



Presbytery Gazette

PRESBYTERY

30th January 2026

Service of Union



Services of Union / Linkage Dates

Date	Time	Charge	Venue
Sunday 1st February	3pm	Fife Coastal Trinity	Largo
Sunday 8th February	3pm	West Fife Trinity	Kincardine
Sunday 15th February	3pm	St Andrews New Kirk	St Mark's
Thursday 19th February	7pm	Crail & St Adrian's East Neuk	Cellardyke
Sunday 8th March	3pm	Dunfermline Saint Margaret's and Saint Ninian's	St Ninian's
Thursday 12th March	7pm	Balmerino, Creich, Flisk, Kilmany and Wormit	Wormit

We look forward to welcoming you to the Service of Union for Fife Coastal Trinity Church of Scotland, a union of the congregations of St Monans, Largo and East Neuk Trinity – which includes Colinsburgh, Elie and Kilconquhar – which takes place on Sunday 1st February 2026 in the Largo Church at 3pm.

The following Sunday, 8th February, we travel to Kincardine Church for the Service of Union of West Fife Trinity Church of Scotland, the union of Carnock and Oakley, Saline and Blairingone, and Tulliallan and Kincardine. The service again begins at 3pm.

It would be great to see members from across Presbytery join the congregation as they celebrate what has been achieved, and embrace the future for these new charges.

Please do come along, and offer your support, prayers and encouragement.

Gayle Lennon, Mission Plan Implementation Officer

February Presbytery Meeting Confirmation

We can now confirm that the Presbytery Meeting on the 21st February will be taking place at 10am at the St Margaret's Worship Centre, Heart of Fife, Glenrothes. Teas and Coffees will be available from 9:30am.

As usual, please send any apologies to Evelyn at EConnell@churchofscotland.org.uk

General Assembly 2026 - Commissions



The Church of Scotland

This year's General Assembly takes place from Friday 15th – Monday 17th May 2026, in hybrid format.

Due to the fast pace of change in our parishes within the presbytery and the high number of vacancies, it is not possible for us to operate an automatic rota system as was previously the case. We will return to that system in the future.

We are therefore looking to fill our commission allocation and would ask if any Presbytery Elder or Minister who would like to be commissioned to attend this year, please contact the Presbytery Clerk as soon as possible, and by the end of January at the latest. We would also be pleased to hear from ministers with recommendations of elders from their sessions who might be willing and suitable.

As the Assembly is hybrid, it is possible to attend either in person or online, but not a mix. If you are interested, please contact Alec (ashuttleworth@churchofscotland.org.uk) with subject line GA Commissions and indicate if your preference is to attend in person or online.

Presbytery News



Tribute to the Reverend Dr Gordon F.C. Jenkins

9th January 1941 - 26th January 2026



Gordon Jenkins was ordained and inducted to Dunfermline North Parish Church in December 1968, a ministry that was to last twenty years until, in 1988, he joined the staff of '121' as secretary to the Education for the Ministry Committee, a position from which he was able to support the students and probationers who were in training. It was in the summer of that year Gordon graduated with a Ph.D. in Scottish Church History.

Although working in '121', Gordon never thought of himself any more than a parish minister, so when the North Parish became vacant again in 1998, his pastor's heart led him back to there for a second period of ministry, from which he finally retired in 2006.

I was a 12 year old member of the North Parish BB Company when the then 'Mr' Jenkins arrived in Dunfermline. Not enjoying the BB Bible Class, I started attending the Church where this young recently-ordained minister was conducting worship, and I found, even at that young age, what was being preached was both understandable and enjoyable. At that impressionable time of my life, I found in Mr Jenkins, someone who was supportive, friendly, and approachable. Through his ministry I was converted, and called to ministry along with several other men, eventually finding ourselves serving congregations in various parts of Scotland.

I personally will never forget the interest he took in my progress through divinity college, and on through my ministry in each of the congregations I served; and although failing in health recently, that interest was still evident. He had a forensic style of questioning which was often challenging, as he made me think through some of the issues I was facing.

Gordon preached faithfully from the Scriptures, placing a supreme importance on the prayer meeting and on pastoral visiting, endearing himself to members of the congregation, ably supported by his late wife, Linda, who passed away in September 2025. A true ministry team.

Following his retirement Gordon and Linda lived in different communities in Fife, but settled eventually in St Andrews, making their home church Creich, Flisk and Kilmany, where he provided pulpit supply. He wanted to keep on preaching long after he retired, and even after a series of strokes, he didn't stop hoping to get back in the pulpit as soon as he was able.

Even in the care home, to which he moved following Linda's passing, he wanted to continue his ministry in some way. Sadly, that wasn't to be and on Monday 26th January, with his daughter Marion at his bedside reading to him from the Psalms, the Lord called him home.

Revd Scott Raby

*"Happy if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his name:
preach Him to all, and cry in death:
'Behold, behold the Lamb'."
Charles Wesley*

Licensing of Ecumenical Community Chaplain

It was a special occasion on Sunday 25th January when the Moderator of Fife Presbytery, Rev Arthur Christie along with the Presbytery Clerk Rev Alec Shuttleworth joined Bishop Ian Paton of the Scottish Episcopal Church for the licensing of Pioneer Ecumenical Community Chaplain Rev Valerie Walker.



Valerie, and ordained priest in the Episcopal Church, has worked with Fife Eden Tay Church in the Newburgh/Lindores area for over two years now in the MDS post, helping to grow a vision for pioneer outreach in Newburgh, and the surrounding area.

The service on Sunday was to celebrate the SEC matching the existing 0.25 FTE Church of Scotland funding, to extend Valerie's role in ecumenical partnership.

Kingdom
Praise of Prayer!

NEXT EVENT...

CUPAR, Fife
Fri 6th Feb : 7.00pm
Old Parish Church Centre
Short Lane
KY15 5EQ

Organised by a team from various churches, who love Jesus, and are passionate about seeing God at work!

...Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage... Psalm 84:5

Ash Wednesday Service at Dunfermline St. Columba's

**Wednesday, 18th February
9.30 - 10.00
Just off the Fife Pilgrim Way**

Everyone is welcome to this short service, with the optional imposition of ashes.

www.dstcc.org



The Pilgrim Pastor will be leading a short ecumenical service at 9:30am on Wednesday 18th February. It's open to everyone; with the option of walking over to Kelty afterwards.

Thank you to Dunfermline St Columba's Church for hosting this - you can find them on Robertson Road (just off the Pilgrim Way as it passes Queen Margaret Hospital).



**St. Serf's Church
Lochgelly
are hosting a**

Musical Afternoon Tea
on Wednesday, 25 February
from 2.00pm to 4.00pm



**Scottish theme with a touch of
Burns**

David Graham on Keyboard
Ticket only event **Price £5**

To reserve tickets please contact
Laura Pepperday
Tel. 07840 602070
or Nancy Olszok
Tel. 07761 157337

by Sunday 22 February

Christian Aid - The Gathering

The Gathering, Christian Aid Scotland's annual supporter event, returns on 24 February 2024 at 10.30am, online. We'll be hearing from Christian Aid's partners in Kenya, celebrating the difference we've made together over the last year and getting ready for Christian Aid Week 2026 and the year ahead.



THE UNSTOPPABLE POWER OF HOPE

Monthly Reflective Worship Service

Cupar St John's Church
First Wednesday
of every month
7.30pm

All welcome!

**Dysart St Clair
Learning together in
Lent 2026**
Soup, Sweet & Scriptures
12.00 Light Lunch 12.45 Learning Together.

Encounters

Ash Wednesday 18th February - Andrew
Wednesday 25th February - Zacchaeus
Wednesday 4th March - Bartimaeus
Wednesday 11th March - Nicodemus
Wednesday 18th March - Mary of Bethany
Wednesday 25th March - Judas



Annual Property Reports

A reminder from the PPTG to all Property Convenors and Session Clerks to submit the annual Property Reports as soon as possible.

In order to speed up the reviews, please ensure all documents are included and reports have been attested.

Safeguarding Update

A new training calendar has been circulated to all Safeguarding coordinators, and is attached below.

As always, we encourage everyone to ensure they are up-to-date with their Safeguarding Training requirements. If you are unsure what training you need, or if your due, please speak to your congregation's co-ordinator.

Alan Monk, one of Fife Presbytery's Safeguarding Trainers, has indicated his wish to reduce his commitment to delivering training, and we are therefore looking for anyone who might be interested in taking on this role. For an informal chat, and more information, please contact Sheila Boyd at s.m.e.boyd@btinternet.com

To book courses contact Sheila – s.m.e.boyd@btinternet.com



The Church of Scotland
Safeguarding Service

Safeguarding Training Calendar - Spring 2026				
February				
Wednesday 25th	Introductory	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Online	Sheila Boyd
March				
Monday 9th	Trustee	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Online	Sheila Boyd
Tuesday 24th	Advanced	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Online	Sheila Boyd

St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee

The 1882 Wordsworth and Maskell Organ

Concert by University of St Andrews organists:

Chris Bragg (Head of Programming)

Campbell Watterson Organ Scholars:

Daniel Toombs
Alexey Popov
Calum Landon

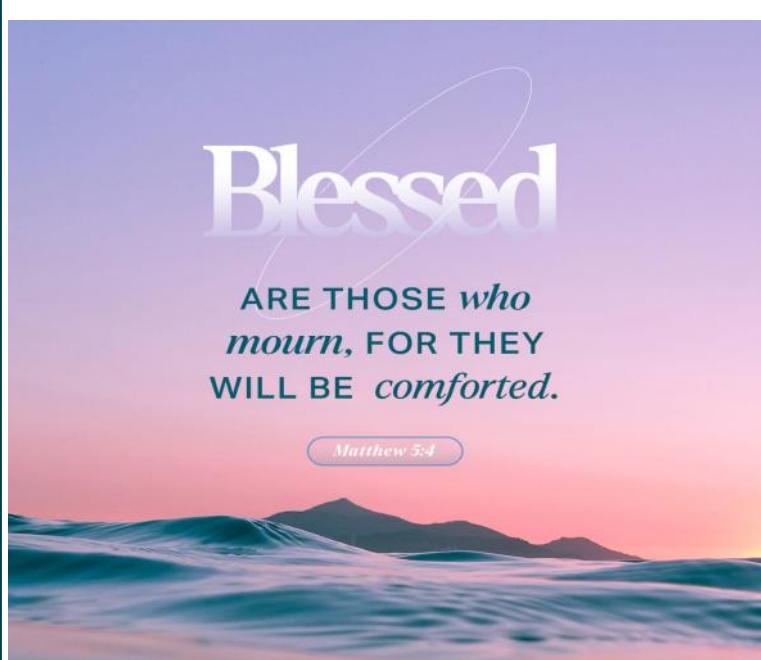
Saturday 14 February at 14:30
Admission free with retiring collection in aid of St Salvador's Episcopal Church

Tayside Organists' Society

IAO Incorporated Association of Organists

OSCR Scottish Charity Reg. No. SC037205
www.oscr.org.uk
Registered Charity SC037205

ScotF Fed of Organists



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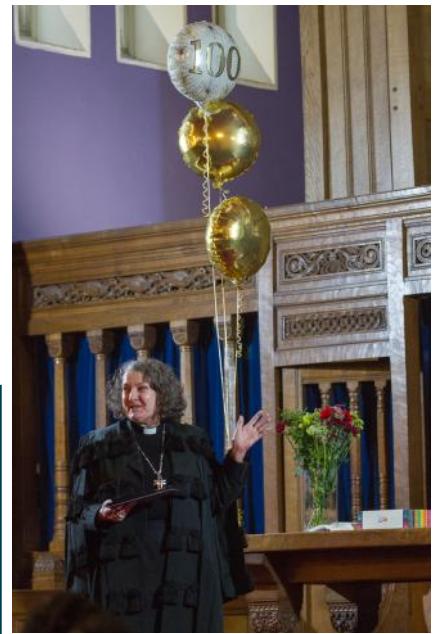
Wellesley Centre 100 Years

On January 25th, the Wellesley Centre celebrated their Centenary with a special service! The Moderator, Rosie Frew, led a sermon about the living stones—whether big or small or misshapen, they are all different just like us. With unity, we can build together with our special shapes and strengths!

They were very pleased to have the Rev John Thomson and his wife Maisie, and the family of the Rev Alec Barr with them during the service. Both gentlemen served the congregation with distinction and their presence made their celebrations! Rev Arthur Christie rededicated the church in prayer.

They were also very honoured to have the Lord Lieutenant of Fife with them for the service. Mr Balfour always provides great support and the congregation were delighted that he and Mrs Balfour were at the service and lunch.

Thank you to all who came, stayed for the Ceilidh or encouraged the dancers. 100 years on and now we wait to see what God has in store next for Wellesley Parish Church!



Volunteers Required

We are looking for volunteers on the 7th May 2026 from 9.30am - 1pm at St Marks, St Andrews to help with the annual attestation/inspection of records!

Please contact Evelyn in the Presbytery Office if you can help.



Saturday 28th February 2026

2pm—4.30pm

At St Leonard's, Dunfermline
2 Brucefield Avenue, KY11 4SX

FREE ENTRY

You are invited to join us at a launch event for

God Welcomes All

the Church of Scotland's new hymnary supplement.

This new collection features over 200 hymns and songs in a wide range of styles by writers from Scotland and around the world. The book features contemporary themes such as creation and the climate crisis, lament, healing, pilgrimage, ageing and dementia, migration, and reconciliation.

Come along and learn some new songs at afternoon of worship and singing with **Fischy Music** as the house band. Tea and coffee provided. Please book your place via this [Eventbrite link](#).

Second-Hand Coffee Machine

The Wellesley Centre have a second-hand coffee machine, hardly used and recently serviced available to sell. Collection preferred but delivered at buyer's cost. Get in touch with Mairi on wellesleycentremanager@outlook.com or 01383 871937.



Taizé style worship at St Serf's Church, Burntisland



**New time for this
spring 2026 series:**

**4 pm
Sundays
1 February,
1 March,
5 April**

Candles lit during Taizé worship at St Serf's

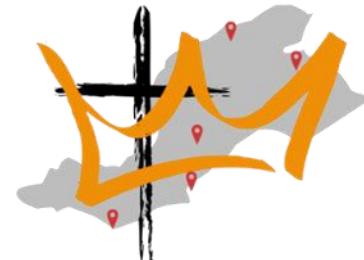
What is Taizé worship? It is a reflective style of worship, which we enter and leave in silence. Taizé music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated and sometimes sung in canon. But Taizé worship is more than music. Scripture, prayer, and silence come together in the Taizé experience to create a simple, deep encounter with God. As part of the service, you may light a candle.

For more information about Taizé worship, you can visit the international website for the Taizé community: <https://www.taize.fr/en>.

All welcome – Just come!



Kingdom for the King



The Kingdom for the King is an interdenominational time of prayer for Fife. It is part of prayer for Scotland who pray for one region of Scotland per month.

The month from 19th January until 17th February is focussing on Fife. For more information, including events and a great prayer guide, please visit the website:

[Home - Kingdom for a King](#)

Books on Offer from Barry

Barry Meiklejohn retired as a Reader in Service last year and, as a consequence, has some books he would like to offer to anyone in Presbytery that might be interested.

- Eugene H Peterson - Five Smooth Stones to Pastoral Work (1992)
- John T Carroll and Joel B Green - The Death of Jesus in Early Christianity (1995)
- Joel B Green - Hearing the New Testament (1995)
- He has also got a Reader's preaching scarf (blue with CofS Reader Badge) and a black preaching gown.

If any of these items interest you and you would like to bring them to a good home, please get in touch with Barry at meiklejohn.ib@gmail.com

Sustainable Community Buildings with HeatHack

Find out how to save energy and heat in your community space or church with an introduction to the HeatHack programme at this free workshop.



In this workshop we will share:

- The importance of heat loss, ventilation and keeping your building dry and well maintained
- The requirements of older or listed buildings like churches
- Heating types (heat pumps, wet & dry systems), controls (timed and thermostatic) & the benefits
- How to understand energy suppliers & pick the right one for your space
- How to get your organisation/community to support the change
- Sources of support & funding to help you plan for the future

Workshops – locations, dates and times:

Cupar - Old Parish Centre - Weds 18th February - 1:30pm - 3:30pm - [book now](#)

Tayport - The Larick Centre - Weds 25th February - 6pm - 8pm - [book now](#)

St Andrews - Episcopal Church - Sat 7th March - 9:30am - 11:30am - [book now](#)



Airlie Cancer Care Group

Come together for an informal chat & support



A local group for all patients and their families who are registered with a GP in the Levenmouth area and who currently or in the past have had a diagnosis of Cancer.

Our group is very informative with representation Health & Social Care Partnership—Improving Cancer Journey. We also invite other speakers to come along to offer advice and opportunities. Why not pop along for a friendly get together, cup of tea/coffee and a light lunch.

Meetings are held monthly on a Thursday 1pm-3pm on the following dates in The Church Hall, Methilhill Parish Church, Chemiss Road, Methilhill, KY8 2BS.

19th February 2026

19th March 2026

23rd April 2026

21st May 2026

18th June 2026

If you have any questions please contact:

Mrs Emma Walker, Office Supervisor, Airlie Medical Practice, 01333-426083

or

Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mobile phone number 07806776560,
Email jthomsondc5@gmail.com

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme Update

The UK Government has recently confirmed that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will cease on 31st March 2026. The budget for this scheme in 2025/26 was £23 million and the most recent figures show only £4m of this funding remaining. If any churches intend to make claims before the end of March, these should be submitted as soon as possible, as the funding may well run out before the end of the claim window.

A new capital grant scheme is being funded in England to assist with repair and conservation work to historic places of worship. However there are currently no details of any similar schemes for Scotland or any other measures to alleviate the cost of VAT on church repairs.

Please send any articles and photos or flyers to be included in the Presbytery Weekly News or on the Facebook Page to Evelyn at:

fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Sunday 1st February 2026 : 3pm

Largo Church Building

Service of Union - Fife Coastal Trinity

Sunday 1st February 2026 : 4pm

St Serf's Church, Burntisland

Taizé Style Worship

Thursday 5th February 2026 : 7.30pm

St Margaret's Hall, Glenrothes

Heart of Fife - Evening Bible Course

Friday 6th February 2026 : 7pm

Old Parish Church Centre, Cupar

Kingdom Praise and Prayer

Sunday 8th February 2026 : 3pm

Kincardine Church

Service of Union - West Fife Trinity

Sunday 8th February 2026 : 4pm-6pm

St Columba's Hall, Glenrothes

Heart of Fife - Messy Church

Saturday 14th February 2026 : 2.30pm

St Salvador's Episcopal Church, Dundee

Concert by University of St Andrew's Organists

Sunday 15th February 2026 : 3pm

St Mark's Church, St Andrews

Service of Union - St Andrews New Kirk

Monday 16th February 2026 : 11am-12pm

St Margaret's Hall, Glenrothes

Heart of Fife - Morning Bible Course

Wednesday 18th February 2026 : 9.30am-10am

St Columba's Church, Dunfermline

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 18th February 2026 : 1.30-3.30pm

Old Parish Centre, Cupar

Sustainable Community Buildings Workshop

18th February 2026- 25th March 2026

Dysart St Clair

Learning Together in Lent 2026

Thursday 19th February 2026 : 7pm

Cellardyke Church

Service of Union/Linkage - Crail and St Adrian's East Neuk

Tuesday 24th February 2026 : 10.30am

Online

Christian Aid Annual Gathering 2026

Wednesday 25th February 2026 : 2pm-4pm

St Serf's Church, Lochgelly

Musical Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 25th February 2026 : 6pm-8pm

The Larick Centre, Tayport

Sustainable Community Buildings Workshop

Wednesday 25th February 2026 : 7pm-9pm

Online

Introductory Safeguarding Training

Saturday 28th February 2026

Dunfermline St Leonard's Church

God Welcomes All - In Your Hands

Thursday 12th March 2026 : 7pm

Wormit Church

Service of Union - Balmerino, Creich, Flisk, Kilmany and Wormit

Saturday 7th March 2026 : 9.30am-11.30am

St Andrews Episcopal Church

Sustainable Community Buildings Workshop

Sunday 8th March 2026 : 3pm

St Ninian's Church Building, Dunfermline

Service of Union - Dunfermline Saint Margaret's and Saint Ninian's

Monday 9th March 2026 : 7pm-9pm

Online

Trustee Safeguarding Training

15th May 2026 - 18th May 2026

Church of Scotland General Assembly

Tuesday 24th March 2026 : 7pm-9pm

Online

Advanced Safeguarding Training

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