

Christian Aid Week

As you know, **Christian Aid Week is right around the corner, May 10-16, 2026.**



Christian Aid Week is seven days to make a difference against global poverty. It's a celebration of our movement, standing in solidarity with our global neighbours. We believe that every person is created in God's image, and deserves a full and dignified life, free from poverty and injustice.

There will be lots of events happening in churches and communities throughout Fife. It would be wonderful if the Presbytery team were able to support these. One such event is the Forthview Sign-along, Saturday 16 May at 2pm in Dalgety Church.

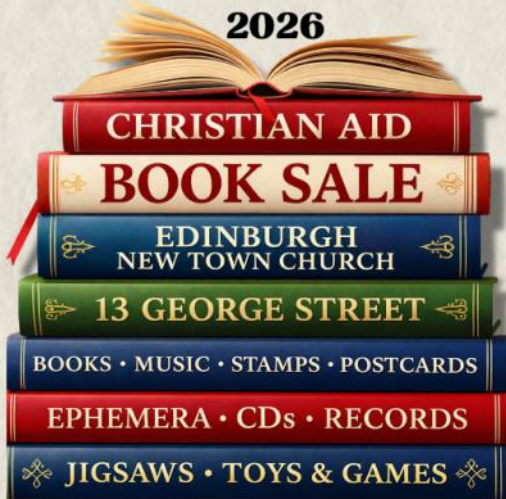
Beacon of Hope, Kenya

Christian Aid Week is our largest annual appeal and supports our global work to eradicate poverty. This year, we're highlighting stories from our work with partners in Kenya, where Beacon of Hope is empowering urban farmers to use small spaces for growing veg. These gardens increase nutrition and income for families, and help parents send their children to school. The Church of Scotland's support has been integral in making Christian Aid Week such a successful community fundraising moment, so thank you!

[You can learn more and download last minute resources from our website.](#)

BOOK SALE

May 9th, 11th-15th
2026



Scan to visit our FB page



www.edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk/work/christian-aid-sale/



SALE OPENING TIMES:

SATURDAY 9th MAY
10AM - 4PM

Café downstairs in the Undercroft of the New Town Church.
Tea/coffee and home baking 10am to 4pm.
Soup and sandwiches 12 noon to 2pm.

(SUNDAY 10th MAY - CLOSED)

MONDAY 11th MAY - Friday 15th MAY
12 noon - 6PM

Undercroft Café open 10.30am to 2pm offering a wide range of delectable hot and cold treats.

Card Payments Preferred

Donation Information:

Drop-off Times:
April 27 - May 1 & May 4 - May 7
9 AM to 8 PM

Edinburgh New Town Church, 13 George Street

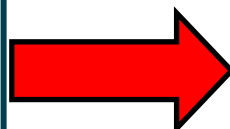
Donation Guidelines:
Please ensure items are in good condition for their age.
Unfortunately, we cannot accept encyclopedia sets, magazine collections, or Reader's Digest publications

For donations exceeding a car boot-load, please contact us in advance to discuss the details.
ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk



Got questions or need to discuss a delivery?
Drop us an email!
ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk
The New Town Church of Scotland SC 008890

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Books and Jigsaw Sale: Helping Hands for Christian Aid

Join us for a fantastic Book and Jigsaw Sale at St John's Church, Cupar, as part of Christian Aid Week!

From Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th, drop by between 10am and 4pm to browse a wide selection of books and puzzles. Whether you're hunting for your next great read or looking to piece together a perfect puzzle, there's something for everyone.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards supporting Christian Aid's vital work in transforming lives and communities around the world.

Christian Aid Week

Books and Jigsaws Sale



St John's Church, Cupar

Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th May

10am - 4pm



Great North Run Fundraiser

A supporter of Christian Aid, Howard Stevens, will be running a half marathon in Newcastle for the charity. You can [donate to his fundraiser here](#), and we wish him well in preparing for this challenging walk!



Dunfermline St Leonard's Charity Concert



Monday 11th May, 7pm

an evening of musical entertainment, featuring



The Queen Anne Singers

led by Nancy Crook

St Leonard's
Primary
School
Choir



St Margaret's RC
Primary School
Glee
Choir




Tickets available on the door or contact St Leonard's Parish Church
Refreshments served at the interval

Suggested donation £10 - please give what you can
Proceeds to Christian Aid Scotland SC039150

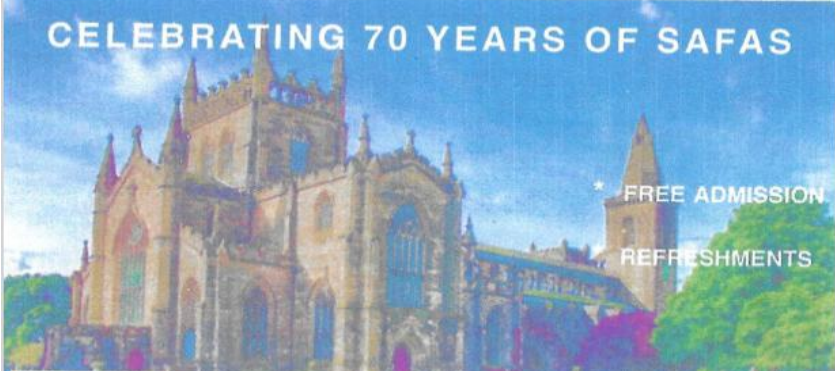
St Leonard's Parish Church, Brucefield Ave, KY11 4SX
office@slpc.org.uk 01383 620106 SC007799









SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES PRESENTS
A FLOWER FESTIVAL
"NOSTALGIA"
 in
DUNFERMLINE ABBEY & NAVE
8TH & 9TH MAY 2026

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SAFAS



*** FREE ADMISSION**
REFRESHMENTS

Supported by

Pentecost




Sunday 10th May
 10:30am til 12:30pm

Find us in the Church halls
 (children must be accompanied by an adult)



Not just a strange name!



Messy Church is a Christ centred way of being church for families and others of all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Save the Date - Summer Presbytery Walk

Annual Summer Presbytery Walk / Retreat will take place on Thursday 11th June from 11am to 2pm at Heart of Fife St Columba's building. Further details to follow.

ONCE UPON A SUMMERTIME



RICHARD MICHAEL (PIANO)
 HILARY MICHAEL (SAX AND VIOLIN)
 JOANNA DUNCAN (PIANO AND VIOLIN)

FRIDAY 8TH MAY
 7:30PM
 QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH,
 THE LOAN, EH30 9NS

TICKET PRICE
£10
 EVENTRITE,
 ON THE DOOR
 VIA GUILD MEMBERS

Taking Gershwin's classic song as a starting point for an evening celebrating music as diverse as J.S. Bach, Paul McCartney, Burt Bacharach and Duke Ellington.

Fundraiser to support our ongoing Ministry within DQPC and Guild Projects.

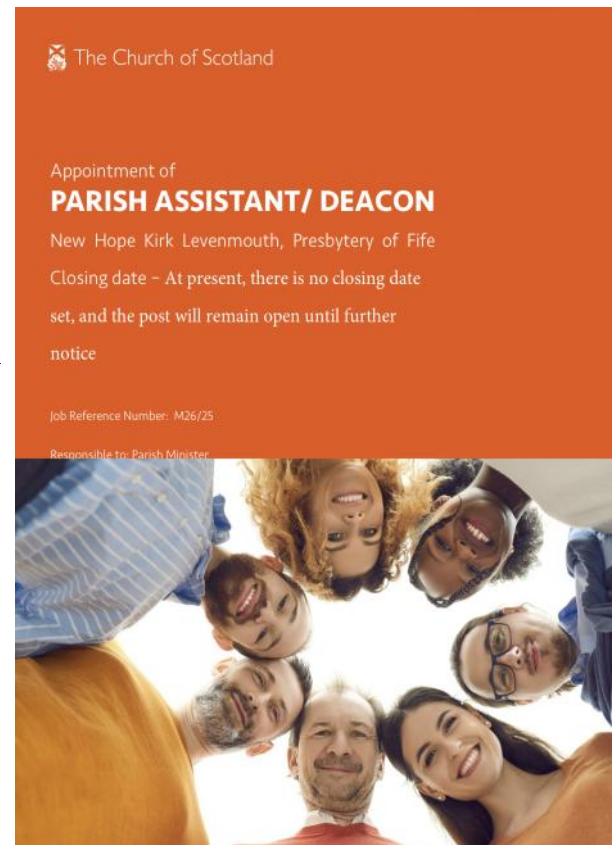



New MDS posts being advertised in Fife Presbytery

There are currently three MDS posts being advertised within the Fife Presbytery, and we would encourage anybody who feels they are right for the role to apply for them.

The first vacancy is for a Parish Assistant / Deacon at New Hope Kirk Levenmouth. This post will remain open until further notice.

This is the job advert here https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/153906/4980-HR-MDS-Parish-Assistant-Deacon-RECRUITMENT-PACK-2026-March-2026.pdf



The Church of Scotland


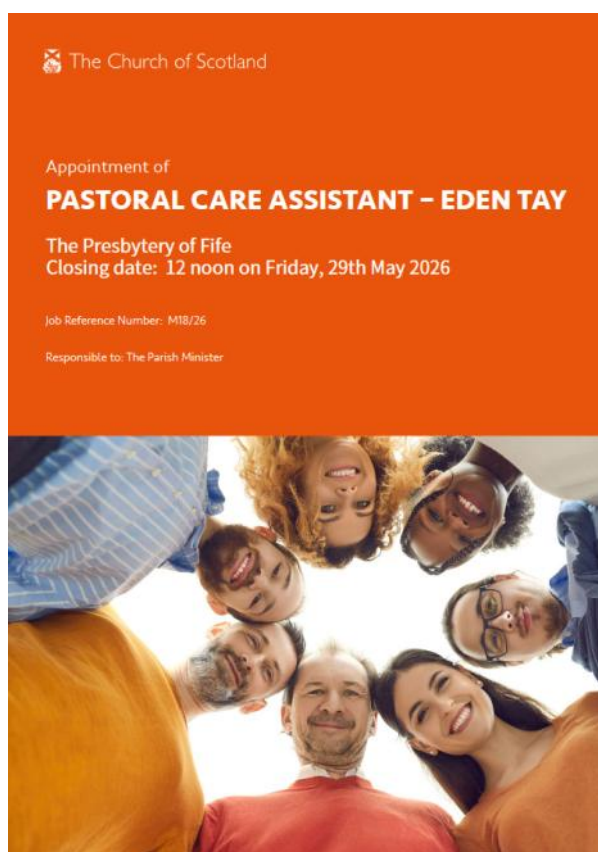
Appointment of
PARISH ASSISTANT/ DEACON

New Hope Kirk Levenmouth, Presbytery of Fife

Closing date - At present, there is no closing date set, and the post will remain open until further notice

Job Reference Number: M26/25

Responsible to: Parish Minister


The Church of Scotland

Appointment of
PASTORAL CARE ASSISTANT – EDEN TAY

The Presbytery of Fife
Closing date: 12 noon on Friday, 29th May 2026

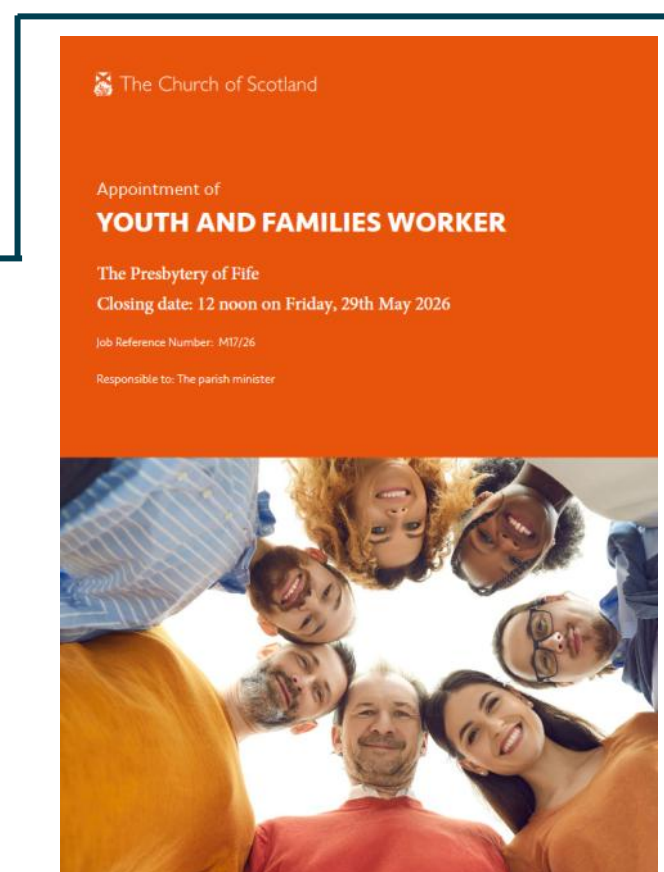
Job Reference Number: M18/26

Responsible to: The Parish Minister



The second vacancy is for a Pastoral Care Assistant at Eden Tay. This post will be open until the 29th May.

The job advert can be read here https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/154774/5167-HR-MDS-Pastoral-Care-Assistant-RECRUITMENT-PACK-V2.pdf




The Church of Scotland

Appointment of
YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORKER

The Presbytery of Fife
Closing date: 12 noon on Friday, 29th May 2026

Job Reference Number: M17/26

Responsible to: The parish minister



Finally, there is a vacancy for a Youth and Families Worker at Eden Tay. This post will be open until the 29th May.

The job advert can be read here https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/154772/5166-HR-MDS-Youth-and-Families-Worker-RECRUITMENT-PACK-V2.pdf

For other MDS posts outside of Fife, visit <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/vacancies-and-volunteering/ministries-council-posts>

And for locally funded posts, visit <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies-and-volunteering/locally-funded-posts>



SATURDAY Brunch

Eat. Relax.
Enjoy Your Saturday with us

Saturday 16 May
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Dysart St Clair Parish
Church Hall KYI 2TD

Our Menu

- Pancakes, Waffles
- Bacon
- Lorne Sausage
- Maple Syrup

Dysart St Clair Parish Church
West Port DYSART KYI 2TD

Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him.
We are his people. We are the sheep belonging to his flock
Psalm 100:3

Created to Belong

Celebrating Disability in the Image of God

Saturday May 23rd 2026 9.30-4.30

The Howard Centre, 5 Portland Road, Kilmarnock KA1 2BT

Worship Speakers Makaton Craft
Drama Lunch Books Storytelling
Music Resources Quiet spaces BSL

Tickets £5
Registration and more information on Eventbrite



Gill Lyth gill.lyth@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk
KTempleton@churchofscotland.org.uk




St Andrews Churches Eco Network

WALK WITH FIFE PILGRIM PASTOR

Tuesday 19th May @11.00

Kennoway to Ceres	8.5 miles some hills very scenic
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For more details and to register contact:

Fife Pilgrim Way Pastor 07846 171723
 St Andrews Churches Eco Network

or speak to your church rep:

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS



MAY 9	BD&ST:HT GUILD SPRING FAIR 10AM
MAY 15	KANTATEN CHOIR CONCERT 7:30PM
MAY 28	KAMMER PHILHARMONIE FREIBURG CONCERT 7PM
MAY 30	CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT - IN AID OF FAMILIES FIRST 6PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK

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

**Taizé style worship
at St Serf's Church, Burntisland -
40 minutes of calm on a Sunday
evening in summer 2026:**



**7 pm on the
first Sunday
of the month**

**7 June
5 July
2 August**

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!

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AN EVENING OF
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+ VARIOUS

BONNIE CUTSFORTH-HUBER
ACCOMPANIED BY
CALLUM PATERSON

COME ALONG + JOIN US FOR
A LOVELY EVENING

SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026
7 PM
TICKETS £5
IN ADVANCE + AT DOOR.

**Ladies
Pop-up Shop &
Fun Fashion Show!**

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT UP TO 70% OFF!**

Colours.

[FUN] DRAISING
FASHION SHOWS



**Thursday 14th May 2026
Heart of Fife Parish Church**

St Ninian's Building, Cawdor Drive, Glenrothes, KY6 2HN

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £5

Tickets to be purchased in advance

Prize draw: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:

Fiona Massie - Email: fiona.massie58@gmail.com or Tel: 07838036661

**Fife Eden Tay Parish
Monthly Afternoon Teas**

Monthly Afternoon Teas will commence in Freuchie Church Hall from 2pm till 4pm on:

- Friday 15th May.
- Friday 12th June.
- Friday 14th August.
- Friday 18th September
- Friday 16th October. For Chas

Entry is by donation. Fundraising other than STAR & CHAS Dates is for Fife: Eden Tay Parish.



Fischy Music Job Opportunity

Dear Presbyters,

Following on from our wonderful “God Welcomes All” event in February where Fischy Music joined Phill Melstrom from 121 leading a special afternoon of new church hymns, I wanted to reach out about a job opportunity within Fischy.

A job advert for the post of Finance Lead (part time 10 hours per week) has now gone live - [Finance Lead with Fischy Music – Goodmoves](#)

All the information with a link to the job description and application form is also available on our website <https://www.fischy.com/news/job-vacancy-finance-lead-closing-date-15-may-12-noon/>

We would be grateful if you can share this information with anyone you know who would be interested or ask your church to include the information in their intimations or newsletters/magazines.

Many thanks,

Rev Gayle JA Taylor, Transition Minister at St Leonard’s, Dunfermline and Chair of the Board of Fischy Music



Inspection of Records

If you missed the session in St Andrews yesterday, please note that there will be another in Glenrothes on 14th May and a final one in Dunfermline on 28th May. Please note that we really do need to run this check.
Thanks

Study and Sing: Creation - Saturday 16th May

1 day workshop for singers of any ability and those interested in ecotheology. Workshop (£15) and end of day service of worship (open to public, free) Co-hosted by the University of St Andrews and St Andrew’s SEC church, St Andrews.

This is the latest in our annual ‘Study and Sing’ days, responding this year to the gift of God’s creation, and featuring some newly composed music as well as exploring more traditional hymns, and even insights from music theatre.

For booking information see: <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/study-and-sing-creation/> or email jkp1@st-andrews.ac.uk if you have any questions.

If you would like a copy of a detailed programme for the event, please email the office at Fife@churchofscotland.org.uk



Ministries Safeguarding Training – additional dates

Please find the links below for additional dates for Ministries (formerly Leadership) Safeguarding Training.

We would be obliged if you could send these dates to ministers and associated roles in your presbyteries so they can book on (Retired Ministers who do not have a current role or are just undertaking pulpit supply need not attend). Ministers' for the purposes of the Safeguarding Training Learning Pathway means parish ministers, Interim Ministers, Transition Ministers, auxiliary ministers, probationers, OLM, readers, locums and Armed Forces chaplains.

Additional dates and links to book:

[Tuesday 8th September 2026: 09:15 \(BST\) – 14:30 \(BST\)](#)

[Wednesday 28th October 2026: 09:15 \(GMT\) – 14:30 \(GMT\)](#)

[Wednesday 11th November 2026: 09:15 \(GMT\) – 14:30 \(GMT\)](#)

[Wednesday 2nd December 2026: 09:15 \(GMT\) – 14:30 \(GMT\)](#)

I can also advise that there are still spaces available on the following dates below, and we would be grateful if you could share these dates again too. **These two dates need to be attended consecutively as it is delivered as a two-part training for those who are unable to attend during the day-time.**

2-part evening training with spaces still available and links to book:

[Tuesday 9th June 2026: 7pm \(BST\) - 9:30 \(BST\)](#) (10 spaces available)

[Wednesday 10th June 2026: 7pm \(BST\) - 9:30pm \(BST\)](#) (10 spaces available)

Individuals must have attended Introductory and Advanced training prior to this module which is the last in the training pathway. We would ask that these training courses have been completed within the past 3 - 5 years. Refresher training thereafter is mandatory every 5 years (only the highest level previously attended, which would be Ministries (formerly Leadership) training).

If your presbytery requires face to face training for Ministries (formerly called Leadership) Safeguarding Training, please don't hesitate to fill in the form [here](#) and we will do our best to accommodate.

Additionally, there is still room available to book for the Advanced Safeguarding Training on Monday 25th May 2026 at 7pm. Please book your spot by emailing me at s.m.e.boyd@btinternet.com

Shiela Boyd, Safeguarding Coordinator



Find us on Facebook

[facebook.com/ FifePresbytery](https://facebook.com/FifePresbytery)

From Empty Tank to Open Eyes - A message from Amos B. Chewachog

About a month ago, I found myself stranded in the middle of the road. My car had already been giving trouble. The engine was beyond repair, and I had arranged for it to be taken to a garage in Dundee known for honest work at a fair price. With Holy Week approaching, I mentioned that I needed transport for parish visits and mission work. The garage owner kindly offered a courtesy car. I set off with Florence, relieved to be mobile again. We had gone less than 500 metres when the car stopped. Completely. No warning, no noise. Just silence.

The tank was empty.

I walked to Tesco Riverside with a small container, expecting a quick solution. Instead, I was met with signs everywhere: no fuel available. I returned, disappointed and a little embarrassed, and later that evening, the car was towed back to the garage. It was a small inconvenience in the grand scheme of things. But it brought home something I had only half noticed in the news. Disruptions far away can reach right into ordinary life here in Scotland. Reports of conflict involving Iran and tensions affecting the Strait of Hormuz were no longer abstract headlines. For the first time, I felt the connection.

From a historical perspective, the land we now know as Iran has long stood at a crossroads of power, faith and human longing. In the Bible, it appears under older names—Persia, Elam, and at times Media—stretching east of Babylon across the great Iranian plateau. This is not a distant place in the Christian story. It is part of it. The rise of the Persian Empire, especially under Cyrus the Great, marked a turning point for God’s people. After the trauma of exile in Babylon, it was Persia that became the instrument of restoration. The decree of Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Books such as Ezra, Nehemiah, Daniel and Esther all carry the imprint of Persian rule. Persia, unusually among empires, is remembered not only for power but for a moment of generosity within God’s unfolding purposes. That matters because it reminds us that history is rarely simple. Nations, like people, can be both instruments of harm and channels of good. Today, that same region sits at the centre of global tension. The Strait of Hormuz, a narrow passage linking the Persian Gulf to the wider world, carries around a fifth of the world’s oil supply. It is, in many ways, a modern “gate” — economic, political and strategic. When conflict disrupts that narrow stretch of water, the effects ripple across the globe, from rising oil prices to empty fuel pumps in places like Dundee.

Some have drawn connections between such “gates” and the language of Scripture. In Genesis 22:17, God promises that Abraham’s descendants will “possess the gate of their enemies.” A few interpret this in modern geopolitical terms. Most scholars, however, urge caution. The Bible’s concern is not to map out oil routes or predict shipping lanes, but to reveal God’s purposes in history and in human hearts. Even so, the questions raised by our interconnected world are deeply spiritual. How do we understand wealth, power and responsibility when what happens in one region affects millions elsewhere? The prophet Micah offers a clear answer: “What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” These are not distant ideals. They challenge how nations act and how we live. History shows us that war, whether justified or not, brings suffering that far exceeds its aims. From ancient campaigns across Persian lands to modern conflicts shaped by oil and influence, the pattern repeats. Civilians suffer. Families are uprooted.

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Fear spreads faster than peace. Scripture shows that conflict exists within us as well. There are quieter wars within us — between fear and trust, pride and humility, self-interest and compassion. The letter of James puts it plainly: “What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”

The road to peace does not begin in parliaments or ports, but in the human heart. From Abraham's call to today, the Christian faith has always been outward-looking. It calls us to recognise our shared humanity and our mutual dependence. My small experience with an empty tank was a reminder of that truth. We are more connected than we often realise. The story of Persia shows that God can work through unexpected people and places. The reality of the Strait of Hormuz shows how closely our lives are tied to those far beyond our shores. And the teaching of Christ calls us still to be peacemakers. For the Church in Scotland today, the message is simple but not easy. Our faith remains as relevant now as it was when Abraham first stepped out in trust. We are called to engage with the world thoughtfully, to resist easy divisions, and to hold on to the hope that justice and peace, however fragile, are always worth pursuing.

Every Blessing, Amos B. Chewachong, PhD.

Minister, Newport-On-Tay Church of Scotland

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th May 2026 : 7.30pm

Queensferry Parish Church
Once Upon a Summertime

8th May 2026 - 9th May 2026

Dunfermline Abbey and Nave
A Flower “Festival Nostalgia”

Sunday 10th May 2026 : 10.30am-12.30pm

Gillespie Memorial Church, Dunfermline
Messy Church - Pentecost

Monday 11th May 2026 : 7pm

St Leonard’s Parish Church, Dunfermline
Charity Concert - The Queen Anne Singers

9th May 2026, 11th May - 15th May 2026

New Town Church, Edinburgh
Christian Aid Book Sale

14th May - 16th May 2026 : 10am-4pm

St John’s Church, Cupar
Christian Aid Book and Jigsaw Sale

Thursday 14th May 2026 : 6.30pm

St Ninian’s Building, Glenrothes
Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

15th May 2026 - 18th May 2026

Church of Scotland General Assembly

Saturday 16th May 2026 : 11am-2pm

Dysart St Clair Parish Church, Kirkcaldy
Saturday Brunch

Tuesday 19th May 2026 : 11am

St Kenneth’s Parish Church, Kennoway
Walk With Fife Pilgrim Pastor

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 9.30am-4.30pm

The Howard Centre, Kilmarnock
Created to Belong—Celebrating Disability
in the Image of God

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 7pm

Beath and Cowdenbeath North Church
An Evening of Scottish Music + Various

Presbytery of Fife, Presbytery Office, Wellesley Centre, Wellesley Road, Methil, KY8 3PD

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