



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

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Intimations: Sunday, 22nd December 2024. Fourth 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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From Your Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity (A Rikki Fulton word!) to thank all the contributors to the Intimations over the past year. The New Year is going to bring new challenges for all of us as a congregation as we unite with the other Churches of Scotland in Kinross-shire and I, for one, am looking forward to meeting them directly! Let us go forward, in the Name of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour,

into 2025 and beyond with Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love in our hearts.

I wish You All A Very Happy Christmas, Much Love, Graeme xx

Today: 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

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

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

12 noon: Christmas Lunch and entertainment in the Church Centre for any who would otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone

Friday, 27th December: Minister's Day Off

10.00am-12noon: Church Office **CLOSED**

Next Sunday, 29th December – Christmas Sunday:

10.30am: Service of Readings and Carols. Refreshments after the service.

No Zoom prayer time this evening

Monday 30th December:

10.00am-12noon: Church Office **CLOSED**

Tuesday, 31st December:

11.00am: Funeral of May Scott, formerly of Montgomery Street

Wednesday, 1st January 2025:

The creation of Kinross-shire Parish Church by the union of Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak churches

Friday 3rd January: Minister's Day Off

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open

Sunday, 5th January – Second Sunday of Christmas:

11.00am: United Communion Service at **Fossoway Church**. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall afterwards. There will be **NO** service in Kinross, but car-sharing is encouraged, leaving from Kinross Church around 10.30am. A congregational photo will be taken to mark this first service of the united congregation. The service will be live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEJIndsvNuyNCpVQLcPHq4w>
6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom. All welcome

Monday, 6th January:

8.00am: Time for Prayer: Silent Meditation in the Church
10.00am-12noon: Church Office open
1.45pm: Bridge & Board Games in the Church
7.30pm: Monday House-group

Wednesday, 8th January:

11.15am: Midweek Service in the Church Centre led by Revd. Robert Calvert
12 Noon: Deadline for the Intimations kpcnotices@gmail.com
1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church
The Men's House-group will recommence **next** week, looking at how the Gospel shapes all of life using the Reframe Course. New members welcome.

Thursday, 9th January:

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom
7.00pm: Service of Union celebrating the formation of Kinross-shire Parish Church – in Kinross Church. The service will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@worship6371/streams>
8.00pm: Young Mums' House-group on Zoom

Friday 10th January: Minister's Day Off

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open
5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons in the Church
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

Saturday, 11th January:

9.30 for 10am: United Kirk Session Meeting in Kinross Church

Sunday, 12th January – Epiphany Sunday:

9.15am: Choir Practice resumes, prompt!
10.30am: Morning Worship: Luke 3:15-22: The Baptism of Jesus. Children's activities during the service and refreshments and Fairtrade stall afterwards.
6.00pm: Time for Prayer on Zoom. All welcome.

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**CHRISTMAS RECESS DATES**

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com)

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## NEWS

### **NEW: Fairtrade True Origin – recall of some stock:**

True Origin have worked with Eswatini Kitchens for 15 years and have had no issues with the quality of any products. Unfortunately, the last batch of products had different lids (**black lids instead of gold**) and it appears that this has affected the vacuum seal. This only came to light at the end of November, when some mould was discovered on the top of a jam. Testing has been undertaken and unfortunately this has been found to be an issue with some other jams and marmalades, and while it has not been found in any savoury products, the decision has been taken to recall the whole batch in case the shelf life has been compromised. Here is a list of the products affected. If you have any in your cupboards, please return to the stall and we will issue a refund to you.

- Lime, Orange, Orange & Cinnamon and Ruby Grapefruit Marmalade
- Peach & Ginger jam
- Hot mango, Mixed Fruit and Pineapple chutney
- Medium Curry Sauce

This is an extremely serious situation for True Origin, and they would very much appreciate your prayers and ongoing support as their other products such as the Meru Herbs sauces and jams are in no way affected. Please contact the Church Office if you have any queries.

**Flower Group Coffee Morning:** Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. £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 collect your Christmas table decoration from the Flower Group at the close of worship **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Thank you to our Intimations Editor:** on behalf of the congregation, huge thanks to Graeme for producing the Intimations each week. Your efforts are appreciated by all. Alice, Admin & Comms Convener

**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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> January** in Kinross Church.

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

**From Your Editor:** Please remember that intimations for publication to **kpcnotices@gmail.com** should only be for **TWO WEEKS**. Any longer is at the Editor's discretion! Please send your intimation in the body of the email, rather than as an attachment. Many Thanks, *Graeme*.

**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](mailto: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](#)

**Contacts: PLEASE GET IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE, THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE OR VIA THE CONTACTS PAGE ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE**

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

## Prayer Points for Christmas and New Year

### Christmas

Pray that the peace announced by the angels on the night of Christ's birth may become a reality in hearts and homes throughout the world. Pray especially for those caught up in conflict whether between nations or within families that there may be transformative healing and reconciliation.

Pray that the presence of 'God with us' in the Person of Jesus Immanuel may be experienced in all our worship services in Kinross over Christmas and that those who may only be occasional attenders at church may be captivated by the love of Christ. Pray for all who are struggling at this time of year because of ill-health, bereavement, anxiety or loneliness, that the joy announced to the world in the coming of Christ may become the lived experience of those who are without hope and without God in the world.

### New Year

As the united parish of Kinross-shire comes into being at the turn of the year, pray for God's blessing on all the practical things that have to be done to ensure the smooth running of congregational life and ask God's guidance for the united Kirk Session as the ministry and mission of the church is re-envisioned for the years ahead, that all may be done to the honour of the name of Jesus.

Entrust to God the work of the Church for the coming year and recommit yourself to the part you are called to play in it.

Seek an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon on all the people of Kinross-shire that the Good News of Christ may be heard by all and that many may come to know God in a new way.

Amen