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FAMILY WEEK

FOOD TIDINGS

KYTHE

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Kirk Session **2 September & 6 November**

Kirk Session Council **18 June & 27 August**

Kin-nections September-November deadline **22 July**

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 is celebrated in the church and online.

2 June Communion	1 Cor.2:1-16 The Revealing Spirit
9 June	Rom.8:1-17 The Transforming Spirit
16 June	Focus on MAF Uganda - Ruth Jack
23 June	End of Session Celebration
30 June	Psalm 98:1-9 Creation Sings
7 July	Psalm 102:1-28 Time and Creation
14 July	Psalm 85:1-13 Restoring Creation
21 July	Psalm 139:1-24 The Knowing Creator
28 July	Psalm 8:1-9 The Mindful Creator
4 August	Psalm 24:1-10 The Inviting Creator
11 August	Psalm 148:1-14 The Praiseworthy Creator
18 August	Luke 18:35 to 19:10 Back to School Sunday
25 August	Joshua 1:1-9 A New Chapter

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FROM THE MANSE...

Dear Friends

The summertime brings something of a change to the pace of life. June can be quite a busy month, especially for those who have connections with schools whether as pupils, parents or teachers, and then the holidays come and perhaps an opportunity for a change of pace or a change of location. For those whose lives do not revolve around schools, it can be the other way round, with holidays taken in June or September to avoid the high season and in some cases having visitors to stay in July and August with all the work that can entail.



I trust that each of you will be able to balance work and rest, busyness and stillness, and that worship will be a part of that balance. In our Sunday services over the next few months we take a few weeks to look at the Person and role of the Holy Spirit and we will be taking selected Psalms as a starting place to reflect on Creation and the character of the Creator.

In the midst of the summer, Family Week (29 July to 2 August this year) is always a significant time in Kinross and I encourage you to pray about every aspect of it over the coming weeks, asking God to bless it with Kingdom fruitfulness.

The coming year promises to be a time for reviewing the way we do things as a Church. We will be seeking to make the best of the opportunities that will present themselves through the union of the parishes of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak and a closer partnership with Cleish and Fossoway, not to mention the potential appointment of a Youth Minister through the Seeds for Growth project. We also look forward to Alex Johnson starting with us as Probationer Minister in September.

There will be ups and downs along the way but Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever, and as we keep our eyes fixed on Him we can work well and rest well, whatever the season.

Yours because His,

Alan
Rev. A.D. Reid

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayer is the heartbeat of the Church. Jesus said, "Without me, you can do nothing" and He called us to depend prayerfully upon God in every aspect of our lives. We offer daily prayer topics in the weekly email and also a number of regular times to gather with others to pray:

- On **Sunday evening at 6pm** (for about 45 minutes) join with others on 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: **3 June & 1 July**, NB no August gathering
- On **Wednesday at 11.15am** in the Church Centre for midweek worship
- On the **third Thursday of the month at 9pm** you are invited to the late evening monastic prayer service of Compline in the church: **20 June, 18 July & 15 August**

Welcome to Kin-nections

Family Week is blasting off into space on Starship Discovery. Thank you to Brenda Frier for the beautiful image of the moon for the front cover, reminding us of God's awesome creation and our responsibility for the environment we cherish.

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 can be downloaded from 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 YOUNG PEOPLE

Prayer for young people *by Anne Sutherland*

Loving heavenly Father,

We pray that the seeds sown in Family Week will be nurtured and grow in the young people and their families. Give each of us the courage and willingness to be witnesses to the young people. We also pray for the Church and local community of which we are all a part, that we each would be committed to making it flourish and be a place of welcome, harmony and growth. Help the children to enjoy their summer break and take away anxiety about exam results or the transitions in school - starting school, moving school, leaving school for university or the world of work. Give them confidence in themselves and help us to nurture this. For those who recognise you as Lord, be their rock and guide. **Amen**



Orwell Messy Church: creativity, celebration and hospitality



Our friends at Orwell & Portmoak host a monthly Messy Church at Orwell on a Saturday 4-6pm, welcoming children and adults to an afternoon of creativity, celebration and hospitality. Organiser Cara Chalmers, says, "Everyone recognises that families have hectic schedules, so this gives an opportunity to come along to an informal gathering to hear about Jesus, encounter him and grow closer to him. It's also about fellowship and support."

Why not come along on **25 May** and **22 June** and join in the fun?!

Stepping Stones

We are delighted to have over 40 toddlers and babies along with their parents and carers on a Tuesday morning at 10am term-time. This makes for a very busy and happy time and great fun is had by all.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers, whether it is helping with the session or tidying up at the end. The addition of the storage shed now makes our life a lot easier. We are delighted with it!

We have our Teddy Bears' Picnic on **Tuesday 18 June** at 10am, hopefully outside, weather permitting! Please come along and see us that day (with or without a bear!). You will be very welcome.

Kathleen Weir & Isobel Watt



DYNAMIC
CHRISTIAN
YOUTH
WORK



SEEDS FOR GROWTH

KYTHE Youth Ministry - Seeds for Growth

We are thankful for the hard work of all our Church youth groups, but how do we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the young people in our wider community? A positive aspect of the Presbytery Mission Plan changes has been the release of funds for dynamic projects and KYTHE has been awarded a £103,000 grant over three years from the Church of Scotland 'Seeds for Growth Fund' for youth ministry.

To best shape this role, the leadership team is undertaking a listening project with many individuals of all ages and groups so that all viewpoints and ideas can be heard. Look out for opportunities to contribute to the conversations - your input will be valued.

While everything is being put in place to launch this exciting initiative, please pray for our young people and the staff and volunteers at KYTHE.

Jaffrey Weir,
Chair of KYTHE Trustees and Session Clerk

Sunday@7

Kinross Parish
Church 7pm

2 June &
16 June



A short, informal service of contemporary worship and bite-sized Bible teaching. Everyone is welcome.

Safeguarding: protecting children and adults at risk

As a congregation we have a duty to ensure A Safe Church for All. The Church of Scotland requires that volunteers who work with children, and adults at risk, must be registered with Disclosure Scotland through the PVG scheme and attend Introductory Safeguarding training. This is for the protection of both the volunteers and the groups that they work with. Each church has a Safeguarding panel; at Kinross Parish Church the members are Enid Campbell (Safeguarding Coordinator), Rev Alan Reid, Jaffrey Weir and Lynn Caldwell.

For you as a member of the congregation, the poster below is important:



Safeguarding in the Church of Scotland

Protecting children and adults at risk

RECOGNISE REPORT PROTECT

If you *suspect* or witness harm or abuse, or it is reported to you, you must immediately report it to your Safeguarding Coordinator:

Enid Campbell

...who will then contact the Safeguarding Service.

Harm/abuse includes 'risk of harm', historical abuse and risk posed by a sex offender attending worship. For more information:
http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about_us/safeguarding_service

Crossfire: looking at God's creation and looking for volunteers

Crossfire, our youth group for P7+, meets Sunday 6pm term time in the Church Centre. Currently, it is looking at activities relating to Eco, sustainability and taking care of this wonderful world that God created. At Easter the youngsters (and some folk not so young) made a video and performed Crossfire's take on the Easter story. Crossfire is planning to look at the creation story and

again show this during morning worship. Our summer session will end with a barbecue and, if the weather plays ball, a trip to the beach too.

We are looking for more helpers. Our group is a very enthusiastic bunch. The young people love games and being creative and have great ideas. If you think this is something you would like to be involved with, please speak with me or Susan Smith or contact the Church Office.

Jenny Masson



June Communion special offering for KYTHE: transforming young lives

Scottish Charity No: SC045043



Barry Dougall, KYTHE Head of Youth Work

The Kirk Session commends the work of KYTHE. If you would like to support this local charity, please bring a donation in an envelope marked "KYTHE" or make an online donation via the Giving page of our church website www.kinrossparishchurch.org/giving. Thank you

KYTHE continues to inspire and transform young lives in Kinross-shire with a new woodwork group, "A Year in Art" and "KYTHE Composes" being some of the new activities.

The number of attendees has increased from last year by 10.5% with 1,941 contacts in the first quarter. As the days lengthen and weather improves, we anticipate that attendance and engagement with KYTHE will increase, be this Friday afternoon drop-ins, gym club, Chill n chat, Youth Voice and, slightly further afield, the Big Brig Youth Club and Fossoway youth club.

KYTHE was delighted when Barry, our Head of Youth Work, was selected as a finalist for the Inspirational Leadership award at the prestigious National Youth Work Scotland Awards. We look forward to the Awards evening on 12 June and sharing the story of KYTHE and how we are transforming young lives.

Thank you for supporting KYTHE with your special offering, and if you want to find out more about how you can support us, please contact office@kythe.org.uk

Fiona Eastop
KYTHE Management Committee



Our Global Neighbours

Weekly Intimations: deadline for submissions

Notices are welcome for the Weekly Intimations to kpcnotices@gmail.com. Please note the deadline is now 12 noon Wednesdays.

Fairtrade Helps Farmers to Protect the Created World

Kinross Parish Church is a Fairtrade Church and so are the other churches in Kinross-shire. As an Eco-Congregation we try and do all we can to look after God's creation. When we promote, sell and buy Fairtrade goods it helps farmers use sustainable farming practices and work together in cooperatives

where they can receive training in the best methods to protect the soil and their crops. In 2022 sales in the UK of Fairtrade products generated £30 million of Fairtrade Premium for farmers, in addition to the fair price they receive for their goods. The premium can be used by the community for many environmental initiatives as well as healthcare and education. Please continue your valuable support.

Karena Jarvie



Climate Change - A Cause of Persecution of Christians?

Attention has been brought regularly in these pages to both the persecution of minority religious groups, principally Christians, and to the devastating effect of climate change in some of the poorest parts of the world. Thousands of Christians have been killed and droughts and floods have seriously deteriorated the land, including desertification.

Nigeria has experienced the worst persecution of Christians. Fulani herdsmen, either Muslim extremists or supported by Islamic extremists (Boko Haram), regularly murder, rape, kidnap and destroy the houses and churches of Christians. Of the 16 Christians killed each day for being a Christian, at least 12 are from Nigeria.

Not widely reported was the massacre on Christmas Eve by Muslim herdsmen, of at least 198 Christians across the central Plateau state by bands of men armed with guns and machetes,

leaving a further 300 injured. The European Parliament 'strongly condemned' but blamed climate change, pointing out that the mainly Muslim herdsmen were competing for the decreasingly available good land with the mainly Christian farmers. Climate change!

While there would appear to be some merit in this argument, consider what Father Kiely, who has worked in Nigeria for many years, wrote: *"The murders were mainly attributed to climate change. The Muslim Fulani herdsmen 'need' to kill Christians, as they have been for many years, to find grazing land for their cattle. This 'necessary' depopulation for the sake of climate change apparently involves burning churches that are filled with worshippers, the destruction of villages, rape, kidnapping and, as on Pentecost Sunday last year, shooting more than 40 people attending Mass."*

Whatever conclusion we come to, this situation calls for our prayerful attention and concern.

John McArthur



MAF Update 16 June followed by Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Our Church has supported Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) over a number of years. Ruth Jack, MAF's Uganda Country Director, visited Kinross Parish Church with her family before taking up her post there. That was two years ago and the family is now back in Scotland for 'home assignment' for two months.

Ruth will join us on **Sunday 16 June**, contributing to our morning worship service. This will be followed by a soup & sandwich lunch to which everyone is invited, where we will be able to chat informally with Ruth about her work.

Eco Team: going for gold

Kinross Parish Church Eco-Congregation achieved a silver award for work helping to improve the environment. This included tree planting, local litter-picks and growing vegetables at the allotment with a helping hand from KYTHE. The harvest was donated to the Kinross (Day) Centre, along with jam made from our church fruit trees. We also completed a cycle ride and have placed bug houses and bird feeders in the church garden.

The Eco Team are now looking to achieve the gold award and areas for focus are: evaluating and planning; initiating and coordination; Eco-Congregation involvement; local and national concerns; and global and international concerns.

As part of global actions our Fairtrade team has been very successful. One of our team, Isla



Skea (pictured), is volunteering at Ostional Wildlife Reserve in Costa Rica. Isla and other volunteers are working with marine biologists collecting data in the reserve's hatchery, keeping the beach and oceans free from litter

and carrying out night patrols to ensure safe passage for turtles from the ocean to their nesting sites.

We participated at the Farmers' Market in April and organised a litter-pick in conjunction with Christian Aid Week in May. Crossfire youth group have planned a variety of eco activities.

Please be in touch if you would be interested in taking part in Eco Team initiatives.

Jim Smith



Partnering with the Great Church Debrecen, Hungary

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to put together a team to lead an English language camp at the Great Church this summer. However, we are committed to reinstating the 'Scottish Camp' in early July 2025 and we will actively be starting to recruit adults and teens from Kinross. If this is something you would like more information about, please have a word with me.

Some from the Great Church plan to visit us for Family Week and we look forward to welcoming them.

Rev Alan Reid



Gratitude

By Diane Taylor

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4, NIV)

Dear Lord Jesus,

Let us bow before Your throne of grace with humble hearts. Even though we may be going through trying times, we can lift up our voices and sing praises to Your holy name. Gentle Jesus, when our words fall short, You understand the cries of our hearts. Loving Jesus, You came to heal the broken-hearted and bandage up our wounds. We raise our voices to You and sing Halleluiah, for what could we possibly offer that would be fit for You, our King? You call us just as we are - broken, unloved, unkind, messy, sinful people - and ask us to look to Your promise of salvation. You died on the cross "pierced for our transgressions", "crushed for our iniquities"; the chastisement for our peace was upon You, and by Your wounds we are healed (Isaiah 53:5, NIV). We do not need to strive to achieve Your promises, we only need to accept that they are already ours, by Your grace. Teach us to surrender all our striving, all our masking and pretending, all our control over how we think the plans for our lives should unfold. You see us at our core and still You call us loved. Thank You Jesus for teaching us to sing a new song in our hearts of victory and peace. Let us throw up our hands to praise You. Halleluiah!

"Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1-5, NIV)



All Friends Together

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

In May some of our leaders and members went to the annual Prospects Holiday Weekend at Tulliallan Police College. Everyone had a great time and new friends and contacts were made. We are consciously trying to use more sensory aspects in each gathering, such as puppets and drama - the picture shows us enacting the Palm Sunday procession. We looked at Pentecost for the June gathering and are having a summer break in July and August. The next Gathering will be on **Saturday 21 September**.

Anne Sutherland



*Michael Bruce, the Gentle Poet of Loch Leven
1746 - 1767*



SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

Church Family Walks - summer dates

You are very welcome to join the monthly Church family walks - an opportunity to enjoy the countryside and fellowship. Meet at the church car park at 2.15pm to share lifts.

Summer dates for your diary:
23 June, 21 July & 18 August

Here's a pic from February's walk at Scotlandwell.



Choir: fellowship and worship

We continue to enjoy our fellowship on a Sunday morning at choir practice and, of course, participating in Perform in Perth was a highlight this session (here we are with the Crawford chalice).

The chosen music is a mixture of known pieces and new ones that tie in with the theme of the worship service. If anyone would like to join us, you will be made very welcome.

Isobel Watt

Below: church choir with the award



“Let's Sing!”

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We continue to enjoy our monthly “Let's Sing!” afternoons with a cuppa beforehand. Our music is varied and always has something for everyone. We next meet on **9 June** then have a break in July. We would love to see more people come along so please join us and, if you know anyone who is living with dementia, then bring them along too . . . music is proven to be a boost.

Brenda Frier & Isobel Watt

The Michael Bruce Service will be held in Portmoak Church on **7 July at 6.30pm**. All are warmly welcome to this service of commemoration for the Gentle Poet of Loch Leven 1746-1767.



Table Talk weekly online fellowship

Table Talk continues to meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 11am plus occasional in-person get-togethers. We have great chats about all sorts of things: gardening tips, recipes, food recommendations, our world in general, any concerns we may have and always finishing with a time for prayer.

In March we had a wee road trip to the Community Campus where we were served tea/ coffee and cake from the lovely and very able Pupil Support Team.

We are always looking for new members and you would be most welcome. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office or speak with us direct.

**Kathleen Weir
and Christine Reid**

Kinross Farmers' Markets

Kinross Parish Church has a regular stall at the local Farmers' Markets, each month highlighting a different engagement opportunity. If you would like to help out for an hour or two one Saturday this would be a great support - please contact the Church Office.

- 22 June
- 24 August
- 28 September
- 26 October
- 23 November

Food Tidings: the gift of a meal

I am sure most of us can think of a time when we have been grateful for a hot dinner set out in front of us after an exhausting day, or a pot of tasty homemade soup when cooking is just too much.

Kinross Parish Church's Food Tidings project aims to support individuals and families in our community at times of crisis - perhaps a sudden illness or bereavement, or during seasons of change and adjustment such as recuperating at home after hospital, welcoming a new baby or moving house. Home-cooked meals are delivered to the door.

Volunteers provide the food and prepare meals at home, taking it in turns to deliver dinners made to suit dietary needs, for as long as it is helpful. Sometimes Food Tidings organises a rota of food deliveries with a wider group of friends

and local people, taking away the burden of coordinating lots of offers of help when so many people want to show they care.

Please keep Food Tidings in mind for friends, family and neighbours (or yourself), and get in touch if there is someone you would like to offer Food Tidings to. We are looking for new volunteers to join the list of home cooks, so that we are always ready to jump into action!

The caring act of cooking a meal for someone is such a simple way of showing love, and often means much more than a night off cooking for the one who receives it.

Please contact me direct or via the Church Office to request meals or add your name to the list of volunteer cooks.

**Esther
Blackburn**



Union of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak

You will be aware of the ongoing discussions and proposals that are seeking a pathway to unite from 1 January 2025. A Joint Vision Group meets monthly and updates from the group are published in the Intimations. The formal Basis of Union document being prepared requires approval from both Kirk Sessions. It will then be presented to the respective congregations for their vote. At the time of writing, liaison with Perth Presbytery is ongoing and congregations will be notified in advance of the date of the vote.

Greetings from Austin and Alicia Wicks

Hello Everyone,

I have been the official Minister in my post for almost two months at the writing of this letter. Things got off to an exciting start with Easter and Holy Week. There is a lot to be done in my new charge but, despite all the hustle and bustle, it is clear to me that we are warmly welcomed and where we belong.

Alicia and I are happily moved into our new manse and, with a few final donated furniture items on their way in May, we will be fully moved in and unpacked at that point. It feels unusual to live in such a large home, but I am sure with time we will get used to it.

We miss you all and are meeting wonderful new people who will love us just as fiercely as you do in time.

Love and Peace,
Austin and Alicia



Training to be a Worship Leader

Irene McFarlane, one of our elders, has recently completed a course run by the Presbytery of Perth to equip members to prepare and lead worship as part of a team. She now hopes to progress to the next stage. This involves being mentored by Rev Alan Reid and assessed by Presbytery as she helps with worship over a six-month period. Irene has started by leading some of the Wednesday morning services at the Church Centre.



It's Like the Forth Bridge

The Property Group of the Kirk Session is responsible for the major task of keeping our three properties - kirk, manse and Church Centre - in good order, under the convenership of Jaffrey Weir.

Gordon Paterson is one of the team and has been helping maintain our properties for a total of 25 years in various capacities. He was first persuaded to help with the conversion of our Church Centre back in 1984. In recent years he has been organising the 'church and manse' side of the operation. He is now stepping back from leading but will remain in the group.

Gordon says: "Over the years the practical work of the property group has saved the congregation thousands of pounds. When we have had to use external contractors, we've been very lucky with the commitment of local tradesmen. It's like painting the Forth Bridge - there is always something requiring attention."

Jaffrey adds, "Our thanks to Gordon and all those on the Property Group, now and in the past. If you would like to help the group (which has women and men) please contact me or the office."

Orwell & Portmoak: uniting our strengths

What might a union between Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak (O&P) look like? Although many decisions have still to be made, some ministries O&P can bring are: Messy Church is a popular monthly event for children on Saturday afternoons. Tea & Blether is a lovely fellowship tea at 2pm monthly on the third Friday. Stramash is a colourful A4 magazine, produced about three times annually and delivered around doors in the parish. It's unclear at present whether there are enough people and funds to continue this. A Church office in South Street (between the golf club and the butchers) is available for the united church to use. Ashley House care home services are on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm. Orwell Church has been refurbished to a high standard and is both a comfortable and flexible space. Some members of Arngask Church have come down to Milnathort after their church closed. O&P keenly feels the need to find ways to serve the outlying areas of the parish where there will be no regular services (such as Easter Balgiedie, Kinnesswood, Scotlandwell and, of course, Glenfarg). Could you see yourself being involved in any of the above?

Rev Robert Calvert
Locum Minister
Orwell & Portmoak

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Funerals

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of

Lynda Millar
6 March

Reginald (Richard) Stevens
15 April

Joseph Dair
8 May

Have Bible Will Travel - Book Review

Looking for some holiday reading this summer? Here's some food for thought.

Rev Peter Meager has written a book of short Bible studies, which started as reflections for Cupar Old Parish Church during Lockdown. Peter was a Parish Minister in Fife before becoming the Clerk to St Andrews Presbytery and a part-time NHS Chaplain in an Acute Psychiatry setting. The book is raising funds for Cupar Old Parish Church and the Dystonia Society and is available from bookshops and online. Peter says, "I offer these reflections in the hope that some may raise a smile and that others might support, challenge or comfort you. Above all, my prayer is that we might all find renewed joy and hope as we walk the road of Christian faith together."

Karena Jarvie



Reviewing Our Giving

Dear Fellow Members

Come September there will be a Stewardship Campaign to try to increase the Church's income. We are facing a potential deficit this year of around £19,000 and this is unsustainable in the long term.

Among other inflationary costs we have until recently been protected from gas and electricity prices by the national Church of Scotland scheme, but the new one reflects today's costs.

We are a Church blessed by the generosity of its members and we use that generosity to do much to benefit ourselves and the wider community. Ideally, we want to be able to continue our activities.

Why September? It takes time to organise a campaign and so it will be after summer but, if you can, increasing your giving now would be a great help in bringing down the potential deficit. Thank you.

George Hayton
Finance Convener

Pastoral News

In April we held a Welcome Lunch for those who have come to join in worship since the end of Lockdown. The last one had been in 2017 so over 40 folk came along. A good afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all, and thanks go to all who provided food for lunch, table decorations and helped in preparation, especially to those who served and cleared up at the end.

We have now re-established a Visitors Group, whereby members of the congregation who cannot now manage to attend Sunday worship receive what we hope will be regular visits from another member of the Church family. This scheme is in its early days, but I hope to report more fully on it soon. In the meantime, if you would like to request a visitor, please contact the Church Office.

Robert Mitchell
Pastoral Convener

News from the Presbytery of Perth

Congratulations to our minister, Alan Reid, who has been appointed Moderator of the Presbytery of Perth. The appointment lasts from a year from June. Among his duties, he will be conducting presbytery services of ordination, induction and union. These are usually on a Thursday, so Alan has moved his weekly day off from Thursday to Friday.

Alan says, "although in an emergency you should never hesitate to contact me, I would very much appreciate if you could avoid bringing routine matters to my attention on a Friday (or indeed late on a Thursday or first thing on a Saturday!)."

The 'new' Presbytery of Perth is now 18 months old. It has appointed all its staff, who are there to support congregations, set up its Committee system and awarded its first grants.



Family week: starship discovery

Monday 29 July - Friday 2 August

***FROM
NURSERY
to 54***



***register by 12 noon
on Friday 26 July to
guarantee a place:***

use the QR code

***songs, drama, bible
stories, games, crafts,
activities, challenges
and more***

DAILY

All groups meet daily at Kinross Parish Church (KPC) at 9.45am (doors open 9.35am) then either stay in the church or go to other venues in the town.

Most age groups can be picked up from KPC from 12 noon to 12.10pm. Pre-school/ P1 can be collected from Swansacre Playgroup and Seniors from St Paul's Episcopal Church.

Family Week is free, but donations to cover costs are welcome

Run by volunteers from many of the churches in Kinross. All volunteers have a PVG certificate.

extra activities

Monday

P6/7 trip to Bowlplex, Dunfermline
Leave KPC 3.30pm, return 5.30pm **£5**

Tuesday

Cosmos Planetarium (from Aerospace Kinross) in Kinross Church Centre
2pm younger children / 3.15pm older children and teens **FREE**

wednesday

Seniors trip:
St Andrew's beach if fine weather **FREE**
Perth Leisure Pool if wet weather **£3.15**
Leave KPC 3.30pm, return by 7.30pm

Thursday

Silent disco at KPC (with ice-cream!)
2.15-3.30pm All ages / 6.30-7.45pm P7 & Seniors **FREE**

Friday

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
6pm Final Celebration in Kinross Parish Church
6.40pm Barbecue in church garden **FREE**



Contact the Church Office
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