

5th June 2026

## Fife Presbytery welcomes Rev Dr Scott Shackleton

Fife Presbytery joined with the congregation on the evening of Thursday 28th May for the Induction of Rev Dr Scott Shackleton to the Team Ministry at Heart of Fife Church.

Scott comes back into parish ministry from a distinguished career in Army and Navy Chaplaincy and with a wealth of experience in managing organisational change including a time in the Church of Scotland, as head of what was then the Faith Action Programme. He is also a weekly contributor to Sanctuary First's morning prayer time. Scott describes his call to Heart of Fife as "Coming home", having wonderful memories of a final year student placement in Glenrothes.

The Induction service was extremely well attended and was an uplifting and celebratory occasion. It was wonderful to see so many people there to support and welcome Scott including the Very Rev Albert Bogle from Sanctuary First.

The Acting Moderator of Fife Presbytery Rev Jim Reid led the service and the Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan preached an encouraging and inspiring sermon.

Scott joins the Rev Alan Kimmitt in the team Ministry of Heart of Fife alongside Ministry Development Staff Sandra Davie, John Hutchison and Irene Ure. Locum minister Rev Dr Sarah Whittle currently completes the team until a third Minister of Word and Sacrament post is filled.

On behalf of Presbytery, we wish Scott, and everyone at Heart of Fife, every blessing as they welcome a new member to their team and as they seek to share God's love in Heart of Fife.

May the Lord bless them, keep them, and grant them peace.



Pictured left to right: Rev Margaret Mateos (Interim Moderator for Vacancy), Rev Alec Shuttleworth (Presbytery Clerk), Rev Dr Scott Shackleton, Rev Jim Reid (acting Moderator), Rev Alan Kimmitt (Team Ministry, Heart of Fife), and The Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan (Preacher)

## Service of Introduction – Pamela Scott DCS

There will be a meeting of Fife Presbytery on Sunday 7th of June 2026 at 2.45pm when it meets in Langtoun Church (St Bryce Building, Kirk Wynd, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1ET) for the introduction of Pamela Scott DCS as a Deacon, and member of the ministry team at Langtoun Central Church of Scotland.

Please join us to celebrate, with the congregation, this special occasion.

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For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.  
Psalm 33:4-5

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PRESBYTERY

# Presbytery News

## 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](mailto:mkimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk).

Hope to see you there.

## June Presbytery Meeting

Fife Presbytery is called to meet for ordinary business on Saturday 20th June 2026 at 10am in Heart of Fife Church (St Margaret's), 228 Woodside Road, Glenrothes, KY7 5HD.

We will constitute with worship at 10am, with tea and coffee available from 9.30am. A reminder that lunches are not provided so Presbyters should bring their own, however tea and coffee will be served over the lunch time break.

The papers for this meeting will be sent out ahead of time (around June 10th) by email to all Presbyters. If you are unable to attend the meeting, send note of your apologies to Evelyn at: [econnell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:econnell@churchofscotland.org.uk)





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

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland Scottish Charity Number - SC006758



**Pathhead Parish Church**

**Harriet Street**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:ionamcghie@gmail.com)

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

**7 pm on the  
first Sunday  
of the month**

**7 June  
5 July  
2 August**



Candles lit during Taizé worship at St Serf's

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!



**WORLD CUP QUIZ**



**Kirkcaldy Hope Church**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**

**Teams of 4 members only**

**£5 Adults £1 Kids**

**(includes refreshments)**

**Proceeds to Hope's Refurbishment**

**AmeriCanMex 2026 Starts here!!**

**Carron Place, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6PS**

# Interim Moderator Training Date

**To all Presbytery Clerks: Hello everyone**

There is still an evening date for Interim Moderator Training in case you are interested and missed the session on the 2nd June. It will be held on:

**Wednesday 10 June 2026 from 7pm-9.30pm.**

Please contact the Presbytery Clerk if you would like to take part in this training.

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

## Airlie Cancer Care Group

*Come together for an informal chat & support*



A local group for all patients and their families who are registered with a GP in the Levenmouth area and who currently or in the past have had a diagnosis of Cancer.

Our group is very informative with representation Health & Social Care Partnership—Improving Cancer Journey. We also invite other speakers to come along to offer advice and opportunities. Why not pop along for a friendly get together, cup of tea/coffee and a light lunch.

Meetings are held monthly on a Thursday 1pm-3pm on the following dates in  
The Church Hall, Methilhill Parish Church, Chemiss Road, Methilhill, KY8 2BS.

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

If you have any questions please contact:

Mrs Emma Walker, Office Supervisor, Airlie Medical Practice, 01333-426083

or

Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mobile phone number 07806776560,

Email [jthomsondcs@gmail.com](mailto:jthomsondcs@gmail.com)

**BEETLE DRIVE**

**Friday 19th June 7-9pm**

**Roll the dice,  
build your beetle,  
and race to shout  
BEETLE !**

**£4 adults, £1 children**

**Carron Place  
Kirkcaldy  
KY2 6PS**

**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](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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## Join Us as a Trustee at Talkmatters: Make a Difference in Mental Health

### Help Shape the Future of Mental Health Support in Fife

- ✓ Are you passionate about mental health and making a positive impact in your community?
- ✓ Do you have the drive and expertise to contribute to a growing charity that is committed to providing life-changing support?
- ✓ Talkmatters, a mental health charity based in Dunfermline, is looking for dedicated trustees to join our team and help us create a brighter future for those affected by mental health challenges.

#### About Talkmatters

Talkmatters is at the heart of mental health support in Fife. We believe in creating safe spaces for individuals to talk, heal, and find hope. Our mission is to provide compassionate care, impactful programmes, and resources that empower people to overcome the challenges posed by mental health issues. We provide counselling services which help individuals and builds stronger, healthier communities.

#### What It Means to Be a Trustee

As a trustee, you play an integral role in guiding the strategic direction of Talkmatters. You'll work closely with our leadership team to oversee governance, ensure financial sustainability, and uphold our mission to deliver exceptional support. Trustees act as ambassadors for the charity, using their skills and networks to inspire growth and foster change.

#### Who We're Looking For

We are seeking individuals with diverse skills, experiences, and perspectives who share a passion for mental health. Whether you bring expertise in business, finance, marketing, fundraising, advocacy, policy-making, or lived experience with mental health challenges, your contribution will be vital to our success.

#### Key Attributes

- A genuine commitment to improving mental health support.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Logical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
- An understanding of charity governance and accountability (training can be provided).
- Availability to attend trustee meetings and contribute to decision-making processes.

#### How to Apply

Ready to make a difference? We'd love to hear from you! Interested and want to hear more about this opportunity – drop an email to Paul Milloy, Talkmatters Secretary at [secretary@talkmatters.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:secretary@talkmatters.onmicrosoft.com).

## Ministry Candidates Walking the Fife Pilgrim Way

On Tuesday of this week Pilgrim Paster Rev Simon Hessel set off on the Fife Pilgrim Way with a group of over 30 candidates in training for ministry with the Church of Scotland.

They were joined at points by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rt Rev Gordon Kennedy, Bishop Ian Paton from the Scottish Episcopal Church, along with friends from Christian Aid, and members of the Training Team from the Church of Scotland.

Setting off from South Queensferry, and joining the Pilgrim Way at North Queensferry the group, varying in numbers throughout the week, is making its way to St Andrews.

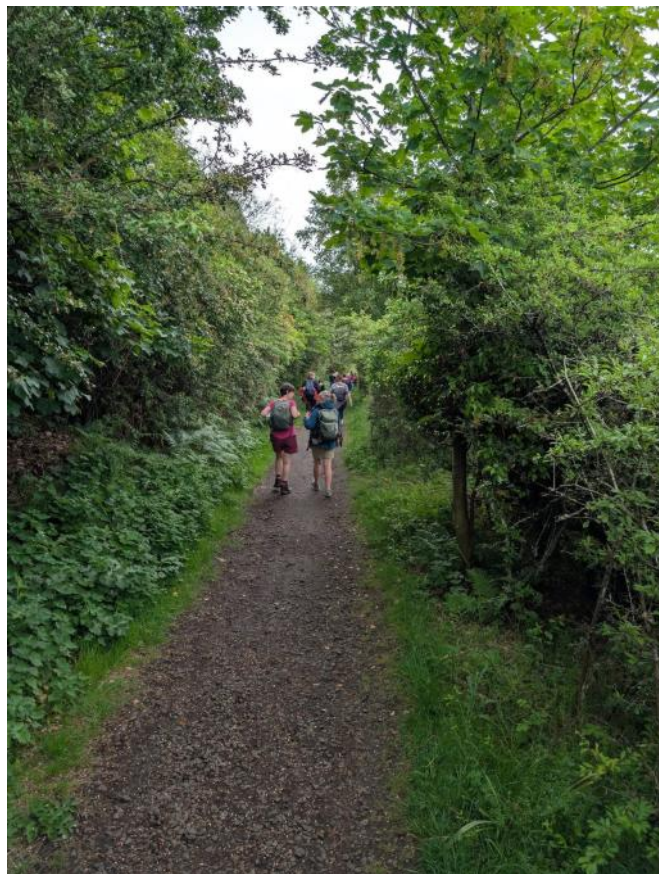
In walking the Pilgrim Way together the candidates are following in the footsteps of thousands of pilgrims across the centuries, as they journey through the beautiful Fife countryside and celebrate and encourage each other in their calling while sharing in the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Moderator, Rt Rev Gordon Kennedy said "I was delighted to be asked to join candidates in training for ministry on the first day. Pilgrimage is not aimless wandering but an intentional walking in the way God calls us.

"As part of a Christian way of life, it can be an act of devotion to God, a longing for renewal and recreation in the likeness of Christ, a time of transition as God leads us onto new paths of service.

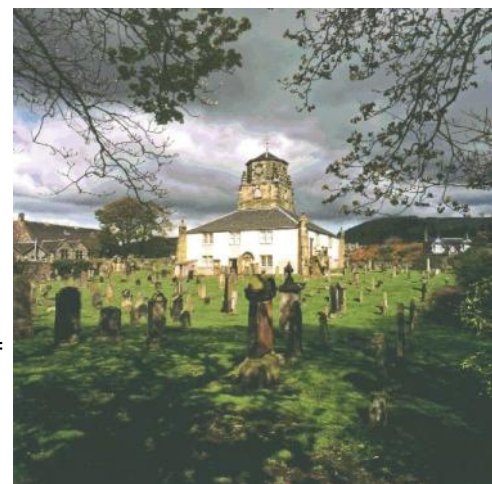
"Such a time of pilgrimage can be a season of renewal and recommitment as once again we respond to God's call upon our lives.

"This is a journey of reflection upon a call to ministry service which is enriched by the immersion in nature and the joining in conversation with fellow pilgrims."



## Burntisland Church - Open to Visitors

Burntisland Church of Scotland, East Leven Street, will be open to visitors from 4th June to 29th August 2026 Thursday, Friday, Saturday 2 - 4 pm. A member of the congregation will be there to give guided tours, or just to answer questions. Come and visit this historic building where in 1601 King James VI held the General Assembly and granted the new English version of the Bible, the 'Authorized Version' To visit outwith these hours Contact - Ann Smith, e-mail annpatsmith96@gmail.com



## 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.



### Dunfermline St Leonard's Strawberry Afternoon Tea



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
2 - 4pm  
in the Morris Hall

hosted by the Guides and members of the  
Partners Fundraising Group

**Entry £4**

Come and enjoy a strawberry tart and a cuppa

also browse our Cake and Candy, Book stalls.  
and guess the number of sweets in the jar

All donations go towards the SOS Fund

## Mission Partners, Zambia

**PLANT SALE  
& COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 13th June 2026

10am - 12 noon

Plants only from 9am

St Andrews New Kirk @ St Mark's building  
...Opposite the bus station...



Suggested donation £3 pay at the door.  
Includes Tea/Coffee & Home Baking  
Usual Stalls



Please come along and help  
to raise funds for  
**Mission Partners, Zambia**

St Andrews New Kirk  
Scottish Charity Number SCO14934

## Summer Services for Ceres, Kemback and Springfield lw East Fife Rural

It has been agreed by the Kirk Sessions of Ceres, Kemback & Springfield linked with East Fife Rural Parish that we will have joint services on Sunday 19th & 26th July.

The service on the 19th July will be at Springfield Church and on the 26th July at Kilrenny Church, both to be held at 10.30am.

## New Hope Kirk, Levenmouth

New Hope Kirk Levenmouth is still advertising their vacancy for a Parish Assistant / Deacon. We would greatly encourage anybody interested to apply if they have not already.

**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](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



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## St Andrews New Kirk Church of Scotland

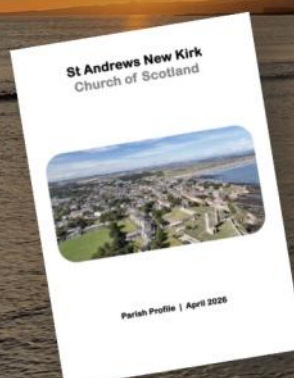
### Is God calling you to St Andrews New Kirk?

We are looking for a full time Minister of Word and Sacrament to join our Team Ministry.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Simon Baldwin - Nominating Committee Convener  
[simon@destination66.co.uk](mailto:simon@destination66.co.uk) (07971581966)

Mrs Gayle Lennon - Interim Moderator  
[glennon@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:glennon@churchofscotland.org.uk) (07904565370)



**Closing Date:**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Much more is included in our Parish Profile.

Please use the link to download.

<https://bit.ly/StAndrewsNewKirk-ParishProfile2026>

## Dates for your diary

### **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

### **Saturday 6th June 2026 : 7pm**

Kirkcaldy Hope Church  
World Cup Quiz

### **Sunday 7th June 2026 : 2pm**

St Serf's Church, Burntisland  
Taizé Style Worship

### **Sunday 7th June 2026 : 2.45pm**

Langtoun Church, Kirkcaldy  
Service of Introduction - Pamela Scott DCS

### **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 13th June 2026 : 10am-12pm**

St Andrews New Kirk @ St Mark's  
Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

### **Friday 19th June 2026 : 7pm-9pm**

Kirkcaldy Hope Church  
Beetle Drive

### **Saturday 20th June 2026 : 10am**

Heart of Fife St Margaret's, Glenrothes  
Fife Presbytery Meeting

### **Saturday 27th June 2026 : 10am-12pm**

Langtoun Central Church Bennoch Building, Kirkcaldy  
Craft Group Strawberry Tea

### **Sunday 28th June 2026 : 2pm-4pm**

St Leonard's Parish, Dunfermline  
Strawberry Afternoon Tea



**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



**HOLY TRINITY EVENTS**

**JUNE 5** SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICE 3PM

**JUNE 10** CHURCH SUMMER OPENING  
WED-FRI: 1PM-5PM  
SAT: 11AM-5PM

**JUNE 20** SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CHORUS CONCERT 7:30PM

**JUNE 28** FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAN DIEGO CHOIR CONCERT 7PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK](http://WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK)

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