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Kirk Session Council **6 December & 7 February**

Kirk Session **13 February**

Kin-nections March - May
Deadline: **23 January**



SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

On the first Sunday of each month Communion will be celebrated at the service in the church and online.

Although restrictions have been lifted, the Covid virus has not gone away so we will continue to be mindful of one another and to monitor official Covid guidance.

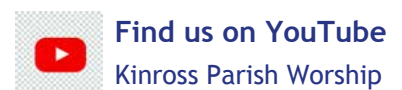
4 December	Isaiah 8 Days of Darkness Quarterly Communion
11 December	Isaiah 9 To Us a Child is Born
18 December	Nativity Service
25 December	Christmas Day
1 January	New Year's Day
8 January	Isaiah 14 The Lord is King
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22 January	Isaiah 36-37 God Hears Prayer
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5 February	Isaiah 42-53 The Servant Songs
12 February	Isaiah 55 God's Invitation
19 February	Isaiah 58 Growing Closer to God
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FROM THE MANSE...



Dear Friends

I want to share with you a brief update on the state of play regarding the Presbytery Mission Plan and its outworking locally. As you may be aware the draft mission plan was published in February of this year and this was followed by a period of consultation with every Kirk Session (including ours) over the spring and early summer. In addition a thorough process of assessing every building owned by the Church across the Presbytery (called the Asset Management Building Audit) has taken place over the summer and the Presbytery's Planning and Development Committee have been reviewing the draft plan in the light of all the data. Two meetings of the Presbytery are scheduled during November at which the final draft of the Mission Plan will be discussed and voted on before being submitted to the General Assembly's Presbytery Mission Plan Implementation Group for its approval.

Meanwhile the Session Clerks and Ministers of Cleish, Fossoway, Kinross and Orwell & Portmoak held a number of meetings to consider how the Kinross-shire churches could work more closely together going forward. A proposal for the formation of a formal Parish Grouping was developed and then considered by each of the four Kirk Sessions before being brought to a conference meeting on 22 September at which there was detailed discussion of the proposal around tables with representatives of each Kirk Session. Each Kirk Session then met separately to vote on the Basis of Parish Grouping. I can report that there was unanimous approval from all four Kirk Sessions.

In the near future we will be calling a meeting of the congregation to report on the final outcome of the Presbytery Mission Planning process and its implications for us here and to put the Basis of Parish Grouping to the congregation for its approval. Detailed information will be made available before the meeting and there will be ample opportunity for the asking of questions.

Meanwhile the worship, the ministry and the mission of the Church continue to develop as we seek to face the challenges of our times. No-one is saying that the road ahead will be without its bumps but if we are prepared to work together under God, we will advance God's Kingdom even if the institutional Church declines.

With all prayerful good wishes,

Alan
Rev. A.D. Reid

TIME FOR PRAYER

- The regular **Prayer Diary** is available online and in printed form
- Every **Sunday evening at 6pm** there is an opportunity to gather with others to pray via Zoom (online or by telephone) - the link is published in the weekly email
- On the first **Monday morning of the month at 8am** there is a time of guided meditation in the church: **5 December, 9 January & 6 February**
- On the **third Thursday of the month** you are invited to the monastic prayer service of Compline at **9pm** in the church: **15 December, 19 January & 16 February**
- **Day of Prayer 7 January 7am-7pm**

Our Fellow Kinross-shire Church of Scotland Churches

Kinross Parish Church and the other Church of Scotland churches in Kinross-shire are exploring ways of cooperating more in the future. Here is a little information about them. Why not visit or get involved in some of their activities?

Cleish: Sunday Service at Cleish Church in Cleish is at 11.15am. Cleish is linked with the Crook of Devon church, Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside. The congregations are independent but share a minister, Rev Elisabeth Stenhouse, and cooperate in many ways. Information: www.cleishchurch.com

Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside: Sunday service at Fossoway Church in Crook of Devon is at 9.45am. The church is linked with Cleish and shares its minister, Rev Elisabeth Stenhouse. Information: www.fossowaychurch.org.uk

Orwell and Portmoak: This is a union of two previous parishes and there are two church buildings. The service at Portmoak Church, which lies between Scotlandwell and Kilmagadwood, is at 10am. At Orwell, at Ba'Hill, Milnathort, the service is at 11.30am. Currently there is a locum minister, Rev Dr Robert Calvert, and Rev Alan Reid is Interim Moderator. Information: www.orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

MINISTRY UPDATES

Rev Austin Wicks and New Beginnings

As I am writing this article, I find myself surrounded by New Beginnings. As an American pastor having just two months of experience in the Church of Scotland I find myself repeatedly surprised by all the little things that are new in my life here. Alicia and I went for a walk through the woods and found ourselves unable to make it very far because of all the amazing photo opportunities for us along the path.

In addition to the experiences that life has brought us thus far, I have the privilege and blessing to be a part of Kinross Parish Church during a time of great change. The Church of Scotland is changing presbytery boundaries and Kinross itself is joining hands with our neighbors.

Alicia and I have felt so blessed and welcomed by the people of Kinross that we were compelled to find a way to give in return. We have found that pathway forward, in perhaps the silliest of new beginnings here, with the start of a Dungeons and Dragons group.

If you do not know, Dungeons and Dragons is a storytelling tabletop roleplaying game. You have a game master (Alicia and I) who is the narrator of the story. As the narrator sets the scene the players (the church youth) decide what their characters will do to interact with the world, to help one another and to find solutions to problems. It is a wonderful game for community building and so we wanted to try and bring that joy to the youth of Kinross.

We had our first game on 21 October with 12 young people in attendance as well as a handful of adult volunteers. It was a spectacular night where our church youth really came alive and came closer together. There was laughter, excitement, and of course food. I want to thank Ann Marie for helping us to organize this event. I feel truly grateful to all of the youth who came out to make such an event a success, and their enthusiasm to keep playing has also been a delight. Though they kindly asked for us to do this every week, I explained that Alicia and I would need more time to prepare for each session.

So for now we are playing bi-weekly, but full of enthusiasm and joy. I look forward to sharing more stories of the wonderful ways in which we are serving Kinross Parish Church and the community. And I look forward to sharing in the Advent and Christmas season experience with everyone.

Love and Peace,

Austin Wicks



In Conversation with Alan McKay

As part of his second year of training to be a Minister, Alan is with us until Easter. Kin-nections caught up with him on Zoom.

Alan and his wife, Emily, and young boys, Cameron and Lewis, live in Perth. He was working as a scientist and worshipping at the Steeple Church in Dundee when Alan felt the time had come to answer God's call so embarked on his ministry journey. Alan's training coincides with a time of great structural change across the Church of Scotland but hopes that when he enters parish ministry

he will be involved in new and exciting Kingdom building. But Alan rests in the knowledge that God has a plan and, through prayer, he will be shown the way.

Alan is particularly interested in the intersection of faith and science, encouraging dialogue so that people feel confident having conversations about their faith in the context of an increasingly secular society. For Alan, God is a scientist, so faith and science are not mutually exclusive but, rather, enhance one another to inspire awe and wonder. If this is an area that interests you, Alan would be pleased to chat with you.

Alan is thankful for the support and encouragement he is receiving from Rev Alan and from Rev Austin and for the welcome he has received from Kinross Parish Church.

Ordination of Anne Redpath

Anne has successfully completed all her training to be a Minister and was ordained by the Presbytery of Perth on 2 November. Until Presbytery Mission Plans are approved across Scotland it is not possible for parish vacancies to be filled, so the General Assembly agreed that probationers be ordained to a particular sphere of service. Anne has been appointed to the role of 'Presbytery chaplaincy, to develop Discipleship and Mission to aid integration of linked congregations'. She has also recently become Interim Moderator for the vacancy at Errol linked with Kilspindie and Rait.

Anne and her husband, Rev Jim Redpath, have been members of our congregation since Jim retired from full-time ministry. Our prayers and support go with Anne in her important new role helping Ministers and congregations through the changes coming to the Presbytery.



Ministry Candidates – Update

Rob Pettifer has taken a job with the Salvation Army in Berwick upon Tweed; Ian Morrison is undertaking his second placement at St Madoes, and Andrea Fraser is completing her probationary period at Dalgety Bay.

The congregational and spiritual life of Kinross Parish Church is enhanced by the fresh perspectives brought by students of ministry - please remember them all in your prayers.



Joy
By Diane Taylor

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy - Matthew 2:10 ev

My Lord and Saviour,

I humbly bow before You now in awesome wonder as I hear the story of Your birth. My heart, once filled with worries, feels the softening of my fears by the calming peace of Your presence. Oh Lord, hear my prayer tonight, singing up into the night sky; a melody of praise on my lips. Give me strength to raise my voice, let me testify of Your love. A love that is not just for me, but for all. An inclusive, loving Father who loves each and every one of us. What miracle is this? A love so divine, so freely given, so unfathomable. My Lord, in the midst of all our current circumstances, whatever they may be, I pray that we might be filled with Your joy!

Oh, we thank You that the joy of the Lord is our strength. You came to earth as a helpless babe. A sign of hope, a sign of new beginnings, a sign of God. No matter what we have done, no matter how unlovable we may sometimes feel, we need only come to You with a heart full of praise. We have so much to be grateful for because of Your goodness. We thank you for the gift of Jesus, who teaches us not to quiver in fear, but we declare there is a spring of joy inside us that is welling up and overflowing to eternal life. Teach us more about You, Lord Jesus, of Your love and of Your mercy. May this Christmas prayer touch the lives of all Your children and our songs of praise be heard in heaven, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Volunteering: our church thrives on the support of volunteers! If you have a little bit of time to offer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Church Office or speak with the Minister

We Are All Friends Together

All Friends Together welcomes adults with learning disabilities to a monthly celebration of Jesus.

It has been lovely for all of us to be meeting again in the church.

Just weeks before her death we had talked about our late Queen's life of service and duty and had made bunting, which was put up in the church. We also mentioned her in the meeting after her death and prayed for the new King.

We created our harvest basket in September (you may have seen this on the screen before the Harvest Thanksgiving service or in the weekly email). In October, we joined with Prospects groups from all over Scotland in our Annual Celebration - this year at the Madoch Centre, St Madoes, Perth. We enjoyed a time of worship together, with our own Lindsay saying a prayer (*see picture*).

We would ask for your prayers as we consider the way forward for All Friends Together.

Anne Sutherland



Lindsay leading prayer at Prospects Annual Celebration

Crossfire - new series starting!

For those in P7 and above, a new series of Crossfire is starting on Sunday 20 November, meeting weekly until Sunday 18 December in the Church Centre 6-7.30pm. It will then continue in the New Year, starting on 15 January.

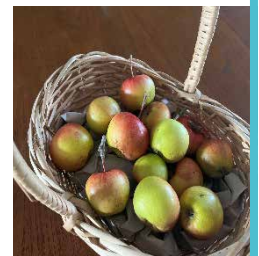
Enjoy dinner together, followed by a choice of different activities. More information from Jenny Masson via the Church Office.

Kinross Parish Church Eco-Team - would you like to volunteer to support?

During 2022 the Eco-Team had a great harvest. From the church garden, we had our first apples from the four trees that were planted this year and again a good yield of plums from the trees at the gate. The allotment, although still small (we hope to get a slightly larger one next year), was bountiful, allowing us to give basketfuls of produce to the Kinross Centre, including strawberries, tomatoes, peppers and parsley.

We are now at the tidying-up point, getting ready for next year's planning and planting. We need more helpers so if you are able to give just an hour or so a week or maybe just to offer some advice, please get in touch via the Church Office.

Jim Smith



“Let’s Sing!”

The members of Let’s Sing! extend a warm invitation to everyone in the congregation to our Christmas celebration on **Sunday 11 December 2.30-4pm.**

We will be singing Christmas carols and well-known Christmas songs and enjoying a cup of tea and mince pies. A wind group from Kinross-shire Kacophony will provide some incidental seasonal music and accompany the carols. If we sing loudly enough we may even have a very special Christmas visitor!

We’d love to have you with us as we celebrate this very special time of year. If possible, please let the Church Office know you’re planning to attend so that we can plan the catering. We look forward to seeing you.

The Guild

We have had four face-to-face meetings this session so far and each has been well attended and enjoyed. One of our meetings was on one of the projects the Guild is supporting - Blether with Beat - and Kerry Coull from Beat gave an enlightening talk on eating disorders and how Beat can help. £200 was raised on the night.



An excellent talk was given by Lesley-Ann Calvert and fun was had playing Scrabble at the fundraising night. Thank you to everyone who brought along things for our "This and That" stall and also to Karena Jarvie and Traidcraft for donations. Austin Wicks stepped in at short notice to talk to us about his calling to ministry and this was great.

By the time this issue of Kin-nections is out we should have had talks by Brian Timms and a representative from the Great Scottish Tapestry.

Looking ahead, we have another project talk on **10 January** from UNIDA - Hear our Voice and on **14 February** Dr Gillian Baughan on Strathcarron Hospice. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to join us on Zoom - all are welcome!

Enid Campbell, Convener

Thursday House Group

This is a photograph of some of the Thursday Morning house group. We are studying the life of the 12 disciples of Jesus and their Calling to follow Him. We meet at 10.30am on a Thursday morning for fellowship and tea/coffee too, of course.



Fairtrade Gift Bags for Kinross Centre Service Users



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation on last year's National Giving Day, the Traidcraft group were able to provide Fairtrade tea, biscuits and chocolate for everyone who comes to the Kinross Centre during the week. An extra special addition was a beautiful cloth bag to hold the gifts, which can then be kept and used. We were delighted and grateful that members of the Craft Group were able to make 100 bags from donated material. The photo shows Margaret Clark from the Craft Group, some members of the Traidcraft Team and our newest salesperson, Grace!

Karena Jarvie



WORLD NEWS

Ukraine Update

Rev Alan received news in October from The Great Church Debrecen, our partners in Hungary. Kinross Parish Church is helping them support the shelter house project in Csongor, Ukraine.

“It is a hard year for everyone. Just a short report. In Csongor, the Housing project is in process. I keep contact with Rev. Pocsai

Sándor. He will come next week to Debrecen and I will have more information. We have more and more refugees in Debrecen, but they do not live in camps. They hire houses or buy houses for themselves, and as we see, they do not want to return to Ukraine. They try to make their living here. Some of them visit church services. God bless you all!”

István



Reflecting on the 2022 Kinross Parish Church-MAF Partnership

Huge thanks to all who have this year supported the KPC partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship for their operations in Uganda.

Uganda is a refuge of hope for huge numbers of refugees fleeing from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Because the condition of Uganda’s roads makes overland travel dangerous, MAF flights enable humanitarian and mission partners to arrive safely at destinations where they are assisting the victims of violence, providing nutrition, education and healthcare to children, and support that is lifting thousands out of poverty. Fifty national staff and 18 international staff run the MAF Uganda operation. Six planes fly to 36 locations supporting over 200 partner organisations.

Here’s a brief update on our KPC-MAF Uganda partnership year:

In January, we welcomed Ruth, Duncan and Samuel Jack to a Sunday service when they gave us insight into their inspirational lives of service to the Lord through MAF. Ruth had just been appointed Country Director for MAF in Uganda after three years jointly running the MAF operations in Arnhem Land, Australia with her husband, Duncan. This was their first speaking engagement in the UK as they sought to garner support for Ruth’s upcoming posting. Donations subsequently made at the various events below raised £1,100. In addition, some members of our church are now directly supporting Ruth’s work through regular giving.

In February we hosted a “Swansong” musically-enriched evening of interview with Andy Swanson who was leaving MAF after 11 years’ service as an aircraft maintenance engineer - the last seven of which had been in Uganda.

The Talla Park Swing Orchestra got us “In the Mood” for a fun quiz night in April hosted by MAF’s Andy Martin.

Ruth, Duncan and Samuel moved to Uganda in May and are now settled into their new country, culture and climate. You can keep up to date via their Facebook page: [theJacksinUganda](#). Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

On Sunday 12 June we hosted an MAF exhibition of a plane and flight simulator alongside a Youth Rescue Challenge at Kirkgate Park. Ten youth teams entered the challenge, which was won by the Chen family. The event was supported by KYTHE bands and included a BBQ.

At the end of August, the church stall at the Summer Farmers’ Market was themed on our partnership with MAF. We were delighted to sign up 40 new MAF supporters that day!

Finally, on Sunday 30 October, we held a MAFternoon Tea to celebrate the partnership and to thank all friends and supporters. With sincere gratitude to donors who gave via the September Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving offerings, a cheque from KPC for a further £1,000 was presented to MAF representatives on the day. This was also the first day of the MAF annual Global Week of Prayer when the theme was from John 1:5:

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it” (NLT).

Alisdair Stewart
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Greetings if you are new to Kinross
A warm welcome awaits you at any of the local Kinross-shire parish churches.

Hi from Malawi!

I am currently volunteering here in Malawi for three months at M'bwana Children's Mission in Lirangwe, near Blantyre. I am very lucky to be staying with the lovely Samanyika family. The days are very long and busy, starting at 6.30am and usually getting home sometime after 5pm. There are lots of children here, mainly orphans and children who are in vulnerable situations, and they are all given two meals each day and provided with the supplies and opportunity to learn.

The centre I work at is a primary school; if the children are able to pass the exams and go to secondary school and university, the mission also assists with this, providing them with accommodation, and financial and personal support. The main school hall is also a church each Sunday for everyone in the surrounding villages to attend.

I have been teaching English and other subjects to the classes, making posters and resources such as simple flashcards to help the teachers, playing games with the children, reading with them, and just helping out wherever I can, whether marking or organising classrooms etc.

It has been a truly surreal experience so far, seeing a completely different way of life and understanding the struggles these people face as well as the triumphs, and witnessing their amazingly joyful attitude to life, learning and faith.

Malawi is known as 'the warm heart of Africa' and this is the perfect way to describe a nation filled with many caring, helpful and positive people, particularly the wonderful staff here. I will forever see my life in Kinross in a new, more appreciative way.

Isla Skea

If you would like to know more about M'bwana, please visit www.malawichildrensmission.org



Please Pray for Women and Girls in Iran and Elsewhere

The suffering, physical violence and even death, experienced by women and girls in Iran, because of their protests at the death of a young woman, Masha Amini, on being arrested by the morality police for not wearing a hijab properly, has been widely reported. Sadly, the suffering of Christian women and girls, simply because they are Christians, is often unrecognised and unreported.

Such persecution takes several forms. A girl may become a Christian in a Muslim household and, as a result, be placed under house arrest, in order to deny her access to help and understanding from the Christian community. In Pakistan a Christian girl, often no more than 12 or 13, can be kidnapped and declared, against her will, to have become a Muslim and forcibly married to a Muslim. In some countries if a wife becomes a Christian, she may be thrown out of her home and, in these countries, it is often impossible for a 'discarded' woman to survive on her own, given the lowly status of women there.

Several Christian charities, such as Open Doors (<https://www.opendoorsuk.org>), are helping such women and girls and deserve our prayerful support.

John McArthur

Christians Against Poverty – December communion & Christmas special offering

(Scottish Charity Number SC038776)

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CAP

People are facing catastrophic increases in basic living costs; too quickly the situation can spiral out of control. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) works to support people to become debt free. It is there to help - not to judge. No matter how large or small a problem is, CAP can help. It offers free, expert help; it signposts to what help is available in the rising cost of living; and it gives practical tips on how to improve a personal financial situation. CAP has a network of Debt Centres across Scotland.

The Kirk Session commends the work of Christians Against Poverty to you as the recipient of the December communion and Christmas special offerings. You are invited, if you are able, to bring a donation marked "CAP" to church or make an online donation via the Giving page of our church website (kinrossparishchurch.org/giving). Thank you

For more information about CAP, and the support it offers, visit capuk.org

Queen Elizabeth's Faith - Our Servant Queen

On 30 June 2021, the volunteers at the Children's Wood, an outdoor community-run area for children in Glasgow, were informed of a visit by a VIP. Having no idea what to expect, they were amazed when, out of the cars which drew up, emerged Her Majesty the Queen. This was only a few months after the death of her beloved husband.

This was just one example of her fulfilment, right to the end, of a promise made as a young woman: ***"When I was 21, I pledged my life to the service of our people and I asked for God's help to make good that vow. ... I do not regret, or retract, one word of it."***

Queen Elizabeth had a strong personal faith. In a message to the Bible Society, of which she was patron, on her 90th birthday, she said: ***"I have been - and remain - very grateful for your prayers, and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness."*** Queen Elizabeth knew her Bible and prayer book intimately. People with whom she discussed her faith said she would correct you if you mis-quoted a verse.

Queen Elizabeth attended church regularly, worshipping at Crathie Kirk when at Balmoral. The Very Rev Dr Angus Morrison, lately our neighbour at Orwell and Portmoak, preached there on several occasions, including on the Sunday following her death. He wrote: ***"Sacrificial service was a theme close to the Queen's heart and wonderfully exemplified through the long years of her reign."***



What has been heartening in the days and weeks following her death has been the number of times her Christian faith has been a topic of discussion in the media and in private conversation. What an example she was, our Servant Queen!

Irene McFarlane

PHOTO: Queen Elizabeth II (Joel Rouse/ Ministry of Defence Derivative: nagualdesign, OGL 3, via Wikimedia Commons)

A Prayer for the New King

Loving God,

We give thanks for the life of our beloved Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. We honour her life of devoted service, built on a firm foundation of faith, and for her great example of commitment to duty.

Lord, we give thanks for Charles, your servant, and our King, for his devotion to his family, nation, Commonwealth and to our fragile earth. Bless him and the Royal Family at this time of mourning and adjustment.

We pray that you will give him gifts of wisdom, grace and discernment as he faces the challenges of our age. May he abide in your love and draw strength from the deep wells of Christian hope.

And may we also dedicate ourselves afresh to God's kingdom of justice and peace.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Irene McFarlane

World Day of Prayer 2023
- advance announcement



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women. Next year the date for the presentation by the women of Taiwan is **Friday 3 March**.

The services will be at 2.30pm (a shortened version) and at 7pm. The hosts are our church, and we will be inviting all the local churches to come to the service.

Please put the date in your diary.

Sunday Mailer: Let the church keep you in touch! Contact us on office@kinrossparishchurch.org and we will add you to the list to receive our weekly email of news and events

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Funerals - our thoughts and prayers are with the families of

George Aitken	8 August
Dennis Gordon	9 August
Wilma McWilliam	9 September
Ailsa Cowie	4 October
Marjorie Burrows	13 October
William Wallace	19 October
Bridget Mitchell	2 November
Agnes Muirhead	7 November



Fossoway Christmas Bazaar and Community Carols

All are welcome at Fossoway's Christmas Bazaar and Community Carols on Saturday 3 December. The bazaar opens at 1pm in the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall (*next to Fossoway Church in Crook of Devon*) and the carol singing starts at 3pm in the church itself.

The Fossoway Church Autumn newsletter is available at

cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

Pastoral Support

Conscious that a number of members and adherents of the congregation who previously were more or less regularly at worship in the church but have not felt able to return to church at all since Covid, the Minister is undertaking visits in order to get alongside everyone. With the Kirk Session's approval, Rev Jim Redpath has agreed to take responsibility for ongoing, regular visits to those members who are housebound and Rev Margaret Michie and Rev Austin Wicks have joined Rev Alan in arranging visits to others during the autumn months.

In the meantime, if anyone wants to know which Elder(s) are in the Team for their area, please contact Robert Mitchell, Pastoral Convener, via the Church Office.

Outreach Group Weekend Away

The Outreach Group organised a Weekend Away at Gowanbank SU Camp, Ayrshire at the end of September. A total of 24 adults and seven young people attended; Rev Dr Robert Calvert, Locum Minister at Orwell & Portmoak Church, led the discussions. The gathering explored what is Outreach and what works/ does not work. It recognised that Outreach does not mean dragging people in; rather it is listening to God's Word and sharing the Good News message. Time will be taken to reflect on all that was shared then bring together proposals for short, medium and long-term actions. Rev Austin explored with the young people what they were looking for, acknowledging their concerns that their voices had not always been heard. The young people's enthusiasm was inspiring and some of their suggestions have immediately been put into place, such as quiet fidget toys for children during the service.

Four commitments were agreed by the group, which will translate into actions. To commit to:

1. Continue to listen and pray so that we are led by God
2. Finding ways of building key intergenerational relationships within the Church family and with those who are less engaged
3. Living spirit-led lives to reach out in service, being inclusive, available and vulnerable
4. Being open to working inclusively with mission partners both locally and internationally

Underlying these commitments is the aim to serve God who can do so much more than we can imagine. These themes reflect those of Growing Young - building intergenerational connections through fellowship and being the best neighbours.

Brenda Fraser, Convener, Outreach Group



Family Advent Activities in Kinross Parish Church

ADVENTure: Saturday 26 November 2-3.30pm
Who: for children
What: games, crafts, stories, activities, snacks and songs as we think about the beginning of the Advent season and the message of Christmas.

Nativity Preparation: Sunday mornings from 27 November onwards
Who: for children
What: our Nativity Service is on Sunday 18 December at 10.30am. During preceding Sunday services we hope that the children will have fun preparing for this.

Family Film Evening: Thursday 22 December 6.30pm
Who: for families
What: we'll be watching Nativity and there will be popcorn and ice-cream.

Look out for details of future events in the New Year, including a Church family ceilidh and a quiz night.

Kinross Parish Church Christmas Services 2022

Sunday 18 December
10.30am Nativity Service

Monday 19 December
6.30pm Service of Quiet Remembering

Saturday 24 December
 Christmas Eve
4.30pm Crib Service for all the family
11.15pm Watchnight Service


Sunday 25 December 
10.30am Christmas Day Worship

Sunday 1 January
10.30am New Year's Day Worship




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Following Christ
 Spreading the Word
 Serving the Community



Stepping Stones

Parents, carers, babies and toddlers
 Play, coffee & chat - all welcome!



Where - Kinross Parish Church, Station Road,
 Kinross KY13 8TG

When - Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 10-11am

For more info - office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland | Scottish Charity No. SCO12555

COSY SPACES KINROSS-SHIRE

Warm Spaces - a warm welcome to all

Kinross Parish Church is open on Mondays and Fridays between 10am and 12 noon for anyone to pop in for a warm welcome, a cuppa and a chat.

There are lots of other community spaces available including Orwell & Portmoak Church Office, Glenfarg Community Centre, Kinross Men's Shed, Kinross Centre, Kinross Library and KYTHE.

For information on community Warm Space opening times and for guidance on Welfare Rights, Home Energy Scotland and Citizens Advice, contact Broke Not Broken

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