

1st May 2026

AS YOU COME TO HIM, THE
LIVING STONE, REJECTED
BY MEN BUT CHOSEN AND
PRECIOUS IN GOD'S
SIGHT,
- 1 PETER 2:4



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PRESBYTERY

Presbytery News

Church of Scotland - New Strategy

A new strategy focusing on growth, financial sustainability and simplification is being proposed for the Church of Scotland.

It is designed to shift away from a mindset of managing decline and concentrate on growing new disciples and advancing the Kirk's mission to make a positive impact on communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Assembly Trustees say God is active within the denomination and there is already growth across the Church, but argue that a new strategy is needed to ensure structures, procedures and processes support it.

A report that sets a clear strategic shift towards growth as the organising principle for the Church from 2026 –2031 is being presented to the General Assembly in Edinburgh next month.

The key principles outlined in the Assembly Trustees report are: -

- Mission – sharing the gospel and nurturing discipleship.
- Simplification – reducing administrative burdens on congregations and presbyteries.
- Financial sustainability – creating a flexible, realistic model for funding ministry.
- Duty of care – ensuring reforms are compassionate, covenantal, and supportive.

The Assembly Trustees hope the strategy will free up time, energy and resource, releasing congregations from unnecessary administration and place them on a sound financial basis to support ministry.

The report says: “The Assembly Trustees recognise that to sustain the Church of the future requires the Church of today to place growth at the core of our vision and strategy.

“Our theological understanding of the covenant between congregation and minister and formulating a new financing model that makes that covenantal connection clearer is closely tied to our ability to grow the Church.”

The Assembly Trustees say growth is already happening in the Church and must now be intentionally fostered.

“Contrary to what has often been reported, God is active within the Church of Scotland, where every year faithful Christians seek to live out their faith,” stated the report.

“In Bible studies, prayer spaces, foodbanks, addiction services, care homes, dementia cafés and myriad other places, you will find Church of Scotland members.

“Additionally, new people are joining the Church with new professions of faith occurring across the denomination.”



The Church of Scotland

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The Assembly Trustees report says people must grow in their own faith.

“If the Church is the action of God’s people in the world, then it stands to reason that as faith grows there will be a resulting increase in that action,” it states.

“A focus on growth will result in more people being involved in their local church and community, and more volunteers.

“A Church that is salt and light in the world as commanded by Jesus is predicated on the people living out their faith.

“This is a vision of what the Church can be, is complementary to the Vivid Vision adopted by the Faith Action Programme Leadership Team (FAPLT), and aims to focus on a Church that looks to fulfil its calling to the people and Scotland and the world.

“The Church’s mission is to inspire the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing, serving, teaching and learning communities.

“Mission is a core part of our DNA as Christians.

“Being commanded by Christ, we have no other option, or desire, than to see mission remain at the heart of our priorities.”

The Assembly Trustees are encouraging every member of the Church to cultivate friendships with Christians and churches around the world.

“These relationships help us to see the gospel from new perspectives, challenging our assumptions, and deepen our discipleship through mutual prayer, storytelling and shared witness,” the report says.

[Write-up sourced from Church of Scotland Facebook page](#)



Christian Aid Week

As you know, **Christian Aid Week is right around the corner, May 10-16, 2026.**

Christian Aid Week is seven days to make a difference against global poverty. It's a celebration of our movement, standing in solidarity with our global neighbours. We believe that every person is created in God's image, and deserves a full and dignified life, free from poverty and injustice.

There will be lots of events happening in churches and communities throughout Fife. It would be wonderful if the Presbytery team were able to support these. One such event is the Forthview Sign-along, Saturday 16 May at 2pm in Dalgety Church.

Beacon of Hope, Kenya

Christian Aid Week is our largest annual appeal and supports our global work to eradicate poverty. This year, we're highlighting stories from our work with partners in Kenya, where Beacon of Hope is empowering urban farmers to use small spaces for growing veg. These gardens increase nutrition and income for families, and help parents send their children to school. The Church of Scotland's support has been integral in making Christian Aid Week such a successful community fundraising moment, so thank you!

[You can learn more and download last minute resources from our website.](#)

Books and Jigsaw Sale: Helping Hands for Christian Aid

Join us for a fantastic Book and Jigsaw Sale at St John's Church, Cupar, as part of Christian Aid Week!

From Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th, drop by between 10am and 4pm to browse a wide selection of books and puzzles. Whether you're hunting for your next great read or looking to piece together a perfect puzzle, there's something for everyone.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards supporting Christian Aid's vital work in transforming lives and communities around the world.

Christian Aid Week

Books and Jigsaws Sale



St John's Church, Cupar

Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th May

10am - 4pm

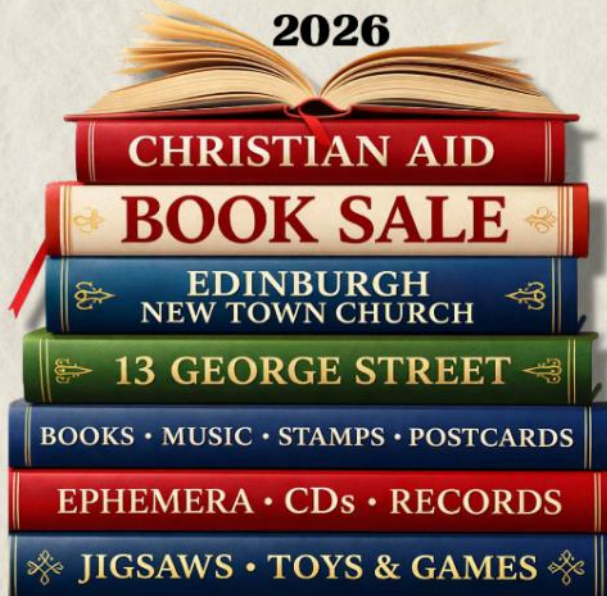


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BOOK SALE

May 9th, 11th-15th
2026



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Scan to visit
our FB page



www.edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk/work/christian-aid-sale/

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Got questions or need to discuss a delivery?

Drop us an email!

ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk

The New Town Church of Scotland SC 008890

SALE OPENING TIMES:

SATURDAY 9th MAY

10AM - 4PM

Café downstairs in the Undercroft of the New Town Church.

Tea/coffee and home baking 10am to 4pm.

Soup and sandwiches 12 noon to 2pm.

(SUNDAY 10th MAY - CLOSED)

MONDAY 11th MAY - Friday 15th MAY

12 noon - 6PM

Undercroft Café open 10.30am to 2pm offering a wide range of delectable hot and cold treats.

Card Payments Preferred

Donation Information:

Drop-off Times:

April 27 - May 1 & May 4 - May 7

9 AM to 8 PM

Edinburgh New Town Church, 13 George Street

Donation Guidelines:

Please ensure items are in good condition for their age.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept encyclopedia sets, magazine collections, or Reader's Digest publications

For donations exceeding a car boot-load, please contact us in advance to discuss the details.

ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk

Great North Run Fundraiser

A supporter of Christian Aid, Howard Stevens, will be running a half marathon in Newcastle for the charity. You can [donate to his fundraiser here](#), and we wish him well in preparing for this challenging walk!



Dunfermline St Leonard's Charity Concert

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aid

Monday 11th May, 7pm

an evening of musical entertainment, featuring



The Queen Anne Singers

led by Nancy Crook

St Leonard's
Primary
School
Choir



St Margaret's RC
Primary School
Glee
Choir



Tickets available on the door or contact St Leonard's Parish Church
Refreshments served at the interval

Suggested donation £10 - please give what you can
Proceeds to Christian Aid Scotland SC039150

St Leonard's Parish Church, Brucefield Ave, KY11 4SX
office@slpc.org.uk 01383 620106 SC007799



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



Candles lit during Taizé worship at St Serf's

**7 pm on the
first Sunday
of the month
3 May
7 June
5 July
2 August**

What is Taizé worship? It is a reflective style of worship, which we enter and leave in silence. Taizé music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated and sometimes sung in canon. But Taizé worship is more than music. Scripture, prayer, and silence come together in the Taizé experience to create a simple, deep encounter with God. As part of the service, you may light a candle.

For more information about Taizé worship, you can visit the international website for the Taizé community: <https://www.taize.fr/en>.



All welcome – Just come!

Kingdom
Praise & Prayer!

NEXT EVENT...

CUPAR, Fife
Sat 2nd May : 7.00pm
Old Parish Church Centre
Short Lane
KY15 5EQ

*"...He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul..." Psalm 23: 2-3*

Organised by a team from various churches, who love Jesus, and are passionate about seeing His Kingdom Come!

Kingdom Praise and Prayer

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETIES PRESENTS A FLOWER FESTIVAL "NOSTALGIA" in DUNFERMLINE ABBEY & NAVE 8TH & 9TH MAY 2026

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SAFAS

* FREE ADMISSION
REFRESHMENTS

Supported by

Cairneyhill Parish Church

Coffee Morning
Saturday 2nd May
10am until 12 noon

*Tea / Coffee
with home baking £4.00*

**Come and browse the bric - a - brac stall.
Have a look round the Church and grounds!**

Charity number SCO12892



SATURDAY Brunch

Eat. Relax.
Enjoy Your Saturday with us

Saturday 16 May
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Dysart St Clair Parish
Church Hall KYI 2TD

Our Menu

- Pancakes, Waffles
- Bacon
- Lorne Sausage
- Maple Syrup

Dysart St Clair Parish Church
West Port DYSART KYI 2TD

Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him.
We are his people. We are the sheep belonging to his flock
Psalm 100:3

Created to Belong

Celebrating Disability in the Image of God

Saturday May 23rd 2026 9.30-4.30

The Howard Centre, 5 Portland Road, Kilmarnock KA1 2BT

Worship Speakers Makaton Craft
Drama Lunch Books Storytelling
Music Resources Quiet spaces BSL

Tickets £5
Registration and more information on Eventbrite



Gill Lyth gill.lyth@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk
K Templeton KTempleton@churchofscotland.org.uk




St Andrews Churches Eco Network

WALK WITH FIFE PILGRIM PASTOR

Tuesday 19th May @11.00

Kennoway to Ceres	8.5 miles some hills very scenic
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For more details and to register contact:

Fife Pilgrim Way Pastor 07846 171723
 St Andrews Churches Eco Network

or speak to your church rep:

Airlie Cancer Care Group

Come together for an informal chat & support



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

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

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

21st May 2026
18th June 2026

If you have any questions please contact:
Mrs Emma Walker, Office Supervisor, Airlie Medical Practice, 01333-426083
or
Mrs Jacqueline Thomson DCS, Mobile phone number 07806776560,
Email jthomsondcs@gmail.com

Please send any articles and photos or flyers to be included in the Presbytery Weekly News or on the Facebook Page to Evelyn at:

fife@churchofscotland.org.uk





Friends of
the Holy Land



Dear Friend,

Thank you for your prayerful generosity over Easter.

Together, through prayer and financial support, **you have made a meaningful difference.**

Thanks to you £149,272 has been raised to provide much-needed practical support for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

It meant a great deal for our friends in the Holy Land to receive your prayer requests and know you are standing with them. It helped bring hope to families, children and communities facing such difficult circumstances.

We've gathered short messages from those who received your prayer support during this time. **Their words are a reminder of the impact of your support.**

[You can watch the video here](#)

Thank you again for joining us in solidarity as Friends of the Holy Land.

With gratitude and hope

Brendan Metcalfe

**Ladies
Pop-up Shop &
Fun Fashion Show!**

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT UP TO 70% OFF!**

Colours.
[FUN]DRAISING
FASHION SHOWS

Thursday 14th May 2026
Heart of Fife Parish Church
St Ninian's Building, Cawdor Drive, Glenrothes, KY6 2HN

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £5
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Prize draw: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
Fiona Massie - Email: fiona.massie58@gmail.com or Tel: 07838036661

BEATH + COWDENBEATH NORTH CHURCH
PRESENTS
AN EVENING OF
SCOTTISH MUSIC
+ VARIOUS

BONNIE CUTSFORTH-HUBER
ACCOMPANIED BY
CALLUM PATERSON

COME ALONG + JOIN US FOR
A LOVELY EVENING

SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026
7PM
TICKETS £5
IN ADVANCE + AT DOOR.

Pentecost



Not just a strange name!



Sunday 10th May
10:30am til 12:30pm

Find us in the Church halls
(children must be accompanied by an
adult)



Messy Church is a Christ centred way of being church for families and others of all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Ministries Safeguarding Training – additional dates

Please find the links below for additional dates for Ministries (formerly Leadership) Safeguarding Training.

We would be obliged if you could send these dates to ministers and associated roles in your presbyteries so they can book on (Retired Ministers who do not have a current role or are just undertaking pulpit supply need not attend). Ministers' for the purposes of the Safeguarding Training Learning Pathway means parish ministers, Interim Ministers, Transition Ministers, auxiliary ministers, probationers, OLM, readers, locums and Armed Forces chaplains.

Additional dates and links to book:

[Tuesday 8th September 2026: 09:15 \(BST\) – 14:30 \(BST\)](#)

[Wednesday 28th October 2026: 09:15 \(GMT\) – 14:30 \(GMT\)](#)

[Wednesday 11th November 2026: 09:15 \(GMT\) – 14:30 \(GMT\)](#)

[Wednesday 2nd December 2026: 09:15 \(GMT\) – 14:30 \(GMT\)](#)

I can also advise that there are still spaces available on the following dates below, and we would be grateful if you could share these dates again too. **These two dates need to be attended consecutively as it is delivered as a two-part training for those who are unable to attend during the day-time.**

2-part evening training with spaces still available and links to book:

[Tuesday 9th June 2026: 7pm \(BST\) - 9:30 \(BST\)](#) (10 spaces available)

[Wednesday 10th June 2026: 7pm \(BST\) - 9:30pm \(BST\)](#) (10 spaces available)

Individuals must have attended Introductory and Advanced training prior to this module which is the last in the training pathway. We would ask that these training courses have been completed within the past 3 - 5 years. Refresher training thereafter is mandatory every 5 years (only the highest level previously attended, which would be Ministries (formerly Leadership) training).

If your presbytery requires face to face training for Ministries (formerly called Leadership) Safeguarding Training, please don't hesitate to fill in the form [here](#) and we will do our best to accommodate.

Additionally, there is still room available to book for the Advanced Safeguarding Training on Monday 25th May 2026 at 7pm. Please book your spot by emailing me at s.m.e.boyd@btinternet.com

Shiela Boyd, Safeguarding Coordinator



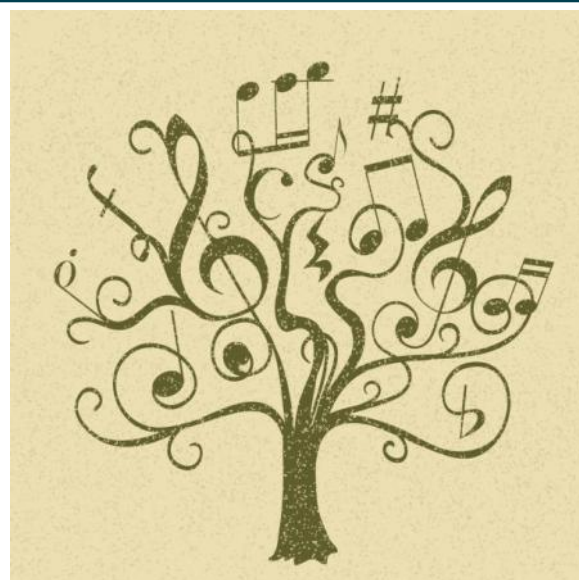
Study and Sing: Creation - Saturday 16th May

1 day workshop for singers of any ability and those interested in ecotheology. Workshop (£15) and end of day service of worship (open to public, free) Co-hosted by the University of St Andrews and St Andrew's SEC church, St Andrews.

This is the latest in our annual 'Study and Sing' days, responding this year to the gift of God's creation, and featuring some newly composed music as well as exploring more traditional hymns, and even insights from music theatre.

For booking information see: <https://events.st-andrews.ac.uk/events/study-and-sing-creation/> or email jkp1@st-andrews.ac.uk if you have any questions.

If you would like a copy of a detailed programme for the event, please email the office at Fife@churchofscotland.org.uk



Fischy Music Job Opportunity

Dear Presbyters,

Following on from our wonderful "God Welcomes All" event in February where Fischy Music joined Phill Melstrom from 121 leading a special afternoon of new church hymns, I wanted to reach out about a job opportunity within Fischy.

A job advert for the post of Finance Lead (part time 10 hours per week) has now gone live - [Finance Lead with Fischy Music – Goodmoves](#)

All the information with a link to the job description and application form is also available on our website

<https://www.fischy.com/news/job-vacancy-finance-lead-closing-date-15-may-12-noon/>

We would be grateful if you can share this information with anyone you know who would be interested or ask your church to include the information in their intimations or newsletters/magazines.

Many thanks,

Rev Gayle JA Taylor, Transition Minister at
St Leonard's, Dunfermline

and Chair of the Board of Fischy Music



Find us on Facebook

[facebook.com/ FifePresbytery](https://facebook.com/FifePresbytery)

Mrs Winnie Ramsay: Certificate for Service as an Elder

On Sunday 26th April, during the morning service in Burntisland Church of Scotland, Mrs Winnie Ramsay received her certificate for 30 years service as an Elder from Rev Jim Reid. We congratulate her many years of service at Burntisland and hope she will continue provide the congregation with many more years of guidance and shepherding.



Interim Moderator Training Dates

To all Presbytery Clerks: Hello everyone

I am planning the next online Interim Moderator training for the first part of June. Last time there was a choice of an afternoon or evening session, which seemed to work well so I will do that again. Here are the dates (and people only have to attend one session as they both cover the same topics):

Tuesday 2 June 2026 from 2pm-4.30pm.

Wednesday 10 June 2026 from 7pm-9.30pm.

If you let me have the names and email addresses of anyone in your Presbytery who would like to take part in the training, I will send out the Teams link and training handout to them nearer the time.

As you know, this training is required for Elders and Deacons to be Interim Moderators (section 5.3.2.2 of the Church Courts Act). The training is also open to Ministers who'd like training or simply a refresher.

Interim Moderators have to be members of Presbytery, so if not already members you would need to be able to admit them to membership at least for the duration of their appointment as IMs.

Hoping you are all well and that I'll see many of you at the GA,

Victoria

MDS post being advertised in Fife Presbytery

There is currently an MDS post being advertised for a Parish Assistant / Deacon at New Hope Kirk Levenmouth.

This is the job advert here https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/153906/4980-HR-MDS-Parish-Assistant-Deacon-RECRUITMENT-PACK-2026-March-2026.pdf

For other MDS posts, visit <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/vacancies-and-volunteering/ministries-council-posts>

And for locally funded posts, visit <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/get-involved/vacancies-and-volunteering/locally-funded-posts>

 The Church of Scotland

Appointment of
PARISH ASSISTANT/ DEACON

New Hope Kirk Levenmouth, Presbytery of Fife

Closing date – At present, there is no closing date set, and the post will remain open until further notice

Job Reference Number: M26/25

Responsible to: Parish Minister



Full Time Minister Vacancy

FIFE COASTAL TRINITY CHURCH

Fife Coastal Trinity Parish Church of Scotland was formed on 1 January 2026 with the union of East Neuk Trinity (Colinsburgh, Elie, and Kilconquhar); Largo (Lower and Upper Largo and Lundin Links); and St Monans Parishes.

The new parish incorporates seaside and fishing villages, along a beautiful coastline, from the most westerly village of Lundin Links to St Monans in the east. The parish also includes rural villages and hamlets.

Regular bus services operate along the coast providing links to nearby St Andrews and Leven, and further afield. A rail link to Leven was re-opened, in 2024, and connects directly to Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh, and the Fife Circle line.

More information can be found in our Parish Profile on our website – www.fifecoastaltrinity.org.uk

Our unity is a result of work to develop shared values: deep love for our communities, commitment to mission, and a desire to serve Jesus Christ in a changing world. Together we are seeking a minister with energy and vision to lead us along this path and who also will bring Bible centred teaching and preaching, fuelled by the Holy Spirit.

Information/confidential enquiries may be made to the Interim Moderator, Ian Wotherspoon, at wotherspoonrig@btinternet.com

Applications should include a CV and covering letter, together with a short personal statement about yourself and what you believe that you can bring to our congregation and parish.

The names and contact details of two referees should also be included. Referees will only be contacted if the application is taken further. Links to any examples of online services that you have conducted would be helpful and appreciated if available.

Please send your application to Carol Copland, Clerk to the Nomination Committee:
carol.copland@hotmail.co.uk



FIFE COASTAL TRINITY

St Andrews New Kirk Church of Scotland



Is God calling you to St Andrews New Kirk?

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



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

Simon Baldwin - Nominating Committee Convener
simon@destination66.co.uk (07971581966)

Mrs Gayle Lennon - Interim Moderator
glennon@churchofscotland.org.uk (07904565370)

**Much more is included in our Parish Profile.
Please use the link to download.**

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



Dates for your diary

Saturday 2nd May 2026 : 10am-12pm

Cairneyhill Parish Church, Dunfermline
Coffee Morning

Sunday 3rd May 2026 : 7pm

St Serf's Church, Burntisland
Taizé Style Worship

8th May 2026 - 9th May 2026

Dunfermline Abbey and Nave
A Flower "Festival Nostalgia"

Sunday 10th May 2026 : 10.30am-12.30pm

Gillespie Memorial Church, Dunfermline
Messy Church - Pentecost

Monday 11th May 2026 : 7pm

St Leonard's Parish Church, Dunfermline
Charity Concert - The Queen Anne Singers

9th May 2026, 11th May - 15th May 2026

New Town Church, Edinburgh
Christian Aid Book Sale

14th May - 16th May 2026 : 10am-4pm

St John's Church, Cupar
Christian Aid Book and Jigsaw Sale

Thursday 14th May 2026 : 6.30pm

St Ninian's Building, Glenrothes
Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

15th May 2026 - 18th May 2026

Church of Scotland General Assembly

Saturday 16th May 2026 : 11am-2pm

Dysart St Clair Parish Church, Kirkcaldy
Saturday Brunch

Tuesday 19th May 2026 : 11am

St Kenneth's Parish Church, Kennoway
Walk With Fife Pilgrim Pastor

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 9.30am-4.30pm

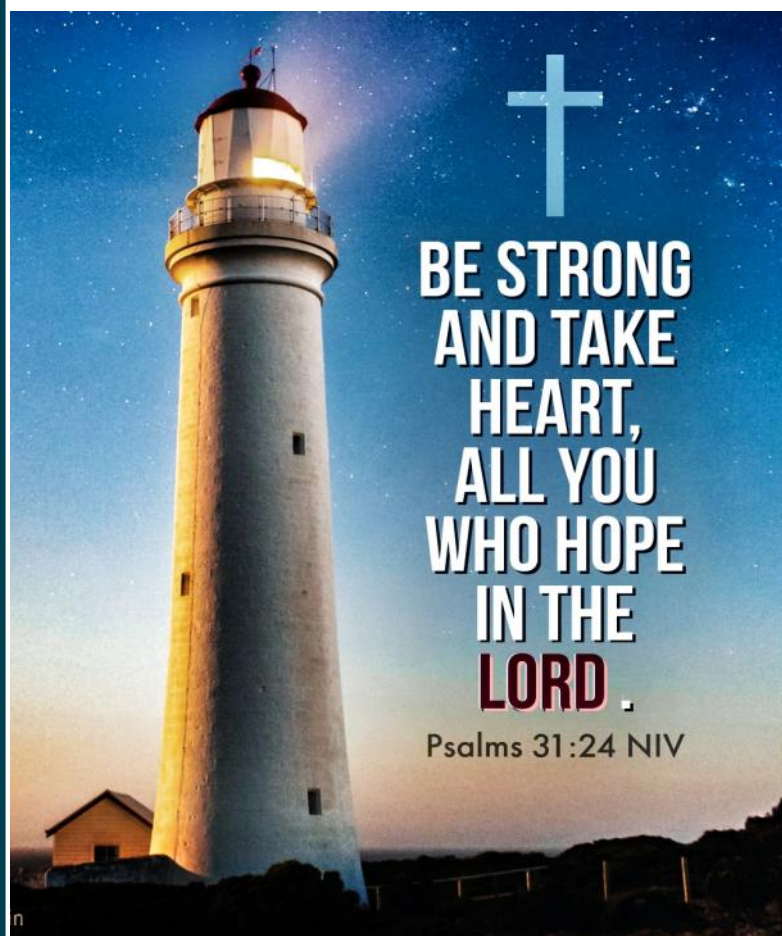
The Howard Centre, Kilmarnock
Created to Belong—Celebrating Disability
in the Image of God

Saturday 23rd May 2026 : 7pm

Beath and Cowdenbeath North Church
An Evening of Scottish Music + Various

Save the Date - Summer Presbytery Walk

Annual Summer Presbytery Walk / Retreat will take place on Thursday 11th June from 11am to 2pm at Heart of Fife St Columba's building. Further details to follow.



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