FIFE PRESBYTERY 6th November 2026

Presbytery News



PRESBYTERY GAZETTE

Notice is hereby given that the Presbytery of Fife will meet

- On Saturday 21st of November at 10am in Forth View Parish Church (Dalgety Bay) for a service of communion and thereafter ordinary Business

Two very different Presbytery Services...at Culross



The Service ended with the symbols of ministry, The Bible, the Cross, and the Communion Cup being carried out of the Abbey for use in the congregations continuing work and witness from their Sunday worship centre in High Valleyfield and on into the Union with Limekilns and Cairneyhill to become the West Fife Parish of St Mungo's. The lights were then put out save a single and candle and the bells tolled for the last time. A beautiful and Moving service.



Culross Abbey was built where tradition has as the site of a Christian Community led by St Mungo and St Serf. The abbey itself was founded in 1217 as a daughter house of the Cistercian monastery at Kinross and since 1560 has been the home of a Church of Scotland Congregation. That came to a close on Tuesday evening when a special service was held to close the Abbey



A huge congregation packed into the Abbey on Tuesday 3rd of November for the service conducted by our Acting Moderator Lorraine Fraser with a sermon preached by Rev Dr Scott Shackleton, A Minister in the team at Heart of Fife.



For the knowledge that your church continues
and that the work of the people of this congregation continues,
we praise you, Creator God.
For the common life of this congregation,
for the special occasions and the ordinary,
for joys and sorrows, opportunities and challenges,
for all these things and more,
we praise you, Creator God.

And a joyous start to a new ministry at Fife Coastal Trinity

Rev Brian Porteous was Acting Moderator and Rev Jake Lehman preached the sermon at the induction of Rev Dawn Laing to Fife Coastal Trinity in the beautiful Largo Church building.



May she be for us all a source of strength and inspiration bringing reconciliation to those who are divided, peace and healing to those who are broken, justice to those who are oppressed, and hope for those who are lost.



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

OCTOBER 2026 - EDUCATION UPDATE FOR FIFE PRESBYTERY

At Fife Council Education Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8 September, Cllr Kathleen Leslie stepped down as convenor, replaced by Cllr Eugene Clarke. Councillor Dave Dempsey was appointed as Depute Convener. Key discussions were around:

Personal Smart Phone (Device) Free School The committee considered a report on phone free schools across Fife, and the intention to consult staff, parents/ carers and learners during Autumn 2026 on three potential approaches to limiting personal smart device use in schools.

Additional support for learning strategy 2026-29 The committee is seeking comment on its proposed implementation, noting the increasing numbers and complexity of additional support needs nationally and within Fife.Transport for pupils with additional support needs remains a major resource demand.

At Fife Council Cabinet Meeting held on 8 October 2026, **Fife's Gaelic Language Plan 2026-2033** was approved. In the past 15 years the number of people in Fife who had some understanding of Gaelic has doubled. The Gaelic community is therefore growing and the Council is committed to supporting people who wish to develop their Gaelic skills to be used on a basis of equal respect with English.

An update on changes to national guidance on Religious Observance (RO) and Religious and Moral Education (RME) will soon be available. More details to follow.

More information on these issues is available from the Presbytery Office.

Ian Macaulay, Local Authority Education Representative



Service of Closure at Carnbee Church

The Service of closure for Carnbee Church will be on Sunday 15th of November at 2pm. Carnbee is now one of the former parishes that make up the East Fife Rural Parish along with Kilrenny Kingsbarns and Largoward. As a special and perhaps unique twist to the service the preacher will be Rev Ian Wotherspoon who was licensed in Carnbee Church many years ago. All will be made most welcome.



Get The Daily Worship in a Printed Booklet

The Sanctuary First team has been busy preparing something exciting for Advent! For the first time ever we are offering FREE Printed versions of the Daily Worship for Advent! This will include all 35 Daily Worship reflections for the month written by our guest writers and assembled with original art work.



We are looking for congregations and groups from all backgrounds that are willing to partner with us to take booklets to hand out to their community and help to invite more people to read and discover the word of God every day on a Daily Walk With God. No order to small or large, we will ship them to you for free and you hand them out to your local community.

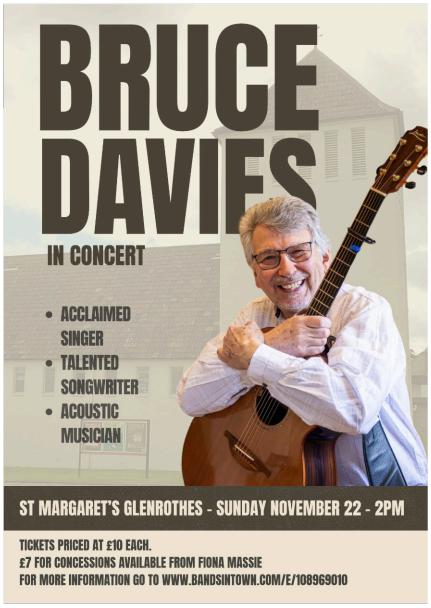
Get in touch with us at: office@sanctuaryfirst.org.uk or via our contact page on the website or message us here on social media if you would like to help us to reach more people with the Daily Worship reflections every day during Advent.

If you would like to order individual Printed Daily Worship booklets just for your own personal use you will be able to do this via the Sanctuary First shop for FREE at just the cost of shipping.

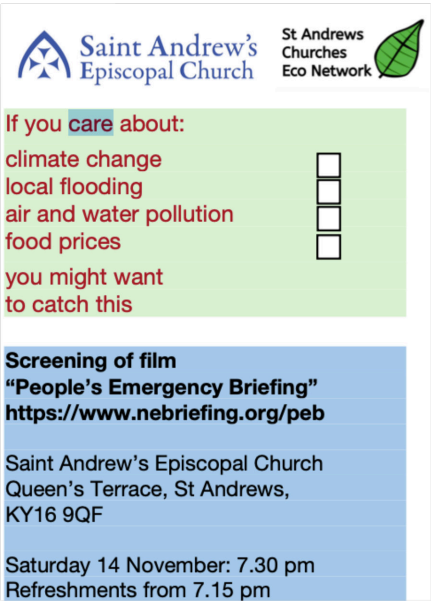
Notices


HOLY TRINITY
EVENTS
NOV 4 SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7PM
NOV 6 SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICE 3PM
NOV 20 MUSIC SOCIETY BIG BANDS CONCERT 4PM
NOV 25 STA & FIFE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7PM
NOV 27 TOPPING AUTHOR TALK: IAN RANKIN 7:30PM
NOV 28 MUSIC SOCIETY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT 3:30PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK
Boarhills, Dunino and St Andrews: Holy trinity Church of Scotland | Scottich Charity Number: SC017173


Limekilns Parish Church
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, 28 November
2 to 4pm at the Church
Admission £5 including Tea
Children FREE (under 16)
CAKE & CANDY
TOMBOLA
TOILETRIES
HAMPERS
BOOKS
PRE-LOVED
BOTTLE STALL
GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE
CRAFTS


BRUCE DAVIES
IN CONCERT
ACCLAIMED SINGER
TALENTED SONGWRITER
ACOUSTIC MUSICIAN
ST MARGARET'S GLENROTHES - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22 - 2PM
TICKETS PRICED AT £10 EACH.
£7 FOR CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FROM FIONA MASSIE
FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.BANDSINTOWN.COM/E/108969010


CHRISTMAS FAYRE
14th November 2026
10 - 1pm
REFRESHMENTS
STALLS
CRAFTS
GIFTS
Fife:Forthview Parish Church
82a Queensferry Road
ROSYTH


Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
St Andrews Churches Eco Network
If you care about:
climate change
local flooding
air and water pollution
food prices
you might want to catch this
Screening of film
"People's Emergency Briefing"
https://www.nebriefing.org/peb
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
Queen's Terrace, St Andrews,
KY16 9QF
Saturday 14 November: 7.30 pm
Refreshments from 7.15 pm


COMMUNITY SERVICE of REMEMBRANCE
Sunday 8th November
service begins 10.45am
in St.Adrian's at
ANSTRUTHER CHURCH
...afterwards walking
to The War Memorial
at Anstruther Cemetery
All Welcome


Cairneyhill Parish Church
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 7th November
10am until 2.00pm
Free Entry
14 Stalls Christmas Gifts
Artisan Crafts and also Fresh Bread
Tea / Coffee
Including a Cake and Scone £4.50
Charity number SCO12892


Join Us for a Festive Celebration!
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
FIFE: FORTHVIEW PARISH CHURCH
INVERKEITHING
21st November
12.00pm - 2.00pm
£1 entry
Soup & Mince Pies (£5.00).
Various stalls: Cake & Candy,
Small Christmas gifts, Raffle,
Hampers, Face Painting
and many more!
FOR MORE INFORMATION
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