FIFE PRESBYTERY 27th November 2026

Presbytery News



PRESBYTERY GAZETTE

The Vacancy Procedure Committee of Fife Presbytery hereby gives notice under the terms of Section 4 of the Call Election and Appointment of Ministers of Word and Sacrament Act (ACT XI 2025) that Dunfermline Abbey Parish Church has been given permission to call a minister in accordance with the Fife Presbytery Presbytery Mission Plan.

Details of the Act may be found here https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/135026/2025-Act-11-XI-revised-to-May-2026-new-vacancy.pdf

We need to talk about funerals!

A hugely important debate took place at the Presbytery Meeting on the 21st of November when Fife Presbytery decided to set up a task group to look at the conduct of funerals.

Especially since the Covid Pandemic the number of funerals in churches has been declining, with many more being done by Celebrants and now families are being offered Direct Cremations where there is no service at all.



Rev Gayle Taylor, the Transition Minister at Dunfermline St Leonard's , who proposed the new task group and agreed to convene it, spoke of the lack of pastoral care and closure which this gave.

Speaking in support of the setting up of the Task Group Rev Andrea Fraser spoke of her experience running bereavement courses at Forthview where people were turning up still caught in grief because appropriate pastoral care is not provided by Direct Cremation. Reader Ian Mitchell also spoke of the Psychological damage that was being done to people in these cases. "Above everything else what we are concerned with is the care of souls.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to this debate or can bring some special experience to the task group can get in touch with Rev Gayle Taylor at Dunfermline St Leonard's directly or by way of the Presbytery Office.



Board of Management Permissions

An increasing number of applications for permission to do work in churches and other ecclesiastical buildings, or for permission to draw down funds held on the congregation's behalf in the Consolidated Fabric Fund administered by the General Trustees are being made retrospectively, after the work has been carried out.

Wind and watertight and health and safety emergency work can be approved on this basis, although notice of such an emergency should always be given first to the Presbytery Office. However that is the exception to the rule. The Board of Management is obliged to give its consent to work over £5,000 in value or which will require Central Fabric Fund money before it is commissioned. This allows them to provide expert advice from the Property Group and Presbytery Buildings Officer, and to consider the impact of building work on the wider mission of the church. This is not a box ticking exercise and permissions are not automatically given.

INSPECTION OF RECORDS DATES 2027

6th May at New Kirk, St Andrews
13th May at St Ninians(Heart of Fife) Glenrothes
27th May at St Ninians, Dunfermline

Further details of arrangements will follow in the New Year.

Message from the Property Task Group.

To Property Convenors and Session Clerks. As we approach the end of the year, it is a timely reminder to start to prepare your Property Report and the Manse Schedule. The reports should be attested by the Session and submitted by 31st January 2027. It would also to be helpful to have the contact details for the Property Convener where changes have been made in the past year.

Does Santa Need a PVG?

Safeguarding:

As we come up to Christmas please note the following guidance from the Safeguarding Service:

Santa/Father Christmas: A person handing out presents to children who remain accompanied by a parent or carer is not undertaking a regulated role and does not require PVG Scheme membership.

One-off carol singing or a Christmas visit to a care home: A person attending once as part of a group to sing or perform for residents is not undertaking a regulated role and does not require PVG Scheme membership.

Notices





AUCHTERDERRAN KINGLASSIE SINGERS CHRISTMAS SINGALONG



7PM
TUESDAY
15TH DECEMBER 2026
AUCHTERDERRAN CHURCH HALL

Leuchars St Athernase Regeneration Fundraising
Scottish Charity Reg. No: SCO15677

Lights and Sounds Christmas Concert

Sunday 6th December
2-4:30pm
Leuchars St Athernase Church

Featuring

Leuchars Military Wives Choir
Angus Anderson, Violinist
Robin Bell, Organist
Adults £10 otd, children free
Refreshments at interval

Christmas.....
.....a time of mixed emotions

A SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE

In St.Adrian's East Neuk Church, Toll Road, Cellardyke

Sometimes it's difficult to celebrate when you still feel the pain of loss. Sometimes in celebration it's good to take time out to remember those we loved who have passed away.



St.Adrian's @ Cellardyke
Sunday 6th December at 2.30pm

We are all touched by loss, so anyone of every age is most WELCOME.

Messy Church
Fife: Forthview Parish Church
DALGETY
Regents way, KY11 9UY

Story, song, crafts & party food

Messy Christmas

13th December
4.00pm to 6.00pm

Charity No: SC020926
office@dalgety-church.co.uk or 01383 824092
Forthview Parish Church

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



4 pm on 6th 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.

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 if you wish.

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!

St. Serf's Church Benarty & Lochgelly

Join us this December

2nd Advent walk to the Manger. Meet at Lochgelly Centre at 2pm as we walk to St. Serf's (4 stops)

6th *Service of Remembering*



St. Serf's Benarty at 3.00pm
For all who have lost a loved one

9th Community Carol Singing at Jenny Gray Place, The Avenue, KY5 9BF at 6.00pm

13th Lochgelly Band Christmas Concert
St. Serf's Lochgelly at 7.00pm

17th *Carols at the Crib with Lochgelly Band*
St. Serf's Lochgelly @ 6.00pm

24th *Candlelight Service*
St. Serf's Benarty at 6.30pm

Watchnight Service St. Serf's Lochgelly at 11.30pm (11.00pm for refreshments)



4pm Sunday 20th Dec

The Christmas Story
with
Carols and Costumes

everyone welcome – no charge – suitable for all ages
Voluntary donations to Mary's Meals

at Saint Columba's Church
Cupar

Forthview Parish Church
Dalgety
Regents way, KY11 9UY

A Christmas Celebration

5th December 2026
11.00am to 2.00pm

- Hot chocolate stand
- Small Christmas gifts
- Pre-loved stall
- Knitting stall
- Kids Crafts
- Fairtrade
- Soup & Mince pies (Donations)
- Entertainment

Story telling with Mrs Claus
Booking required
Fee £5, gift included
Please scan code to book

office@dalgety-church.co.uk or 01383 82409
Charity No: SC020926



Christmas Coffee Morning

St.Adrian's @ Cellardyke

Sat.5th Dec 10am - 12noon

Home Baking, Stalls, Hampers and Raffle



Everyone Welcome

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

Auchterderran Kinglassie Guild

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

IN AUCHTERDERRAN CHURCH HALL

Saturday 28th November 2026
at 12.00pm

CHRISTMAS STALL
BRIC-A-BRAC
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
CAKE 'N' CANDY
TOMBOLA
PAMPER HAMPER RAFFLE
TEAS & COFFEES
AND MUCH MORE

FREE ADMISSION
EVERYONE WELCOME

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Fife: Eden Tay Parish Church

Music and Cafe Sunday Service

Led By Fife: Eden Tay Ensemble (FETE)
A Special music team within the Parish

On Sunday, 29th November 2026 at 10:30am • Gateside Memorial Hall

All Are Welcome

For more information, contact:
Michael at Mokpara@churchofscotland.org.uk • Liz at Edentaysessionclerk1@gmail.com
Or visit our website at www.fife-edentaychurch.co.uk • YouTube • Facebook • Instagram

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FUNDRAISING FOR BEATH AND COWDENBEATH NORTH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SANTA'S GROTTO

WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS
£2 PER CHILD, GIFT INCLUDED

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
10-12PM

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
TICKETS £4
OR PAY AT DOOR

BEATH AND COWDENBEATH NORTH CHURCH
LOCHGELLY ROAD

SC031695

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2pm

PATHHEAD PARISH CHURCH

HARRIET STREET

ADULTS £1 ENTRY INCLUDES LUCKY HAMPER TICKET

Christmas Carols played by Kingdom Brass

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, BOTTLES, CAKES, BOOKS, LOCAL CRAFT MAKER, SILENT AUCTION, GAMES, SOFT GOODS, CHRISTMAS CAFÉ, ETC

FREE ENTRY TO SANTA'S GROTTO

SOUP & NATTER

FIFE:FORTHVIEW
PARISH CHURCH
ROSYTH
1st Wednesday monthly
12noon till 2pm
(last orders 1.30)



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



CHRISTMAS CONCERT



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

KINGDOM BRASS BAND
&
KINGDOM DEVELOPMENT BAND

Date 6th December 3pm
Location Pathhead Parish Church, 33 Harriet Street Kirkcaldy, KY1 2AG
£10 per adult, Kids go free
Refreshments provided

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE BAND, CHURCH OFFICE 01592 204635 OR ON THE DOOR

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