



FIFE

PRESBYTERY 16th October 2026

Presbytery News



PRESBYTERY GAZETTE

Notice is hereby given that the Presbytery of Fife will meet

- on Sunday 25th of October at 2.45 pm at St Andrews New Kirk (St Leonard's building) for the ordination and induction of Mrs Bethany Pringle as a member of the Ministry Team
- on Thursday 29th of October at 6.45 pm at Fife Coastal Trinity (Largo building) for the induction of Rev Dawn A Laing as minister
- on Tuesday 3rd of November at 6.45 pm at Culross Abbey for the service of closure of Culross Abbey Parish Church

The Board of Management meets this coming Wednesday evening the 21st at 7pm and any late items for the agenda should be sent to the Presbytery Clerk by Tuesday at 12pm. The main of business will be the agreement of the budget to be presented to Presbytery on the 17th of November.

Items for the agenda of the meeting of the Fife Presbytery Mission Planning Implementation Group on Monday 26th of October should be in the hands of Gayle Lennon (glennon@churchofscotland.org.uk by Thursday 22nd of October

19 October 7 pm

SOUTH SUDAN PARTNER VISIT

Forthview Parish Church @ Dalgety Bay are hosting an evening of The Very Rev Dr Iain Greenshields in conversation with Christian Aid Partners in South Sudan.

Come and hear about the life transforming work of Christian Aid in the youngest country in the world. Learn about the role of the Churches in the peace process and the hope that is alive. Enjoy music from the Heart & Soul Swing Band. Refreshments will be served.

For more information: see
forthviewchurch.org.uk
Email: Edinburgh@christian-aid.org



James Wani in South Sudan



Drawing activity Wedwell Refugee Camp South Sudan



Heart & Soul Swing Band



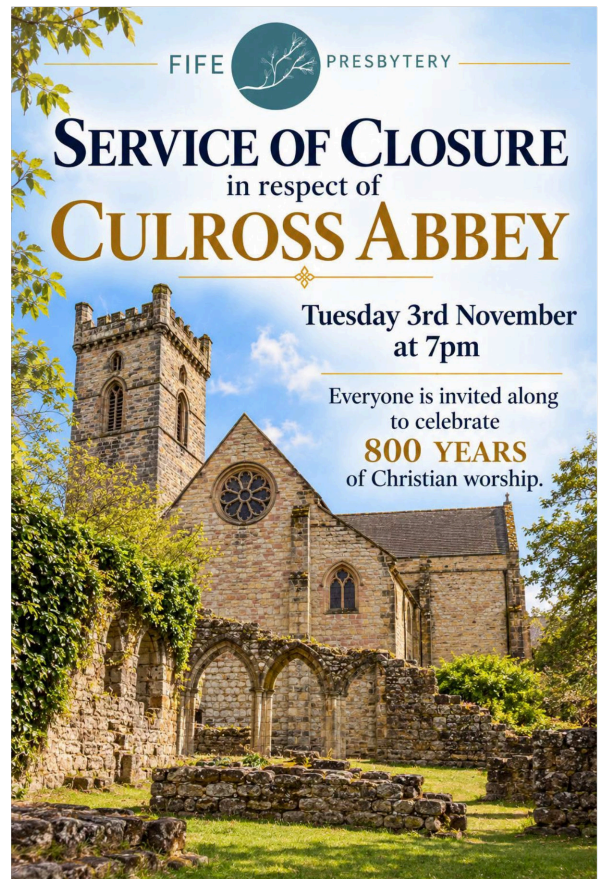
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FIFE PRESBYTERY

SERVICE OF CLOSURE in respect of CULROSS ABBEY

Tuesday 3rd November
at 7pm

Everyone is invited along
to celebrate
800 YEARS
of Christian worship.



Happy Birthday

Balmerino....

The church in Balmerino, Fife has a remarkable history. There has been a continuous Christian presence there for almost 800 years since the Balmerino Abbey was formed in about 1227. After that was sacked in the Reformation, the community worshipped in Kirkton of Balmerino until 1811, when the building discussed below was consecrated.

The present church building in the hamlet of Bottomcraig, but known as Balmerino church for ages, is going to celebrate its 215th birthday on 17th November 2026.

This will also be its final birthday as the building is going to be sold per the PMP and the church building will sadly soon be no more.

We are going to celebrate this birthday, on the actual date, at 1900 that day. We know that getting to Balmerino in the dark is frankly a bit of a faff but the final birthday is the birthday. Visiting in the dark is hopefully a small inconvenience for a building that has served North Fife so well. It's a truly beautiful building and well worth celebrating. So please come along if you would like to be there. Bring your coat as the heating is a bit flaky but a good attendance will bring its own warmth! And there will be tea afterwards in the hall where the heating is working.



...And also Freuchie



Pictures from the very special Communion Service on Wednesday held to celebrate 150 years of worship in Freuchie Church, now part of Eden Tay Church of Scotland



Stewardship

Stewardship Webinar: Preaching Generosity - Weaving stewardship into Lectionary Year B
Tuesday 27 October 2026
4pm - 5pm
Online via Zoom

This second event in the *Preaching Generosity* series turns to Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary. This one-hour session is designed to equip worship leaders with practical ways to integrate stewardship themes into their preaching and worship throughout the year. During the event, we will:

- take an overview of Revised Common Lectionary Year B, with a specific focus on Mark's Gospel
- signpost resources for encouraging generosity as an expression of discipleship
- hear from our guest panellists, Rev Fiona Anderson, Very Rev Dr Derek Browning and Rev Douglas Hamilton, as they reflect on the theme and share insights from their own ministry and experience.

Register now for the webinar: <https://PreachingGenerosityYearB.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you can't make the live event, you can catch up with the subsequent recording on our [YouTube](#) channel.

INTERIM MODERATOR TRAINING SAFEGUARDING

We are always keen to train new Interim Moderators. If you think you would like to lead a congregation through a time of transition and change then why not sign up for IM training. There are two sessions coming up : Wednesday 18 November 2026 from 7pm-9.30pm. and Tuesday 24 November 2026 from 2pm-4.30pm. You only need to attend one. You can volunteer if you are an elder or Deacon or if you are a minister who simply wants to update yourself on the processes. Get in touch with us at the Presbytery Office and we will happily sign you up.

This is just a reminder of two in-person training events taking place at Auchterderran Church as follows:

Introductory Training - in-person at Auchterderran on 19th October from 7.00 - 9.00pm

Trustee Training - in-person at Auchterderran on 26th October from 7.00 - 9.00pm

please contact me to book places.

Thank you and do let me know of any other training needs.

Sheila Boyd Safeguarding Coordinator, Fife Presbytery

s.m.e.boyd@btinternet.com

LiFT Get together

The next LiFT get together for 18- 40s will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm in Heart of Fife (St Columba's). Everyone is welcome to come along, meet with others your age across Fife, worship, and shape what you want this group to look like. Please let us know you're planning to come via our Facebook page or email yag@churchofscotland.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you.

Thanks!

Lisa

Notices

PILGRIMAGE MONTH 2026

Stretching your legs, your knowledge and your imagination

THE ABBEY CHURCH OF DUNFERMLINE, KY12 7PE
Thursday 1st October - Friday 23rd October



LEGACY
life and landscape shaped by footfall
MEMORIAL CHAPEL GUEST ARTIST
JOANNA VAN DEN BERG

Exhibition:
Friday 2nd October - Friday 23rd October



EVENTS DURING PILGRIMAGE MONTH



JJ Chalmers: From Afghanistan to a New Path
Wednesday 21st October at 7pm
Tickets: £15



Bruce Fumme: The Long Road to Dunfermline
Friday 16th October at 7pm
Tickets: £10



ALSO INCLUDES:

Pilgrimage Walks
1st, 6th and 23rd October
Stained Glass Pilgrimages
9th, 15th, 17th and 22nd October (£5)

Churchyard Pilgrimages
7th, 12th and 22nd October
Pilgrimage Lunch
1st October (£4)



<https://linktr.ee/DAbbeyChurchEvents>

www.dunfermlineabbey.co.uk
www.facebook.com/dunfermlineabbey
Scottish Charity No SC016883 Dunfermline Abbey is the known name of the Abbey Church of Dunfermline



The Tuesday Music Group Present

St. Andrew's Day Concert

at
St. Leonard's Church

on
Monday 30th November 2026
at 2PM

Refreshments will be served
Entry by donation



Time to Remember Service

Sun 1st November
3.00pm

at
Fife: Forthview Parish Church
Dalgety

A service to remember those we miss.
All welcome.



Contact office@dalgety-church.co.uk or 01383 824092
Charity No: SC020926



Kirkcaldy Hope Church Guild

Harvest Time Coffee Morning

With home baking stall
Saturday 17th October

10:00am - 12noon

Tickets are £4 or can be purchased at the door

This will be held in the large hall



Taizé style worship
at St Serf's Church, Burntisland
A peaceful 40 minutes once a month...

7 pm on



Winter times, 4 pm on
1 November
6 December

The focus for worship after candles had been lit at one of the Taizé worship services

After the afternoon worship times, there will be opportunity to stay for a tea / coffee if you wish.



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Sharing real stories, asking honest questions and discovering together the **how** behind local mission!

How did ideas begin? How are churches responding to change? What did they try, learn and discover along the way? Where and how are they seeing God at work?

Each episode comes with a **learning guide** and recommended **resources** to help you reflect, explore and discover where God might be speaking to you, in your own context!

Join the conversation and explore with us...

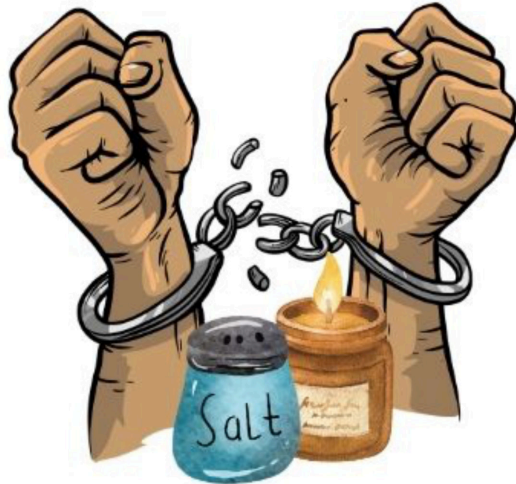


WATCH - LISTEN - LEARN - SHARE

www.churchofscotland.com/thrivingchurchlab



Justice



**Jesus came to set us free
- salt & light**



Sunday 25th Oct

10:30am til 12:30pm

Find us in the Church halls

(children must be accompanied
by an adult)



GILLESPIE MEMORIAL CHURCH

14 Chapel St, Dunfermline KY12 7AW

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



at Pathhead Parish Church
Harriet St. Kirkcaldy

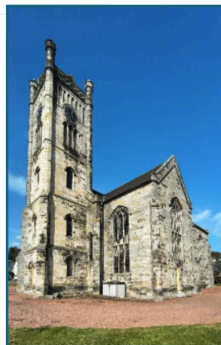
Good food • Warm welcome • All are welcome

Lunches served
Tuesday to Friday
12 noon to 2pm

*Come along
and enjoy
a tasty lunch,
coffee and
company!*



Good food • Friendly faces • A place to belong



West Fife Trinity
Church of Scotland

Parish Profile 2026

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.*



**West Fife Trinity Parish Profile is now
online and can be found on the
Vacancies Page of the Church of
Scotland Website.**

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