



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Minister: Revd. Alan D. Reid M.A. B.D
Intimations: Sunday, 14th July 2024

A very warm welcome to Kinross Parish Church

Here is the weekly calendar and notices. For any queries, please email the Church Office or leave a voice-message. Gatherings on Zoom - please contact the Church Office for information and link details.

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Today: Sunday, 14th July:

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Brenda Fraser. Psalm 23: The Caring Creator

Preacher: Richard Gibb from Loch Leven Church

Children's and young people's activities during worship. Refreshments & Fairtrade stall after Worship

6.00pm: Prayer Time on Zoom

Catch-Up: Audio recordings of Sunday worship on 01577 528270 line 1 or watch on YouTube or Facebook

Monday, 15th July:

10.00am-12noon: Church Office closed to visitors

1.45pm: Bridge & Board Games in the Church. This is not taking a summer recess (except for Family Week)

Wednesday, 17th July:

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by David Hill

12 Noon: Deadline for the Intimations kpcnotices@gmail.com

Thursday, 18th July:

9.00pm: Compline in the Church

Friday, 19th July:

Minister's Day Off

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

Next Sunday, 21st July:

10.30am: Morning Worship: Psalm 139: The Knowing Creator

Children's and young people's activities during worship. Refreshments & Fairtrade stall after Worship

2.15pm: Church Family Walk. Burleigh Sands to Loch Leven's Larder. Meet in the Church car park to arrange car share and lifts

6.00pm: Prayer Time on Zoom

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Church Family Walks for 2024: For all walks, please meet in the Church car park at 2.15pm.

Sundays: **21st July, 18th August, 15th September, 20th October & 17th November.** Venues TBC. We are also looking for people to lead walks. If you feel that this is something you could do, please contact the Church Office.

SUMMER RECESS DATES:

Craft Group: reconvening **Wednesday, 7th August**

Choir: reconvening **Sunday, 11th August @ 9.15am**

Guild: reconvening **Tuesday, 20th August @7.00pm** in the Church Centre

Dungeons & Dragons: Adults reconvening **Monday, 19th August;** Youth **Friday, 23rd August**

Stepping Stones for the under 5s: reconvening **Tuesday, 20th August**

Guild will start on **Tuesday, 20th August** in the Church Centre at 7pm to which all are welcome. We look forward to welcoming members old and new! The yearly fee payable is £16.00.

Women's House-group: reconvening **Wednesday, 21st August**

Table Talk: reconvening on Zoom **Thursday, 22nd August**

Boy's Brigade & Girl's Association: reconvening **Friday, 23rd August**

Sunday@7: reconvening **Sunday, 25th August**

All Friends Together: reconvening on **Saturday, 31st August @ 11.00am** in the Church

Tuesday House-group: reconvening second half of August

Men's House-group: reconvening second half of August

Thursday House-group: reconvening second half of August

Crossfire youth group: reconvening **Sunday, 1st September**

Monday House-group: reconvening **Monday, 2nd September**

“Let’s Sing!”: reconvening **Sunday, 8th September** **NEW VENUE** – Church Centre, same time 2.30pm

NEWS:

September 2024 Church Magazine: We are currently compiling articles for the next issue of *Kinnections*. If there is anything you would like to submit for inclusion in the magazine, please contact Anne S (kinnectionseditor@gmail.com) no later than **noon on Monday, 22nd July 2024**. Please limit your item to 100-150 words.

FAMILY WEEK



Registrations for Family Week 2024 (Starship Discovery Holiday Club) are now open. Please register all children aged 3½ (born on/before 28 Feb 2021) up till age 16 (starting S4) using this link or use the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Pk4kjZ8qfN>

You will be guaranteed a place if you register by 12noon on Friday 26th July – we cannot guarantee any places after this time. All groups will start at Kinross Parish Church each day at 9.45am and will finish at 12 noon. Note that while P2-P7 are to be collected from Kinross Parish Church, Pre-School/P1 will finish at Swansacre Playgroup and S1-S4 will finish at St Paul’s Church. **(NB: Please register for the school year your child will starting in August 2024, not their current year)**

Accommodation needed:

We are delighted to welcome 6 Hungarian visitors for Family Week this summer. Could you help with accommodation? We need:

Home 1: 1 adult female and 2 very young girls

Home 2: 1 adult female

Home 3: 2 teenagers female

If you can help, please contact Ruth R or the Church Office.

Biscuits for Family Week:

There will be a box in the entrance to the Church for biscuits for Family Week, but please – no chocolate biscuits – they melt too easily... Thank you!

May 2024 Kirk Session Highlights:

Proposed Union with Orwell and Portmoak: The Joint Vision Group, drawn from both congregations, is meeting monthly to progress this. Presbytery were asked for several clarifications and, while recognising the pressure on the Presbytery volunteers dealing with this matter, the Session was concerned at delays. Any union will be subject to agreement by both Kirk Sessions, members of both congregations and the Presbytery. (A good time to think about formally becoming a member if you are not one. Ask the minister.)

Kinross-shire Parish Grouping: The route to the final aim of a single parish for Kinross-shire has been of concern to avoid duplication of effort. Presbytery’s proposal is initially to progress the union between Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak, and the separate union between Cleish and Fossoway. Both new united congregations should then agree a Basis of Team Ministry to allow a second minister to be appointed for the Parish Grouping, based in Fossoway and Cleish but with an agreed percentage of time devoted to the wider parish grouping.

Presbytery: Revd. Alan Reid is Moderator of the Presbytery until June 2025.

KYTHE Connect: We have been granted £100k from the Church of Scotland for a ‘minister’ attached to KYTHE. Revd. Alan Reid and elder George Hayton are to be our representatives in agreeing a legal agreement with KYTHE on this new role.

Kirk Session Groups: Much of the work of the Kirk Session is done through its groups. Membership of these is not limited to the Kirk Session and they are a way for any member to become involved in an aspect of the church’s life which suits their talents. Speak to the Minister, or Session Clerk Jaffrey Weir, if you are interested. Reports were considered from:

Youth and Family Ministries: Sunday@7: this occasional informal evening worship attracted 30 in May, including families, young people from KYTHE and folk from other Christian groups in Kinross.

Stepping Stones for the under 5s: Well established group - storage shed for toys at rear of church has made a difference.

Dungeons and Dragons: successfully operating without Austin and Alicia Wicks.

Family Week: planning, volunteer training and safeguarding underway.

Outreach: Events organised included the visit by mission partners Ida and Keith Waddell from Zambia, Christian Aid event in the High Street, MAF visit and lunch, church presence at Farmers' Market. Folk from our partners at Great Church, Debrecen, Hungary will be visiting us for Family Week. We hope to visit them in 2025.

Pastoral: Recent Newcomers' Lunch. Visitors Group re-established. Occasional volunteers needed to give people a lift to church. Investigating PVG requirements for elders when visiting considering new guidance.

Administration and Communications: We need a new volunteer for social media duties; joint weekly email with Orwell and Portmoak to be started; office coordinator can produce digital posters to promote events.

Property: Church: storage shed in place, TV monitor ordered for Upper Room. Church Centre: planning approval sought for new windows to Reading Room; Manse: outside repainting approved.

Worship: no report this meeting.

Finance: 2023 accounts approved by Presbytery. Stewardship campaign planned because of expected 2024 deficit of £19k. Special collections agreed: Sept: Prospects Across Scotland (All Friends Together); Dec: Tearfund.

Safeguarding: Two further volunteers have PVG clearance

Roll of Members: Five joined as members by transfer, plus one adherent. Five removed by death and two by transfer.

Next Meeting: 2nd September 7.30pm. Anyone can attend.

**PARISH GROUPING: Progress on Parish Grouping:
Joint Vision Group of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak Church
Highlights of 19th June 2024 Meeting**

Congregational voting will be taking place in the coming months on the union of Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak and only those who are listed as members on the roll can vote. Adherents are not entitled to vote so would need to become members. You are encouraged to be part of this process, so if you are not sure whether you are on the member roll, please check with your Church Office.

1. **Steering Group meeting 2 July 2024** of the Ministers and Session Clerks of Cleish, Fossoway, Orwell & Portmoak and Kinross, looking to Presbytery to clarify how best to progress the unions.
2. **Governance:** special meetings of Kirk Sessions to be arranged in second half of July to discuss a structure of eldership and trusteeship proposed by the Vision Group that ensures strong governance.
3. **Church magazine:** a proposal to be presented to both September Kirk Sessions for a joint quarterly church magazine circulated to church members, with additional copies as a community outreach tool.
4. **Next Vision Group meeting:** 17th July 2024.
5. **Feedback:** please continue to respond as this helps formulate ideas: speak with a minister or contact office@kinrossparishchurch.org or orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH:

Another Service of Union: Following last week's Service of Union between Chalmers Adler and Strathmartine in north Dundee, the Presbytery of Perth is meeting this week to mark another new Union between two Dundee churches: Coldside and Steeple. The Steeple Church was the charge of Revd. Robert Calvert before he 'retired' and joined our congregation. He is currently Locum Minister at Orwell & Portmoak.

Summary of Presbytery Meeting: If you wonder what happens at Presbytery, here is a link to a summary of the most recent meeting for 'ordinary business': [2024 06 11 Presbytery meeting summary.pdf](#)

Presbytery: The office is Suite F3, Riverview House, Friarton Road, Perth, PH2 8DF. Tel: 07596 868064. perth@churchofscotland.org.uk; www.perthpresbytery.org.uk. Facebook: [Presbytery of Perth](#). Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/presbytery_of_perth

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**We believe in a God that hears and answers prayer.
Why not print this page and use it this week?**

Prayer Points for week commencing Sunday, 14th July

Sunday, 14th July: Give thanks for the unity we share with all Christians worldwide and as we worship today pray that those who find themselves in challenging circumstances may be built up in their faith.

Monday, 15th: Continue to hold in your prayers all who are preparing for Family Week which starts a fortnight today and pray that many in our community will encounter the living God.

Tuesday, 16th: Over the summer, Scripture Union is running many camps and missions. Pray that as the Good News of Christ is heard many may respond in faith.

Wednesday, 17th: Pray for our partner church in Debrecen and especially for those who will be coming to Kinross for Family Week.

Thursday, 18th: Remember those who are serving Christ in the midst of warzones such as Ukraine and Gaza. Pray for their protection and for fruit in their labours.

Friday, 19th: Pray for preparations for Magnitude Christian youth festival which begins tomorrow at Lendrick Muir with 1000 young people from all over Scotland, including from Kinross.

Saturday, 20th: Seek God's blessing on our worship and fellowship tomorrow and pray for the enabling of the Holy Spirit for Irene McFarlane as she preaches the sermon.

Amen