

**Minister: Revd. Alan D. Reid M.A. B.D**  
**Intimations: Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

**A very warm welcome to Kinross 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> February:**

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. Luke 6:27-38: The Sermon on the Plain

Children's activities during the service. Tea, coffee and Fairtrade stall following the service

3.00pm: Songs of Praise, **Portmoak Church**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer gathering on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire youth group 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, 24<sup>th</sup> February:**

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1.45pm: Bridge and Board Games in the Church

7.30pm: Monday House-group

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons in the Church

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February:**

10.00am: Stepping Stones for the under 5s in the Church

10.00am-12noon: Restore course at **Orwell Church**

2.00pm: Tuesday House-group

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February:**

10 for 10.30am: Special united Kirk Session meeting with Perth Presbytery representatives in **Kinross Church**

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

**12 Noon: Deadline for the Intimations** [kpcnotices@gmail.com](mailto:kpcnotices@gmail.com)

1.30pm: Craft Group in the Church

7.45pm: Men's House-group in the Church Meeting Room. The Reframe Course. New members, welcome

8.00pm: Women's House-group

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February:**

10.30am: Thursday House-group

11.00am: Table Talk on Zoom

7.00pm: Year of Listening Project meeting in the Church. See Dates for your Diary

8.00pm: Young Mums' House-group on Zoom

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February: Minister's Day Off**

10.00am-12noon: Church Office open to visitors

1<sup>st</sup> Kinross Boys' Brigade and 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

**Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Communion Sunday:**

*Special Offering for Mercy Ships – see News*

9.15am: Choir Practice in the Church

10.30am: Morning Worship. Luke 9:28-43: The Transfiguration of Jesus

Children's activities during the service. Tea, coffee and Fairtrade stall following the service

11.15am: Monthly Worship at **Cleish Church**

6.00pm: Time for Prayer gathering on Zoom

6.00pm: Crossfire youth group in the Church Centre

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Year of Listening Project:** practically unpacking what it means to listen to God. Join the Listening Project at 7pm on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February** in Kinross Church (KY13 8TG) for a reflective reading of the Bible (using the *lectio divina* model see <https://www.24-7prayer.com/podcast/introducing-lectio-divina/>). For more information about the Listening Project, contact Alex on [ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ajohnson@churchofscotland.org.uk).

### **Choir and Kingdom Singers Concert: UPDATE:**

The choir will be taking part in the "Perform in Perth" competition on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March** in Perth Concert Hall at 7pm (the evening events start at 6pm).

We have our Joint Concert with The Kingdom Singers on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm in the Church. Details on posters, church website and from choir members.

Your support at both these events would be much appreciated and hopefully you'll enjoy a lovely evening of music! *Thanks, Isobel*

### **2025 Dates for Messy Church at Orwell Church:**

From 4 to 6pm: 29<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Fairtrade Coffee Morning:** Kinross Church Centre, **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March: 10am-12noon.** Come along and enjoy Fairtrade Tea, Coffee and baking, and buy from the Fairtrade Stall, Craft Stall, Plant Stall and Baking for Debrecen Stall! Admission £2.50 at the door.

### **NEW: Guild Syllabus from March 2025:**

**March: 4<sup>th</sup>** Revd. Alan D. Reid. **18<sup>th</sup>** AGM & "At Home"

**April: 1<sup>st</sup>** CrossReach: Playful beginnings, supporting children with additional support needs and parents struggling with the early years of parenthood to have the support they need for a positive start. Special Offering for this Guild Project. **15<sup>th</sup>** Perth Museum - Anna Zwagerman

**All meetings** start at 7pm in the Lower Hall of the Kinross Church Centre, guests are always welcome.

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## VOLUNTEER VACANCIES:

**NEW: Volunteers sought for new Kinross-shire Parish Church magazine:** Would you like to be part of a team launching a new quarterly print and digital magazine? Come and be part of the development of this important membership and outreach tool! Please speak with Alice or contact via the Church Office.

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## NEWS:

**March Communion Special Offering: Mercy Ships** is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. Revd. Robert Calvert's son and daughter-in-law serve on one of the ships. This charity has been chosen by the Kinross-shire Kirk Session for our special collection and is commended to you. If you would like to support, please hand in a donation at a Sunday service, marking your envelope "Mercy Ships." Gift aid envelopes will be available soon. Or [donate online](#) via our Stewardship link, marking your donation "Mercy Ships".



**Stamp Appeal 2025-26 Project Announced:** We collect used stamps for the Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal, which is currently for an environmental project in Malawi. The Church of Scotland has now announced that for 2025-26 the Stamp Appeal will support the Al Ahli Hospital in Northern Gaza, the only Christian hospital in the Gaza Strip and Gaza's only cancer hospital. Through all the bombing since Oct 2023 the hospital has continued to serve the population. The hospital is run by the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, a partner of the Church of Scotland. Full details at Church of Scotland website. Stamps may be left in the tin in vestibule.

**NEW: KYTHE** has been short-listed for a Pride of Britain award. They are one of five shortlisted groups in Scotland but they're up against stiff competition, so your help is needed. Please click on the [link](#), select Scotland, then scroll down to the fifth option (KYTHE is under its official name of Kinross-shire Youth Enterprise SCIO) and click the box, thereafter follow the directions. The good news is that you don't have to subscribe to their newsletter/updates to submit your vote.

[Vote for your favourite cause to get a share of £100K!](#)

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## News from the Kirk Session:

From the draft minutes of Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January Kirk Session meeting of Kinross-shire Parish Church:

- **New Structure:** Progress was made on a new governance structure of a smaller Kirk Session, of around 12 members meeting regularly and acting as the formal Trustees, and a wider 'eldership' of all

active elders meeting four times a year. A suggested structure is to be submitted to Presbytery and the church's law department.

- **New Teams:** The work of the church will be divided into five teams reporting to the Kirk Session: Worship and Discipleship; Youth and Families; Fellowship and Pastoral; Outreach and Community; Service (with Administration and Communication, Finance, and Property sub-groups). These teams will be led by elders but open to all interested members.
- **Worship Arrangements:** Sunday Worship at 9.45am at Fossoway, 10.30am at Kinross, and 10.30am at Orwell. Songs of Praise at Portmoak 3pm on last Sunday of month; service at Cleish at 11.15am on first Sunday of month. All to be reviewed in June.
- **Vacancy:** Revd. Beverly Stevenson, currently Locum and Interim Moderator at Cleish and Fossoway, is retiring in February. Presbytery has appointed Revd. Marc Prowe as Interim Moderator to oversee the process of filling the vacancy of charge B in Kinross-shire Parish Church. A locum will be sought meantime. The next steps will happen soon: a Presbytery advisory committee, updating the congregational roll, electing a Nominating Committee and approving a Parish Profile.

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### PRESBYTERY OF PERTH:

**Kinross-shire Vacancy:** The Presbytery has appointed a Vacancy and Advisory Committee for the appointment of a minister to the vacant Charge B in Kinross-shire Parish Church (to be based at Crook of Devon, Fossoway St. Serf's & Devonside). The Committee will meet with our Kirk Session on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February** to start the process of filling this vacancy.

**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)

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### NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND:

**NEW: Moderator Visits North East:** The Rt. Revd. Dr. Shaw Paterson last week visited the Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles. Among his visits were three to social care projects run in the area by the Church of Scotland's CrossReach. The visit concluded with a service at the historic kirk of St. Ternan, Arbuthnot before its planned closure this year. The Moderator intends to complete his Presbytery visit in April in Orkney and Shetland.

Visit the Church of Scotland website: [The Church of Scotland](#).

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**From Your Editor:** Please remember that intimations for publication to [kpcnotices@gmail.com](mailto: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 AT THE WEEKEND, 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.

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Read any Kinross Church policy documents, e.g. Safeguarding and Whistleblowing, on our [Church website](#)

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### KINROSS-SHIRE PARISH CHURCH

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, Arngask, Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross, Orwell & Portmoak became the new parish of Kinross-shire. There are three worship centres, including Kinross Church:

**Fossoway Church**, Crook of Devon KY13 0UY | Sunday service 9.45am | Interim Minister: Revd. Beverly Stevenson | Website: [Cleish and Fossoway churches](#)

**Orwell Church**, Milnathort KY13 9YQ | Sunday service 10.30am | Associate Minister: Revd. Robert Calvert  
Website: [ORWELL & PORTMOAK PARISH CHURCH](#)

The Ministers in each of the churches would be pleased to continue answering any questions the congregation may have about the transition through the union. Updates can be found on the [church website](#).

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**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 this week?**

**Prayer Points for week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Pray for God's blessing on all who lead and all who attend services at Fossoway, Orwell and Kinross this morning, at Portmoak this afternoon and Sunday@7 in Kinross this evening.

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>:** Keep before God the fast-moving situation in the Middle East and in Ukraine and ask God to lead all involved in conflict to lasting peace and reconciliation.

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the congregations of Ardoch and Blackford as their long-term linkage becomes a union and remember their minister the Revd. Mairi Perkins as she leads them in this new chapter of their journey.

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the Kirk Session meeting with representatives of the Presbytery this morning as the process gets underway towards calling another minister for the united parish.

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>:** Uphold the work of Kinross Centre in prayer today and every day, asking that staff, volunteers and service users alike may know God's presence with them.

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>:** Ask God's protection for all who serve the cause of the Gospel in situations of persecution, conflict or natural disaster.

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March:** As we prepare ourselves to gather at the Lord's Table tomorrow, pray that all may know the living presence of the risen Christ and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit for Christian service in the coming days.

**Amen**