



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Minister: Revd. Alan D. Reid M.A. B.D

Intimations: Sunday, 15th December 2024. Third Sunday in Advent

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, 15th December: Third Sunday in Advent:

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship, Isaiah 9:2-7 and Mark 1:1-8 – The Peers

Activities for children during the service. Tea, coffee and fairtrade stall after worship

6.00pm: Prayer Time on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire in the Church Centre

7.00pm: Sunday@7 – Informal worship in the Church

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

Monday, 16th December:

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open

1.45pm: Bridge and Board Games in the Church

6.30pm: Service of Quiet Remembering and Thanksgiving – open to all who mourn or who will be missing someone at Christmas. In the Church

7.00pm: Service of Ordination of Trish Archibald (perhaps better known in Kinross as Patricia Bain) at Stirling: North Church. All welcome

Tuesday, 17th December:

2.00pm: Tuesday House-group

Wednesday, 18th December:

10.00am: Rosemount Nativity Service in the Church

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by Revd. Alan Reid

12 Noon: Deadline for the Intimations kpcnotices@gmail.com Final intimations of 2024!

Thursday, 19th December:

10.30am: Table Talk in the Church with carol singing (**note the earlier start time**)

1.00pm: Funeral of Jenny Nelson in the Church

9.00pm: Late Evening service of Compline in the Church

Friday, 20th December: Minister's Day Off

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open

1st Kinross Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association:

6.00-7.15pm: Anchor Section P1,2 and 3. 7.00-9.00pm: Junior Section P4,5 and 6

7.00-9.30pm: Company Section P7-S3. 7.00-9.30pm: Senior Section S4,5 and 6

7.00pm: United Community Carols in the Church led by Ian White and the Inspiration Orchestra

Next Sunday, 22nd December: Fourth Sunday in Advent:

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Nativity Service: Luke 1:46-55 – The Expectant. Children's Nativity performance during the service.

Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after the service.

4.00-6.00pm: Carols at the Cross at Milnathort Town Hall

6.00pm: Time for Prayer gathering on Zoom

Monday, 23rd December:

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve:

4.30pm: Crib Service in the Church for all ages

11.15pm: Watchnight Service in the Church finishing just after midnight

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day:

10.30am: Christmas Morning Worship in the Church

CHRISTMAS RECESS DATES

Final Intimations of 2024: The last edition will be published for Sunday, 22nd December. PLEASE ensure you submit any events for the New Year in plenty of time, i.e. by **12 noon on Wednesday, 18th December**, although early submissions will be welcomed. Although a labour of love, it is also a time-consuming beast! Please also remember that the first edition of the Intimations for 2025 will be published for **Sunday, 12th January**. Many Thanks, Graeme.

Choir: No practice on 29th December or 5th January. Reconvene: **Sunday, 12th January**
Bridge & Games: Last Meeting; 16th December. Reconvene: **Monday, 6th January**
Monday House-group: Reconvene: **Monday, 6th January**
Stepping Stones: Reconvene: **Tuesday, 14th January**
Tuesday House-group: Last meeting; 17th December. Reconvene: **Tuesday, 14th January**
Craft Group: Reconvene: **Wednesday, 8th January**
Wednesday House-group (Men): Reconvene: **Wednesday, 8th January**
Wednesday House-group (Women): Reconvene: **Wed, 15th January**
Thursday House-group: Reconvene: **Thursday, 16th January**
Table Talk: Last Meeting; 19th December in the Church. Reconvene: **Thursday, 9th January on Zoom**
Young Mums' House-group: Reconvene: **Thurs, 9th January on Zoom**
Boys' Brigade & Girls Association: Last Meeting; 20th December. Reconvene: **Friday, 10th January**
Crossfire: Reconvene: **Sunday 19th January**
Sunday@7: Band evening: Sunday, 15th December. Reconvene: **Sunday, 12th January**
"Let's Sing!": Reconvene: **Sunday, 8th February**
Dungeons & Dragons: Adult: Reconvene: **13th January** **Youth:** Reconvene: **10th January**
Guild: Reconvene: **March 2025**
All Friends Together: Reconvene: **Saturday, 18th January**
Messy Church: Reconvene: **25th January at Orwell Church**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Although **Sunday@7** has finished until the New Year, the band will be playing in the church on **Sunday, 15th December, 7pm-8pm**. Join them for an informal evening of singing some favourite songs. Snacks and soft drinks available throughout. Everyone welcome. Restarts 12th January 2025.

Table Talk will meet in person for the last meeting of the year on **Thursday, 19th December** at **10.30am-12 noon**. We will have tea/coffee, and some festive goodies. We will also have a singalong. All are welcome.

Kinross Community Carols: Come along on **Friday, 20th December, 7pm** and sing at Kinross Parish Church. Organised by Loch Leven Church and with singing led by Ian White and the Inspiration Orchestra, free entry and refreshments will be served. All very welcome.



RESTORE
GOD'S HEALING IN THE HEART AND MIND
Deep wounds of the heart and mind can prevent us living life to the full.
Over 6 weeks, a small group with facilitators trained by the Scottish Bible Society will look at what the Bible and mental health best practices teach us about how to heal from trauma. Topics include:

- *If God loves us, why do we suffer?*
- *What can help our hearts heal?*

Tuesday mornings 21st January – 25th February
10am -12pm in Orwell Church
Refreshments provided. Age 18 years +. Free to attend. Optional handbook £5.
For more information or to sign up contact Fiona Seaman:
Email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES:

We are looking for three people to help with refreshments for the **Kinross Community Carols** led by Ian White and the Inspiration Orchestra on **Friday, 20th December at 7pm**. Our friends at Loch Leven Church will be providing and serving the cakes, and our church will be providing and serving the drinks. Would you be able to help with serving tea, coffee and cold drinks? Speak to Ruth or email the church office.

NEWS

NEW: Thank you to all who supported the **Flower Group Coffee Morning** last Saturday. £142 was raised for the Flower Fund. Fellowship, tea, coffee and home baking were enjoyed by all as well festive songs from the choir. *Don't forget to order your Christmas table decoration from the Flower Group this week, collection at the service on **Sunday, 22nd December**.*

December 2024 Communion and Christmas Special Offerings: Tearfund (Scottish Charity No. SC037624). Kinross Parish Church has long been a supporter of Tearfund, recognising the valuable work it does internationally to help our global neighbours in times of crisis. This charity has been chosen by the Kirk Session and is commended to you. You are invited, if you are able, to support our chosen charity:

- please hand in a donation at a Sunday service, marking your envelope "Tearfund"
- Tearfund gift aid envelopes will be available
- please [click here](#) on our Stewardship link and mark your offering "Tearfund"

2025 – A Year of Listening. The task of listening to God is a challenging one, full of metaphor and mystery, plus a certain amount of risk. If you're not sure exactly what it means to listen to God or would appreciate trying to work out what God is saying to you as part of a similarly unsure group of people, then consider joining the discernment group. Led by our probationer, Alex, the group will meet once a month to practise different ways to listen, as well as form smaller groups to discuss what you have heard. The project will run throughout 2025, in the hope that you will be able to step forward in faith after a year of listening. Please contact Alex at ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk if you would like to be involved.

Stamp Appeal: Bring your used stamps to the church this Christmas for the Church of Scotland stamp appeal, which this year is supporting 'Firmly Planted', an Agri-forestry project in Malawi, led by local churches. When cutting out stamps, leave a border of at least 1/4 inch/ 5 mm. Leave your stamps in the 'Stamp Appeal' tins in the church's entrance hall or kitchen.

Joint Vision Group of Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak Church: no further Vision Group meetings are proposed; however, the Vision Group members and Session Clerks in each of the churches would be pleased to continue answering any questions the wider congregations may have about the transition through the union. Updates can be found on the [church website](#).

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH

NEW: Ordination of Trish Archibald: Presbytery will conduct a Service of Ordination for Trish Archibald on **Monday 16th December** at 7pm at Stirling: North Church. Trish will be known to some of us in Kinross, where she was brought up, as Patricia Bain. Her parents Andy and Patricia were members of our Church.

NEW: Approval of Union for Kinross-shire: The Presbytery has approved the union of the four Kinross-shire congregations of Kinross, Orwell and Portmoak, Cleish and Fossoway in to a single Kinross-shire Parish with a team ministry, to commence on 1st January 2025.

Service of Union: Presbytery will officially launch the new Kinross-shire Parish Church with a Service of Union, to which all are invited, at **7pm on Thursday 9th January** in Kinross Church.

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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PS: PLEASE DON'T SEND EMAILS ON A SUNDAY, GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK!!!

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Pastoral Emergencies: If the Minister is not immediately available, please contact Probationer Alex Johnson ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk. Alternative points of contact will be given on the Manse answering machine Tel. 01577 862952.

To read any Kinross Parish Church policy documents, e.g. Safeguarding and Whistleblowing, visit our [Church website](#)

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