



PRESBYTERY GAZETTE

Notice is hereby given that the Presbytery of Fife will meet

- on Tuesday 3rd of November at 6.45 pm at Culross Abbey for the service of closure of Culross Abbey Parish Church
- On Saturday 21st of November at 10am in Forth View Parish Church (Dalgety Bay) for a service of communion and thereafter ordinary Business

Joyous service of celebration for the ordination and Induction of Rev Bethany Pringle in St Andrews New Kirk



Laying on of hands?

If you have ever wondered why in the service of the ordination of a minister in the Kirk the Ministers and Deacons “lay on hands” it is an important symbolic act.

It recognises and acknowledges visibly and publicly that the candidate has been called by God and the church, and possesses the proper qualifications for the office.

It accompanies earnest prayer asking God to grant the specific wisdom, strength, and grace needed to carry out the duties of ministry.

It is performed collectively by the presbytery to show that the new minister is tied into a mutual, accountable body of leadership rather than standing alone.

More than 180 years of faithful service as elders honoured at Ceres, Springfield and Kemback Parish Church



Ella Brown, Colin Johnston, James Kay, Peter Milne, Berta Robertson, and Adam Waldie were all presented with certificates marking more than thirty years of service as elders at a special service last Sunday. The certificates were presented by the Presbytery Clerk, Rev Alec Shuttleworth, after which the minister Rev Jane Barron prayed for the continuation of their gifts of service...

*Grant them the gift of your Holy Spirit,
that their hearts may be set on fire with love for
you and those committed to their care.
Make them pure in heart as those who have the
mind of Christ.
Give them vision to discern your purposes for
the church and the world you love.
Keep them faithful to the end in all their
service, that when the chief shepherd appears,
they may receive glory, a crown that never
fades ...Amen*

INTERIM MODERATOR TRAINING

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.

Looking for an organist

Mr Callum MacLeod MA LTCL ALCM, who has played for the CoS for more than 50 years, is available for Sunday and other Services, Funerals and Weddings in all styles. He also offers piano entertainment programmes for groups such as the Guild. He can be reached at callummac@aol.com Or by phone at 07969 333 944.

DATA PROJECTOR NEEDED

If anyone has a data projector that they no longer need and would like to donate it for Safeguarding training, please contact our Presbytery office on: Fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

Thank you,

Evelyn

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



FANTASTIC WORK BY FIFE CHURCH REAPS AWARD

A Glenrothes-based church youth group has received an award for their exceptional commitment to supporting young people in its community. The Heart of Fife Youth Services was presented with the Special Achievement Award by Youth 1st at their 2026 AGM earlier this month. Dedicated volunteers were highlighted for assisting care-experienced children, young carers, those with additional support needs and families experiencing financial hardship. The Heart of Fife Parish Church organisation's mission is to empower teenagers to become active volunteers and community leaders, gaining recognised qualifications, developing employability skills and inspiring the next generation of youth workers.

Lead coordinator for Heart of Fife Youth Services, Marianne Sankey, said: "We are absolutely thrilled and honoured to receive this Special Achievement Award from Youth 1st. "This recognition belongs to our wonderful volunteers, our incredible young people and the families who support everything we do. "Our clubs are about so much more than activities – they are about belonging, building confidence, creating opportunities and helping young people realise just how much they can achieve. "We are incredibly proud of what we have built together and excited about what the future holds."

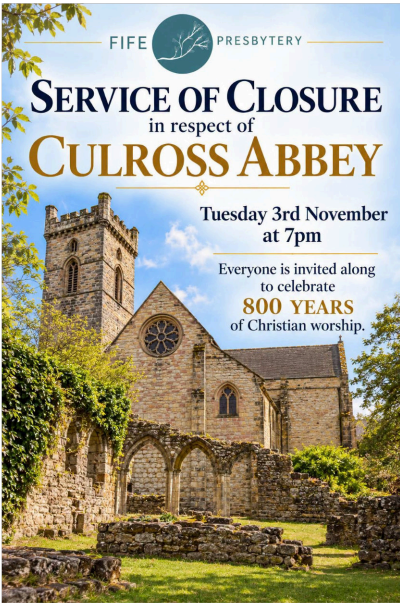
Heart of Fife Youth Services has grown rapidly into a thriving network of activities, welcoming children and teenagers from more than 20 local schools. Programmes include weekly Youth Clubs, Teen Lounge, Youth Church, holiday Kids Clubs, youth volunteering, accredited training and a wide range of community events. Special Achievement Awards were also presented to Families Affected by Autism and Brucefield Youth Organisation. Gayle Brown, Operations and Business Development Manager at Youth 1st, said: "We were delighted this year to present Heart of Fife Youth Clubs with a Special Achievement Award. "As longstanding members, the dedicated volunteers, particularly at the Markinch youth group, have touched the lives of countless young people through their kindness, commitment and unwavering support.

"We are incredibly grateful for everything they do and proud to recognise the positive difference they continue to make in their community". Heart of Fife Youth Services hope this recognition will inspire continued community support, new volunteers and further opportunities to enrich the lives of young people across the Heart of Fife Parish in the wider Glenrothes area. The Parish encompasses six churches within the areas of Glenrothes, Markinch, Thornton and Leslie.

For more information head to www.heartoffife.com or search 'Heart of Fife Parish Church' on Facebook



Notices



Fife: Forthview Parish Church
Queensferry Road
Rosyth
KY11 2PQ

Created to Create

**27th November 2026
10.00am - 2.00pm**

A relaxed workshop where creativity meets faith. We'll explore how creative expression can deepen our faith through art, reflection and conversation. No experience needed! All are welcome.

Book a spot with Elané by 16th November
Donation of £5
Bring a packed lunch

Contact Rev Elané Sassenberg on:
esassenberg@churchofscotland.org.uk
01383 824092

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Auchterderran Kinglassie Guild

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

IN AUCHTERDERRAN CHURCH HALL

**Saturday 28th November 2026
at 12.00pm**

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

**FREE ADMISSION
EVERYONE WELCOME**

Heart of Fife Parish Church
SHOE BOX APPEAL
REMEMBER ME
Blythswood
Small gifts. Big smiles.

SHOEBOXES BRING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS!

Fill a shoebox with simple gifts. Show disadvantaged people they are not forgotten this Christmas.

SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT TO INCLUDE

TOILETRIES	CLOTHING	OTHER ITEMS	FOR OLDER CHILDREN/TEENS	PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE
☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste	☐ Socks	☐ Toy or small gift	☐ Pens & pencils	☒ Used or damaged items
☐ Shampoo or shower gel	☐ Underwear	☐ Sweets (long shelf life)	☐ Notebooks	☒ Non-related items (e.g. toy guns, knives)
☐ Soap	☐ Scarf, hat & gloves	☐ Notebook & pens/colouring books	☐ Make-up (new)	☒ Alcohol
☐ Deodorant	☐ Hair accessories	☐ Small games (e.g. cards, puzzles)	☐ Sewing kit / small tools	☒ Swear words
☐ Face cream / wipes			☐ Reusable water bottle	☒ Hand made or limited items

Small gifts can make a big difference

ALL DONATIONS REQUIRED BY **OCTOBER 25th** to allow for packing and wrapping

Donations can be delivered to any Heart of Fife Church Service and passed on to a member of the youth team.

Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH • COMMUNITY • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

christian aid

Christian Aid Concert

**Saturday 31st October
2.00pm - 4.00pm
at DALGETY Church**

Rosyth Concert Band Sing it

£7 for adults, £4 for under 16s.
Refreshments served at the interval.

For more information please contact:
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Lochgelly & Benarty : St. Serf's Parish Church of Scotland
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

**St. Serf's Church
Lochgelly
10am-1pm
Saturday 14 November**

crafts
Tombola
Lucky Squares
Jewellery
raffle
Candles & Wax Gifts

Tea, Coffee and Christmas Goodies £4

St. Serfs Church Lochgelly and Benarty
Tel. Laura 07840602070 if you require a table (£20)

...and many more