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Come to the Table

*You are warmly invited to the
Celebration of Holy Communion*

Kinross Parish Church

Sunday 2 June at 10.30am

*Retiral collection in support of
1st Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association (SC038016)
(see page 7 for further information)*



Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, is a sacrament in which the Church remembers the death of Christ by eating bread and drinking wine (elements), symbolising the body and blood of Christ. We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of March, June, September, and December. A shorter communion is celebrated after the service on the first Sunday of the other months.

Keeping in Contact: Every household connected to the Church usually receives a visit before each quarterly Communion. All households have an allocated pastoral elder. If you wish to see your elder outwith the quarterly visit, but don't have their contact details, please phone the Office on 01577 862570 between 10am and 12 noon any week day.

Your Pastoral Elder is

SUNDAY SERVICES June to August 2019

**Sunday Morning at
10.30am**

During term-time there is a Crèche, Junior Church, and Jampact every Sunday.

Check weekly Intimations nearer the time for changes during the holidays.

There will be no evening services on the last Sundays of June or July but these will resume on the last Sunday of August.

2 June	Communion Sunday. Proverbs 31:10-31 - A model to follow
9 June	Service led by Mrs Andrea Fraser
16 June	Luke 7:36-50 - Your sins are forgiven
23 June	Junior Church Prizegiving
30 June	Service led by Rev Margaret Michie
7 July	Service led by Mrs Anne Redpath Informal communion at the close of the morning service
14 July	Luke 10:25-37 - The Good Samaritan
21 July	Service led by Mrs Brenda Fraser
28 July	Luke 11:1-13 - Teach us to Pray
4 August	Family Week Service - no informal communion
11 August	Luke 12:32-40 - Be Ready Informal communion at the close of the morning service
18 August	Service led by Rev Margaret Michie
25 August	10.30am - 1 Cor 9:19-27 - Apostle 6.30pm - Informal Evening Service. The Book of Jonah

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Welcome to the June 2019 Kin-nections

Once again, summer is upon us, and for Kinross Parish Church, that means preparations for both our mission trip to Hungary and Family Week are well underway! Look for more information within.



We also have an uplifting report from the recent Youth Alpha course as well as an update on the recent Church Centre refurbishment.

I hope all of you have a lovely summer!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptism

24 February	James John Leith, Simpson Wynd, Kinross
24 March	Morgan Taylor Watson, Bowton Road, Kinross

Funerals

25 February	Jennifer (Jen) Wells, High Street, Kinross
1 March	Marion (Masie) Inglis, Montgomery Road, Kinross
10 April	Edgar (Ed) Coleman, Maree Place, Kinross
12 April	Jean Stevens, Bowton Road, Kinross
16 April	Ward Long, Stirling Road, Milnathort
26 April	Lindsay Smith, formerly Balfour Crescent, Milnathort

YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

Have you ever wondered where the ideas for Kin-nections articles come from? Are you interested in sharing information more broadly with members of the congregation? Or do you just like to write articles, edit copy, or design layout?

Now that we are nine issues into our new venture, we are past the "leap of faith" that we made moving to the new format and are confident that we will maintain this style.

Currently, our small editorial team would benefit from fresh ideas and new perspectives - we would be very happy to welcome additional members!

If you are interested, please speak with Ann Marie Neave or contact her on kinnectionseditor@gmail.com.

TALKING WITH GOD

"Be still, and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

Father God, allow me to be still in this moment of time.

When everything around me seems in turmoil, let me hear your word to us all:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For the people of Sri Lanka, let them hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For the people of the Middle East, let them hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

In the midst of the political upheavals of this nation, let us hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For families torn apart by drug and alcohol abuse, let them hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For people struggling with memories of physical and sexual abuse, let them hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For those fighting illness, let them hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For those who are mourning a loved one, let them hear your voice:

"Be still, and know that I am God"

For me, in this moment of my life and journey of faith, let me hear your voice:

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

Amen

REFLECTIONS

Trust in the Lord with
ALL YOUR HEART,
AND DO NOT LEAN ON
your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge
HIM AND HE WILL MAKE
STRAIGHT YOUR
PATHS. PROVERBS 3:6 ESV

Lean on the Lord

It's easy to trust in ourselves - to think we can do it on our own. Then things go wrong, our plans fail, our sins multiply and our road becomes crooked.

If we trust in God and His promises, in every step of our lives, He is always faithful, always good, always satisfying.

"Oh Lord, please help me to stop being self-reliant. Help me to put my trust in You. You are all I need."

Acknowledge God

There is security in knowing that the Lord is leading us each day but we must listen to His voice and be prepared to accept His timing and re-direction to keep us on a straight path.

"Lord I acknowledge You in all my ways; in every thought I have; every choice I make, and in every conversation. I recognise Your power in my life and look for Your guidance and blessing. In Jesus' name. Amen."

FROM THE MANSE...



Dear Friends,

The story is told of a child on a visit to the seaside finding hundreds of starfish about to be stranded on a beach at the turn of the high tide. The child bends down and starts throwing the starfish back in, one by one. A

passing adult suggests patronisingly that it's not going to make much of a difference, but the child picks up another starfish and throws it back in to the sea, saying quietly but defiantly, "I can make a difference to that one."

The Church's task is endless and the challenges are immense. The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland this year is looking at the need to take radical action at an institutional and organisational level. The Presbytery of Perth is looking at how ministry and mission can be sustained and developed

from scattered rural areas where there are tiny congregations worshipping in ancient buildings, to the rapidly-growing Bertha Park scheme to the north of Perth where a whole new community is springing up with, as yet, no

Occasional help is every bit as useful as a long-term commitment.

Christian witness. The Kirk Session of Kinross at its most recent meeting considered big questions about our children's and youth work and about the contact we have (or do not have) with those on our roll of members who currently do not engage in the life and worship of the church. Nobody thinks that there are any quick or easy answers.

Looking at the big picture may leave us wondering where on earth to start. But each one of us can start somewhere. How about using one of the church invitation cards to invite a friend or neighbour or family member to something that is happening in the church? What might you do as part of 'Walk this Way' on **15 June**? Could you volunteer to assist in some way next session with the Junior Church or the Brigade? Would you be interested in getting involved for a time as a member of the Pastoral Group (or one of the other groups of the Kirk Session: Admin & Communication, Discipleship, Finance, Outreach, Property, or Worship), contributing to discussion, sharing your gifts, offering practical support? Occasional help is every bit as useful as a long-term commitment.

Finally, following on from the stewardship focus in our last issue, we hope to be able to report on the congregation's financial position during the course of June. If you have not yet got around to reviewing your offerings, let me encourage you to do so now.

You can make a difference. Every single action counts. Remember the starfish. What will you do today? May God bless you as you serve Him.

Yours because His,

Alan

Rev A.D. Reid

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Are you one of the fifty or so members from whom we have not had a form saying how you wish the Church to keep contact with you? Forms were filled in one Sunday in October in Church, or two visitors contacted you during November or December. If you think you have not given us this information, please contact the office on 01577 862570 giving your phone number, and if possible an email address. They will pass the information to Robert Mitchell (Pastoral Convenor), who will contact you.

We are also using this opportunity to update members' contact details and confirm you are happy for the Church to keep these details about you.

We are continuing to work with the information which we have already gathered for the 500+ members to ensure we are making contact in the way you have said you would prefer. This includes looking at how the magazine is delivered and how we allocate elder visits to those members who would like one.

If you could spare an hour or so every three months to deliver some magazines around your area, please contact Robert Mitchell in Church or on 865570.

Thank you

*Brenda Fraser, Outreach Convenor
& Robert Mitchell, Pastoral Convenor*

TIME FOR PRAYER

The monthly Prayer Diary is available in print at Church and can also be accessed via the website or by e-mail. Large print editions are also available.

Silent Meditation:

3 June and 1 July. No meeting in August.

Half an hour of guided stillness in the Church on the first Monday of the month at **8am**.

Prayer Breakfast:

15 June. No meetings in July or August.

A breakfast of rolls and coffee at **8.30am** in the Church Meeting Room followed by a short time of prayer. Names in advance to the Church Office, please, for catering purposes.

Compline:

20 June, 18 July, and 15 August

20 minutes of reflective readings and prayers, a peaceful way to end the day, on the third Thursday of each month at **9pm**.

DID YOU KNOW...? Sermons are available on the church website – go to www.kinrossparishchurch.org to download a pdf of the Minister's most recent sermons or ask the Church Office

PLEASE JOIN US...

Invitation cards: Who will you invite?

We all like to receive an invitation whether to a wedding, a birthday party, or just an invite to tea. The Outreach group have produced Invitation cards for you to use to invite family and friends to Church.

We recognise it can be daunting to ask someone to Church for the first time, but recent research has shown that many people are just waiting to be asked, and would happily accept any invitation given. As members of Kinross Parish Church, we believe that we are a welcoming Church as many have testified to that fact, but we now want to be an invitational Church, reaching out with the good news of

We now want to be an invitational Church, reaching out with the good news of the Gospel to our Community.

Our new invitation card



the Gospel to our Community.

The cards are available from the Church Office, so please prayerfully consider who you will invite and use the cards to extend a warm invitation

to a service or other event at Kinross Parish Church.

*Brenda Fraser,
Outreach Group Convenor*

ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTER CANDIDATE



Anne Redpath

Having been asked to provide a brief update on my progress in training for Ordained Local

Ministry, I am grateful for the opportunity to say thank you to all those who have asked my husband Jim how I have been getting on as I have been 'missing in action' on Sunday mornings at KPC! It has been so encouraging to hear of your continued support.

By the time you read this, I will have completed my first placement - six months of being involved in leading worship,

pastoral care, church life, and discussion of issues facing the church today. It was an overwhelmingly positive experience and served to confirm my sense of call into ordained ministry.

The most challenging aspect has been fitting in study around work, family, and placement commitments. Although I enjoy studying, this aspect has been stressful at times, as many of you who have combined work, study, and family life will know, but I have felt very much carried and sustained. I am deeply grateful for your prayers which have given me the strength and energy when I have needed it most and have enabled me to complete my modules successfully.

I am really looking forward to

being in KPC over the summer months before having my formal review of training in September. This is to set the learning priorities for my second church placement, which begins in October, around the same time as I embark on another nine months of part-time distance learning with Aberdeen University in order to complete my Certificate in Christian Studies. All going well, I should then only have a year-long probationary placement to successfully undertake before the required training is complete and I am ordained.

If you would like to know more about any aspect of training for OLM and what it entails, please feel free to ask me as I would be delighted to chat with you!

DEBRECEN SCOTTISH CAMP 2019

An update on preparations for the annual mission trip to Hungary

For those of you who have been following our progress, this will be the seventh year of our partnership with the Great Church in Debrecen. Each year, we have taken a team over there to deliver a week's "Scottish Camp" for teenagers in Hungary.

This year there will be a team of 19, the largest ever. The Great Church is delighted by this, as it allows them to increase the number of young people taking part in the camp. Last year, there were 74 young people, 12 translators and 17 Scots. Over 100 of us learning about the Bible and praising God together.

It takes quite a bit of preparation for the camp. This year we began our preparation on 6 February. The days of the camp are split into two: the mornings are English lessons and the afternoons are Bible study. This year our topic for the English lessons is "visit Scotland", the subtopics being the Edinburgh Festival, Robert Burns, the Seaside

(the Hungarian young people are fascinated by the sea, as very few of them have seen it), and Highland Games. The topics for the Bible study are the Fruits of the Spirit.

We split into four subgroups and prepare our different lessons. Throughout the week of the camp, the young people move round the different lessons until they have completed them all. Our main focus is to make the lessons enjoyable for the young people so that they can learn whilst having fun.

We are pretty busy preparing for the camp, as we also need to do some fundraising. The Church gives us a donation towards our travel, and we pay the rest. However, we need to raise funds for resources to deliver the workshops, for

our food while we are there, and to entertain our Hungarian visitors for their return visit to Scotland.

This year we have already held a bake sale in Church which raised £350, and we are planning another **bake sale for Sunday 23 June**.

We are also hosting a **Quiz Evening** in the Rugby Club on **Friday 7 June** at 7.30pm. Please gather your teams together as I'm sure it will be a great evening. Let's see who are our best quizzers!

Last year's Scottish Camp



SUMMER JUST ISN'T SUMMER WITHOUT FAMILY WEEK!

This year, you're invited to join us at **Family Week** which is on from **Monday 5 August** till **Friday 9 August**, with the morning programme running from 9.45am till 12 noon. It's for all children and young people aged 3 and a half (born on or before 29 February 2016) right up to those going into S4. You can register in the marquee on any morning, or you can pre-register. Registration forms can be downloaded from the church website or requested from the Church Office (office@kinrossparishchurch.org). You can email or deliver your registration form to the Church Office before noon on **Friday 2 August** or bring it with you on your first day. All age groups start at the Church at 9.45am. Most age groups also finish at the Church, but the pre-school children and



those going into P1 are collected from Swansacre Playgroup.

The children take part in a wide range of activities including songs, Bible stories, drama, games, crafts, and challenges. You're very welcome to go up to the church balcony and watch at the beginning or the end if you'd like to see what's happening.

As well as the morning programme, there is a wide variety of afternoon and evening activities - see back cover for a full timetable.

Apart from the lasers trip and the bowling trip, all of Family Week is free. However, we welcome any donations that you would like to make. The barbecue is also free, but again we would welcome donations if you are able to contribute towards the cost of the food.

Hope to see you there!

FOCUS ON... OUR CHURCH CENTRE

Alice Getley, Halls Management Committee member, reports

Have you popped into our Church Centre on the High Street recently? Our much-used, much-loved building has been having some much-needed work, and the past year has seen a repainted Coffee Bar, Lower Hall and Reading Room. The Lower Hall and Reading Room have also been re-carpeted. This follows the 2017 project to replace the north and south windows, overseen (with infinite patience) by Norman White.

Looking ahead, we are searching for ways to run our Church Centre more efficiently and keep costs down, particularly utilities usage, and we have joined Eco-Congregation Scotland.

A bit of history: when Kinross' East and West churches merged in the 1980s, the East Church was refurbished and opened in 1983 as our Church Centre, its express purpose being to provide halls and meeting space for community groups.

The Kinross Centre, which supports older people, uses the downstairs suite of rooms during the week and many of our Church groups meet in the building - Junior Church, JamPact, Crossfire, Brigade, Guild and Thursday Group. During the evenings and weekends, and upstairs during weekdays, clubs and organisations hire the various rooms. Our rates of hire are very



reasonable! (Just contact the Church Office for information.)

Remember that the Coffee Stop is open on Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon for a cuppa and home-baking, and you can pick up some excellent holiday-reading from the second-hand book stall.

1st KINROSS BOYS BRIGADE AND GIRLS ASSOCIATION: OUR RETIRING OFFERING

A retiring offering is taken at the quarterly communions and the harvest and Christmas services. We support charities that spread God's Word, as well as local and international causes. If you would like a charity to be considered, please send your suggestion to the Finance Convener, Brian Timms, via the Church Office.

Kirk Session commends 1st Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association to you as the recipient of the June Communion retiring offering.



Our 1st Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association, one of the first companies to include girls, celebrates its centenary in 2020; it meets on Friday evenings at our

Church Centre under the leadership of Captain David Munro. You have probably attended one of the annual Brigade Enrolment Services at Kinross Parish Church. The Brigade is one of the biggest Christian Youth Organisations in the UK and Ireland: 50,000 children and young leaders, 15,000 volunteer leaders, and 1,400 companies. It is committed to seeing lives enriched by supporting children and young people to reach their full potential by providing opportunities to meet together and engage in a fun

range of developmental activities and experiences.

The Brigade motto "Sure & Steadfast" comes from Hebrews 6:19. The work of the Brigade is commended to you by the Kirk Session.

Prayer: Pray for the work of the 1st Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association in providing a safe and enriching meeting place for the youth of Kinross.

YOUTH ALPHA

An update on the recent Alpha course held for teenagers - Shona Sutherland reports

From January to April, about 15 of our young people have been participating in a youth Alpha course.

Most readers will know a bit about Alpha. But for those unfamiliar with the course, it is a weekly course outlining the basics of Christianity. The key thing is that it is conducted in an environment which is very informal, relaxed, and non-judgemental. The material is really well thought out and engaging - and entertaining. Open and frank discussion is encouraged, and as the group bonds over the weeks this becomes easier. Often the courses are conducted outside Church buildings so that people who have little experience of Church don't feel uncomfortable, but for our course, with our young people so busy during the week, we decided to keep it in our Church Centre on a Sunday morning.

Each Sunday morning, we met at 10am for a sumptuous breakfast (many, many thanks to our fabulous cooks and breakfast helpers: Bill, Tina, Kathy, Jane, Sandra, and Jean) before watching DVD-led material and engaging in small group discussion.

In March, we headed off for a weekend away together to Stirling Youth Hostel. We had a brilliant time, managing to include skating, a ghost walk, crafts, and a movie night plus delicious food and of course more time for discussion. There was a lovely sense of togetherness as Rob Packham talked about the difference knowing God had made in his life. Pointing to all the various helpers in the group, he said to the young people "all these people will tell you the same thing".

As one of the leaders, I have really enjoyed the experience. It does no harm to review the basis of our



faith, and it is refreshing to see things through younger eyes and find that the Christian gospel is as relevant now as it ever has been.

We don't know what impact it has had on our teenage group as yet. We just hope and pray that the seeds will take root.

Prayer: Pray for the young people who took part in the Alpha course, that their seeds of faith may grow



Junior Church: Summer Sundays

Junior Church has been learning about David - the shepherd boy, the singer, and the King. On Communion Sunday (**2 June**), Junior Church will be in the Church Centre from 10.15am till 11.45am. Prizegiving will be **23 June**.

Summer Sundays: 30 June - 18 August 2019

For these eight weeks, our leaders and helpers are having a well-earned rest. There will be no Junior Church in the Church Centre. Materials for the children will be available in the Church meeting room. If parents would prefer their children with them during the service, the Happy Bags, kept in the vestibule, will also be available.

Junior Church resumes Sunday **25 August**, dropping off from 10.15am at the Church Centre. Our theme will be the story of Moses.

As always we look forward to seeing old and new faces at Junior Church, and welcome any children from age 3 upwards to join us on a Sunday morning. Children can be dropped off at the Church Centre from 10.15am. Team members are set up and ready to go at that time.

Contact details: lynnbaldwell@btinternet.com or 863271.

Crossfire: We Can't Always See Where the Road Leads

Psalm 56 tells us "We can't always see where the road leads but God promises there's something better up ahead, We just have to trust Him". Good advice as some of **Crossfire's** faithful regulars prepare for their exams and are thinking about their future adventures and studies. As the group says goodbye to some, they would like to warmly welcome new members into their fold and would love to see some new faces, P7 and above.

Crossfire meets term time on Sunday evenings, usually at the Church Centre from 7.30-9pm for fun and games, lots of laughs, and some time to reflect on where God might be leading them. Of course, as this is a group for teenagers, there's always a snack, too! A voluntary donation of £1 helps towards the buying of snack, resources, and materials.

Over the years, many young people have been part of the planning team as part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering. Anyone interested should speak to one of the Crossfire leaders. Over the summer holidays, some members will be helping with the Scottish Camp in Debrecen in Hungary and joining in with presenting Family Week to youngsters in our community.

Important dates to remember are our BBQ on **16 June**, details to be confirmed nearer the time. After the school summer holidays, Crossfire resumes on **Sunday 25 August**. For more information: jennymasson65@gmail.com

Revolutionary Youth Work

"Revolutionised Youth Work in Perth and Kinross" was how the Dundee Courier described the partnerships between Perth and Kinross Council and the Gannochy Trust with local projects, of which **KYTHE** is one. From 1 April 2019, the three-year funding supports projects to deliver youth work locally with a focus on providing activities and drop-in centres during evenings, weekends and holidays. This will be in addition to the current work being conducted by KYTHE.

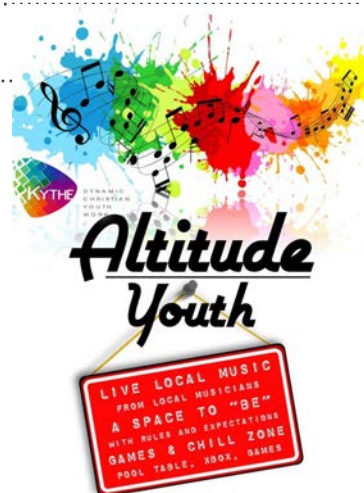
This funding is one of the exciting developments which has occurred in the last few months for Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Open Day on **Saturday 15 June** from 10am to 3pm at our new Hub beside the Health Centre. Please drop in to see the space and facilities; talk to some of the volunteers and young people, and enjoy a cuppa. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our next step is "Altitude" the youth club on a Saturday evening once a month, with various zones - music, games, entertainment, nail bar, and refreshments.

As we expand to meet the needs of our young people, the need for additional volunteers increases. Please contact us if you'd like more information about volunteering/helping God's work in this important and valuable area.

barry@kythe.org.uk



BB NEWS: Competitions and Camping

The Anchor Section has been busy with topical themes and activities based around St Patrick, spring, Mothers Day, and Easter.

Company Section members took part in the Battalion Annual Drill Competition, retaining the Major Ralston winners' medal, which dates back to the 19th century. Juniors participated in the Battalion Festival of Activities Competition at Bankfoot in mid-May which involved figure marching, singing, and potted sports. They have also been learning about various knots useful in rope tying and lashing. Both Juniors and Company Section members participated in the Battalion Chess competition in May.

Juniors and Company Section members are preparing for the Battalion Bible Quiz, during which they will have to answer a number of questions in order to attain the title of Battalion champions. The Kinross Juniors are the current holders of the Bible Quiz trophy.

Five members of the Company Section are now working towards their Queen's Badge.

All Sections participated in the Company's Annual Display and Presentation of Awards held on **31 May**.

Company Section summer camp will take place from **29 June** till **6 July** based at Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders. The camp is an outdoor activity-based week featuring hillwalking, mountain biking, kayaking, and other outdoor pursuits and is also open to third-year Junior Section members who are transferring to Company Section in September.

Marquee Hire: Bookings are starting to come in for the coming season. The BB's marquee is white, 40 foot by 20 foot, and can be hired for £200 including erection and dismantling. Contact Company Captain David Munro 862126.



Anchors painting stones

All Friends Together: Welcoming Visitors from Immanuel School



Prospects across Scotland, now a Scottish registered charity, held their annual weekend at Tulliallan in May. There was a good representation from our **All Friends Together** group. Some were also at Heart and Soul in Edinburgh on 19 May at the Prospects Tent.

Anne Sutherland and Lindsay Cant have collected stories from others about their impressions of All Friends Together. The stories have been put into a scrapbook, and it was presented during the service on 19 May at the end of Learning Disabilities Week. It will be on display in the church.

In August, we are having special visitors from Immanuel School, part of the Great Church in Debrecen, who will be with us for our gathering on **15 August**.

Some of our leaders, along with other Prospects leaders, and some of our church members, including our minister Alan had a session of Makaton training. Makaton is a simplified version of British Sign Language (BSL) for use with people who have limited speech. Makaton is especially useful when we get together with other Prospects groups.

Never a dull moment!

It's been a busy few months at the **Craft Group**. Never a dull moment! Now that the group has grown, members enjoy meeting in the Church. The extra space is also useful for the ladies working on new banner projects.

Recently, members knitted 30 bright yellow "Time Rabbits" and donated them to a naval charity. Some rabbits had a sad face, some a happy face. The charity distributes the rabbits with a book. They said "We have had such positive feedback from parents about the difference the book and rabbits have made to their child when they are coping with the separation of a parent on deployment." To learn more about the Zoe and Time Rabbit project, refer to www.rnrmchildrensfund.org.uk/zoe-the-time-rabbit



Time Rabbits

The group has been actively working on items sold at the Church's coffee morning and Plant and Craft sale on **25 May**. Funds raised go towards the work of Kinross Parish Church.

New members are always welcome. The group meets at 1.30pm on a Wednesday afternoon. It's a good way of getting to know people if you are new to the church or community.

Let's Sing!

Let's Sing is an informal get-together in the church for people with dementia who enjoy singing, and who are accompanied by their carer(s). It takes place on **Sunday 9 June** at 2.30pm. We will have tea and a chat, sing some well-known songs, and have time to meet new friends.

We are considering establishing a regular singing session, so this is an exploratory afternoon to see if there is a need, or desire, for it locally. If you know of someone who might like to come along, why not give them one of our invitation cards - or, even better, bring them along!

For further information, please contact Brenda Frier or Isobel Watt.

Congregational Photo

We will be taking some photos of the congregation on **Sunday 9 June**. We plan to sing an extra hymn after the close of the service, during which the photos will be taken.

Stamps Challenge

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Stamp Appeal, which has set us all the challenge of saving 50 stamps (or more) this year. Pick up a wee donation box in the shape of a post van at the church. Let's see what we can do!



No. 1 Fairtrader Outlet in the UK!

The Traidcraft team based at Kinross Parish Church has been the top sales outlet in Scotland for several years, but this year they have trumped even that to become the most successful team in the whole UK! This UK success could not have been achieved without the support of other churches and businesses within Kinross-shire which receive goods from the KPC team to use and sell.

Karena Jarvie, one of our Traidcraft organisers, says: "A huge thank you to everyone who has helped us make the wonderful amount of £21,617 this year. Whatever you buy, whether large or small, it all counts."

Traidcraft sales at KPC began in John Munro's time as minister, with Pat, his wife, and others, introducing us to this excellent charity which was founded 40 years ago, describing itself then as "a movement of radical church-based individuals who import goods directly from artisans and growers and distribute them directly to shoppers in the UK, cutting out the middlemen". It was, in fact, at the forefront of the whole fairtrade movement.

Irene McFarlane of our congregation says: "Anyone who has purchased goods from the lovely folk at the Traidcraft stall on Sundays will be well aware of their superb sales skills. You just have to glance in the general direction of a packet of chocolate chip biscuits and you find you've purchased it! The friendly and dedicated sales skills of Karena and her team are so effective that they could have rescued British Home Stores from insolvency. From the customers' point of view it is so effortless - we buy items that would be on our weekly shopping list anyway, and they are items of quality. The sale of these Traidcraft goodies can be seen as part of our outreach to support our neighbours in every continent in the world."

Karena concludes: "Thanks to our outlets old and new for their continued support, and if there is anybody who thinks they can maybe start using tea, coffee or other goods either at their work or at home then please come and have a chat with one of the Traidcraft team, who can give you some samples to try. We need to continue to buy as much as possible, to support producers in 29 countries throughout the world by giving them a route to market and paying them a FAIR price".



"The Fairtrade chutneys are like heaven in your mouth - I especially love the Eswatini Hot Mango Chutney. Try it on some of the Traidcraft Cheese Oaty biscuits!" - Zoë N (age 12)



THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND - INTERNATIONAL

Did you know that there are Church of Scotland congregations abroad, from Amsterdam to Trinidad, gathered in the International Presbytery? Two have recently been affected by major events.

The Fire at Notre Dame de Paris: Rev Jan Steyn, is the minister of the Scots Kirk in Paris. He is known to many in Kinross from when he was an assistant here. He says: "On the night of the fire we all went to bed with a sense of loss. Notre Dame was a place of awe, mystery and majesty - a calming presence and a reminder of the bigger presence. The disaster had a profound impact on people. I was very moved by the sight of young French people singing psalms, a demonstration of hope and faith. On Tuesday, we woke up with better news than expected," he added. "The fire made us aware of how vulnerable we are, how vulnerable our treasures, monuments and our world are."



Rev. Jan Steyn outside the Scots Kirk in Paris



Worshippers at St Andrews Scots Kirk in Colombo, Sri Lanka, stayed to pray for those affected by the bombings on Easter Sunday

Sri Lanka Bombings on Easter

Sunday: The Church of Scotland also has a congregation in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Moderator Rt Rev Susan Brown reported: "The congregation was gathering for worship when they heard a bomb go off in a neighbouring hotel. The minister gave people the chance to go home immediately, but most people did not leave, instead staying to worship God and to pray together for everyone touched by these dreadful acts". Chandan de Silva, session clerk at St Andrews, Colombo, described the mood in the congregation as distraught but steadfast.

The St Andrews congregation in Colombo has asked all of us to pray with them as they weep for the injured and for the families of those tragically killed. The Moderator has also asked us to pray for the leaders of Sri Lanka to offer wisdom in their reactions to these terrible events

From information at www.churchofscotland.org.uk

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERY

New Ministers - The Presbytery of Perth at its meeting in March noted the good news of the recent inductions of Rev Maureen MacDougall to Scone and St Martins and Rev Robert J Malloch to Almondbank, Tibbermore linked with Methven and Logiealmond.

Rev Dr Klaus Buwert, minister for Muthill with Trinity Gask and Kinkell, is recommended for Moderator of Presbytery in the coming year. The Presbytery has also reported that it received a favourable review carried out by the Presbytery of Buchan.

WALK THIS WAY: HOLD THE DATE!

Saturday 15 June sees an exciting venture for Kinross Parish Church, and you will not want to miss out. The Outreach group have arranged for an organised but informal walking event throughout the town to witness that the Church is not just a building, but is a living, vibrant community that is spread throughout the town and is active in all aspects of Kinross life.

There will be many opportunities for outreach, fellowship, fun, prayer, fundraising, and even exercise as we share together throughout the day.

There is the opportunity to undertake a long walk around all the streets of the town, about 12 miles in total - Could you be sponsored to do this?

The walk will also be divided into smaller sections, so you can do as much or as little as you choose.

Those who live on the route are invited to identify their homes and to offer encouragement and support to the walkers by serving refreshments, running a stall, or offering a place to chat and rest in their garden. Maybe you could arrange for some garden games for the children taking part. You could also adopt a street and commit to pray for every household on that street during the day and on into the future.

There will be the chance to share lunch in the church where you can bring your own picnic and join with others in fellowship.

Look out for further details in coming days, but do plan to be a part of this great adventure. If you want to take part or would like further information, please contact the Minister, Brenda Fraser, or any member of the Outreach group.

We look forward to sharing with you on the day!

MUSIC REVIEW



Brenda Frier

The New Scottish Hymns band is a Glasgow-based group of musicians and songwriters who

came together to write new hymns and worship songs for the church. The mainstays of the group are Steph MacLeod, Ellyn Oliver, Allan McKinlay, Greg de Blieck, and David and Yvonne Lyon. Their vision is simple:

"We want the church to have more songs that help people of different ages, backgrounds and cultures to unite under a common theme. The gospel of Jesus eclipses and transforms all the differences that

might otherwise divide us and music can help to build those bridges."

Their first album, released in 2012, is a beautiful collection of songs - some self-penned and some a re-working of older hymns. The words are set to music which draws on traditional Scottish music and folk melodies, with some blues/jazzy undertones on occasion. The result is a beautiful collection of very singable hymns which proclaim God's glory and greatness in a very personal way.

Hearing an old song set to a new tune or with a different arrangement can bring a deeper or new understanding of well-kent lyrics. This is the case with Steph MacLeod's version of Psalm 23 (Crimond) with a very simple guitar and keyboard arrangement. Greg de Blieck gives the great Wesley hymn "How Can it Be" a new tune, and the recurring refrain of "How can it be?" conveys a sense of wonderment at the greatest sacrifice of all.

A standout track for me is the joyful interpretation of "Psalm 139 (Were I to Cross)" sung by well-known Scottish folk-singer Emily Smith.

*"How blessed I am, so bound with love
Surrounded yet so free.
In doubt or blessing, life or death*

My Lord remains with me."

Other personal favourites include the confessional: "This is a Holy Place" movingly sung by Steph MacLeod:

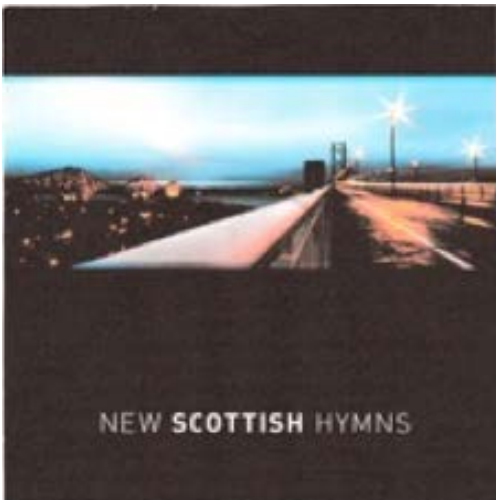
*"How can I enter your presence lightly
Forgetting all you've done,
forgetting all you've done?
Let me remember your sacrifice,
And the price at which this freedom was won"*

and the David Lyon song of faith and belief: "God Most High". This is a beautiful rendition by Yvonne Lyon, one of my favourite singers. Her singing style engages the listener in a very personal way and gives this simple song great impact.

*"You are my salvation
Whom shall I fear?
In darkness and temptation
My light and help are near
You are all around me
Stronger will I stand
And danger will not crush me
When we walk hand in hand."*

This is a lovely album full of very singable tracks which speak to the soul. To listen to it is to feel uplifted.

The CD is available to download from: newscottishhymns.com



ABAANA NEW LIFE CHOIR

Thank you to all who came to listen to the Abaana New Life Choir in the church on 1 May. The children performed Ugandan and English gospel songs in a fantastic concert. We send our prayerful good wishes to all the choir members as their UK tour comes to an end and they return home to Uganda, and we pray for the work of Abaana in helping children build a brighter future and reach their potential. www.abaana.org





His character. To learn about a Jesus who laid down His life - for me. Who laid down His life for you! As a Christian, my head understood the wonder of Jesus and how He can heal and save and change our lives for ever, but something inside still sometimes felt like I watched HIM from my window instead of enjoying a deep connection.

Oh Precious Lord Jesus,

When did life get so complicated? Why is the Bible a book of beautiful poetry and mystery? ...And why can't I read Your Holy Word as a step by step instruction guide for life instead of going round in circles trying to get my life to operate effectively? Especially when everything seems to go wrong all at once, and it feels as though I am being pressed in from all sides.

And then a little dawn of realisation hits me like the sun peeking through a curtained window...when I was a child and felt a little overwhelmed, I would escape to another world, a glorious adventure of words wrapped in the form of a book, captivated by the twisting storylines, beautiful imagery, and wonderfully imaginative characters. I would be drawn into another dimension, where I could relate to, not just the main character, but elements of all the characters and feel lit up, enthused and inspired to take on the world. If they could do something fantastical, so could I. If they could overcome, so could I. If they could forgive and grow and move on with their life in just a few chapters, so could I. My inner child seemed to be saying that this was how I should relate better to the Bible, too. I could be enthralled and enchanted learning about a gentle saviour who was sent to the world to set us free. To come to know the essence of

I wanted more of HIM in my life, so I asked HIM to show me what was missing. That is when I was led to this scripture in Psalm 27:4 which says: "this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek HIM in His temple." (NIV) Ahh... I was seeking His benefits rather than seeking HIM. My inner dialogue was continually asking myself 'What could He do for me?' 'What could I do for HIM?' Running around in exasperation and ending up lost, confused, and frustrated. But before I could say a word, I lifted my head, and He was there. His never-ending love chasing me down every time I got lost in my own tunnel vision. There is *nothing* I can do to earn His love; He already loves me. There is nothing I have ever done or will do to stop HIM loving me. I can bury my head in confusion, or I can always look up!

I lift up my eyes to the mountain - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you - the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore. (Psalm 121, NIV)

DIARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

All Friends Together meetings are on page 11. Family Week events are given on the back cover.

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25 May, 10am	Coffee Morning and Plant & Craft Sale, Church Centre	Front Cover
4 June, 7pm	Family Week Preparation meeting, Church Centre	page 7
7 June, 7.30pm	Quiz Evening in support of Hungary trip, Rugby Club	page 7
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15 June	Walk This Way, throughout the town	page 13
16 June	Crossfire end of term BBQ	page 10
23 June	Junior Church prizegiving; bake sale in support of Hungary afterwards	pages 7, 10
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15-19 July	KPC "Scottish Camp" in Debrecen, Hungary	page 7
5-9 August	Family Week, Church	page 7, Back Cover

Join us for
FAMILY WEEK
2019

5-9 AUGUST



BACKPACKERS



It just wouldn't be summer without

Family Week!

Come along and join us 5 - 9 August for fun every morning from 9.45am to noon in Kinross Parish Church.

Lots of fun activities on offer including songs, Bible stories, drama, games, crafts, and wacky challenges!

Additionally, there will be afternoon activities (see schedule of events below)

For more information, see page 9 or contact the Church Office on 01577 862570.

FAMILY WEEK SCHEDULE 2019

Monday 5 August: Family Scavenger Hunt

Meet at the Church garden at 2.30pm. A fun family event for children and parents to complete together, or older children and teenagers to complete with their friends

Tuesday 6 August: Senior (S1+) trip to Megazone Lazertag in Falkirk

Meet at the Kinross Park & Ride at 1.50pm, return approx 5pm. Cost £5.50

Wednesday 7 August: P6/7 Trip to 10 pin bowling at Hollywood Bowl, Dunfermline

Meet at Kinross Parish Church (car park) at 2.30pm, return approx 4.20pm. Cost £5.50

Thursday 8 August: Family film afternoon with ice cream

In the Church at 2pm, finish approx 3.45pm.

Parents are welcome to stay with their older children or leave them, but please stay with any pre-school children

Thursday 8 August: Senior and P7 film night with ice cream

In the Church, 7pm-9pm

Friday 9 August: Final celebration and barbecue

Come along to the Church at 6.30pm for the children to show you what they've been doing during the week, then head out into the Church garden about 6.50pm for a barbecue. Everyone welcome!