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Minutes of Kirk Session Meetings

Available from the Church Office

Kirk Session **5 September**

Kirk Session Council **4 October**

Pre-Kirk Session Council **1 November**

Kin-nections Dec - Feb Deadline: **24 October**



The Church of Scotland

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

On the first Sunday of each month Communion is 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.

04 September	Five Marks of Mission 2 Nurture Quarterly Communion
11 September	Five Marks of Mission 3 Service
18 September	Five Marks of Mission 4 Transformation
25 September	Five Marks of Mission 5 Renewal
02 October	Luke 17:5-10 Harvest Thanksgiving
09 October	Luke 17:11-19 Gratitude
16 October	Luke 18:1-8 Prayer and Justice
23 October	Isaiah 1 The State of the Nation
30 October	Isaiah 2 God's Amazing Plan
06 November	Isaiah 5 The Song of the Vineyard
13 November	Remembrance Sunday
20 November	Isaiah 6 Here I am, Send Me
27 November	Isaiah 7 A Virgin shall Conceive

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FROM THE MANSE...

Dear Friends



The beginning of a new session in the life of the church is always a time for renewed enthusiasm - the dreaming of dreams and the making of plans. We have been refreshed as individuals by the slower days of summer and inspired as a church by the energy of Family Week, and this year we have the added stimulus provided by the arrival of Austin and Alicia Wicks. Now, we wonder, where might God be wanting to take us over the coming months as we seek to follow Jesus in our current circumstances?

There are huge opportunities as well as many challenges facing Kinross Parish Church, some that are unique to our situation and some that we share with our sister churches locally and with the wider church in Scotland but be assured of this: God's grace is sufficient for all our needs and although the future may look quite different from the past, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and it is Jesus who is the One calling us onward and Jesus who is by our side every step of the way.

So let me encourage you to take stock of where you are on your Christian journey right now and, prayerfully before God, to make time to commit yourself to just one new step of faith, however great or small that might be for you at this time. If you are puzzling over questions of faith, commit yourself to finding some answers this year (and ask if there is something you would like help with). If you are wondering about the part you play in the life of the congregation, why not rise to the challenge of doing something new in the coming year (even if that takes you out of your comfort zone). If you are wearying of a burden you have carried for what seems like too long, then why not pass on the baton to someone who will pick it up with fresh enthusiasm - perhaps you could pass your skills on to someone younger and mentor them as they grow into your old role.

Together as a whole congregation we have to take stock of the work we are doing and perhaps this is the time to bring some things to an end so that we can be more effective in today's changed circumstances. What has become institutional needs to be laid to rest so that new growth can be encouraged and the way opened to future fruitfulness. I hope that we can discern God's leading as we walk together week by week and that we can inspire one another along the way.

Yours because Christ's,
Alan

Rev. A.D. Reid

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayer is 'taking hold of God's willingness to give' (Helmut Thielicke)

- 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 of news and events
- On the first **Monday morning of the month at 8am** there is a time of guided meditation in the Church: **5 September, 3 October & 7 November**
- On the **third Thursday of the month** you are invited to pause before bed for the late evening monastic prayer service of Compline at **9pm**. This takes place in the Church: **15 September, 20 October & 17 November**

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' (James 4:8)

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19



Echoes of Heaven

By Diane Taylor

Dear Lord,

We ask that You might fill us with Your healing hope and comfort. There has been so much change of late, Lord, some of which may have been painful or unsettling and some which has brought us joy and excitement. In those moments when our minds and hearts are weary, You promise to fill us with life anew and refresh our souls. Quench our thirsty souls, Lord, and generously pour Your love upon us. Help us to let go of our attempts to control our circumstances and instead allow Your peace to wrap around us as we surrender each day to You. It is in Your presence, Lord, that we can come close to hear You whisper and gently call us, comfort and counsel us. In the face of any trial, all we have to do is praise Your holy name. May we still our souls that we may hear the echoes of heaven resonating through us, a gentle stirring, moving us to change, ourselves and the world.

Amen

You are Welcome to Browse our Discipleship Corner

There are excellent resources available in the Discipleship Corner at the back of the church to help you on your faith journey. Please take time to browse the books, magazines and leaflets.

(This is also the perfect space for babies and their families during Sunday worship!)



Our gazebo in use during Christian Aid Week

Farmers' Market

Kinross Parish Church has a regular presence at the monthly Farmers' Markets - please pop by the gazebo and say hello. You can also visit the Traidcraft stall and chat with the Fairtrade team.

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

MINISTRY UPDATES

Welcome to Austin and Alicia Wicks

Rev Austin Wicks and his wife Alicia arrived safely in Kinross from the USA in July and will be with us for up to a year as Austin familiarises himself with the Church of Scotland. Austin was previously a Pastor at a Presbyterian church in Indiana.

Here they are meeting members of the congregation on their first visit to our church and looking remarkably chipper despite a particularly trying journey and jet lag. They are a delightful couple. We pray that all goes well for them in their time with us.



Students for Ministry

Please keep these folk in your prayers as they prepare for ministry in very challenging times for the Church.

Alan McKay - Alan is originally from Carnoustie but now lives in Perth and is in training for full-time ministry. He will be on placement with us for six months from September. This will be his second placement following one in Dundee last year.



Andrea Fraser - Andrea is currently undertaking her probationary period at Dalgety Church on a part-time basis whilst studying

Left: Alan McKay

for an MTh at Aberdeen with a thesis on a Christian response to harm reduction in relation to addiction. Her final review is due in December and thereafter there will be discussions about possible avenues of service.

Anne Redpath - Anne had her final review in July and is due to be completing her probationary period at Perth: North Church this autumn but because of the current pausing of all vacancies while Presbytery mission plans are completed, she is currently in discussion with the Presbytery of Perth to discern where God is calling her to serve at this time, and is confident that it will become clear in God's good time.

Ian Morrison - Following his first placement with us last year, Ian will be undertaking his second placement at St Madoes Church.

Orwell & Portmoak

Our sister parish, Orwell & Portmoak, has welcomed as its locum minister Rev Dr Robert Calvert. Many of you will know his wife, Lesley-Ann, who sings in our choir and is a member of the Guild. Robert has worked as parish minister on the Drumchapel housing estate in Glasgow, developed an international Church of Scotland ministry in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and most recently was at Dundee's Steeple Church.

Robert knows Ukraine well, having trained Christian students there to become pastors. He is in regular touch with friends in Kiev, Odessa, Kharkiv and the Dombas region.



Be alert to email & phone scams: please continue to be vigilant! Stop and ask yourself: are you expecting this contact? Would this person really ask this? Be a healthy sceptic!

Church Groups at a glance

Please also see other pages for the Craft Group, Guild and Flower Group and the back cover for details of the Brigade, house groups and Stepping Stones. Contact the Church Office for more details of any of these groups and gatherings.

All Friends Together

Who for: Adults with learning disabilities and their helpers/carers
 What: Singing, Bible story, craft, fellowship meal and jokes
 When: 10.30–11.30am on 17 September, 15 October, 19 November & 17 December
 Where: In the Church



Choir

Who for: Anyone who loves to sing
 What: Leading sung worship on Sunday morning
 When: 9.15am on Sunday mornings
 Where: In the Church

Table Talk

Who for: Everyone
 What: Chatting about anything and everything!
 When: 11am–12noon on Thursdays
 Where: On Zoom; occasionally in person

Eco Team

Who for: Those willing to address environmental issues through life and mission
 What: Practical action such as litter-picking, gardening and looking after the allotment
 When: Various - see Intimations, Facebook & website for upcoming activities
 Where: In the Church & community



Let's Sing

Who for: Mainly for those with dementia and their carers but everyone is welcome
 What: Cup of tea and a chat and a really good sing
 When: 2.30–4pm on 11 September, 9 October, 13 November & 11 December
 Where: In the Church

Crossfire

Who for: P7 upwards
 What: Start the Week with Faith, Food & Fun!
 When: Sundays from 7pm
 Where: In the Church

These are just a selection! We hope you find something that engages and interests you.

Family Week 2022

Thank you to everyone who took part in Family Week 2022, from the youngest pre-schooler enjoying the activities to the oldest volunteer helper (also enjoying the activities!). Here in the church, in Swansacre, St James Catholic Church and at St Paul's Episcopal Church over 150 children and young people were fully engaged in hearing the Good News message, alongside fun, food and fellowship.



Growing Young - Update

Hopefully everyone who reads this is familiar with the Growing Young process and understands that we are organically changing the way we do things to help welcome the next generation into our church family. The diagram below reminds us of the six core commitments that we need to reflect.

Where are we now? The two years of seminars with the Fuller Institute are over but the work is just beginning for all of us. Amongst other things, we have already experimented with a more family-friendly form of worship service, had church events around food and fun together, and have a presence at each Farmers Market with crafts on offer to engage young families. We are reminded change takes time, and that resilience and perseverance is required.

We were encouraged to make a vivid description of where we would like to be in three years:

“Kinross Parish Church is aiming to be known as the warm heart of Kinross where, as followers of Jesus, our church family welcomes everyone from all backgrounds and life stages.

We are intentional in prioritising young people, all of whom are valued as individuals and are growing in confidence in their identity as they have opportunities to serve and represent the church in the community, alongside all other generations.

Walking in one another’s shoes we are all nurtured through loving and caring intergenerational relationships.

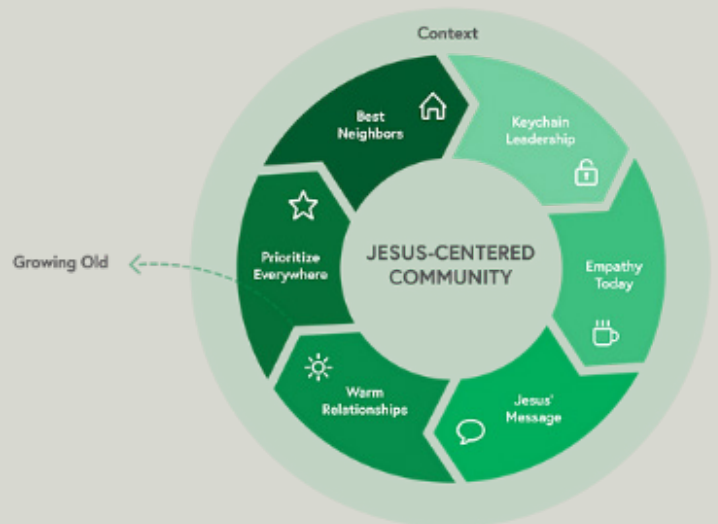
Journeying in faith happens with both peers and mentors as the Bible is explored in real and relevant ways.

We want our church family to be buzzing with life; seeking to offer sanctuary and to be a beacon of light and hope across the community.”

We were also encouraged to think of some BHAGs (Big Hairy Audacious Goals!) and already some are under way:

1. To develop our garden to be a more welcoming space
2. Establish mentoring networks with the younger generation (young = up to 30 years of age)
3. Plan a year ahead of coordinated worship and outreach so that we work in a synergistic way
4. Re-start a group for parents/guardians and toddlers – Kathleen and Isobel have taken on the baton with this, establishing Stepping Stones
5. Have open meetings to talk about the issues that people face today and what is God’s role in all of this?

Shona Sutherland



Church Flowers

Firstly a big thank you to the team of flower arrangers and distributors who work every week to ensure the church has a wonderful colourful display, and take the flowers around the parish to the weekly recipients.

The ministry of flowers is of great importance and means such a lot to those receiving them.

Monetary donations to the Flower Fund are very much welcomed, especially if you would like to mark a particular date in the year.

Remember, if you would like to join the team in arranging or distributing the Church flowers or should you wish to suggest a recipient (special birthday, anniversary, illness or just keeping in touch) please contact the Church Office.



Brigade Summer camp - "Ken More"

The theme for the camp was "ken more" (know more) with a focus on achieving through personal challenges.

The mixed group of boys and girls arrived on-site and erected their tents before starting individual and squad competitions.

It was a packed week, including a walk to the Crannog, Sunday worship at Fortingall Church, a walk at the Birks o Aberfeldy, a cycle round the Taymouth Castle estate, tubing on the River Garry and climbing Ben Lawers and Beinn Ghlas.

Sport included individual competitions and inter-squad volleyball, tennis, rounders, athletics and unihoc. There was also a camp concert.

Evening prayers had a different focus each day: on "advancement" with the youngsters challenged to learn from the experiences of the week's activities; obedience and how we learn about good and bad; reverence and how we should conduct ourselves in everyday life regardless of the challenges we face; discipline and what it means to be a disciple; respect and how it has to be earned; and looking at the family background of Jesus and how the son of a simple carpenter came to change the world.



Sports champion over the week - Angus N
Best camper overall - Elsie S

Best Camper (Scouts)

- 1st - Elsie S
- 2nd - Christina T
- 3rd - Angus N

Best Camper (BB)

- 1st - Adelaide A
- 2nd - David S
- 3rd - Elizabeth S



David Munro

Craft Group... now in Year 16!

If you sew, knit or do any other crafts, come along to our meetings on a Wednesday at the Church from 1.30pm until 3pm. We'd love to have some new members.

We are planning to have a Craft Pop-Up Shop in the Church Centre on **Saturday 5 November** from 10am until 12 noon. Over the next few months we will be working on some new ideas for items to sell. Please jot the date in your diary – it would be lovely to see you there.

The ladies knit for charity too and recently knitted 23 knee blankets for the users of the Kinross Centre. These were presented to Nan at one of our meetings (see image).

If you'd like more information about the group, please contact the Church Office.

Margaret Clark



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Made by Margaret Sikora, one of our organists and member of the Traidcraft Team



Try Delicious Beer Bread from Traidcraft!

Traidcraft has a wide variety of Fairtrade goods for everyday use and for a special treat, such as this beer bread from South Africa, which comes in five different flavours (one makes chocolate chip cookies!) and only requires the addition of beer or soda water and it's ready to cook!

The farmers and producers of Fairtrade products are facing extremely challenging times at present with climate change, the ongoing concerns of Covid and a global increase in transport costs, so please consider buying Fairtrade goods in shops and cafés as well as the Traidcraft stall on a Sunday. We also have a stall at the Farmers' Market!

It is something that we can all do that makes a difference, so please **#ChooseTheWorldYouWant**

Karena Jarvie

WORLD NEWS

Ukraine

Our General Assembly in May condemned the Russian invasion of Ukraine and called for 'an immediate ceasefire and a just and peaceful solution'.

Our partner church in Debrecen, Hungary, and the church in Csongor, Ukraine to which we recently sent money from our reserves, continue to help people affected.

From István, The Great Church, Debrecen:

"Thank you for your prayer and offering. Last week we were at the border of Ukraine. We travelled with two vans full of water, chocolates, snacks and meals. We saw many people there, especially students from India and Nigeria and some Ukrainian mothers with their children. This was very hard. We shared chocolate and meals in cans and water. . . We never ever thought a war would happen in our neighborhood."

From the minister at Csongor in Ukraine: "Many people left the village, elderly people stayed. We try to care for them. And many people arrive every day. We supply accommodation for them, some stay for one night, some stay longer, especially children with mothers. And the refugees do not know what to do. Move further, leaving the country, or staying?"

In Kinross we have made the church available on Saturdays as a café to allow the Ukrainians who have arrived here to meet up with one another and share news of home. The host families have been able to swap information including negotiating with government agencies to ensure all paperwork is in place. Google Translate has proved invaluable for the warm conversations that take place.

If you wish to continue to support our longer-term work in Ukraine, make a donation, marked 'Ukraine', through the church website's Giving page or bring an envelope to church.



Great Church volunteers distributing aid at a border railway station



Mission Aviation Fellowship - September Communion & Harvest Special Offering Scottish Charity No: SC039107

Mission Aviation Fellowship is the world's largest humanitarian airline, bringing food, medicines and hope to vulnerable people in hard-to-reach places. Every day, MAF's extraordinary people go to extraordinary efforts to deliver what is needed to where it is needed: dental care in Liberia, grain to South Sudan, emergency supplies to flooded Suriname or flying children to school in Arnhem Land.

Kinross Parish Church is partnering with MAF throughout 2022 and this charity has been chosen by the Kirk Session for our September communion and Harvest special offering and is commended to you. You are invited, if you are able, to bring a donation on 4 September or visit the Giving page of our website www.kinrossparishchurch.org/giving to donate online.

Please pray for the Jack family, who we met in January before they headed to Uganda where Ruth is serving as country director for MAF.

For information about MAF visit www.maf-uk.org/scotland

Thank you

Pray for Nigeria

5 July: gunmen entered the home of Pastor Daniel. Shot and killed two sons aged 23 and 18. Took 13-year-old daughter and shot and injured pastor when he ran after the gunmen pleading for his daughter to be released. (By God's good grace, the daughter has been released and the pastor is recovering.)

15 July: two Roman Catholic priests abducted by Muslim extremists; one killed.

16 July: four missionaries abducted from a mission station in Kaduna state. One released but where are the other three?

These atrocities (896 Nigerians, including hundreds of Christians, killed by extremists in the first three months of this year) are happening all the time in Nigeria – yet the church there remains strong. Pray for Nigeria and learn how best to pray for Nigeria and the persecuted church at opendoorsuk.org.

John McArthur



The Presbytery of Perth

Keeping up the Pace of Reforms

This year's General Assembly heard several reminders to keep up the pace of reforms centrally and locally.

Work progresses on a new 'Super-Presbytery' of Perth, amalgamating five existing presbyteries. These all agreed the change in March and this was approved by the Assembly in May. The new presbytery will start in 2023 and most of its first-year budget is coming from central Church of Scotland funds - part of the move to reduce spending centrally and increase it locally. Another aim is the 'minimisation of unnecessary bureaucracy' and it is intended that the new presbytery will meet just twice a year in person, in the form of a Saturday conference, plus one business meeting online.

Our elder representatives on presbytery are George Hayton and Gordon McFarlane if you have any questions.

Locally, meetings have been held between all the Ministers and Session Clerks within the proposed Loch Leven grouping of churches. The draft Presbytery Plan sees this grouping - currently three Ministers and six church buildings - reducing to two Ministers and three church buildings.

Remembrance Day

Communion Plate - a family's memorial to their son

The war memorials for the First and Second World Wars are in the church meeting room; at the Kinross Centre (former East Church) the memorial is in the vestibule.

What readers may not know is that the communion plate, on which offerings are dedicated at the Sunday worship service, has on its reverse the inscription "Gifted to the West Church Kinross by Mr & Mrs Thomas MacGregor, in memory of their son John (Signalman RN) August 1945".

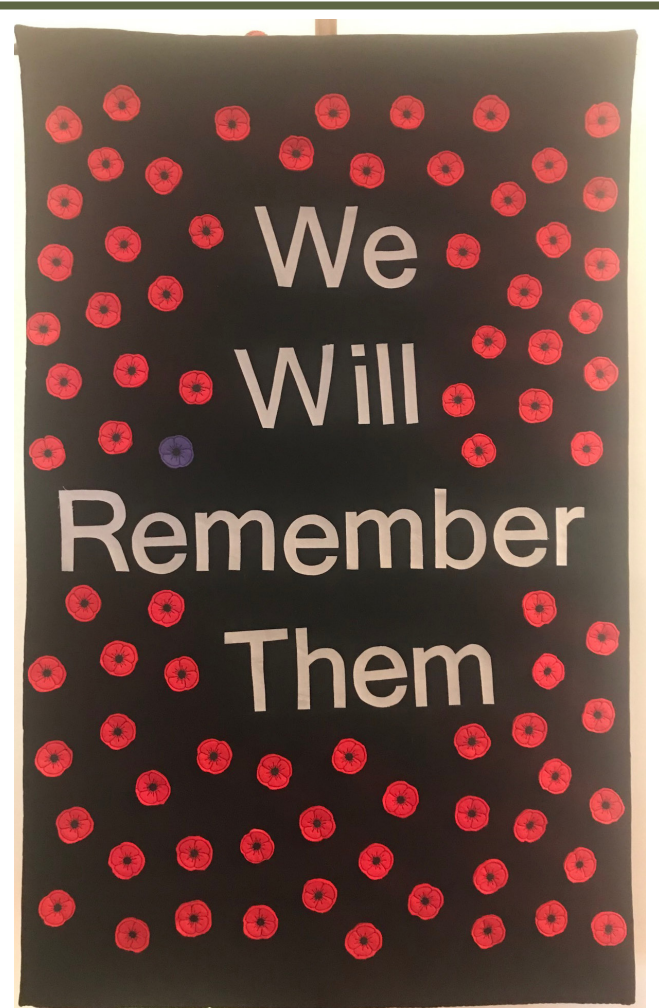
We will remember them.

2022 General Assembly

A summary of this year's General Assembly, which included the approval of the St Margaret Declaration of friendship with the Catholic Church in Scotland, is available at:

<https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/general-assembly-2022-special-supplement>

Archbishop Leo Cushley and Moderator Rev Iain Greenshields at the approval of the St Margaret Declaration



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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Rupert John, son of Erin and Alex Moore

19 June

Wedding

Congratulations to Kerry Taylor and Jamie Christie

22 July

Funerals - our thoughts and prayers are with the families of

John Galloway

30 May

Barry Grose

30 May

Tony Littlewood

1 July

Welcome

We warmly welcome Joanne Ross as our new Church Office Coordinator

After a move to the area Jo and her family are settling in and looking to be part of the community. She can be found in the garden in the spring and summer and in the colder months in the kitchen adjusting recipes to make healthier cakes and biscuits. A follower of Marie Kondo she likes to organise and tidy, a place for everything and everything in its place. Jo is looking forward to meeting you all over time and settling into the role of Office Coordinator.

Kinross Guild

The Kinross Guild will probably have started their new session by the time you read this. On **23 August** we are holding “an evening at home”, catching up with everyone’s summer!

This year we have such diverse themes as waste management to slides of America to raising awareness of eating disorders in young people and a whole lot more!

Anyone is welcome to come along on the night - we have six evenings in the Church Centre and six evenings on Zoom through the dark winter nights.

Our meetings are held fortnightly on a Tuesday. The next one is **6 September** starting at **7pm (new time)**.

Please feel free to contact the Church Office for further information.

Enid Campbell, Convener, Kinross Guild



Fossoway News

Fossoway Church has a refreshment marquee at the Fossoway Gathering on **Saturday 3 September**, 12 noon–4pm, Waulkmill Park, Crook of Devon. Come and enjoy teas, coffee, delicious home baking and a warm welcome! There is lots to see and do at the Gathering; more information can be found on the [Fossoway Gathering Facebook page](#).

Tearfund Concert *Trace the Line* Sunday 25 September 4pm in the Church

As part of a three-date *Trace the Line* tour for Scottish churches, Tearfund Scotland is partnering with Kinross Parish Church to bring an afternoon of live music.

The concert features Christian singer-songwriters Yvonne Lyon, Gareth Davies-Jones and David Lyon performing songs which capture the challenging, inspiring and powerful words from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount from their latest collaborative album *Trace the Line*.

The afternoon will highlight the amazing work that Tearfund’s partners are doing across our world and there will be an opportunity for individuals to find out more about how they can support these projects on a longer-term basis.

Tickets on sale soon; why not invite and bring along family, friends and neighbours too.

Trace the Line

An evening of live music capturing the challenging, inspiring and powerful words from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount awaits.



Yvonne Lyon

Gareth Davies-Jones

David Lyon



1st Kinross Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association
Are you ready for adventure?

Where?

Friday evenings at Kinross Church Centre on the High Street

When?

Anchors	Primary 1 – 3	6pm – 7.15pm
Juniors	Primary 4 – 6	7pm – 9pm
Company & Senior Section	Primary 7+	7pm – 10pm

Why join?

Why not?!

Arts & crafts | games | Bible stories | Company, Brigade & National Competitions | Duke of Edinburgh Awards | Annual Camps!

Contact

Contact us through our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/KinrossBBGA](https://www.facebook.com/KinrossBBGA)) or email the Church Office

House Groups

We have had a lot of friendly participation in the five House Groups, mostly meeting in person, during the last few months. An invitation is given to anyone who would like to join our groups during the coming months. We all enjoy informal chat, a cup of tea and of course a Bible passage to share together.

After the summer break the various groups start meeting again on the following dates:

- Monday evening group: **15 August**
- Tuesday afternoon group: **6 September**
- Wednesday evening - Men's group: date to follow
- Wednesday evening - Women's group - date to follow
- Thursday morning group: **1 September**

Here's a flavour of a couple of the groups:

Monday House Group

"Over recent weeks we have been studying Proverbs which, though 5,000 years old, is incredibly relevant today. Just before breaking for the summer we started the MAF study on sustainability – really topical and generated great conversation. We look forward to making you welcome."

Tuesday House Group

"We meet on Tuesdays at 2.30pm in person. We have studied various topics from books of the Bible, to Biblical characters, themed studies and sermon topics, usually chosen by members. It is always enjoyable and thought-provoking."

Please be in touch with Margaret Michie direct or via the Church Office if you would like more information.



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Stepping Stones

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



Where - Kinross Parish Church, Station Road,
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When - Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 10-11am

For more info - office@kinrossparishchurch.org

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