

10th July 2026

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Presbytery News

Still other seed
fell on good soil,
where it produced a crop—
a hundred, sixty or thirty
times what was sown.

Matthew 13:8 NIV

Receiving the Weekly Newsletter

Over the last few weeks the Presbytery Weekly News has been emailed out using a new system.

It has been brought to our attention that some people have not received the Weekly News through this system.

This week's edition has been sent using the previous method and we would ask if you haven't received the Newsheet over the previous two weeks, can you please contact Evelyn in the office at EConnell@churchofscotland.org.uk to let her know so she can look into this.

Future versions will be sent through the new system.

Thank you for your understanding!

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THEN JESUS SAID, "COME TO ME,
ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WEARY
AND CARRY HEAVY BURDENS,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."
—MATTHEW 11:28

A Thank You From Alec Shuttleworth

Thanks to everyone who has sent me best wishes during my recent illness. People have been most extraordinarily kind, including these flowers. All is well!
Alec

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The Church of Scotland

Presbytery Clerk Annual Leave

The Presbytery Clerk is on annual leave for the next couple of weeks. The Presbytery Clerk mobile will divert to the Depute Clerk, Rev Alan Kimmitt who will be available to deal with any Clerk issues.

Sanctuary First - Invite!

Heart of Fife Church extends an invite to everyone to join its minister Rev Dr Scott Shackleton live each Wednesday morning on Sanctuary First.

You can find this at Sanctuary First on

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/sanctuaryfirst>

Downloading the app -

[Apple App Store](#)

[Google Play](#)

or by logging onto the **Website**

<https://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/events/morning-prayer>

Sanctuary First

All are invited to join our minister **Rev Dr Scott Shackleton** live each Wednesday morning at 7am for a vibrant online worshipping community - **Sanctuary First.**

Includes:

- Prayers
- Bible readings
- Music
- Singing

You can find this on Facebook, by downloading the app or by logging onto the website www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk - and electing "Events" and "Morning Prayer".

You can also view on Catchup.

[Morning Prayer | Sanctuary First](#)

Summer Services for Ceres, Kemback and Springfield lw East Fife Rural

It has been agreed by the Kirk Sessions of Ceres, Kemback & Springfield linked with East Fife Rural Parish that we will have joint services on Sunday 19th & 26th July.

The service on the 19th July will be at Springfield Church and on the 26th July at Kilrenny Church, both to be held at 10.30am.



INDOOR MARKET

Held by the

East Fife Rural Parish Churches

(Kingsbarns, Carnbee, Largoward and Kilrenny)

on

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026

at 2.00pm

in Kilrenny Church Halls, Kilrenny

Stalls with Vintage, New and "Pre-loved" items:

Jewellery, Books, Cakes, Nearly New

Tombola, Teddies/Soft Toys,

Strawberries and Ice Cream, Cakes and Teas

All proceeds will be in support of our

historic Rural Churches

(Cash only)

St. Adrian's East Neuk

STRAWBERRY TEA

St. Adrian's at

Anstruther Church

SAT. 18th JULY

2pm

Home Baking, Raffle and lots of chat!

£5

Everyone Welcome

Church of Scotland Parish Churches of St. Adrian's East Neuk - Charity No. SC000181

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

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TalkMatters - Urgent Help Needed



Recently the Presbytery News carried an advertisement seeking to recruit voluntary trustees for TalkMatters, the Dunfermline based counselling charity set up originally as a Guild project. Full details can be found in that previous advertisement.

We are still seeking to find new trustees but now we find ourselves with a specific and urgent need and hope that someone in Presbytery may feel able to assist. Because of changing personal work circumstances, our voluntary treasurer is being forced to give up that position and we need to replace her as soon as possible.

The charity is supported by a professional bookkeeping service so the role of the voluntary treasurer is primarily one of oversight of the budget and financial performance.

All the Board meetings take place in Dunfermline in the evenings.

Please consider this urgent request and share it with anyone you think might be able to assist and please contact me if you would like further information.

Rev. Brian Porteous Trustee

BPorteous@churchofscotland.org.uk 07796694413

The Guild of Newport-on-Tay
Church of Scotland presents



Summer Concerts 2026

Wednesdays@One

Wednesday at 1pm for 30-40 mins

22nd July: The Rose Ensemble

29th July: Robin Bell, Ron Oliver,
David Smith and Hannah Chan (organ)

5th August: Andrew Farquharson (violin)

12th August: Megan Cassidy (voice)
Lizzy McDonald (piano)

Newport Church of Scotland, Blyth Street,
Newport-on-Tay Fife

Scottish Charity Number – SC006758

BEATH AND COWDENBEATH NORTH CHURCH PRESENTS

AN AFTERNOON SUMMER SING ALONG

WITH
CALLUM PATERSON

HOSTED BY
MARY PHILP.

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2026
2-4 PM. Tickets £5

REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED.

(LOCHGELLY ROAD COWDENBEATH)

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

On Wednesday, June 24, two catastrophic earthquakes hit Venezuela within seconds of each other. The UN estimates that millions of people have been affected, with more than two million in the worst impacted areas. Families have lost loved ones, homes and the sense of safety and security they once knew.

Rescuers are searching for survivors, but the scale of loss is already significant and the people of Venezuela urgently need help. Together with the 14 other charities that make up the DEC, we're launching a UK-wide appeal to meet the escalating needs of people affected by the earthquakes.

Christian Aid colleagues are already working hard with our partners to assess the needs of our neighbours in Venezuela and ensure that our emergency response is exactly what and where it needs to be. Our local partners are best placed to reach affected communities with urgent assistance; they are providing emergency medical treatment, delivering meals and food baskets, and ensuring people have access to clean drinking water.

We know there is always hope in the darkest of times and we encourage you to stand with us in solidarity, and ask all those who are able, to respond to this suffering with compassion and practical help.

Val Brown, the Head of Christian Aid in Scotland and spokesperson for the DEC Scotland Appeal said: "This is an unimaginably difficult time for the people of Venezuela affected by this disaster - from the terror and chaos of the earthquakes to the ongoing anguish of missing or injured loved ones. People are coming to terms with the fact that their whole lives have changed in seconds. Many have lost their homes and belongings, whole neighbourhoods have been destroyed with buildings reduced to rubble. The scale of the destruction is catastrophic.

"Many DEC member charities were already working in Venezuela so are able to collaborate with local and national experts. They responded immediately by delivering basic aid from the very beginning – food, water, emergency medical care. But so much more is needed now and in the coming days and weeks.



Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

"Any donation you can make now will help save lives and help the most vulnerable people affected by this catastrophe.

"We'd like to thank the Scottish Government for their generous support for this latest appeal, the 80th in the DEC's 60 year history. We hope the £250,000 they have just released from their Humanitarian Emergency Fund will encourage people from all over Scotland to dig deep and help make a difference right now."

Recovery will take time. In the weeks and months ahead, Christian Aid's partners will continue to accompany these communities on the long road to rebuilding their lives.

Please keep the people of Venezuela, and all those responding to this crisis, in your prayers.

You can donate to the DEC Venezuela appeal via Christian Aid: <https://caid.org.uk/HelpVenezuela>

- £10 could provide essential hygiene supplies to a family to prevent illness
- £50 could help provide emergency food support to two families for a week
- £100 could provide shelter kits for six families whose homes have been destroyed

The UK Government will match donations to the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal pound-for-pound up to £2 million, through its UK Aid Match scheme.



**A prayer for
all affected by the
Venezuela earthquake**

When the earth trembles and homes fall to dust, hold our hearts, God.

When the aftershocks come and fear takes hold, hold our hearts, God.

When grief shakes families to the core, hold our hearts, God.

Send our hands and feet to help however we can.

Our sisters and brothers in Venezuela live this now.

God of love and mercy, may we match your love in the way we respond - now.

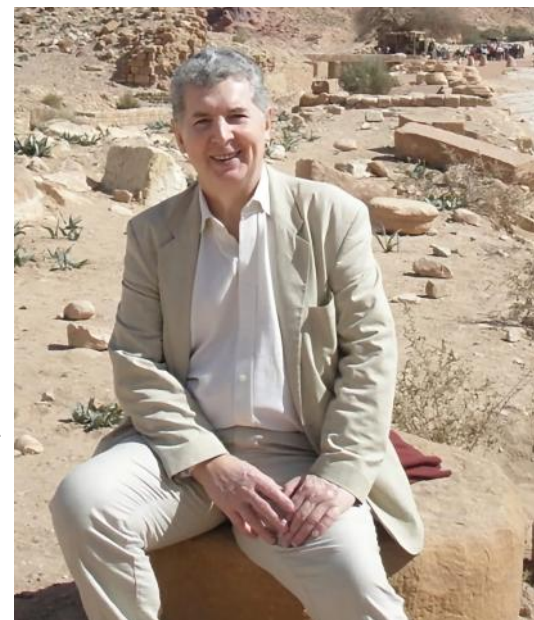
Amen.

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East Fife Rural Parish Church of Scotland

Kingsbarns Church

is open on

Sunday

afternoons

in summer

2.00- 4.00 pm

Come to enjoy
this lovely church-
and some tea and cake!




Childrens Free Packed Lunches

Fife:Forthview
Church of Scotland
82a Queensferry Road
ROSYTH

EVERY TUESDAY
During the School
Holidays
Between 12noon
and 1.30pm



NIV Bible Giant print

Could you or someone you know make use of an NIV Giant Bible. Originally purchased in 2002 from the Torch Trust, we have someone who would like to see this 'Giant Print' versions which comes in 19 volumes go to a good home. It is very thin paper and in excellent condition.

It would need to be collect it from St Andrews, where the person lives as it is quite heavy.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please contact the Presbytery Office for contact details.

fishy music



8 AUGUST
Stockbridge Church

Edinburgh
fringe



Book your tickets at
www.edfringe.com

11:00 Christian All-Age Concert
13:30 Children's choir workshop
15:00 Fishy Concert with children's choir



Fife Coastal Trinity Church

For Christian Aid Funds
*Enjoy summer
reading
and buy our books!!*

Only 50p each!!



Outside
Elie Church

Saturday mornings only
from 27 June to 15 August
10am to 1pm

Sue Wilson - Completion of Course

Sending Congratulations to Kirkcaldy Hope Church elder, Sue Wilson, on the successful completion of her Bachelor of Divinity (Honours) course after 8-years of studying. Well done, Sue - such a well deserved achievement after all your hard work!

Hope Church minister, Rev Josh Milton said:

"What a blessing to have Sue in our congregation. Congratulations Sue! We are so proud of you!"



Green Investment Roadshow



How can your church's money help build a better world?

The transition to a low-carbon economy represents the greatest investment opportunity of our generation. For churches and faith institutions, it is also a moral imperative.

On **Friday, 2 October**, we are gathering at **Augustine United Church** to bridge the gap between faith and finance. This event is designed specifically for church leaders and financial decision-makers who are ready to strengthen the climate impact of the finances they help steward.

[Register for your free place today](#)

Why attend?

The transition to net zero requires capital. Churches and faith institutions are in a unique position to demonstrate leadership in stewarding their assets in a way that honours God's creation.

We will explore how to move money into renewables, low-carbon technology, and nature-based solutions - investments that don't just offer a healthy financial return, but have a real-economy climate impact.

- Hear from inspiring leaders in green investment.
- Gain actionable steps for greening your institution's portfolio.
- Learn from Hope for the Future on how to use churches' voices to influence local authority investments.
- Connect with like-minded Christian decision-makers.

Space is limited, so **register today** - and please share this invitation with anyone in your network with an interest in green banking or finance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sharon



Find us on Facebook

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



Who is Café Inc for?

Cafe Inc is for children and young people from Fife, to give our children a tasty and healthy meal, while our nurseries and schools are closed during the holidays. It's free for all children and young people under 18, living in Fife. Any adult accompanying a child can also have a free meal if they wish.

MARKINCH CHURCH HALL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY | 11AM - 1PM

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A WARM, FRIENDLY SPACE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

- EAT IN OR TAKEAWAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED
- TASTY FOOD CHOICES INCLUDING SANDWICHES, TOASTIES, AND BAKED POTATO WITH A VARIETY OF FILLINGS
- SAUSAGE ROLLS AND FRESH HOMEMADE SOUP
- A HOT MEAL AVAILABLE EACH DAY

IT'S ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHERS, HAVE A CHAT, AND BREAK UP THE DAY IN A RELAXED AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Markinch Church Hall, Kirk Brae, Markinch, KY7 6EP is now a mini hub for the Castle Project and can refer families for additional support as request.



Everyone Welcome



Scottish Charity Markinch SC002473

Leuchars St Athernase Historic 12th Century Church

Summer Openings 3rd July-30th August

Fridays and Sundays 1:30-4pm
Tuesdays 10am-2pm (Coach House café also open)



Summer Celebration Services with Guest Preachers

St Bryce Sanctuary 7pm

28 th June	The Very Rev. Dr Russell Barr
26 th July	Rev. Arthur Christie
30 th August	Rev. Derek Lawson
27 th September	The Very Rev. Rosie Frew

Music by members of Dysart Silver Colliery Band on 28 June and by Prof. Richard Michael BEM for other services.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

A church at the heart of Kirkcaldy with the people of the town at her heart

Scottish Charity: SC031064



mainly music

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Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents or primary care givers to enjoy together with their young child. During the session children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills as well as socialise with others.

Each Mainly Music is associated with, and is run by, volunteers from local churches.

- Enjoy 30 minutes of **creativity, music, songs and rhymes.**
- Your child will delight in the play time after the music session.
- Meet, chat and connect with others.
- You will enjoy food and drink together.

We would love you to join us

- Starting Friday 28th August 2026 (term time)
- Session runs from 10am-11.30am
- Tayport Parish Church Hall



Find our group here



Leuchars and Tayport Church



<https://mainlymusic.org.uk/pages/join-a-group>

delight, accept, grow



Leuchars St Athernase & Tayport Church of Scotland

Fife: Forthview Parish Church
ST FILLAN'S, ABERDOUR

FAITH IN THE FESTIVAL

PROGRAMME



SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST - 9.45AM

Festival Praise

Come and join us for an All-Age family service of Worship in St Fillan's Church. All welcome.

We are an all inclusive and welcoming congregation.



SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST - 3.00PM

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

As we mark 100 years of the re-opening of St Fillan's Church, come and be part of commemorating the faith of those who have worshipped over the last 100 years and where the worshipping community still meet today. All are welcome.



TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 10.00AM TIL 3.00PM

A Pilgrimage to Aberdour

Join us at Fife: Forthview Parish Church DALGETY for a welcome coffee and scone before we set off on a Pilgrimage to Aberdour, via St Bridget's Kirk. We will stop to share in Communion before walking along the Avenue. Once we arrive in Aberdour we will be welcomed by tea, soup and cake with a conversation between Pilgrim Pastor Rev Simon Hessel and our Minister, Rev Andrea Fraser. Donations to the work of the Pilgrim Pastor. Spaces limited, sign up at Dalgety Church office to book.



WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST - 10.30AM

Time for a story

Come and hear a story, sing songs and enjoy the space of St Fillan's Church. The event is aimed at 0-5 years, however a story for all ages will be enjoyed. Free event.



WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 7.30PM

Justice and Peace

An In Conversation event with Rev Fiona Smith (Christian Aid) and Rev Andrea Fraser (Parish Minister in Aberdour). The aim is to raise awareness, explore together the power of community and seek to be a voice for peace in our world. Held in St Fillan's Church HALL, tea & coffee provided. Donations for Christian Aid.



THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST - 7.00PM

Music for Worship

Held in St Fillan's Church we will explore the history of hymns, why we sing them and the importance of tunes and words with Rev Dr Douglas Galbraith, author of Assist our Song: Music Ministries in Local Church. Douglas is a retired Minister and Musician and has much to offer in our understanding of music in worship and beyond. Free event, donations welcome.



FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST - 7.00PM

Concert

In concert with Catriona Evison (Saxophonist and Composer) and our very own Organist and Musician, Catherine Baker. A night not to be missed. Held in St Fillan's Church. £15 per ticket with a refreshment included. £10 for concession.



SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST - 8.00PM

Labyrinth

Prayer and Praise on Silversands Beach with a Labyrinth (weather permitting). Open until 9.30pm. We meet at Silversands. Free event.

For more information on any of these events or to speak to our Minister please contact:

Church Office - 01383 824092 office@dalgety-church.co.uk

Fife: Forthview Parish Church of Scotland

www.forthviewchurch.org.uk

Charity No SC020926



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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**

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!



wild
goose
resource
group 

Congregational Song: Community and Context

Join us for a day of singing, presentations and discussions led by three vibrant communities from across Britain and Ireland: Corrymeela, Iona and Northumbria with a talk by Peter Gunstone (Precentor of Carlisle Cathedral and Music Director of the most recent Lambeth Conference).

- **Date:** Saturday, 10th October 2026
- **Time:** 10 am – 4.30 pm
- **Location:** Fraternity Hall, Carlisle Cathedral (for information regarding parking and disabled access please visit [Visitor Information – Carlisle Cathedral](#))
- **Ticket Price:** from £40 to include handouts, lunch and refreshments.

Everyone is welcome and please share this invitation with anyone who might be interested.

Contact Information:

Email:
gillian@prattgreentrust.org.uk
Website:
www.hymnsocietygbi.org.uk

Booking: (early bird option available)



<https://Communitysong-communityandcontext.eventbrite.co.uk>



Dates for your diary

3rd July - 30th August

St Athernase Church, Leuchars
Summer Openings

Saturday 18th July 2026 :2pm

Kilrenny Church Halls
Indoor Market

Saturday 18th July 2026 :2pm

St. Adrian's at Anstruther Church
Strawberry Tea

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 : 2pm-4pm

Beath and Cowdenbeath North Church
An Afternoon Summer Sing Along

22nd July - 12th August 2026

Newport Church of Scotland
Summer Concerts 2026 (see page 6)

2nd August - 8th August 2026

Forthview Parish Church St. Fillans, Burntisland
Faith in the Festival (Programme on page 9-10)

Saturday 8th August 2026 : 11am-3pm

Stockbridge Church
Fischy Music

Friday 28th August 2026 : 10am-11.30am

Tayport Parish Church Hall
Mainly Music

Fife Eden Tay Parish Monthly Afternoon Teas

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

- 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.



**“Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to my
path. Accept my offerings
of praise, O LORD, and
teach me your ordinances.
I incline my heart to
perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

Psalm 119: 105, 108



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