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KINROSS PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND | SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2024

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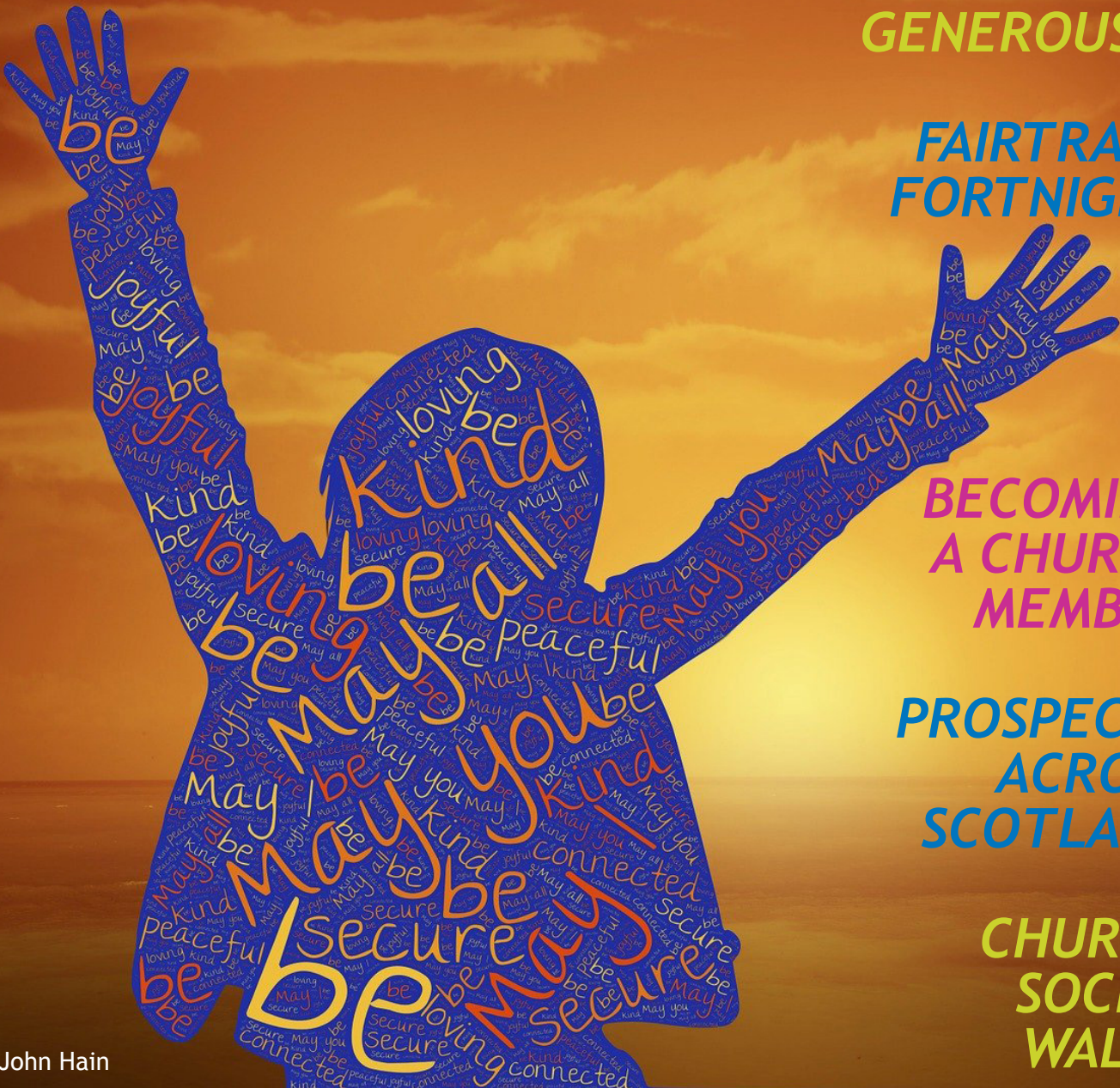
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Kirk Session **2 September**

Anyone can attend

Kin-nections December-February deadline
21 October

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.

1 September Communion	Joshua 1:10-18 Sacrificial Generosity
8 September Guild Dedication	Joshua 2:1-24 Courageous Generosity
15 September	Joshua 3:1 to 5:12 Remember What the Lord has Done
22 September	Joshua 5:13 to 6:27 The Battle of Jericho
29 September Harvest Thanksgiving	Joshua 7:1-26 Taking God for Granted
6 October Informal Communion	Joshua 8:1-35 Recommitment
13 October	Joshua 9:1-27 Deception
20 October	Joshua 10:1-28 Discouragement
27 October	Joshua 11:15-23 It is Finished!
3 November Informal Communion	Joshua 12 to 19 A God-given Inheritance
10 November Remembrance Sunday	10am United All-age Remembrance Service 11.15am Morning Worship
17 November	Joshua 20 to 21 Sanctuary
24 November	Joshua 22 to 24 Choose Whom You Will Serve

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FROM THE MANSE...

Dear Friends

Managing change is always a tricky business. For some, change happens too quickly while for others the wheels turn too slowly. We have to deal with the nuts-and-bolts realities of our situation whilst also listening for God's leading and walking in faith and hope. Please pray for all involved in the work that has been going on behind the scenes to reshape the work of the Church of Scotland across Kinross-shire. We are currently looking at the possibility of a single Parish for governance purposes with worship centres at Kinross, Orwell and Fossoway, and with two full-time ministers and part-time ministry assistance. Formal proposals will be brought to a congregational meeting quite soon.

Some of those who worship regularly in Kinross Church have not taken the step of formally becoming members of the congregation and it is important to make it clear that only those whose names are on the Communicants Roll of the church will be entitled to vote. If you have previously been formally connected with another congregation (whether in the Church of Scotland or in another denomination) we can easily welcome you into formal membership of the congregation and I would encourage you to take that step. If you are unsure whether your name is on the Roll there will be opportunities to check at church on a Sunday or by contacting the Church Office.

During September we will be taking 'Living Generously' as our theme and, as we do from time to time, we will be asking all involved in the life of the congregation to review their financial offerings to the work of the Gospel. It is recognised that many have been adversely affected by significant rises in the cost of living but increased costs also affect the work of the Church and if we are not to cut back the work we are doing we need to find ways of increasing our income, which largely comes from the offerings of members. Please take time to pray about the current level of your own contribution in relation to the rise or fall of your own income.

With all prayerful good wishes,

Alan
Rev. A.D. Reid



TIME FOR PRAYER

Please use the weekly prayer points circulated with the Intimations each week and join with others at one of our regular prayer times to seek God's blessing on the work of the Gospel at home and afar and to uphold individuals in need.

- 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: **2 September, 7 October & 4 November**
- 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: **19 September, 17 October & 21 November**

Welcome to Kin-nections

We take as our theme 'Living Generously'. We have much to be thankful for in the many blessings received and, in the words of the prayer by Anne Sutherland on p. 11, we pray that we may be open-hearted, open-minded and open-handed.

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.



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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

1st Kinross Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Company Section members, including recruits who have just been promoted, went to summer camp at Hederwick Hill Farm in early August, meeting with 1st Alloa Company for a joint camp featuring all the usual camp activities on-site and off-site as well as competitions.



BB resumed on Friday 23 August at the Church Centre. New members (boys and girls) are welcome to start 6pm for Anchors (P1-3) and 7pm for Juniors (P4-6) and Company (P7-age 18).

All three sections follow the national Boys' Brigade awards programme comprising six zones: Get Active, Get Into the Bible, Get Creative, Get Learning, Get Adventurous and Get Involved, through which the children and young people have the opportunity to gain awards.

David Munro

*Best Member 2023/24 Catherine S
with the Melville Trophy*



Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones for the Under 5s

Stepping Stones meets Tuesday mornings term-time in the Church from 10am. We had a very successful Teddy Bears' picnic at the end of June. Although the picnic had to be held indoors, it was good fun. We look forward to welcoming babies/ toddlers with their carers.

Kathleen Weir and Isobel Watt

2024 Family Week Starship Discovery

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in Family Week. The immense efforts of volunteers from this church and others enabled almost 250 children and young people to enjoy the holiday club. Activities included songs, crafts, Bible stories and games.

We pray that all will have received the Good News message and find encouragement to continue their faith journey in fellowship.



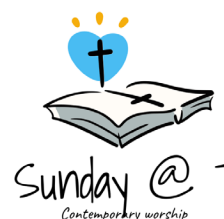
Family Week volunteers

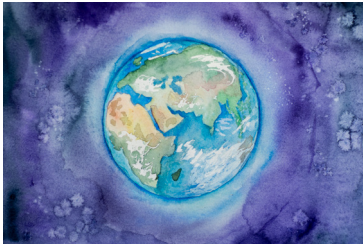
Sunday@7 contemporary worship - give it a go!

Sunday@7 is now becoming established as a fortnightly term-time service of contemporary worship. Around 30 people of all ages (but slightly more at the younger end of the spectrum) gather for this growing evening service. There are modern songs led by guitars, drums and keyboard, followed by a Bible reading and a speaker. The talks last about 10 minutes, and we have enjoyed having a wide variety of speakers from our own congregation and visiting speakers sharing with us from the Bible. A highlight is the different prayer stations, where people can respond individually in creative ways. We always finish with more worship songs, and there are snacks and drinks on offer during the service.

It is very informal and everyone is welcome, especially if you have never been to a Church service before.

Sunday@7:
25 August, 8 September,
22 September, 27 October,
10 November &
24 November





Our Global Neighbours

Faceless Victims

As the tragic situation in Gaza drags on, we are from time to time aware of Iran covertly assisting Hamas, supporting Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen who are attacking shipping in the Red Sea. What we do not learn of is the plight of many Christians in Iran. Although there are at least 100,000 Christians there, they must meet inconspicuously in house churches and cannot worship in Farsi (Persian), their mother tongue.

As evidenced by the unrest occasioned by the refusal of some women to wear strict Islamic dress, the Ayatollah regime is under increasing pressure from its own people and is responding with arrests, harassment and imprisonment. This has intensified the already existing discrimination against, and harassment of, not only Christians but other religious minorities in Iran, including Baha'is, Sufi Dervishes, Sunni Muslims and atheists.

Why 'Faceless Victims'? While at least 100 Christian leaders are known to have been arrested in a three-month period last year, it is known that many others have been arrested but have chosen to keep quiet, in the hope that this may help their case for release.

Whether known or 'faceless', please pray that anyone unjustly imprisoned for their religion or belief would be immediately, unconditionally and permanently freed.

John McArthur

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Connecting with Debrecen

Thank you to our friends from the Great Church, Debrecen who joined us for Family Week. We value the ongoing friendship we have with this congregation in Hungary.



Fairtrade News

Fairtrade Fortnight 9-22 September

Please come to the Fairtrade Coffee Morning in the Kinross Centre 10am-12 noon on **Saturday 21 September** and celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Fairtrade Mark!

Sometimes people think that because we have the Fairtrade Mark on some goods in our shops that all is well with the efforts to promote fair prices for farmers in the global south, but this is very far from true. The next time you are in a large shop please look at the rows and rows of non-Fairtrade coffee, tea and chocolate and you will realise that the vast majority of these goods are sold under conditions where the large companies have set the prices and the farmers have not been guaranteed a fair price or supported by the Fairtrade Premium.

Please continue to buy from our stall and buy Fairtrade goods in shops. It really does make a difference.

Karena Jarvie

Ukraine

We pray for the people of Ukraine. Lives continue to be torn apart but we stand in solidarity. We pray that peace may prevail.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

We invite you to review your Giving

From our Treasurer Alan McGhie

Dear Friends, When I delivered a summary of 2023's financials at the Stated Annual Meeting in March this year, I said we would have to approach the congregation to seek an increase in our offering income. As agreed by the Kirk Session we now launch our 2024 Stewardship review under the appropriate heading Living Generously.

Choir



Firstly, a big thank you to each and every one of you who gives to the life of Kinross Parish Church, whether time, talent or money - or in many cases all three! We have great ambition to continue our aims of mission and outreach, but the reality is that costs have exceeded income in recent years, and we must reverse this trend if our future is to be secured. In particular, our energy and building costs are liable to be **£20,000 more than last year.**

Craft Group



Stepping
Stones
Teddy
Bears'
picnic



The Brigade



I thus respectfully ask if you can give more, or perhaps commit to regular giving for the first time. Money and church are never easy topics to mix, but just as we each face extra pressure domestically, the same applies to our church. And remember, if you pay income tax you will be able to sign a gift-aid form which adds 25% to the amount you pay.



Fruits of the Spirit artwork
by Junior Church

As to the how - bank standing order is now the popular way to give so if you would like details or have any query please contact me via the Church office, office@kinrossparishchurch.org or speak to me in church.

Thank you

All of our endeavours aim to fulfil our mission of *Following Christ, Spreading the Word, Serving the Community.*

The vibrancy of our Church groups is thanks to the volunteers living generously who commit time and talents to their success.

Throughout the week our Church and Church Centre host worship, fellowship, mission and outreach. As well as regular worship, special services throughout the year, such as at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Sunday, are of importance to the wider community. Our buildings provide a base for the Kinross (Day) Centre and a meeting place for a number of local community groups.



Treasurer Alan McGhie

The Church's Week

SUNDAY

- 0915 Choir
- 1030 Morning Worship
- 1030 Junior Church
- 1130 After-worship Coffee & Fairtrade stall
- 1415 Church family monthly social walks
- 1430 Let's Sing monthly for people with dementia
- 1800 Crossfire P7+ youth group
- 1800 Time for Prayer on Zoom
- 1900 Sunday @ 7 bite-size Bible worship (occasional)

MONDAY

- 0800 Silent Meditation monthly
- 1000 Church Office open to visitors
- 1345 Bridge and board games
- 1930 Kirk Session quarterly
- 1930 Dungeons & Dragons Adults fortnightly
- 2000 House-group (spring and summer)

TUESDAY

- 1000 Stepping Stones for the under 5s
- 1430 House-group
- 1900 Guild meetings fortnightly autumn and spring

WEDNESDAY

- 0930 House-group (autumn and winter)
- 1115 Mid-Week Worship at the Kinross (Day) Centre
- 1330 Craft Group
- 1945 Men's House-group
- 2000 Women's House-group

THURSDAY

- 1030 House-group
- 1100 Table Talk chat on Zoom
- 2100 Compline service monthly

FRIDAY

- 1000 Church Office open to visitors
- 1730 Dungeons & Dragons Youth fortnightly
- 1800 Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

SATURDAY

- 1000 Farmers' Market stall monthly
- 1100 All Friends Together monthly for adults with learning disabilities

Thank you: no matter how big or small, your contribution enables the continued mission and outreach of the Church's work.

Please scan this code to be taken to our Stewardship page



Flower ministry

Other important activities include flower ministry, sharing the Sunday flower arrangement with people at home, perhaps in celebration or in sympathy. Summer Family Week is a highlight of our church calendar, welcoming hundreds of local children to what we hope will be a meaningful encounter with Jesus. We also have an active Eco Team.

We need a secure base from which to operate, and funds are directed at maintaining the integrity of our buildings and ensuring they are fit for purpose (church and Kinross Church Centre as well as the manse). Our thanks to the Property Team for the ongoing maintenance they undertake and oversee. Everything we do must meet regulatory requirements, whether licences for broadcasting or water testing for Legionella.

Careful stewardship of resources means we are always looking for savings and best value for money, but like family homes, we have been severely impacted by the hike in utilities costs.

You can find out more about how to give on the Giving tab of our church website www.kinrossparishchurch.org or scan the QR code above, which will take you to our Stewardship page.

2024 Family Week



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

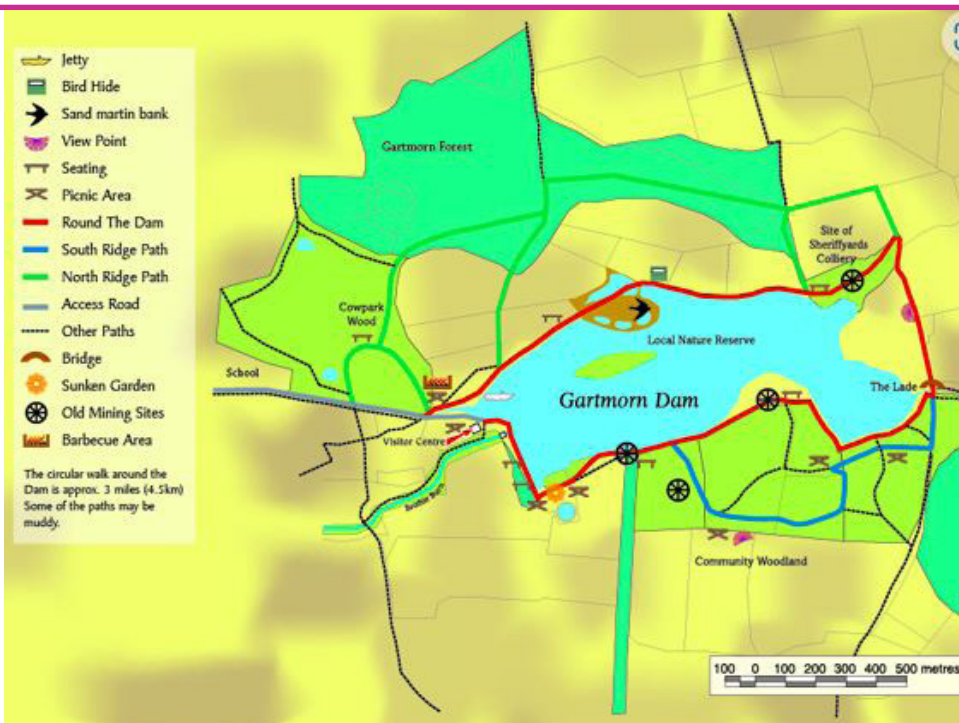
Church Social Walks

Over the past months, we have been organising informal walks in the local area. These are relaxed walks with a chance to stroll, chat and get to know each other better. There are more walks planned and we very much hope you can join us. We usually meet at the church car park at 2.15pm to share lifts, but feel free to meet us at the destination if you prefer.

On **Sunday 15 September** we have a special walk planned: we will drive to Gartmorn Dam, Sauchie, Clackmannanshire to meet Austin and Alicia Wicks and members of their congregation for a walk. We really hope a good number from Kinross will enjoy the opportunity to meet up again with Austin and Alicia.

The last two walks of the year will be on **Sunday 20 October** and **Sunday 17 November**. We always welcome suggestions for walks, so if you have any ideas please let us know.

Ruth Robertson



Volunteering

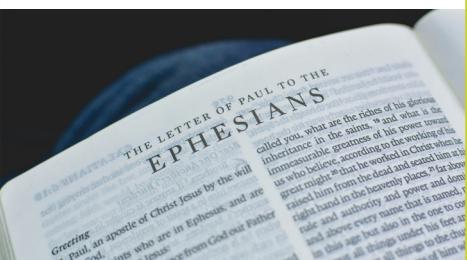
Perhaps you would like to read a prayer at a Sunday service, serve refreshments, learn about AV, help with our children and young people, offer practical skills to the Property Team or join the Eco Team? These are just some of the many opportunities to engage in fulfilling activities.

Please be in touch with the Church Office or speak with the Minister. Your time and talents will be warmly welcomed.



House Groups

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join a house group. Five different groups meet weekly: Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday evening (men's group), Wednesday evening (women's group) and Thursday morning. They offer fellowship and an informal setting in which to share and discuss the Bible and its relevance to our lives. The Minister would be happy to chat about which group might best suit you.



Church Flowers

We hope you enjoy seeing the Church flowers each Sunday. Many thanks go to the team who diligently arrange and distribute the flowers each week. Looking ahead now to our Harvest display and watch out for our next fundraising event towards the end of the year. In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation to the flower fund for a date that is special to you, please contact the Church Office.

Anne Miller



Probationer Minister Alex Johnson

Kinross Parish Church welcomes Probationer Minister Alex Johnson, who starts here in September under the supervision of Rev Alan Reid. Alex is already well known to us as he and his wife Hazel and their son Rowan are part of our congregation.

Please pray for Alex as he enters this next stage of ministry training. It probably seems quite daunting for him but let us all show our support so that Alex may feel fulfilled in his role.



Knitting for Others in Malawi

For many months now the ladies of the **Craft Group** have been knitting brightly-coloured hats, jackets, jumpers and blankets for babies and toddlers in Malawi. Three boxes containing 200 knitted items were delivered recently to The Bananabox Trust, a Dundee charity. We have asked that these items might be donated to the Ekwendeni Hospital. Where possible banana boxes are used for packing and a local store was able to help us out.

The charity representative said, "We encourage people to knit for babies - hats, jackets and blankets. The three mission hospitals in northern Malawi use these to entice ladies to have their babies in the hospitals where they can treat them if necessary. So it saves lives!"

The members also contributed towards transport costs for the shipment that will be sent off when there are enough goods to fill a container. They send all kinds of items.

Well done ladies! I am sure that all your knitting will be appreciated by the Malawi mums.

Donations of yarn are always appreciated for our charity work. If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office who will put you in touch with someone from the group.

Margaret Clark

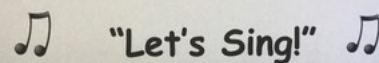


Kinross Guild



The new session of the Guild started on Tuesday 20 August in the Church Centre at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming members, men and women, old and new! The yearly fee is £16. For further information please contact the Church Office at office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Enid Campbell
Leadership Team



Let's Sing! Now Meeting at the Church Centre

We start back on **8 September** in the Church Centre at 2.30pm for a cuppa and then singing from 3pm to 4pm. Please note change of venue. We are hoping to encourage more people to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Let's Sing is for anyone who likes to have a chat over a cuppa and then enjoys singing or listening to what's being sung. If you know of anyone with dementia, please encourage them to join us as it's uplifting to see how much they enjoy the music. For more details, please contact us via the Church Office.

Brenda Frier and Isobel Watt

Joining the Church?

Everyone is welcome at our church, whether a formal member or not. However, this might be a good time to think about whether you would like to make a 'Profession of Faith' and formally join, if you are not already a member of this or another church. Similarly, if you are, or have been, a member of a church elsewhere you might also want to think of formally joining us here in Kinross. If things go to plan, the congregation will soon have to vote on an important matter - uniting with Orwell and Portmoak - but only those listed as members on the roll will be able to vote.

If you would like to discuss further, have a word with Rev Alan Reid. If you are unsure if you are a member then please check with the Church Office.



Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2024

10am United All-age
Remembrance
Service

11.15am Morning Worship

September Communion & Harvest Offering for Prospects Across Scotland

Scottish Charity No. SC048143

The Kirk Session commends the work of this charity that supports our All Friends Together group. If you would like to donate, please bring an envelope marked "PAS", use a PAS gift aid envelope available at church or make a donation via the Giving page of the church website. Thank you

Prospects Across Scotland (PAS) is a small charity, and their logo now contains the words - chosen by the members and leaders themselves - "Jesus is Central . . . Everyone Matters". Their mission is, "To encourage, inspire and resource churches to welcome people with learning disabilities and autism and tell them about Jesus."

Lindsay Cant



Jesus is Central Everyone matters

Prospects works with churches Scotland-wide, from Shetland to the Borders. It raises awareness, equips churches to be effective in welcoming adults with learning disabilities and shares the good news about Jesus in a way members can understand and enjoy, encourage taking part in church life, thus highlighting their gifts. PAS runs training courses for members and leaders (for example in Autism in the Church Family and Makaton) and there are members' events on Zoom for music and Bible study. There is a holiday weekend at Tulliallan in May and an annual celebration in October.

Members and leaders of All Friends Together enjoy attending these events and sharing fellowship with PAS folk. Church member Lindsay Cant was a founding member of All Friends Together when it began nine years ago.

For more information: www.prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk

All Friends Together

All Friends Together welcomes adults with learning disabilities to a monthly celebration of Jesus, enjoying songs, stories, drama, crafts and friendship.

After a summer break, the group meets again on Saturdays 11am to 1pm on **21 September, 19 October and 16 November** (no Gathering in August or December).

Anne Sutherland

Sunday mailer: let the church keep you in touch.

Contact office@kinrossparishchurch.org and we will add you to the list to receive our weekly news

Be alert to email & phone scams: please continue to be vigilant.

STOP and ask yourself: are you expecting this contact? Would this person really ask this? Be a healthy sceptic!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Choir: New Members Welcome



Marriage

We pray God's blessing on

**Jenny Goslett and Andrew
Drummond Moray**
22 June



Funerals

Our thoughts and prayers are
with the families of

Margaret Finlayson
15 May

Donald Duncan
15 May

William (Bill) Campbell
27 May

Stuart Robertson
5 June

Valerie Macdonald
13 June

Alistair Lunn
17 June

Roland Love
25 July

After our summer break we are back practising new and old pieces. My thanks to Margaret and some choir members who sang during the summer at the Sunday services. We look forward to participating again in the Choirs Together Concert in November and if anyone

would like to join us, either on a regular basis on a Sunday morning, or for any special events, please get in touch with me direct or via the Church Office. We have great fun and fellowship, and you would be made very welcome.

Isobel Watt

Ever-generous God,

A Prayer

You know the needs of our Church and the hope You have for us here. Remind us, Lord, that we have so much to be thankful for and still more that we yearn to do. May we strive to ensure that Your will and our will are always the same. You ask us to be cheerful givers and we pray that You would create in us the right perspective on our giving and that this would take root in our Church. As we pray, help us to remember that it is not just money that we are to give cheerfully, but time, talents and effort to help serve our Church family and build Your Church here on earth. Loving father, we ask that You help us to be open-hearted, open-minded and open-handed as we give and live generously.

May we live generously, out of gratitude for all You have given us. We know that nothing can compare to the wonderful riches You have given us in Your Son, and we thank You now.

Amen

Anne Sutherland

New Moderator

A minister who was discouraged from going to university by his teachers and was told his Lanarkshire accent would hamper his life prospects is this year's Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.



Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, who took up his role at May's General Assembly, has been parish minister at Strathaven, Lanarkshire since 1991. Shaw says: "If you asked me for three words to describe what is important as a minister - and a Moderator - it would be people, people, people. One of the themes I have as Moderator is Building Together."

Our church website has a link to Life and Work's summary of May's Assembly.

From Church of Scotland website

1ST KINROSS BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION



Are you ready for adventure?

Where?

Friday evenings at Kinross Church Centre on the High Street

When?

Anchors	Primary 1-3	6-7.15pm
Juniors	Primary 4-6	7-9pm
Company & Senior Section	Primary 7+	7-10pm

Why join?

Why not?!

Arts & crafts | games | Bible stories
Company, Brigade & National Competitions
Duke of Edinburgh Awards | Annual Camps!

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the Church Office

