



FIFE

PRESBYTERY

2nd October 2026

Presbytery News



New Minister for St Adrian's East Neuk and Crail



Torrential rain was not enough to deter the parishioners of Crail linked with St Adrain's East Neuk from turning out and packing the sanctuary of Crail Church to meet and greet their new minister, Rev Jake Lehman and his family.

A wonderful service was conducted by Rev Jane Barron acting as Moderator with a sermon preached by Rev Ian Wotherspoon, both people who are well known to the people of the newly united and linked parish who have walked with them on their journey, along with their Interim Moderators. Special mention should be made of Rev David Scott who was thanked and discharged by Presbytery, and Rev Nigel Robb who guided the people of Crail and the old St Ayle's church for many years.

A great happy day of Celebration in Fife Presbytery!

John CP Belford BEM



A life of Service...

It is with the greatest of sadness we inform you of the death of Mr John Belford BEM. John was an Elder within Fife:Forthview Parish Church, and apart of the Session Clerk team. John worshipped the Inverkeithing building and was involved in every aspect of Church life. John's whole life was a witness to serving God and Church and he did that well through every aspect, John was ordained in 1971 into Eldership at St John's Parish Church in Inverkeithing. John service for the Church started in Youth Council (Assembly) as a young adult, and he became Church Officer and where Christine and his wife lived in Church Officer's flat at St John's. John continued to serve Inverkeithing Parish Church and embraced change it was needed. Although John worshipped at Inverkeithing, he served the whole of the life and work of the Parish of Fife:Forthview, convenor of the Manse Group and chair of the nominating committee that called the Team Ministry. John also took his ordination vows seriously and served

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



Compassion

presbytery, for over 55 years as a Elder as well as a Youth Representative before that. John was the first Elder Moderator of Dunfermline Presbytery. John was still active on Presbytery and embraced as he did with local changes the new and bigger Presbytery of Fife. He served on the nominating committee, Vacancy Procedure Committee and on Business Committee. John stepped down from one of the Presbytery Elders but remained as an equalising elder.

John was much more than his commitment to the church, from the Boy's Brigade with 71 years of service with the Battalion, to Rotary, Football Refereeing, Inverkeithing School Council and of course his work with Scottish Widows, but everywhere John went he took his faith. John also was awarded the British Empire Medal for Services to the Community in 2014. He was a man of integrity, deep faith, love for the church and God, building God's kingdom well.

We will miss John from his friendship to many, his wisdom and knowledge from Presbytery and the local Church, but not more so than his family.

John's Funeral will take place on Wednesday 14th October at 1pm in Fife: Forthview Parish Church Inverkeithing. All are invited who knew and loved John.

Please do keep his wife Christine, their sons Graham and Stewart and their families in your prayers at this time.

Safeguarding

Details of in-person training available over the next few weeks.

The safeguarding Training on 24th October has been changed to a Trustee Safeguarding Course, (previously advertised as Introductory Training) in St Margaret's and St Ninian's Church, Dunfermline. Please contact Alan Monk alanmonk36@gmail.com to book a place by 5th October 2026

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

There are also Trustee courses running at Newport on Wednesday 14th October and at Leuchars/Tayport on Monday 2nd November; there may be a few spaces available on both these courses.

For these courses, and those at Auchterderran, please contact me to book places.

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

Sheila Boyd

Safeguarding Coordinator, Fife Presbytery



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.

Notices

We are celebrating
Harvest
on

Sunday 4th October

Fife: Forthview Parish Church
Rosyth
4.00pm - 6.00pm

We are looking for donations from all the congregations and have divided the food and drinks into groups.

Appetisers, and dips with crackers/etc - Inverkeithing
Salads - Aberdour
Mains - Dalgety
Desserts - Rosyth
Drinks - North Queensferry

Please contact Rev Sarah Smith with any questions:
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THE HEISENBERG QUARTET

St Drostan's Church, Markinch
Sunday 4th October 2026 at 4.00pm

An afternoon of
inspiring classical music
featuring works by
Beethoven, Schubert and Dvořák

TICKETS
Adults **£10.00** Under 16's **FREE**

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/markinchchurch
Telephone: Ken Wilkie - 07740 416831

St Drostan's and Markinch Community Group SC054235
in conjunction with Heart of Fife Parish Church SC002472

FREUCHIE CHURCH
150 YEAR
CELEBRATIONS
NOW FIFE EDEN TAY PARISH CHURCH
Wednesday 14th October
We begin our celebrations with
A Service of Holy Communion
Commencing at 7.00 pm

  
Friday 16th, 2.00-4.00pm & 6.00- 8.00pm
Saturday 17th 2.00-5.00pm

Come and browse through the history of our Church in the hall and listen to some beautiful music, or just sit and take in the welcoming and peaceful ambience in The Church

Sunday Service will commence at the usual time of 10.30 am
After the service a light lunch will be served

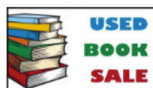
Singers
For
You

WEST FIFE TRINITY TULLIALLAN

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
★ @ 7.30PM ★

TICKETS £5 | *or pay at the door*

Coffee Morning and Book Sale



Pathhead Parish Church Hall
Harriet Street - Kirkcaldy
Tea, coffee, home baking £4



Saturday 3rd October
10am - 12noon

Gairneyhill Parish Church



Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd October

10am until 12 noon

Tea / Coffee

with home baking £4.00

Come and browse the bric - a - brac stall.
Have a look round the Church and grounds!
Charity number SC012892

HOLY TRINITY

Children's
Harvest Festival

Bring the whole family,
friends and neighbours
to enjoy this festive day

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2026
3PM

Boarhills, Burntisland and St Andrews: Holy Trinity Church of Scotland | SC012129

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



6 September
4 October.

Then 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.

FIFE: EDEN TAY PARISH CHURCH

GENTS' COFFEE MORNING



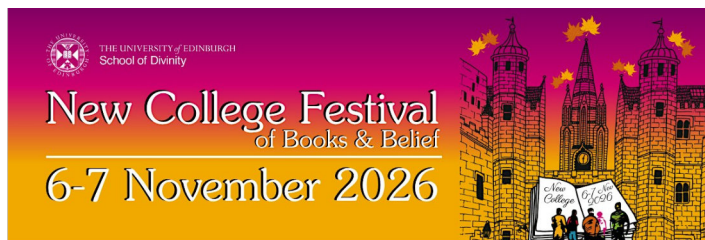
Saturday 3 October
Church Hall - 'Muchty

KY14 7AS

10am - 12noon

 **The gentlemen will serve your morning cuppa!**

Sales Table & Raffle etc
Donations at door for church funds
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Speakers include Malcolm Guite, David Ireland, Nada Shaw, Mhairi Collie and Gavin Francis. Lectures, conversations, seminars, creative writing workshops. For full details see

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/new-college-festival-of-books-and-belief-2026-4862532/>

A REFLECTION ON PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11

From a recent sermon preached by Rev Alec Shuttleworth (Presbytery Clerk)

The Early Church faced theological disputes (Galatians 1:6-7; Romans 14:1-12), competing allegiances to rival leaders (1 Corinthians 1:11-12; 2 Corinthians 11:4-6), financial mistrust (2 Corinthians 12:14-18), and the inevitable complications of living in close quarters—rivalry, irritation, hard feelings, and people who, for one reason or another, just find it difficult to get along.

That is what it is to be human.

And here in Philippians, Paul tells us how to get along. Set aside selfish ambition and self-interest and instead set our hearts on what is best for others.

We see this problem in every parish and congregation across Scotland which is trying to unite and at the same time trying to protect what they have, instead of prioritising what the future could look like if we allow the Holy Spirit to move, the wind to blow where it wills.

The places where unions and adjustments have worked is where people have not said, how can we preserve, but what can we give up?

And nowhere is this so obvious as when it comes to buildings.

We are charged to

Tell people the good news of Christ,

Teach our congregations the truths of the faith,

Tend the vulnerable and offer pastoral care,

Transform the society in which we live with kingdom values, and to

Treasure the environment, the awesome fragile creation which we have been charged by God to steward.

Tell teach tend transform and treasure. These are the five marks of mission. These are what we are here for. We are not here to protect, to preserve, to claim privilege, to prop up the profound failings of our past where we cluttered up our town centres with church buildings, because we could not get on with one another.

We need to hear anew the plea, the prayer coming from Paul's prison cell

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy: ...be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

Who... emptied himself,

... he humbled himself



Fife: Eden Tay Parish



NEWBURGH & ABDIE CHURCHES



Tayside Institute CC

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER

AT 10am - Entrance £2.50

Stalls: Baking, Tombola, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Produce and Raffles

All contributions for various stalls will be appreciated



Proceeds to church funds

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