

12th June 2026

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PRESBYTERY

# Presbytery News

I love the Lord,  
- because -  
He hears  
my voice and my pleas.

Psalm 116:1 NASB

## An Update From The Moderator

Hello to you all I'm writing to tell you of a decision I made last week.

After a Business Committee meeting, I came off the Zoom feeling that I'd expended all the emotional and spiritual energy I had. Since being hospitalised earlier in the year my physical energies have returned but are diminished. Body, mind and Spirit being connected I just knew my time as your Moderator had come to a premature end.

I stood down after Introducing Pamela Scott last Sunday as Deacon with Langtoun Kirkcaldy. My hope is that what I have been able to participate in has left some positivity. I've seen the best and worst of the church. I've participated in every corner of Presbytery and as a born and bred Fifer that gave me personal pleasure.

I'd encourage you all to listen for what the angel of God is saying to your church and our Presbytery and not to rely on passiveness or business and procedures at a time when, more than ever, we need the guidance of God.

Now at 73 years of age I am actually RETIRED!

My closing words to you all are borrowed from Paul in his letter to the Philippians:

To all the saints in Christ Jesus in Fife Presbytery, together with overseers and deacons. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And this is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ- to the glory and praise of God.

Together in Him

Arthur

## June Presbytery Meeting

Fife Presbytery is called to meet for ordinary business on Saturday 20th June 2026 at 10am in Heart of Fife Church (St Margaret's), 228 Woodside Road, Glenrothes, KY7 5HD.

We will constitute with worship at 10am, with tea and coffee available from 9.30am. A reminder that lunches are not provided so Presbyters should bring their own, however tea and coffee will be served over the lunch time break.

The papers for this meeting were sent out on Wednesday 10th June by email to all Presbyters. If you didn't receive these, please contact the presbytery office and these will be sent out to you. Meantime, if you are unable to attend the meeting, send note of your apologies to Evelyn at: [econnell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:econnell@churchofscotland.org.uk)



## Mileage Allowance Increase

You may be aware that the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that HMRC permitted mileage rates would increase by 10p per mile to 55p per mile. In response to this, the Faith Action Programme Leadership Team, after consulting with Presbytery Clerks, has agreed that this increase in mileage rates will apply for pastoral and business mileage incurred in the course of duties previous subject to the 45p mileage rate, with effect from 1 June 2026. This will also apply to pulpit supply mileage. Congregations are also encouraged to apply this increase for locally employed staff who incur mileage costs.

Pastoral and Business mileage over 10,000 miles will continue to be reimbursed at 25p per mile.

Committee expenses remain at 25p per mile. The advice to use public transport wherever possible still applies, although it is recognised that the use of a car is unavoidable in many instances.

Angus R. Mathieson (Rev)

Presbytery and Partnership Support Manager



Registered Scottish Charity Number SC032353

*Coffee Afternoon in  
St. Serf's Lochgelly on*

*Wednesday, 17 June  
2.00pm to 4.00pm  
£4*

*Come along for tea/coffee  
and a blether*

82 Main Street Lochgelly, KY5 9AA

**BEETLE  
DRIVE**

**Friday 19th June 7-9pm**

**Roll the dice,  
build your beetle,  
and race to shout  
BEETLE!**

**£4 adults, £1 children**

**Carron Place  
Kirkcaldy  
KY2 6PS**

## Help Needed - Land Suitable for Horses

A local in Fife, Iona McGhie, has reached out to us and is in need of help! Due to the council's bidding system, she is no longer allowed to have the field which houses her 5 lovely horses. She has been asking around for any land to rent in Fife, specifically anywhere between Kingslassie/Cardenden to Leven. She has one month to find new land to rent.

If you or anyone you know has suitable land for these horses and you are willing to rent it out, please contact Iona McGhie at [ionamcghie@gmail.com](mailto:ionamcghie@gmail.com)

# HOLY TRINITY EVENTS



**JUNE 5** SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICE  
3PM

**JUNE 10** CHURCH SUMMER OPENING  
WED-FRI: 1PM-5PM  
SAT: 11AM-5PM

**JUNE 20** SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CHORUS CONCERT  
7:30PM

**JUNE 28** FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAN DIEGO CHOIR CONCERT  
7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK](http://WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK)

## 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.

18<sup>th</sup> 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 [jthomsondcs@gmail.com](mailto:jthomsondcs@gmail.com)

**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**

**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!

## Organist for Funerals and Weddings

An organist by the name of Jonathan Buchan has reached out to us at Fife Presbytery to offer his experience to assist parishes in our presbytery with Funerals and Weddings. He has over 30 years of organist experience, so he would be a perfect choice for any congregation needing one!

His can be contacted by email at Email

[jonathanbuchan1975@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jonathanbuchan1975@hotmail.co.uk)

Or by phone at 0773 277 3270



*Find us on Facebook*

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

Come follow me



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
10:30am til 12:30pm

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

The story of the fishermen



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

# Mission Partners, Zambia

**PLANT SALE  
& COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 13th June 2026**

**10am – 12 noon**

**Plants only from 9am**

**St Andrews New Kirk @ St Mark's building**

**...Opposite the bus station...**



**Suggested donation £3 pay at the door.  
Includes Tea/Coffee & Home Baking  
Usual Stalls**



**Please come along and help  
to raise funds for  
Mission Partners, Zambia**

St Andrews New Kirk  
Scottish Charity Number SCO14934

Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews: Holy Trinity Church of Scotland

# The Church Picnic!



Join us at Boarhills Doocot, KY168PP.  
Bring your lunch and if you can bring an item to share, please do!

**Date:**  
Saturday 20 June 2026

**Time:**  
12 noon - 3pm



Charity Number: SCO17173

## St Andrews New Kirk Church of Scotland

### Is God calling you to St Andrews New Kirk?

We are looking for a full time Minister of Word and Sacrament to join our Team Ministry.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Simon Baldwin - Nominating Committee Convener  
simon@destination66.co.uk (07971581966)

Mrs Gayle Lennon - Interim Moderator  
glennon@churchofscotland.org.uk (07904565370)

**Closing Date:**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Much more is included in our Parish Profile.**

**Please use the link to download.**



<https://bit.ly/StAndrewsNewKirk-ParishProfile2026>



Cupar and District Justice and Peace Group



## Bending towards Justice

A conversation on Justice and Peace advocacy  
With Maureen Jack and Tim Duffy

On  
Tuesday 23 June at 7.00pm  
Cupar Old Parish Centre, Short Lane, Cupar

## 21st Kilmarnock Unit Weekend Camp at Kilrenny Church

The East Fife Rural congregation at Kilrenny Church were delighted to welcome the Cub Scouts from the 21st Kilmarnock unit for their annual weekend camp in the East Neuk. As this was their 40th year visiting the area and staying in Church Halls, they presented the congregation with a plaque and a Kilmarnock Willow Tree to be planted in a suitable spot. The congregation look forward to many more years hosting the Cubs.



*the girls and boys of the  
21st Kilmarnock Scouts*



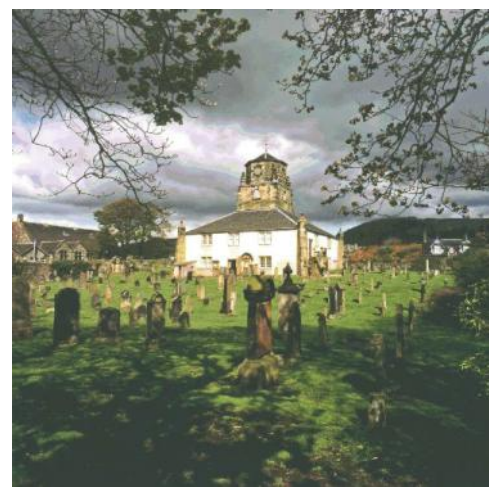
*Scout Leader Alan  
L'Anson presenting  
the plaque*



*Mr Archie Gray (Elder) who coordinates  
these visits and Alan L'Anson with the  
plaque and Kilmarnock Willow*

## Burntisland Church - Open to Visitors

Burntisland Church of Scotland, East Leven Street, will be open to visitors from 4th June to 29th August 2026 Thursday, Friday, Saturday 2 - 4 pm. A member of the congregation will be there to give guided tours, or just to answer questions. Come and visit this historic building where in 1601 King James VI held the General Assembly and granted the new English version of the Bible, the 'Authorized Version'. To visit outwith these hours Contact - Ann Smith, e-mail [annpatsmith96@gmail.com](mailto:annpatsmith96@gmail.com)



## 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.

**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](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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## Join Us as a Trustee at Talkmatters: Make a Difference in Mental Health

### Help Shape the Future of Mental Health Support in Fife

- ✓ Are you passionate about mental health and making a positive impact in your community?
- ✓ Do you have the drive and expertise to contribute to a growing charity that is committed to providing life-changing support?
- ✓ Talkmatters, a mental health charity based in Dunfermline, is looking for dedicated trustees to join our team and help us create a brighter future for those affected by mental health challenges.

#### About Talkmatters

Talkmatters is at the heart of mental health support in Fife. We believe in creating safe spaces for individuals to talk, heal, and find hope. Our mission is to provide compassionate care, impactful programmes, and resources that empower people to overcome the challenges posed by mental health issues. We provide counselling services which help individuals and builds stronger, healthier communities.

#### What It Means to Be a Trustee

As a trustee, you play an integral role in guiding the strategic direction of Talkmatters. You'll work closely with our leadership team to oversee governance, ensure financial sustainability, and uphold our mission to deliver exceptional support. Trustees act as ambassadors for the charity, using their skills and networks to inspire growth and foster change.

#### Who We're Looking For

We are seeking individuals with diverse skills, experiences, and perspectives who share a passion for mental health. Whether you bring expertise in business, finance, marketing, fundraising, advocacy, policy-making, or lived experience with mental health challenges, your contribution will be vital to our success.

#### Key Attributes

- A genuine commitment to improving mental health support.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Logical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- An understanding of charity governance and accountability (training can be provided).
- Availability to attend trustee meetings and contribute to decision-making processes.

#### How to Apply

Ready to make a difference? We'd love to hear from you! Interested and want to hear more about this opportunity – drop an email to Paul Milloy, Talkmatters Secretary at [secretary@talkmatters.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:secretary@talkmatters.onmicrosoft.com).

**Leuchars St Athernase  
Historic 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church**

Summer Openings  
3<sup>rd</sup> July-30<sup>th</sup> August

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

**L&T**  
Church

**Dunfermline  
St Leonard's  
Strawberry Afternoon Tea**



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
2 – 4pm  
in the Morris Hall**

hosted by the Guides and members of the  
Partners Fundraising Group

**Entry £4**

Come and enjoy a strawberry tart and a  
cuppa  
also browse our Cake and Candy, Book stalls,  
and guess the number of sweets in the jar

All donations go towards the SOS Fund

**LANGTOUN  
CENTRAL CHURCH  
BENNOCHY BUILDING**

**CRAFT GROUP  
STRAWBERRY TEA**

**Saturday 27th June  
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**ADULTS £4:00  
CHILDREN £2:00**

**Craft Items for Sale  
Raffle**

Charity No. SC031064

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!**



## Dates for your diary

### **Friday 12th June 2026 : 2pm-4pm**

Eden Tay - Freuchie Church Hall  
Monthly Afternoon Teas

### **Saturday 13th June 2026 : 10am-12pm**

St Andrews New Kirk @ St Mark's  
Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

### **Wednesday 17th June 2026 : 2pm-4pm**

St Serf's Church, Lochgelly  
Coffee Afternoon

### **Friday 19th June 2026 : 7pm-9pm**

Kirkcaldy Hope Church  
Beetle Drive

### **Saturday 20th June 2026 : 10am**

Heart of Fife St Margaret's, Glenrothes  
Fife Presbytery Meeting

### **Saturday 20th June 2026 : 12pm-3pm**

Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews: Holy Trinity  
Picnic at Boarhills Doocot

### **Sunday 21st June 2026 : 10.30am-12.30pm**

Gillespie Memorial Church, Dunfermline  
Messy Church - The story of the fishermen

### **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 : 7pm**

Cupar Old Parish Centre  
Bending Towards Justice

### **Saturday 27th June 2026 : 10am-12pm**

Langtoun Central Church Bennochty Building, Kirkcaldy  
Craft Group Strawberry Tea

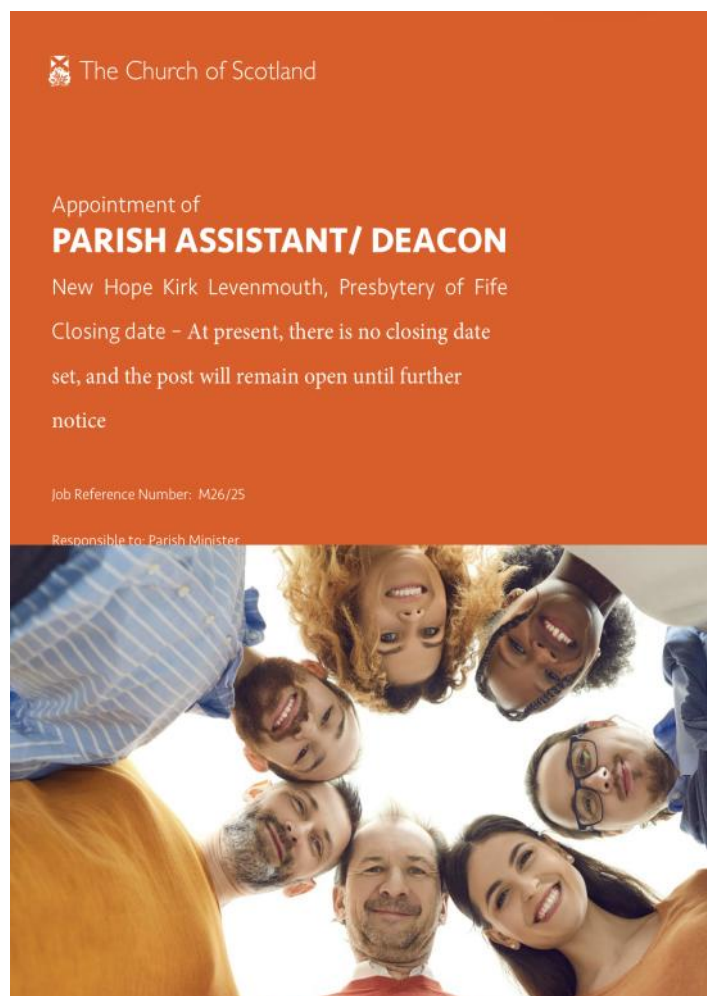
### **Sunday 28th June 2026 : 2pm-4pm**

St Leonard's Parish, Dunfermline  
Strawberry Afternoon Tea

## New Hope Kirk, Levenmouth

New Hope Kirk Levenmouth is still advertising their vacancy for a Parish Assistant / Deacon. We would greatly encourage anybody interested to apply if they have not already.

**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](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

**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>

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