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An update from our Interim Minister



Dear Friends

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy some of the summer sunshine whether you went on holiday or had a staycation. The sunshine has not been in short supply this summer!

As summer is nearly over, and I will have been with you for a year in October, it is timely to reflect on where we are now. You may remember that there was a congregational conference on Saturday 31 January 2026, and from this came a report which outlined your aims and objectives. They centred on the areas of communication, identity and mission. Kirk Session has been working on communication and mission, including establishing two new committees: Local Mission and Outreach and Wider Mission. In terms of identity, the congregation and Kirk Session have been working on a new logo and mission statement which articulates the value and purpose of the church.

At a second congregational conference on 17 May, those present voted for the logo they liked best from a range of options, and there was a clear favourite. This is the logo on page 1, which was subsequently approved by the Kirk Session. The feedback from that conference is informing the 5-Year Congregational Action Plan which must be submitted to presbytery by end of September.

The following strapline to be displayed with the logo was approved by Kirk Session:

“A church in the heart of Kirkcaldy with the people of the town at our heart”

The red heart on the logo gives context as it is a reminder of the red heart on the promenade and the half heart

shape is a similar shape to the shape of the parish on a map!

The longer mission statement, agreed by Kirk Session in June, centres on the 5 marks of mission of Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. The full mission statement is:

“We are a warm and welcoming church who aim to help others experience and share the love and teachings of Jesus Christ in our worship, hospitality and community involvement. We seek to share the Gospel, nurture faith, serve others, challenge injustice and preserve the planet.”

I hope you agree that the logo, strapline and mission statement communicate the values and purpose of Langtoun Central. They certainly give us all something to work towards!

Finally, some encouragement for you. I received an email of thanks recently from someone who had stopped coming to church. After someone invited them to come back to church one Sunday, the person did and because they found such a warm welcome, they have continued to come. It is encouraging to know we are living up to the first line of the mission statement!

Yours in Christ

Eileen

Deacon's Report

I am writing this, three months after starting here at Langtoun Central Church. Still trying to find my feet, but having come such a long way. Still with so much to learn but feeling like I have learnt so much already.



As I reflect on the last three months, I realise that I am feeling so comfortable simply because of the warm welcome I have received and the understanding that people have for the fact that I don't know everything. I will ask questions to clarify things, and I am still learning so many names.

In the last three months, as well as trying to come to terms with a different and much larger church than I was used to, I have had the wonderful privilege of visiting people in Care Homes, at home and in hospital and working with a much wider Pastoral Care Committee than I have been used to. I have conducted two funerals and, along with Eileen, taken part in worship, and covered one Sunday while she was on holiday.

I can't remember a much warmer summer with less rain for a long time, and I have made use of this by getting out walking. I have spent some of my working day walking round the Parish, and while doing this I am praying for the various areas I am walking through. There are many areas needing our prayers. I feel that there is also a need to discern what God wants us as a Church and as individuals to do in this extremely large Parish. I continue in prayer to discern God's guidance for the Parish of Langtoun Central and would encourage others to join in.

I pray that you have all had a blessed, restful summer, and I look forward to learning more about you, the Church and the community.

Blessings *Pamela*

Pastoral Care

A **SUMMER TEA** was held on Sunday 14th June in the St Bryce Centre. The Rev Eileen Miller led a short Service of Worship in the Sanctuary. This was followed by an enjoyable session provided by Richard Michael who played an eclectic selection of music as well as inviting those present to make suggestions for items to be included. This was so successful that we would hope to repeat the format in the future. A light meal was served in the large hall during which there was a wonderfully noisy time of connection as people met up with old friends and forged new friendships.

Over the summer period we have continued to deliver flowers from the Sanctuary to members/friends. It is such a pleasure to be able to share the flowers with those people who are no longer able to attend Church easily.

The Pastoral Visiting Team is now fully active and visits have continued throughout the Summer. The Telephone Team also continues to make calls. We do know that members/friends are appreciating both the visits and the telephone calls.

If you have not requested either and now are thinking that this is something you would like to have please let us know. The easiest way would be to contact:

Telephone Team ...Lynn Jenks (07814 755917)

Visiting TeamDorothy Murray (07774 926940)

We look forward to the beginning of another Session when we are hopefully able again to provide a comprehensive Pastoral Care Service for the Members and friends of Langtoun Central Church.

Dorothy Murray (Pastoral Care Coordinator)

Events you may have missed

Presentation to our Retiring Young Church Leaders

On Sunday 28th June a presentation was made to our retiring Young Church Leaders :-

Ena Thomson after 40 years of service

Isobel Neilson after 20 years of service



Presbytery Fun Day on Sunday 23rd August at Glenrothes Riverside Park with our Ecumenical Partners

Rev Eileen Miller and our Deacon Pamela Scott were part of the team at this event, which was attended not just by church members and families but also attracted park users. Some pictures of the day from Presbytery.



On Sunday 6th September we held a



Online Activity Report

Our on-line services continue to attract many visitors and viewers to our videos.

We offer the following services:

Website with the latest news, events calendar, newsletters (Langtoun & Fife Presbytery), activities, contact details and history pages for Langtoun and earlier Churches. It also includes a daily prayer from CrossReach.

Facebook page with live streaming of Sunday services and regular posts.

YouTube channel with edited versions of the Sunday service live streams and other videos related to special events and as part of our history pages, including the *Fife Youth Jazz Orchestra* and the *Lothians Quilt*.

Weekly email with a summary of everything new on our website, the next Order of Service and forthcoming events. You can sign up for this email via the button on our website.

The website typically has around 3,000 unique visitors each month who visit us nearly 5,000 times during this time.

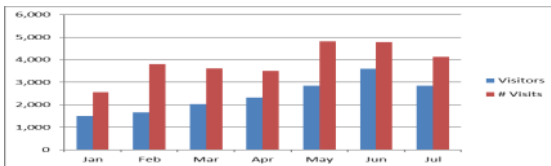


Figure 1 - Website Visitors and Number of Visits per Month

While browsing our website our visitors read around 18,000 pages per month which comprises nearly 90,000 files from our server as pages can include pictures and other files.

The Sunday morning Church services are available live on Facebook and stay there for 30 days. There is also a link to the Facebook video from our Website. We also create an edited higher quality version which is available on our YouTube page with captions and subtitles. This is normally available early on Sunday evening.

We recommend this version if viewing later in the week. These videos are always available. For each video we typically have around 300 Facebook viewers and 70 YouTube viewers.

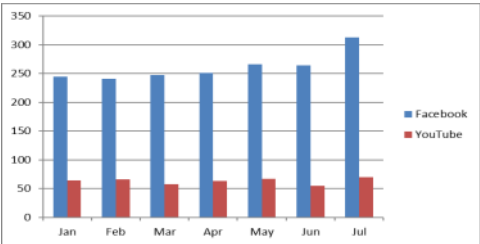


Figure 2 - Number of Facebook and YouTube Video Viewers

Some people follow us on Facebook (246 people) or subscribe to our YouTube

channel (35). Doing either, or both, enables notifications of new videos to be sent out.

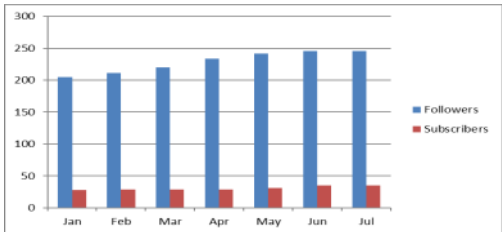


Figure 3 - Number of Facebook Followers and YouTube Subscribers

We also live stream the services on Zoom. If you wish to join our Zoom

streams, please pick up a card from our tech desk on Sundays as you need the meeting ID and password to join.

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Langtoun Central is the coming together of four congregations in Kirkcaldy: Abbotshall, Bennoch, Linktown and St. Bryce. Since 2025 we are worshipping and working together as one to serve and witness to the community stretching out from the centre of Kirkcaldy.

Next Service: Sunday 30th August at 11am & at 7pm - [Summer service](#) [at St. Bryce]

A little help for our Funds



How does easyfundraising work?

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easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause.

Just start your online shopping first at

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Enter 'Langtoun Central Church' as your cause, then shop as you normally would.

There are over 8000 retailers to choose from.

The retailer will reward your shop by donating a percentage of your spend to Langtoun Church. Even small donations mount up when there are lots of supporters.

Simple. Safe. Free. Money for nothing.

Popular retailers

Marks & Spencer	Go Compare	Trainline	Argos
GO Outdoors	H & M	John Lewis	Lakeland
Direct Line	Clarks	Dunelm	Boots
Booking.com	Morrisons Grocery		Sainsbury
Pavers	P&O Ferries		Amazon

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2026

As summer draws to an end, arrangements are already well underway for Langtoun Central's support of this year's shoebox appeal. We are again grateful to Mary Stark for her willingness to co-ordinate this appeal.

Not all of the promotional materials are as yet available but we have received a supply of the contents/checklist leaflets which allows the distribution for filling of those boxes which are already covered.

A supply of these boxes are available for collection from the foyer in both Bennochty and St Bryce Centres. Should you have available for donation any spare Christmas wrapping paper or empty shoeboxes (removeable lid style only), Mary will be very delighted to receive them.

Rather than fill a whole box, others might prefer to give monetary donations or donations of some of the required items, and this too will be much appreciated.

For those who prefer to supply and cover their own boxes, please simply pick up a leaflet.



Together, through our support of this appeal, we can help bring joy and hope to many Eastern Europeans for whom life is so difficult.

Communion

Sunday 20th September

Summer Services

Our last Summer Service will be on
Sunday 27th September at 7 pm
in St Bryce Sanctuary.



**Rt Rev Rosemary
Frew, former
Moderator of the
Church of Scotland
will be preaching.**

Deaths



Merciful Father,
We lift up the souls of the faithful
departed into Your holy care.
Amen

Ms Patricia Payne
Mrs Muriel Morrison
Mrs June Waddell
Mrs Ena C Thomson

Mr William F Hogg
Mr Harry Clarke
Mrs Margaret Ireland



at Bennoch Building

Thursday

11am until 2pm

(last orders 1.30pm)

Serving tea, coffee and home
baking from 11am and
light lunches from 12 noon.

St Bryce Café

Monday - Thursday

10am until 2pm

Serving tea, coffee and a large
variety of
homemade cakes.

Breakfast rolls are available from
10am

and hot lunches and soup
from 11.45am - 1.45pm

We specialise in
gluten free cakes.



**Congratulations to
George and Beryl Luke**

and to

**George and Kathleen
Grant**



Bell Ringers

We meet again on Tuesdays 2.30pm in the Bennoch Building starting September 8th.

The bells are in good working order - given their 100 years and more - and reverberate with a gentle resonance.

The range of 21/2 octaves allows for plenty music to enjoy: folk, popular, classic etc and Christmas music later in the year.

Anyone interested, contact:
Margaret Simpson 01592 262005

Langtoun Central Church Guild



Whose we are and whom we serve.

Well here we are again ready to start a new session We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1.30 pm in the small hall of St Bryce Building.

We meet for fellowship, fun, interesting speakers, quizzes and much more. All are welcome.

We start our session on **Tuesday the 8th of September at 1.30 pm** when Eileen Miller will lead us in worship talking about our theme for 2026/2027 “Beyond the Walls”. Following on, our next meeting is the history of kilt making. Then we have a visit to the Great Lakes with Arthur Lloyd who always gives us an interesting talk. Then our project with the Scottish Bible Society “Bibles for Bairns”. We are then heading to Iona for an insight into what happens on the island, our speaker being our own Dianne Waddell.

That takes us up to our coffee morning on

Saturday 14th of November 11.00 am till 12 noon in St Bryce Building, more information will be given nearer the time.

If you'd like to come and join us at any or all our meetings you will be made most welcome.

Our syllabus with dates and speakers will be on the notice boards of both St Bryce Centre and Bennoch Building.

Carpet Bowling

We will resume on **Monday 14 September from 2-4pm** in Methven Hall Bennoch Building.

We would be happy to see anyone who would be interested in joining us, on a Monday afternoon for exercise without realising! The cost of the afternoon is £3 and we have a break for tea/coffee at 3pm. We donate twice a year to Langtoun Church and were pleased to donate £278 on 1st June before our summer break.

Women's Group

We meet on Tuesdays, fortnightly, in Bennoch Building, St Andrews Hall, 7pm to 9pm.

We have posters of our Syllabus in Bennoch and St Bryce Buildings. We welcomed 3 new members to the Group bringing our numbers to 35. Our first meeting of the new session, on Tuesday 18th August, started with a walk along the Prom and back to the Church for our Fish & Chips Supper. Our first meeting was touched with sadness as we informed the group of the sudden passing of Ena Thomson who held the post of Treasurer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ena's family. We also remembered June Waddell who died during the Summer break and our thoughts and prayers also with June's family. They will both be sadly missed.

Our next meeting takes place on September 1st when we will be welcoming Dianne Waddell for a talk about Iona. Ongoing, we have Arthur Lloyd talking about America and we are also delighted to have a visit from Eileen Miller and Pamela Scott.

The Group will be paying a visit to the Bakers Apprentice for Cake Decoration demonstrations. Iwan Thomas will join the Group to talk about Fife Pilgrim Way. We also have a visit planned to the Adam Smith Theatre. Bruce Farrell will be giving us a talk on the history of Abbotshall Church. This takes us to December 8th when we will be out for our Christmas Dinner. The Group are also planning to have a **Festive Coffee Morning, on 28th November, 10.30am to 12.30pm.** More details to follow.

All are welcome to join us.

Craft Group

Our meetings take place on Mondays in Bennoch Building, St Andrews Hall, 10.00am to 12 noon. We had our first meeting of the new session on Monday, 17th August. We welcomed new members to the Group. We now have 21 Craft Group Members. We are so fortunate in having

donations of wool and craft material from the Church Community, thank you so much for supporting our Group. We are all busy preparing for "Christmas". We will be starting to sell cards after Church and also at the Olive Branch Cafe. Information on the dates we will be selling cards will follow in the Intimations on Sundays. We will also have the opportunity to sell our Christmas Crafts at the **Women's Group Festive Coffee Morning on 28th November**. All are welcome to join us.

Girls Allowed

Girls Allowed is a group of 'girls' of any age, who meet in St Bryce Centre on the first Friday of the month at 7pm. There is normally a varied programme from Craft to Bingo to Quiz to Film and Fish Supper and always chat. A charge of £3 per person per meeting is requested to cover wine, non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles, which are always available.

Our first meeting for 2026-27 is on Friday 4th September at 7pm in the St Bryce Centre. It will be a planning meeting for the year ahead so please come with some ideas for our programme. We look forward to hearing your suggestions and to your chat about what you have been up to over the summer break.

Fun Quiz Night Saturday 10th October in St Bryce Centre Large Hall 6:30pm

Individuals, or teams of up to 5 people, may enter and other teams will be formed on the night as required.

Tickets £3 per head, including light refreshments

Available from members of the Social Committee or the Church office.

Find us on our website: langtouncentralchurch.org.uk

Contact email office@langtouncentralchurch.org.uk



Langtoun Central Church

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What's On

St Bryce Centre

Monday	Bible Study	10:00am	
	Rainbows	5:30pm	
Tuesday	Friendship Group	1st, 3rd and 5th weeks	1:30pm
	Guild	2nd and 4th weeks	1:30pm
Wednesday	Brownies	6pm	
Friday	Girls Allowed	1st Friday of month	7:00pm
	Guides & Rangers	6:30 pm	
	Trefoil Guild	2nd week	6:45pm

Bennochry Halls

Monday	Craft Group	10:00 am	
	Carpet Bowling	2:30 pm	
	Community Choir	6:30 pm	
Tuesday	Handbell Ringers	2:30 pm	
	Women's Group	fortnightly	7:00 pm
	Country Dancing	7:30 pm	
Wednesday	Guiding	from 5:30 pm	

Linktown Halls

Wednesday	Scout Group	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm	
Thursday	Drift Inn	1st and 3rd weeks	2:00 pm

Abbotshall Halls

Monday	Country Dancing	7:30 pm from 21 September	
Thursday	Guiding	from 5:00 pm	
Friday	Scout Group	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm	

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