

# KIN-NECTIONS

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND | MARCH - MAY 2023

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Kirk Session Council **21 March**

Pre-Kirk Session Council **25 April**

Kirk Session **1 May**

Kin-nections deadline **24 April** for June-August



## SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

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

We will be offering worship and fellowship throughout the Easter season. Please check our website, Facebook page or church notices for details.

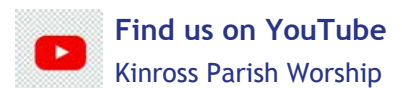
5 March Quarterly Communion	Isaiah 65 <b>A New Creation</b>
12 March	Isaiah 66 <b>Two Destinies</b>
19 March Mothering Sunday	John 9:1-41 <b>A Blind Man Healed</b>
26 March	John 11:1-45 <b>A Dead Man Raised</b>
2 April Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11 <b>The Messiah Welcomed</b>
9 April Easter Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10 <b>The Stone Rolled Away</b>
16 April	John 20:19-31 <b>The Locked Room</b>
23 April	Luke 24:13-35 <b>The Road to Emmaus</b>
30 April	John 10:1-10 <b>The Good Shepherd</b>
7 May	John 14:1-14 <b>The Way, the Truth and the Life</b>
14 May	John 14:15-27 <b>The Promise of the Spirit</b>
21 May	John 17:1-11 <b>Jesus' Prayer</b>
28 May Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-21 <b>The Coming of the Spirit</b>

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# FROM THE MANSE...

## Dear Friends

On Sunday mornings since Christmas, we have been continuing our studies in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and I think that many people have been struck both by hearing familiar passages in their original context and also by the relevance of Isaiah's message in our own times.

Reading the Old Testament undoubtedly requires a bit more effort (and, let me tell you, so does preaching from it!) but God speaks powerfully through these ancient words into the present realities of our own lives and of the world around us. We even find messages about the renewal of the created order that is our focus in this issue of *Kin-nections*. The core message, though, that God is in charge of time and eternity and that God is inviting us to put our trust in Him, is a daily challenge for us still.

The Isaiah series will soon come to a close and we will be turning our thoughts over Easter to Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, but there we will also find the same message that we have been reading in Isaiah of a trustworthy God who is in control of all things. It is writ large in the story of Jesus as Isaiah's prophecies find their ultimate fulfilment.

During the spring I would also like to encourage you to do what Isaiah constantly invited his first listeners to do and to take God at His word by entrusting themselves and their circumstances to Him in prayer. In the coming weeks we will be highlighting both the *Try Praying* initiative, which encourages us to get serious about prayer, and the *Thy Kingdom Come* movement initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury a few years ago, which invites us to pray specifically for five people, that they will come to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ and to know the touch of the Holy Spirit upon their lives.

Let's not only be hearers of God's Word. Let's also allow its message to prompt us to a greater dependency upon God as we take His promises seriously and increasingly expect to see Him working out His purposes in our lives and in our context in response to our conversations with Him in prayer.

Trust God, follow Jesus, welcome the Holy Spirit and see where the Lord will take you next.

With every blessing,

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 of the month at 8am there is a time of guided meditation in the church: 6 March, 3 April & 1 May
- On the third Thursday of the month at 9pm you are invited to the monastic prayer service of Compline in the church: 16 March, 20 April & 18 May
- Prayer requests may be made via our church website <http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org/prayer-request>

## Welcome to Kin-nections

We hope you enjoy dipping into this issue. Its three key themes are stewardship of creation following our recent Eco-Congregation Award, encouraging our young people to grow in faith, and supporting our global neighbours. There are many opportunities for putting our faith into action. Feel free to pass on your copy to a neighbour or friend or request additional copies.

Would an online magazine suit you better? Kin-nections may be read online at [www.kinrossparishchurch.org/news/kin-nections-magazine](http://www.kinrossparishchurch.org/news/kin-nections-magazine) or ask for the quarterly email with a direct link to the digital version. Just let us know (contact [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)) if you no longer need a print copy.





# In Conversation With...

Jim Smith, Kinross Parish Church Eco Group

Kin-nections caught up with Jim Smith, who leads the church's Eco Group, congratulating him on the congregation's success on being presented with a silver Eco-Congregation award.

"It's a great recognition of the work carried out by so many in our congregation and community who quietly just get on with helping out. The assessors were genuinely impressed by the work of the Fairtrade team", said Jim.

"My motivation is drawn from the psalmist 'The earth is the Lord's' - it is God's creation, not ours to do with as we please, and the group looks to make a difference through spiritual, practical and global living. One of the five aims of the Presbytery Mission Plan is to 'strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' That is something we can all support and I would encourage anybody who is wondering how to get involved to approach any of the Eco Team members: Gill Boardman, Karena Jarvie, Gordon McFarlane, Rev Alan Reid, Christine Reid, Susan Smith or me. The initiatives are for all ages and it's a great way for different generations to come together, which is what Growing Young is all about, too."

The Eco-Congregation website has lots of inspiring information <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/>



## Our Eco-Congregation Initiatives

- Litter-picking
- Allotment
- Fairtrade
- Medicine packet recycling
- Farmers' Market
- Church garden
- Energy saving
- Christian Aid



Kinross Eco Team:

## CALLING ALL LITTER-PICKERS!

21 YEARS

Keep Scotland Beautiful

Scotland is facing a litter emergency.

If you want to reduce litter levels in our community in order to benefit our environment, our wildlife and our own health and wellbeing, why not support the 2023 #SpringCleanScotland between 17 March and 17 April.

Look out for details for the Kinross Spring Clean: date & information will be on the Kinross Community page, Kinross Parish Church website or speak to any of the Church Eco Team.



## World Day of Prayer 2023 Friday 3 March

Please join the World Day of Prayer, taking place on Friday 3 March, with services at Kinross Church Centre at 2pm and in the Church at 7pm.



## Christian Aid Week 14-20 May 2023

Along with fellow churches, Kinross Parish Church will be supporting Christian Aid Week. Look out for details nearer the time.

Please hold the work of Christian Aid in your prayers as it continues to strive to end poverty worldwide.





## A Walk through Creation

In thinking about this issue's theme of Creation, I find myself comparing the nature and experience I feel here in Kinross, to where I used to live outside of Chicago. I think the people of Scotland are aware that they are blessed by nature around them but sometimes a constant exposure can prevent us from realizing what blessings we have.

Last November we took the Crossfire kids out to look at the stars in Kirkgate Park. While I have only once had a better view of stars, in Yellowstone National Park, I was still struck by how many stars we could see on the clear night. And even now on most nights, past 5pm when the world is pitch black I can see stars from outside my window or even just in the street.

While we lived in the States, I would consider it a lucky night if I could only see one to three stars in the sky. The light pollution of the major metropolitan area made it impossible to see the night sky truly. I was also unable to go for a walk unless I drove for 15–20 minutes and, even then, most places for walking were half the size of Kirkgate Park and surrounded by housing and busy traffic.

Kinross has the hills, the loch, the sky and, despite some dreich days, beautiful weather in my brief experience. I came from the land of tornadoes and hurricanes. We've had only one thunderstorm since my arrival here.

This is not to disparage my time in America, rather to express my delight in being in Scotland now. Alicia and I like to go on walks and we have truly been able to enjoy that here. Walks through nature used to be our form of stress relief, but now it can serve a new purpose beyond that. Walks here can be prayerful and joyful, not just a reprieve from the chaos.

God's creation is beautiful and should be celebrated and enjoyed. I think I've been able to experience creation in more lovely and wonderful ways since my arrival here. I encourage you, as we crawl closer to spring and maybe warmer weather, to take some time to be in nature around us, and to let it be a form of prayer when you do.

Let yourself be open to God's message to you as you take in the sights you have seen before, or perhaps sights brand new. I hope that you too can love exploring God's creation as much as I do.

Love and Peace,

Rev Austin Wicks

## A Prayer for Ukraine by Tina Shepherd



Dear Heavenly Father

We praise You for Your steadfast and unchanging love. Your love is the same yesterday, today and forever and we meditate on this truth as we think about those affected by the war in Ukraine.

A year since we saw the awful images of destruction, grief, loss, fleeing refugees and heartbreak. Heavenly Father it is still going on. We pray for deliverance for Ukraine, we pray Russia will have a change of heart. We pray for peace. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

We bring before You all the refugees and think of those we have come to know and love here in Scotland. Their bravery and positive attitudes are commendable. The ways they are fitting in, going to college and school and learning the English language are a credit to their country. They will not give up hope of a peaceful end to the war. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

We pray for ourselves that we may be more like You, and come alongside all those who suffer, all who are lonely, anxious, bereaved, lost, and feel misplaced. Teach us and help us to be Your hands and feet every day, in all we do and all we say. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

We ask these prayers through the Glorious name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.  
Amen



## Tearfund's Environmental and Economic Sustainability (EES) Programme

We, in our church, can be justly proud of the work of our Eco Group, resulting in the receipt of a silver Eco-Congregation Award. However, let us not forget people in Africa and Asia living in, often extreme, poverty, among them many of our brother and sister Christians. They are suffering some of the worst effects of the climate crisis - despite the fact they have done the least to cause it.

Thankfully, many Christian organisations reach out with aid to some of the most destitute in the world, like Barnabas Aid, providing tons of essential food for marginalised semi-nomadic Himba people in Namibia, who move across the region in search of water, now almost impossible to find, and for Christians in Chad, left destitute by widespread flooding.

However, these aid organisations are only too aware that a 'sticking plaster' like this is not the answer. One of Tearfund's core priorities is Environmental and Economic Sustainability "working towards a world where every person's basic needs are met and all have the chance to flourish within their environmental limits."

- A farmer in Bangladesh learned to make organic fertiliser, resulting in higher crop yields, and how to produce biogas from cow dung, thereby reducing atmospheric pollution from traditional use of wood for cooking.
- In Burkina Faso, Oberde, a farmer father of three, was struggling because of decreasing soil fertility, pest attacks and decreasing rainfall. Tearfund's local partner encouraged Oberde and other farmers to form a co-operative and provided them with better, drought resistant, sesame seeds, resulting in better and more secure crop yields.

These are just two examples of how Tearfund, through its local partners (usually churches), in the name of our Lord Jesus, is 'helping others to help themselves'. Find many more such success stories at <https://www.tearfund.org/stories> AND PRAY for its work.

John McArthur



## Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February-12 March 2023

Please come to the Fairtrade Coffee Morning on **4 March 10am-12 noon** in the Church Centre.

Here in Scotland, as a nation of people that has come to love tea, coffee, bananas and cocoa, we need to do all we can to support caring for creation. If we do not take action now, availability of products such as coffee could decline to the extent that they become luxury items or completely unavailable to us. For example, if current rates of global warming continue, it is predicted that by 2050:

- As much as 50% of global land currently used for coffee farming may no longer be suitable
- Adverse climate conditions will trigger a drastic decline in banana yields in 10 countries
- Many regions in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, which produce over half the world's cocoa, will become too hot to grow the crop

Now more than ever, we need to ensure that farmers receive fair pay and prices, and have power to make their own choices, meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges posed by climate change.

Now more than ever, we need Fair Trade.

(You can also visit our Fairtrade stall after Sunday morning worship, at the Kinross Farmers' Market, or contact the team via the Church Office to place an order.)

Karena Jarvie



**UPDATE:**  
Very sadly after more than 40 years of trading Traidcraft has gone into administration and our prayers are with all the employees. We will continue to try to provide as many Fairtrade goods as possible.



Robert (centre) with Ukrainian pastors at Odessa

## Ukraine Connections

*Please continue to hold the people of Ukraine in your prayers. We have passed the significant and sad milestone of the full-scale invasion entering its second year. The humanitarian crisis continues and we earnestly pray for peace. Alongside the Great Church Debrecen, Kinross Parish Church contributed financially to the renovation of a shelter house in Csongor, close to the border with Hungary, which continues to offer assistance to refugees. Our local community here opened its homes to Ukrainians seeking safety. Rev Dr Robert Calvert, a member of our congregation and locum minister at Orwell and Portmoak, has many connections in Ukraine:*

I've been asked to give you a brief update on people I know in Ukraine. I first met them when working in a theological seminary in Kyiv. The campus was one of the first to be hit when the Russians approached the city. The seminary, however, continued to train pastors and feed people in the local area.

I ask you to pray for a number of my friends. Especially remember my friend Kirrill who has been supporting and connecting people in Kviv. In January 2022 his wife Zarina and mother of two was diagnosed with cancer and the lack of normal health care has led to its spread and she is now often weak. This January they wrote, "We continue to live and even began to write a small diary. We feel God's presence in our lives and God's love."

Alexander, one of my students, leads a Christian students' movement around Odessa. This year many have fled the country, including his wife and son to Germany. Alex continues to work with the churches and local services in the Odessa area.

Pam, from the USA and married to a Ukrainian, trained in the UK as a parish nurse. In 2016 I took students to visit her ministry working with displaced people from the eastern Donbas region who were homeless and suffering from addictions. Today she highlights the urgent need for prosthetic limbs.

Pray for others serving people in need: such as Mikhailo in Western Ukraine, Andrei in Kharkiv, Sergei in Dnipro and Zhenya in Kremenchuk. Both Sergei and Zhenya make regular trips near to the frontline.

**Rev Dr Robert Calvert**

## Tea and a Blether

Orwell & Portmoak Church warmly invites you to Tea and a Blether in Orwell Church Hall 1:30-4pm on the following Fridays:

- 17 March
- 14 April
- 12 May
- 16 June



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



## Guild - supporting UNIDA, Brazil

In January we had a truly international Guild meeting on Zoom (the wonders of technology). I was able to join from Florida while our speaker, Rev Graham McGeoch, was in Singapore talking about UNIDA, his project in Vitória, Brazil. UNIDA is one of the Guild projects.

UNIDA, which means 'together' in Portuguese, is an independent university providing education to enable young people to develop skills for future leadership in faith communities and wider society.

The partnership with the Guild aims to provide access to accredited theological education through special scholarships; equipping young women for leadership in churches, etc; and mentoring young women through work placements. The scholarships will help people from low-income backgrounds, especially women and Afro-Brazilians.

We were all delighted with the talk given by Graham and are having a special collection for UNIDA and there is still time to contribute!

All are welcome at our Guild meetings - next meetings are on **14 and 28 March**, in person at the Church Centre - please check the Intimations and Church website or contact the Church Office for details.



## Craft Group - come along on Wednesdays

The group continues meeting on Wednesday afternoons and is currently knitting hats, fingerless gloves and scarves for Mission to Seafarers Scotland and a special project for Easter in conjunction with the Flower Group - be sure to look out for our handiwork outside the church at Easter! Throughout the year we make all sorts of knitted, sewn and crafted items for various charities, as well as for sale.

Please feel free to pop into the church on Wednesdays between 1.30pm and 3pm. You are very welcome to join us, or just come along and see what we are doing.

## 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, and we are planning to continue doing so for the rest of 2023.

Having had to cancel our Christmas Party, we decided to have this in January instead, as we know how much everyone enjoys it. We also had a few new members come along. Lindsay taught us all how to play bocchia - and we discovered a new star player in Paul - and we heard about the story of the Magi. The photo shows everyone enjoying playing with the parachute and balloons.

We have lots to look forward to in 2023, including our annual gathering at Tulliallan in May.

Anne Sutherland

# Wonderful Creator

By Diane Taylor

*Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

*Psalms 8 V9 (NIV)*

Dear Father God,

You are the incredible creator of the earth and everything in it. We marvel at the wonder of Your creation. You reveal Your glory when we lift up our gaze in awe of Your vast star-scattered sky or sunrise burning at the break of day. Father God, You fill us with hope through the beauty of Your creation. You fill us with amazement at Your magnificent artistry when we remember to take a breath and capture the moment. It is sometimes all too easy to get caught up in the troubles of this world and we forget that we are not alone. You are always by our side. We feel Your presence in the rush of the ocean waves, soothing our soul as we lift our worries and cares to You. We can get caught up in our shortcomings and insecurities and doubt Your promises to us. Forgive us for forgetting that You loved us before we were even born. You designed us to be unique children of God in Your likeness, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Help us, O Father, to take care of our precious world and appreciate all that You have given us, for You are the Wonderful Creator, Amen



## Outreach Group Update and Upcoming Events

During 2022 the Outreach Group was busy and organised events to bring the message of Good News to the congregation, the community and the wider world. This included many activities for young people, a church stall at every Farmers Market highlighting various aspects of Church life, a successful partnership year with Mission Aviation Fellowship, supporting the work of the Eco Congregation team, and arranging a variety of family-friendly social events. We also had a productive planning weekend at Gowanbank Scripture Union centre. Forthcoming events to look out for include:

- 26 February: Church family ceilidh
- 26 March: Church family walk
- 7 April: Good Friday activity for young people
- 23 April: Church family bowling trip
- 14-20 May: Christian Aid Week
- 31 July-4 August: Family Week

If you would like to be involved in any aspect of Outreach Group activities or find out more about who we are and what we do, please contact me via the Church Office.

**Brenda Fraser**  
Outreach Group Convener

## Opportunity for Prayer - Prayer Triplets

We believe that all our activity needs to be rooted in prayer and on 7 January we held a Day of Prayer in the church to bring before God our praise and petitions. This focus on prayer will continue during 2023 and we invite anyone to support the prayer life of the Church through being part of a prayer triplet. This is where three people commit to regularly pray together either in person or virtually. Please get in touch for more information on how to become part of this ministry.



**Brenda Fraser**  
Outreach Group Convener

## Crossfire - Sunday evening fellowship and fun for P7 upwards

It's great to see so many new faces at Crossfire, our Sunday evening group for young people aged P7 upwards. We meet at a new time of 6-7.30pm, in the Church Centre during term-time. We enjoy games, chatting, food and fellowship as we journey together discovering and learning that we are God's children, unique, precious and dearly loved. We enjoyed a brilliant Christmas party (see photo), dark night fun and games and trampolining at Air Thrill, Falkirk.

If you or someone you know would like to join our group, please get in touch.

Volunteer request: if you would like to help provide a supper meal (pizza, pasta or hot dogs, etc) I would love to hear from you.

Please pray for our young people as they prepare to sit their exams and make decisions about their futures.

**Jenny Masson**



## KYTHE

### Dynamic Christian Youth Work in Kinross-shire

Each year KYTHE helps hundreds of young people in Kinross-shire reach their full potential. From its hub by the Health Centre and on the road in its minibus, it delivers a range of youth work activities including drop-in sessions, after school and lunchtime sessions, youth clubs, holiday activities and more. KYTHE's dynamic Christian youth work is supported financially by the Church of Scotland congregations in Kinross-shire and our Session Clerk, Jaffrey Weir, is Trustee Convener.



## Stepping Stones - Tuesday morning fun for pre-schoolers!

Stepping Stones is a group for pre-school children and their carers. It provides an excellent opportunity to meet new people and have a chat and a cuppa. There is plenty of time for free play and chance to do crafts and some singing.

We are delighted that we now meet weekly on a Tuesday morning 10-11.30am term-time.

Come along – a warm welcome awaits you and your children!

**Isobel and Kathleen and Stepping Stones team**



## Messy Church!

Orwell & Portmoak Church warmly invites you to Messy Church, held in Orwell Church 4-6pm on the following Saturdays:

25 February

25 March

29 April

27 May

24 June



A family-friendly way of being church! Crafts, activities, stories, music and celebration.

## Family Week 2023 - roll up, roll up!

Family Week is taking place **Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August**. The theme is 'Big Top Holiday Club' and we will be exploring some stories from the Old Testament of the Bible through a circus theme.



Roll up to the!  
**'Big Top'**  
holiday club

## Brigade - encouraging our young people to develop life skills

As an organisation, this year the BB will mark 140 years of working with children and young people: what an achievement, and what an opportunity to celebrate the difference and impact volunteering can have across the country.

Catering for both boys and girls in four age groups, the Boys' Brigade (and Girls' Association) provides a safe, Christian environment where youngsters can develop interests and life skills through a nationally recognised badge and award scheme.

The Kinross Company, the oldest local youth group in the shire, has been active for 102 of these 140 years. With a revised award programme which culminates in the King's badge (replacing the Queen's badge), we offer a nationally adopted programme of activities tailored to our four age group sections (Anchors P1,2 & 3; Juniors P4, 5 & 6; Company P7 to S3; Senior S3 to S6), meeting at our Church Centre on the High Street on Friday evenings.

As well as Company activities we are also part of Perth Battalion and participate in a range of Battalion activities and competitions. January sees us compete in both the mini-volleyball and swimming gala competitions.

The Company is planning to travel to our twin town of Gacé in France for a summer camp with a difference, 29 July to 6 August.

The image shows the Company section preparing for the 1983 Centenary production which took place in the old Kinross High School.

**David Munro**



**Safeguarding:** we have a duty to ensure A Safe Church for All. If you have any concerns please contact our Safeguarding Coordinator via the Church Office or the Church of Scotland Safeguarding Department

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Baptism - we welcome into our Church family

8 January: Rowan, son of Hazel and Alex Johnston

## Wedding

Congratulations to Laura Jane Smith and Kris Wilson

## Funerals - our thoughts and prayers are with the families of

Joseph (Joe) Miller	29 November
Janet Mitchell	30 November
Sandra Findlay	16 December
James (Jim) Fergus	28 December
Catherine Stewart	29 December
Alexander (Sandy) Pottie	4 January
May Paterson	4 January
Sheila Kent	11 January
Margaret Wardrope	20 January
William (Bill) Scott	10 February

## Financial Update 2022

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 are being completed. Once the report and accounts have been signed off, copies will be available from the Church Office or from me, so please ask if you want one. There will also be a summary presentation at the Stated Annual Meeting on 26 March.

**Alan McGhie, Treasurer**

## Orwell & Portmoak Church All-Age Services

Orwell & Portmoak Church warmly invites you to its All-Age Services held in Orwell Church, Milnathort 10.30-11.30am on the following Sundays:

- 5 March
- 7 May
- 2 April
- 4 June

## Changes in the Church of Scotland: Where are we now?

How are the sweeping changes to the structures of the Church of Scotland agreed at the General Assembly of 2019 progressing?

Progress to a 'leaner, more focused centre' has already resulted in a significant reduction in the number of committees and staff nationally at '121'. The sale of 121 George Street, Edinburgh has been put on hold until the property market improves.

The plan to reduce the number of presbyteries, from 43 to about 12 by 2025, will be more than met - it is likely there will be just nine or 10 presbyteries by early 2024. The intention is for the new, larger presbyteries to 'provide leadership and focus alongside practical support for local congregations, freeing them for mission and ministry'.

Our new Presbytery of Perth started on 1 January, incorporating five previous presbyteries: Dundee, Angus, Perth, Dunkeld and Meigle, and Stirling. Its office is at Riverside, Perth and it has a full-time clerk, Rev John Ferguson.

In Kinross-shire, the four Church of Scotland parishes have already agreed a Parish Grouping: 'working as individual congregations only in what cannot be done together across the parish grouping'. In the longer term, the proposed Presbytery Mission Plan is likely to move us towards more formal changes, perhaps eventually ending up as a single Kinross-shire parish with a team ministry of two full-time equivalent posts. The Presbytery Mission Plan has still to be approved by the Church of Scotland nationally.

**Gordon McFarlane**



## Kinross Parish Church Family Activities

For more information, please check out our website, Facebook or church notices or contact the Church Office

**Ceilidh: Sunday 26 February 2.30–4.30pm**

**Who:** all ages

**What:** informal ceilidh gathering

**Where:** Milnathort Town Hall



**Walk: Sunday 26 March 2pm**

**Who:** all ages

**What:** gentle walk, more challenging walk or having a cuppa

**Where:** East Lomond/ Pillars of Hercules café



**Bowling: Sunday 23 April 6pm**

**Who:** all ages including Crossfire

**What:** 10-pin bowling fun

**Where:** Hollywood Bowl, Dunfermline



# EASTER

## Holy Week and Easter

We will be offering worship and fellowship throughout the Easter season, including services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as the lochside service on Easter Sunday morning.

Please check our website, Facebook page or church notices for details.

Special event for children and families:

**Good Friday Experience Friday 7 April 10.30am**

**Who:** children and families

**What:** stories, songs, activities, games and crafts followed by 12 noon lunch

**Where:** Kinross Parish Church

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 Tuesday, 10-11am

For more info - [office@kinrossparishchurch.org](mailto:office@kinrossparishchurch.org)

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland | Scottish Charity No. SCO12555

## House Groups - encouraging one another in faith

An invitation is given to anyone who would like to join one of our groups. We all enjoy informal chat, a cup of tea and of course a Bible passage to share together. We currently have groups meeting on:

- Monday evening
- Tuesday afternoon
- Wednesday evening - Men's group
- Wednesday evening - Women's group
- Thursday morning

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

