nearer the time or contact Alex Cant via the Church Office.

## Sally Foster-Fulton - Moderator

The Moderator of the General Assembly for 2023-24 is The Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton. Since 2016, Sally has led Christian Aid Scotland and was previously Minister at Dunblane Cathedral. She says: “The theme of my year as Moderator centres on a South African word, Ubuntu, most closely translated as ‘I am because you are’. We are called to cherish the sacred nature of each human person.”

Her first months were varied, ranging from a Kilt Walk for Christian Aid, marking the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre, joining with other Scottish faith leaders to voice opposition to the Illegal Migration Bill and giving the homily at the service of Thanksgiving and Dedication of King Charles at St Giles, Edinburgh. There she concluded with “We are all part of something bigger - this beautiful, sacred creation and everyone and everything in it.”

Her main Scottish visit has been a week in the Presbytery of Fife, which was formed in 2021 from three previous presbyteries. Her visit ranged geographically across the county from Kincardine to the army base at Leuchars, including visits to Victoria Hospital and East Fife Football Club. Among the many impressive church-led initiatives she saw was the Wellesley Centre, a community hub for Methil recently built by Wellesley Parish Church.

*(From information on Church of Scotland and Life and Work websites)*



*Please hold in your prayers our global neighbours who are suffering because of conflict, climate change, ill-health or poverty. Give thanks to the individuals and organisations that strive to make a difference.*

## Violence against Christians

Two Church of Scotland ministers, Rev Aftab Gohan and Rev Peter Gill, were among those who held a peaceful protest recently outside the Consulate of Pakistan in Glasgow in the wake of recent violence against Christians and church buildings in Pakistan. The Church of Scotland has a partnership with the Church of Pakistan.

*From information on Church of Scotland website*



## Not Only in Israel

The world continues to agonise over the unspeakable atrocities carried out by Hamas, aided by Islamic Jihad, in Israel. Much prayer has been and must be made over this tragic situation.

Jihadism, or Islamic terrorism, is not confined to the Middle East. It is particularly active in Africa. In Nigeria, Islamic terrorism has been responsible for hundreds of deaths of Christians, destruction of homes and churches and looting of schools, with kidnapping of large numbers of girls. Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger are at the epicentre of a massive rise in terrorist activity in the Western Sahel region, which in 2021-22 was reckoned to account for 43% of all world deaths from terrorism and the displacement of 2.4 million people. The Democratic Republic of Congo and Mozambique are seeing increasing terrorist activity, overwhelmingly aimed at Christians.

Find out more from several excellent Christian websites ([opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org); [csw.org.uk](http://csw.org.uk); [barnabasaid.org](http://barnabasaid.org)) and please PRAY.

John McArthur

## Loch Leven Church celebrates 5 years

Kinross Parish Church sends its prayerful good wishes to Loch Leven Church, which has celebrated its fifth anniversary. We welcome the close cooperation between our two churches over these years.



## ShelterBox - thank you

ShelterBox works internationally to support communities in the aftermath of disaster and conflict, for example in Libya, Syria and Ukraine. The total raised at the September Communion and Harvest

Thanksgiving offering was £2,249. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.



## The Guild Supports Worldwide Projects

The Church of Scotland Guild nationally has raised over £300,000 in the last two years to support its current Project Partnerships. Many of these are outside the UK, such as the Kazunzu Village of Hope, which is being built in Tanzania in partnership with the Vine Trust and the local church. It will support orphaned children and provide a sustainable community focus. Also in Africa, the Guild is helping to fund Starchild Uganda, a centre for children with learning difficulties. In Brazil the Guild is helping to fund UNIDA, which supports young women through theological education, and in South East Asia its partner Pioneers Chocolate Heaven will help cocoa farmers and their families by building a processing factory. Rae Lind, National Convener of the Guild, says:

*"We join our partners to bring challenging issues right to the heart of the Church and work for change in the world."*



*From information on Church of Scotland website*

Monday 18 December 6.30pm  
Kinross Parish Church

Annual Service of  
Quiet Remembrance and Thanksgiving  
especially for those missing a  
loved one at Christmas

*"Be still and know that I am God"*

## Uniting with Fellow Congregations

*“We are pilgrims on the journey*

*We are travellers on the road  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.”*

*(From 694 CH4 The Servant Song,  
Richard Gillard b.1953)*

As required by the Mission Plan for Perth Presbytery and as agreed by both Kirk Sessions, Kinross Parish Church is starting the journey towards uniting with Orwell & Portmoak. This is being taken forward by a Vision Group to consider what being a united charge by the end of next year might look like, under the continuing ministry of Rev Alan Reid and Rev Robert Calvert.

We are blessed by good relations with our fellow congregations, not just Church of Scotland but the wider worshipping community. October's Tearfund Big Quiz Night was organised by Loch Leven Church and held in our building. Family Week could not have happened without the fantastic volunteers from beyond our membership and including Orwell & Portmoak and KYTHE. Venues for Family Week included St Paul's Episcopal Church.

There is much to consider as we seek to build His Kingdom in Kinross-shire. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please speak with the Minister or Session Clerk or email [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org) as we welcome everyone's input.



Tearfund Big Quiz Night

# OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

## Together We Serve, United by Love

This is a great topic for the December magazine. As we begin our preparations for Christmas, I think it is appropriate that we reflect on the forces that unite us, as well as how we can serve *together*. We are united through the Love of Christ and are learning as a community how we will serve Christ through our new union(s) to come: both with Orwell & Portmoak, and with Cleish and Fossoway. I think this is an incredible opportunity for the Churches of the area to work together and to have a newly revitalized future surrounded by the love of Christ, and I am very excited for all of you and the future you will have together.

Speaking of the future, many have asked me how the new placement search is going. I am carefully reading parish profiles and applying thoughtfully. It is my hope that by the time this article is published I will have more information to share, but that may be an ambitious timeline. Continued prayers for the call process would be greatly appreciated, as even after I settle into a new call I will need prayerful support to help me succeed as a leader of God's people.

Rev. Austin Wicks

**Fossoway Church**  
**Christmas Bazaar & Community Carols**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**  
**Elizabeth Wilkie Hall, Church Road,**  
**Crook of Devon**

Bazaar in the hall 1 – 4pm  
Community Carol Singing in the Church 3 – 4pm

Tea, coffee, juice,  
shortbread and mince pies

Gift Stall  
Cake & Candy Stall  
Bottle Stall    Craft Stall

Entry - Adults £3, Children £1  
Refreshments included



Family Week volunteers





## Eco Congregation: lots of ways to be involved

During 2023 we have had several exciting projects which have produced great joy whilst helping with the environment. These have included:

- Litter picks around the local area
- Farmers' Market stall focusing on Kinross Parish Church caring for the environment in the community
- Collecting blister packs for recycling; regrettably, this had to cease, but we can all put blister packs in our new grey bins
- Harvesting apples from the trees in the church grounds (photo), which were delivered to the Kinross (Day) Centre
- Working on the allotment with the help of KYTHE then giving potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, onions and leeks to the Kinross Centre. If you would be able to help at the allotment, we are always looking for volunteers, even if it is just being part of the watering rota.

During the rest of 2023 and into 2024 we are planning to expand our projects with solar panels and other energy saving measures in the Church Centre. Locally we are looking to engage with Perth & Kinross Climate Action, and globally with Fairtrade, Christian Aid and Tearfund projects.

**Jim Smith**

## Kinross Royal Visit

Our church was honoured to have played a part in the recent visit of His Majesty the King to Kinross. King Charles III visited our Church Centre which was converted in 1983 by our congregation as a community hub for the town and used since then by the Kinross (Day) Centre. Marking its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, His Majesty was welcomed by our Minister, Rev Alan Reid as Chair of the Trustees of the Centre, and Manager Agnes (Nan) Cook BEM. The King was introduced to two members of our congregation who use the Centre: Kath Mabbott and Campbell Thomson.



Earlier, Charles had visited our friends at St Paul's Episcopal Church to see the work of Broke Not Broken. At the Centre he also met beneficiaries and staff of Rachel House, Children's Hospices Across Scotland.

The October 2023 Kinross Newsletter has a full record of the visit and an article on the early history of the Day Centre by its first manager, Helena Cant MBE, who is also a member of our congregation.



## Our Presbytery

The new Presbytery of Perth, which was formed this year from five smaller presbyteries, has now completed its appointments: Clerk, Administrator, Buildings Officer, Congregational Support and Communications. The aim of these posts is to support local congregations do more of what they do best - mission in their local area. The Buildings Officer, for example, will be able to provide professional advice on building maintenance.



Rev Dr John Ferguson

The Presbytery Clerk is Rev Dr John Ferguson (left). Married with two grown up sons, he has been a Parish Minister in Kirkcaldy and Peterculter near Aberdeen.

Website: [www.perthpresbytery.org.uk](http://www.perthpresbytery.org.uk)  
Facebook: Presbytery of Perth  
Instagram: presbytery\_of\_perth

## All Friends Together

All Friends Together welcomes adults with learning disabilities to a monthly celebration of Jesus.

Quite a few of the members came to Lindsay's birthday celebration concert and everyone had a great time, with the wonderful music (photo), home-made nibbles and supporting such good causes. Prospects Across Scotland, of which we are a member, was delighted to receive a donation. *(A total of £1,144 was raised for each of Prospects Across Scotland and KYTHE - thank you to all who supported the concert).*

Some of the team took part in the Disability Sunday worship service on 17 September and displayed the artwork we had been making the previous day.

If you know someone who would like to come along to enjoy fellowship, singing, a Bible story, crafts, games and a light lunch, please tell them about the group or ask them to contact me or the Church Office. We generally meet on the third Saturday of the month at 11am at the Church. Our final gathering this year is on **Saturday 16 December**, when we may have a special visitor.  
**Anne Sutherland**



# Search for a Star!

*"For it is in giving that we receive."*

**Can you give any of your time and talents to support the life and ministries of the congregation?**

Whether your skills are creative, pastoral, technical or practical; whether you can support remotely or in-person; whether you can offer regular or occasional help, your gifts will always be welcome.



Join our **Welcome Team!** Coming through the door on a Sunday morning can be daunting. To be greeted by someone who shows warmth and sensitivity can make a real difference. Or perhaps you can serve teas after the Service?

★ Love helping **children and young people**? There are lots of roles!

★ **Love singing**? You might like to join the choir?

Could you help with any aspects of **maintaining our Church properties and grounds**? From keeping our buildings wind and weather tight to decoration, gardening, putting out the bins, Health and Safety, stewarding for external lets, IT, AV or advice on property?



★ Could you do a **reading or a prayer**?



**Pastoral Group** is looking for new members. The subgroups (Visiting and Bereavement) visit one or two folks regularly or keep in contact with those who have lost a loved one, to let these folks know the Church has a concern for them. Is this a role for you?

★ **Love words**? Writing, editing, creating? Perhaps you might like a role in comms?

★ **Disability awareness**: we need to break down barriers faced by disabled people in Christian life. Is this something you feel passionate about and could help us with?

Please don't be shy! Speak with the Minister or contact the Church Office. We would love to hear from you. [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org) | 01577 862570

## Church Flowers

Harvest saw us use pumpkins at the windows this year, containing jars of flowers in beautiful autumnal colours. These were distributed around the parish.

As we head towards Christmas the Flower Group looks forward to decorating the church with festive foliage.

Please remember to contact the group via the Church Office with details of special occasions and if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or for a particular date in 2024 that would be greatly appreciated.



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

All Are Welcome



## New Members

We warmly welcome

Gordon and Margaret Shiach



## Funerals

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of

Janet (Jenny) Wilkie, 28 August

Jean Beveridge, 21 September

Margaret Welch, 18 October

## Kinross Guild celebrating 135 years

With around 15,000 members nationally, the Guild is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations. Its motto is "Whom we are and Whom we serve".

On 3 December we are celebrating Kinross Guild's 135th anniversary with an afternoon tea for members in the church and welcoming special guest Rae Lind, National Convener.

We have had a great start to our new session with talks about prison chaplaincy Vine Trust, pilgrimage to Santiago and Aero Space Kinross. We have welcomed

nine new members, including two men, which is very encouraging. There is still time to join us and age is no barrier. We would love to encourage younger members to come along.

On 16 January and 13 February we are meeting for coffee and chat at the Court House from 10.30am.



Our first meeting in the new year will be on 5 March when Rev Alan Reid will be our guest speaker, to which everyone is welcome.

Enid Campbell

## Pastoral Group

### Together We Serve

Elders used to call on all homes in their District (now Area) four times per year and deliver magazines. It is recognised that this does not suit everyone. Please chat with your Elder about what you would like: Elders are happy to continue visiting or you may prefer just to have a magazine popped through your door (you can also request to receive the digital version of Kinnections). If you do not receive a magazine and would like one, please tell one of the Welcome Team on a Sunday or contact the Church Office.

The Pastoral Group is re-establishing the Visiting and Bereavement Groups. I am glad to report that we now have 14 folks interested in visiting other members regularly, and we are progressing PVG registration for them with the hope of beginning visits before Christmas. The Minister advises on who may appreciate a visit, but if you have suggestions, please let the Minister or Church Office know.

Robert Mitchell  
Pastoral Group Convener

## December Communion and Christmas Special Offerings

The Salvation Army putting faith into action (Scottish Charity No: SC009359)

The Salvation Army is a charity well-known to us all, but we may not be aware of the many ways in which it puts its Christian faith into action. For example, to reduce homelessness it offers night shelters, nap pads, support for rough sleepers, life-houses (Dundee has two), drop-ins, outreach, addiction services and other initiatives to tackle the cycle of homelessness. It also offers budget and debt advice and employment support to help people become job-ready. Twelve residential care homes are run by the Salvation Army. Its services are diverse and responsive to the realities of life in the communities it serves.

The Kirk Session commends the work of The Salvation Army. If you would like to support this charity, please bring a donation in an envelope marked "Salvation Army" or make an online donation via the Giving page of our church website [kinrossparishchurch.org/giving](http://kinrossparishchurch.org/giving).

Thank you

To find out more visit [salvationarmy.org.uk](http://salvationarmy.org.uk)





## The Big ADVENTure

On **Saturday 9 December**, The Big ADVENTure is taking place in Kinross Parish Church 1-4pm. All children are very welcome.

Parents can stay or leave their children there for the whole afternoon (to get time to do some Christmas shopping or gift wrapping!).

There will be a jam-packed programme of activities with toys, crafts and games. There will also be some workshops, including baking, art, crafts, music and sport.

Snacks and drinks will be provided, and we'll also be singing some Christmas songs and taking part in some activities related to the Advent/Christmas story in the Bible.

Everyone is very welcome - there is no need to register - just turn up and join in.

It's free, but you're welcome to give a donation.

## Games afternoons - Monday afternoon fellowship

Do you enjoy board games or playing bridge? Do you sometimes wish there was someone available to play with? Then come along to the church on Monday afternoons where you will find others willing to have a game. Scrabble and Rummikub are current favourites, and you will soon learn them if you are not already familiar with them. Alternatively, bring your own favourite board game and find someone to play with. Bridge lovers will also be assured of a welcome, whatever their skill level.

Bridge sessions are held every Monday afternoon, 1.45-4.45pm

Board games are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 2-4pm

13 & 27 November  
11 December  
8 & 22 January  
12 & 26 February  
11 & 25 March



## Kinross Parish Church Christmas Services 2023

**Sunday 17 December**

**10.30am** Nativity Service

**Monday 18 December**

**6.30pm** Service of Quiet Remembrance

**Sunday 24 December**

**Christmas Eve**

**10.30am** Service of Readings and Carols

**4.30pm** Crib Service for Families

**11.15pm** Watchnight Service

**Monday 25 December**

**10.30am** Christmas Morning Worship

**Sunday 31 December**

**11am** United Service for Kinross-shire Parish Grouping at Cleish Church  
[no service in Kinross Parish Church]

## Sunday @ 7

We'd like to invite you to Sunday @ 7. This will be a service of informal contemporary worship and bite-sized Bible teaching. It is designed with older teenagers and younger adults in mind, along with those who work on Sunday mornings; however, everyone is very welcome.



It will be happening initially for four Sunday evenings at 7pm in the Upper Meeting Room at Kinross Parish Church and refreshments will be served from 6.45pm. The dates are Sundays:

- 19 November
- 26 November
- 3 December
- 10 December



It will last for approximately 45 minutes. Afterwards, young people will be invited for snacks and drinks at the home of a member of the congregation from 8-9pm. Just ask the Church Office for more details.

If it proves popular, it will continue Sunday evenings during term time - check the weekly Intimations for more details.