

22nd May 2026

FIFE



PRESBYTERY

Presbytery News

AGAIN JESUS SAID TO
THEM, "PEACE BE WITH
YOU. AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME, SO ALSO I AM
SENDING YOU."
- JOHN 20:21



Morag Crawford DCS

Morag Crawford DCS passed away peacefully at home on Sunday the 17th May. Morag was commissioned as a Deacon in 1977 in Drylaw Church in Edinburgh and was a constant within the Diaconate, faithful to her call, living out the servant life of the Lord. She supported, advised and trained so many people who came through training and after. Her spirit, knowledge and commitment will be missed by all who knew her.

A celebration of Morag's life will be held at Bathgate Parish Church at 12:30pm on Monday the 1st of June, then at Boghead Cemetery Bathgate at 2pm. After this there will be time to gather at the church for tea and coffee and to share memories of Morag. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who knew and loved Morag.

Calling Notice - Induction of Rev Dr Scott Shackleton

There will be a meeting of Fife Presbytery on Thursday 28th of May 2026 at 6.45pm when it meets in Heart of Fife (St Ninian's Church building, Cawdor Drive, Glenrothes, KY6 2HN) for the induction of the Rev Dr Scott Shackleton as a member of the team ministry of the Heart of Fife Parish.

Summer Retreat - In the Footsteps

The annual summer retreat / walk for members of Presbytery is scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th June from 11am to 2pm starting in Heart of Fife, St Columba's building, Rothes Road, Glenrothes. There is ample parking next to the church.

It will be an informal day starting at 11am with a short time of guided reflection, followed by a choice of:

A walk in the town park along the river (approximately 1 – 1.5 hours, easy terrain)

A short walk (10 minutes) to the new labyrinth where you can walk or sit on benches around it.

Remain in the church to chat or do a couple of activities.

Around 12.45pm we meet to share a picnic lunch. Please bring your own food. Before we finish there will be a short act of worship.

It would be really helpful to have an idea of numbers, so if you are planning to come, please send an e-mail to mkimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk.

Hope to see you there.



CELEBRATING PENTECOST

Contemporary worship night

Newport on Tay Church of Scotland
Saturday 23rd May
Refreshments from 6:45pm,
worship and prayer 7-8pm



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

BEATH + COWDENBEATH NORTH CHURCH
PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF SCOTTISH MUSIC + VARIOUS

BONNIE CUTSFORTH-HUBER
ACCOMPANIED BY
CALLUM PATERSON

COME ALONG + JOIN US FOR
A LOVELY EVENING

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



Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland



Celebrity Organ Recital

Saturday 6 June 4.30pm

Lionel Steuart
Fotheringham

plays Bach,
Tournemire and
Mulet



Light refreshments: before the concert
from 4pm in the church

Admission: no charge but donations welcome
to cover costs and to support local musicians

Church address: 1 Blyth Street,
Newport-on-Tay, FIFE DD6 8DB

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
K Templeton KTempleton@churchofscotland.org.uk

Opportunity to partner with Grandmentors Fife

**VOLUNTEERING
MATTERS**

**COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TO A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE?**

Grandmentors Fife match volunteers with young people facing life challenges. Use your life experience to listen, guide and help them build confidence and reach their goals.

Fife Communities
Mental Health and
Wellbeing Fund





Just an hour a week can change a life



Be a positive role model



Help them achieve goals



Make a real impact in your community

✓ Full training and support provided

✓ Volunteer expenses reimbursed



fife@volunteeringmatters.org.uk



Search online for Grandmentors Fife

Be there. Be the difference.

Grandmentors is an organisation pairing young people with volunteers who are Grandparent age to act as mentors.

In my last post in Midlothian our church built a partnership with Grandmentors as I connected them to the High School where I was Chaplain and we recruited a few volunteers from the church and parish to do the training. The church hall was also used for the local training sessions which provided not only a link to the work but also a little income as they had funding for hall hire.

Grandmentors are now in Fife and have asked me to spread the word. I have spoken with their team and they would be willing to come and give a talk/presentation to a Kirk Session or perhaps Guild or other group in your church – it's always better to connect with people in person rather than just with a flyer!

To decide if this is something for you to get involved with in your church perhaps ask your congregation this question:

Could you make a difference to a young person in Fife?

Grandmentors Fife are looking for volunteer mentors to support young people facing challenges as they move into adulthood. Just an hour or two a week can help a young person build confidence, work towards goals, and feel more connected and supported.

You do not need formal qualifications, your life experience, encouragement and willingness to listen, can make a real difference. Full training and ongoing support are provided.

To find out more, contact:

fife@volunteeringmatters.org.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

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PRESBYTERY



**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



Coffee

Morning



SPRING COFFEE MORNING

With Cake 'n Candy & Tombola

Saturday 30th May

10am-12 noon

in Hope Church Hall

Carron Place KY2 6PS

Adults £4 & Children £1

includes refreshments

Everyone Welcome

Help us Shape the Future: Trustee Opportunities at Prospects Across Scotland (PAS)

Do you have a heart for Christian service and a passion for including people with learning disabilities and autism in all aspects of church life? PAS is a small Christian Charity dedicated to producing training materials and resources to help churches throughout Scotland do just that. We also encourage and nurture new and established friendship groups within churches around the country, and love bringing these groups together in larger gatherings. We are looking for two new Trustees who would bring their skills, passion and knowledge to bear in supporting this ministry area.

We would particularly like to attract trustees with experience in finance, including online accounting using Xero, payroll and reporting to OSCR, and with experience in grant funding applications. We are hoping to find two people with these skills and with prayerful imagination and motivation to help carry plans through.

Trustees meet around 6-8 times a year on Zoom, so geographical location is not an issue. Being a PAS trustee has a requirement for enhanced PVG, which PAS can help with.

If you are interested in being part of this team to help guide the future of the charity and would like to know more, please contact Linda Sharp lindasharp01@aol.com.

We would also appreciate your sharing these opportunities with your church and other contacts.

One Body, Many Parts: Churches invited to celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday 2026

Churches across the UK are being invited to take part in **Disability Awareness Sunday 2026**, with the release of a free, creative new resource [available to download](http://www.throughtheroof.org) from Christian charity Through the Roof (www.throughtheroof.org).

The 2026 theme, '**One Body, Many Parts**', draws on 1 Corinthians 12 and celebrates the truth that **the Church is not complete without disabled people**. The official date is **27 September 2026**, though churches are encouraged to take part on any Sunday that works for them.

Seeing things differently

At the heart of the new resource is the vision of **Triona Brading**, a young autistic Christian, Roofbreaker disability champion with Through the Roof, and ministry trainee. Triona brings insight, joy and imagination to the biblical image of the Body of Christ. She shares her perspective as an **autistic Christian** in the main video she made for churches to show for Disability Awareness Sunday:

“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you. The head cannot say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you.’ Can you imagine it?

Body parts going rogue and breaking free of the body, hopping away and trying to live independently of one another!”

Her gentle humour opens up a powerful challenge: what does it really mean for the Church to live as **one body**, where every person — disabled or not — is welcomed, needed and able to play their part?

FREE resource for churches!

The resources are designed to help churches move beyond awareness towards **Access, Belonging and Commission: the ABC of Disability Inclusion**, and to spark conversations that can lead to lasting change.

Churches can request the free resource now at:

throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday

Show the video. Pray together. Celebrate every member of Christ’s Body.

As churches across the UK – and beyond – join in, Through the Roof hopes **Disability Awareness Sunday 2026** will inspire many to say with confidence: we are one body, with many parts – and **everyone matters**.

For more information please contact:

Janet Eardley janet@throughtheroof.org Annette Stuart annette@throughtheroof.org
Tel (main office): 01372 749955

Please visit www.throughtheroof.org for information, news and resources.



2026 Disability
Awareness Sunday



One Body, Many Parts

1 Corinthians
12:12-27



Pack contains:

- Links to videos
- Song Ideas
- Prayers
- Activity Ideas
- Bible Reading
- Notes for speakers

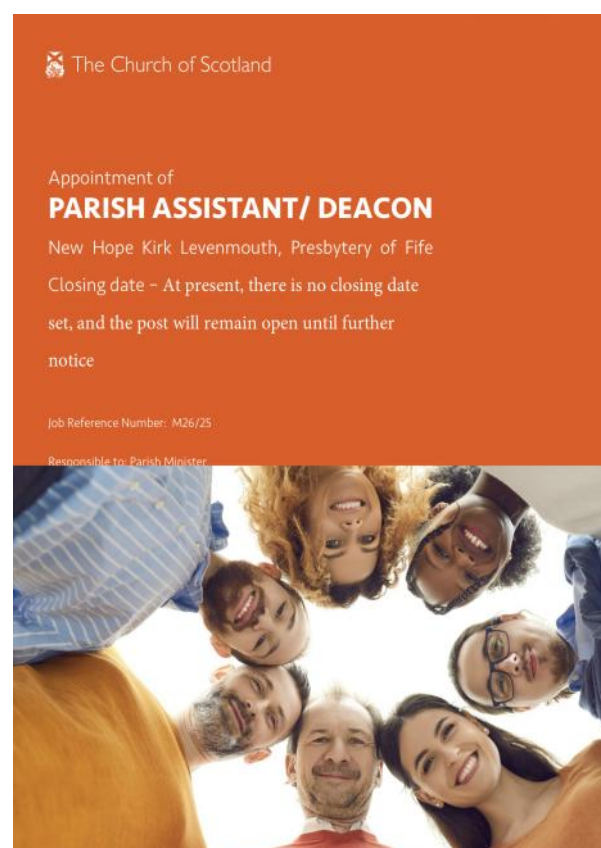
*All the contents are suggestions only. Please tailor the service as you feel best for your own church.

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


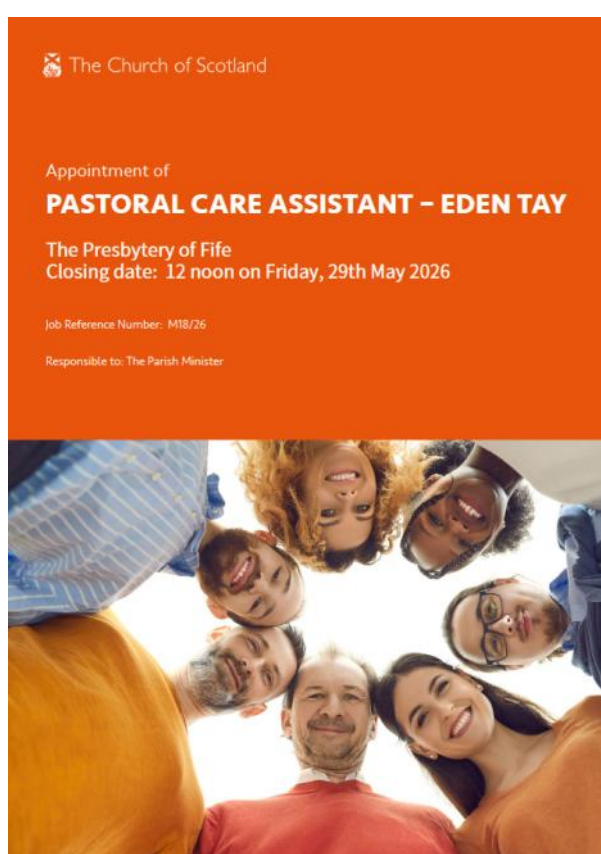
Appointment of
PARISH ASSISTANT/ DEACON

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

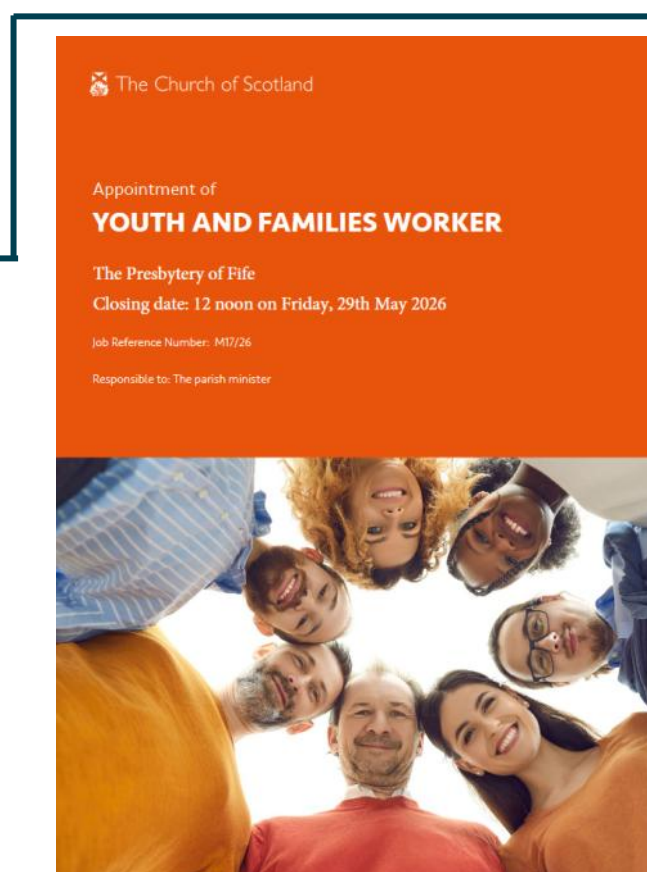
Job Reference Number: M18/26

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>



FIFE: EDEN TAY PARISH CHURCH

Strawberries & Cream



Coffee Morning

Saturday 23 May
10am - 12 noon

'Mughty Church Hall
KY14 7AS

Baking, Raffle, Plants
Contributions for all sales tables welcome!

Entry by Donation for Church Funds
SCO 04848

Re:Imagining Mission

Saturday 30th
May, 10am-3pm

[Click here to
Reserve your spot](#)

We will journey together wondering, discovering and discerning what God's hope-filled mission might mean for us
Re:Imagining Mission

This event is for church groups and leaders to make space to notice God and to sense where God is leading us imaginatively in mission.

Through sharing stories and using creative practices we will explore ideas around what a vision for mission might look like in your context and spend time discerning as we listen for God and to each other.

Lunch will be provided, please Lorraine know on
lorr@churchofscotland.org.uk if you have any dietary requirements.

Coffee Morning

in aid of
Christian Aid

Saturday 23 May
10am - 11.30am

In Elie Church Hall



Come along and enjoy
refreshments, the baking stall,
raffle, book stall.

Entry £2. All welcome

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Kirkcaldy Hope Church - Quiz Night

Friday 22nd May 2026 7pm. Kirkcaldy Hope Church -
Small Hall, Carron Place, Kirkcaldy. KY2 6PS.

A serious quiz but a fun night. Come along to take part
in a team or just to watch.

Adults £4 (Children £1)

including tea/coffee. All are welcome, and **all**
proceeds to Christian Aid.



Find us on Facebook

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

Interim Moderator Training Dates

To all Presbytery Clerks: Hello everyone

I am planning the next online Interim Moderator training for the first part of June. Last time there was a choice of an afternoon or evening session, which seemed to work well so I will do that again. Here are the dates (and people only have to attend one session as they both cover the same topics):

Tuesday 2 June 2026 from 2pm-4.30pm.

Wednesday 10 June 2026 from 7pm-9.30pm.

If you let me have the names and email addresses of anyone in your Presbytery who would like to take part in the training, I will send out the Teams link and training handout to them nearer the time.

As you know, this training is required for Elders and Deacons to be Interim Moderators (section 5.3.2.2 of the Church Courts Act). The training is also open to Ministers who'd like training or simply a refresher.

Interim Moderators have to be members of Presbytery, so if not already members you would need to be able to admit them to membership at least for the duration of their appointment as IMs.

Hoping you are all well and that I'll see many of you at the GA,

Victoria

Inspection of Records

The Inspection team have now held two inspection sessions in St Andrews on the 7th May and Glenrothes on the 14th May. Thanks to all for their excellent cooperation with these meetings.

Many of you will be planning for the Dunfermline event on the 28th May because it's your local one but can I please urge you to attend that session if you have missed the first two sessions, wherever you are in Fife? This inspection is important for Church of Scotland and OSCR reasons.

If you haven't been able to attend any of the three sessions by the time we are finished please contact the Board of Management through the Presbytery office urged so we can arrange to see your books and records.

John Macmillan BoMa Convenor.

May 2026 Education Update

Fife Council Education Service's substantial investment in providing iPads to all high school and upper primary students is improving learning across Fife schools. Evidence suggests that the close collaboration between staff, parents and students has built capacity to make the rollout of iPads a success, delivered on time and on budget.

The 'Withdrawal from Religious Education Bill' was passed at Holyrood in February 2026. Changes to previous legislation are; when a parent opts to withdraw their child from Religious Observance, the child can opt back in, AND no one is now able to withdraw from Religious and Moral Education (RME). Guidance on the changes will be issued by the Scottish Government in the next 12 months.

More information on these issues, Fife Council Education Scrutiny and Cabinet meetings, and the work of Church of Scotland Education and Schools Group is available from the Presbytery Office.

Ian Macaulay, Local Authority Education Representative



Pathhead Parish Church

Harriet Street

Saturday 6th June 2026 – 2 pm

Entry: Adults £1 Children Free

Win a boxful of picnic goodies



Ice Cream

Games

Tombola

Cake and Candy



Bottle Stall Soft Goods

Books and Jigsaws

Refreshments

Toys

Fire Appliance



And lots more!!!! Come along and join the fun.



the meadows
chamber orchestra

mozart

"don giovanni" overture

ravel

le tombeau de couperin

beethoven

symphony no. 4

conductor: andreas winnen

28 may 2026 19:00

holy trinity church, st. andrews KY16 9NL

29 may 2026 19:30

st. cuthbert's church, edinburgh EH1 2EP

30 may 2026 18:00

st. mary's church, haddington EH41 4BZ



entrance free –
donations welcome



**Come and join us at Messy Church at Pathhead
Sunday 31 May from 2—3.30 pm**

Messy Church is for all the family: children of all ages, parents and grandparents (children must be accompanied by an adult).

At Messy Church we have crafts, songs, Bible stories - with refreshments and time for a chat at the end.

And it's all free! Find us at Pathhead Church, Harriet Street, KY1 2AG.



familiesfirst

QUIZ Night

familiesfirst

Put your knowledge to the test!

Join us for a great night of trivia as we raise money for Families First St Andrews!

Saturday, 30 May 2026
18:00
Holy Trinity, South St SC017773
JOIN US

Contact Ron Cruickshanks for more details
07763 210434 : roncruickshanks@hotmail.co.uk
www.holyt.co.uk
www.familiesfirststandrews.org.uk

Fife Eden Tay Parish Monthly Afternoon Teas

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

- 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.



HOLY TRINITY EVENTS



MAY	KAMMER PHILHARMONIE FREIBURG CONCERT
28	7PM
MAY	CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT - IN AID OF FAMILIES FIRST
30	6PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK**

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



Candles lit during Taizé worship at St Serf's

7 pm on the first Sunday of the month

**7 June
5 July
2 August**

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!

Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd May 2026 : 7pm

Kirkcaldy Hope Church
Christian Aid Quiz Night

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 : 10am-11.30am

Fife Coastal Trinity - Elie Church Hall
Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 10am-12pm

Eden Tay - Auchtermuchty Church Hall
Strawberries and Cream Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 6.45pm-8pm

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland
Celebrating Pentecost - Contemporary Worship Night

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 7pm

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

Thursday 28th May 2026 : 6.45pm

Heart of Fife - St Ninian's Church, Glenrothes
Induction of Rev Dr Scott Shackleton

28th May 2026 : 7pm

Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews
The Meadows Chamber Orchestra Concerts

Saturday 30th May 2026 : 10am-12pm

Kirkcaldy Hope Church
Spring Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th May 2026 : 10am-3pm

Heart of Fife - St Margaret's Church, Glenrothes
Re:Imagining Mission

Saturday 30th May 2026 : 6pm

Holy Trinity, St Andrews
Quiz Night

Sunday 31st May 2026 : 2pm-3.30pm

Pathhead Parish Church, Kirkcaldy
Messy Church

Saturday 6th June 2026 : 2pm

Pathhead Parish Church, Kirkcaldy
Summer Fair

Saturday 6th June 2026 : 4.30pm

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland
Lionel Steuart Forthington plays
Bach, Tournemire and Mulet

Sunday 7th June 2026 : 2pm

St Serf's Church, Burntisland
Taizé Style Worship

Thursday 11th June 2026 : 11am-2pm

Heart of Fife - St Columba's Building, Glenrothes
Summer Retreat - In the Footsteps

Friday 12th June 2026 : 2pm-4pm

Eden Tay - Freuchie Church Hall
Monthly Afternoon Teas

Saturday 27th June 2026 : 10am-12pm

Langtoun Central Church Bennochty Building, Kirkcaldy
Craft Group Strawberry Tea

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2: 4

