

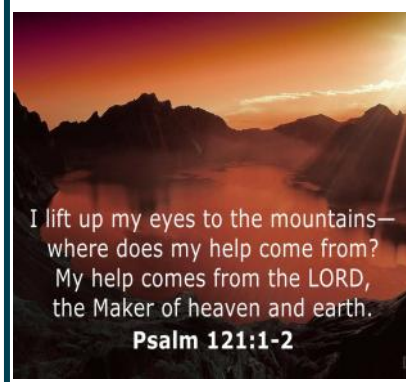
27th February 2026

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PRESBYTERY

# Presbytery News



I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
**Psalm 121:1-2**

## Service of Union and Linkage in the East Neuk

Presbytery met on Thursday 19th February to celebrate the union of St Ayle and Pittenweem who joined to become the newly united charge of St Adrian’s East Neuk Church of Scotland. At the same service the linking of newly united charge with Crail was marked.

We were grateful to Rev Brian Porteous for standing in as Presbytery Moderator, while our thoughts and prayers remain with Moderator Rev Arthur Christie as he recovers from illness.

Rev David Scott, the Interim Moderator of the linked charge led the congregations in the Statement of Christian Faith while Rev Graeme Beebee preached the sermon.

A joyful atmosphere filled the hall afterwards as fellowship, refreshments and stories were shared.

We wish these congregations our blessings as they embark on the journey ahead. The peace of Christ be with them in the days, weeks and months ahead.



## Apologies to St Andrews New Kirk

It was brought to our attention that an error was made in last week’s edition—on the page dedicated to the service of Union for St Andrews New Kirk, the heading incorrectly referred to them as “West Fife Trinity”, a holdover from the week prior.

We apologise for the error and wish the congregation well on their new journey in faith!



## Services of Union / Linkage Dates

Date	Time	Charge	Venue
Sunday 1st March	3pm	CKS lw East Fife Rural	Springfield
Sunday 8th March	3pm	Dunfermline Saint Margaret’s and Saint Ninian’s	St Ninian’s
Thursday 12th March	7pm	Balmerino, Creich, Flisk, Kilmany and Wormit	Wormit

# Service of Linkage

**Ceres Kemback  
and Springfield**

**East Fife Rural**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm**

**Springfield Church**

**Conducted by Rev Brian Porteous**

**Refreshments available after service**

Parking will be available at main street, please do not park on the streets next to the church!  
If bringing friends, please carpool if possible.

## New Principal Clerk Announced

The Church of Scotland has announced Rev Dr Alistair May as the next Principal Clerk to the General Assembly.

The appointment will be confirmed at this year's General Assembly and will require Dr May to take an oath of office in front of commissioners. He will take up the role, which has been held by 40 people since the 16th century, at the end of proceedings. The Acting Principal Clerk, Rev Dr John McPake, will clerk the upcoming General Assembly before stepping down.

Dr May has been a parish minister for 24 years and currently serves the congregation of Motherwell: Kirk at the Cross. Prior to this he was at Rutherglen: Stonelaw Church. Dr May has held offices in different parts of the Church including as Vice-Convener of Legal Questions, a member of the Presbytery Partnership Support Programme Group and as Convener of the Presbytery Planning Group in Forth Valley and Clydesdale.

Having originally gained a Law degree, he carried out further studies in theology followed later on by a PhD on the New Testament, and he has a particular interest in ecumenical and doctrinal issues.

Dr May said it was both "an honour" and "daunting" to serve the Church in this new ministry. "It will certainly be a huge wrench not to be ministering locally in a parish, which I have found to be a deeply fulfilling vocation over the last 24 years, but I see this as an exciting calling to continue to serve local churches in a new way," he added.

The role of the Principal Clerk is to act as the Clerk to the General Assembly, which includes advising the Assembly and the Moderator on church law, practice and procedure. They also support the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland throughout the year as well as providing training courses and advice on church law and procedures to Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, ministers and other church bodies.



## Thanks to Sarah Wood

At the Presbytery Meeting on Saturday 21st February, John MacMillan, Convenor of the Board of Management invited members of Presbytery to join him in expressing their thanks and appreciating to Sarah Wood who has retired as Treasurer. Sarah has been Treasurer since the Presbytery of Fife's inception (and indeed in St Andrews Presbytery before that) and for far longer than she originally committed.

John presented Sarah with a small gift in recognition of her services to Presbytery.

Her contribution has been truly exceptional, but much more importantly she has delivered that contribution in a way which has been wonderfully consistent with the Church's core values of patience and kindness.

Sarah thanked the Presbytery, but also thanked all the treasurers from across the congregations for the work they do.

Thank you again, Sarah, for your faithfully service to the Presbytery over the years, we wish you many blessings and a restful 'retirement'.



## Red Flask Left Behind

Did you leave a red flask behind after the last Saturday?

We have found one, and if you believe it is yours, please contact Alan Kimmitt at

[Alan.Kimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Alan.Kimmitt@churchofscotland.org.uk) and he will bring it into the Presbytery office for collection.

## Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy



Do you have a couple of hours a week for ministry and mission? Are you interested in connecting your faith with the world of work through workplace chaplaincy? You will be able to meet Fife Presbytery's current team and hear about the exciting opportunities at our Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy, to be held at Hope Church, Kirkcaldy on Saturday 28th Feb from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. For further information or to register, contact [swhittle@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:swhittle@churchofscotland.org.uk)

# God Welcomes All

**Saturday 28th February 2026**

**2pm-4.30pm at St Leonard's, Dunfermline**

We are very fortunate to be the first Presbytery to host a Presbytery wide event like this and would strongly encourage all ministers, musicians, worship leaders, singers and anyone interested in hymns and hymn singing, to come along to this free resourcing afternoon.

Here's a word from Phill Melstrom, Worship Development Officer for the National Church:

As part of the ongoing roll out strategy for God Welcomes All, we hope to ensure deepening engagement and creative use of this resource at every level of the worshipping life of the Church of Scotland.

I have led events for a number of communities including for ministers in Lothian Borders Presbytery, Church hub in Orkney, Auchterarder Parish Church, Perth Presbytery worship leaders, Clyde Presbytery Ministers training course, The Guild annual gathering and Big Sing, Probationers training events, Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain Conferences and continued use in General Assemblies since the deliverance to make the book in 2019.

Through using GWA in our national events and conferences, and by visiting communities to teach them songs and worship together, we are enabling congregations to renew their worship and new worshipping communities to develop, by resourcing them with contemporary songs which complement the rich musical resources the church already has to offer. To produce a supplement to CH4 focusing on contemporary music, recognising that radical reform within our Church requires new forms of worship published physically and online, with songs that:

- Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving, reconciling love for all people
- Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith
- Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy
- Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation
- Protect, care for and renew life on our planet



The Fife Presbytery event will be a memorable afternoon of worship and music led by Phill and the Fischy Music band and our organist at St Leonard's, Nancy Crook. There will be an interval with tea and coffee, a GWA stall, Fischy Music and Presbytery stalls. Please send at least one person from your church – they will come back with new hymns and ideas of how they can be used in worship with some lent and Easter songs that can be used very soon. The event is subsidised and open to anyone in Presbytery who would like to come. Please make use of this opportunity and book a place/s via this link: [God Welcomes All Tickets, Sat, 28 Feb 2026 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

From Julia Meason, NENI Presbytery: "the result was something really special: a powerful sense of unity and fellowship across our islands. A huge thank you to all who shared prayers and to those who spoke them aloud on the day – you helped make it a moving and memorable celebration!"

Let's make the 28th February a special day in Fife too!

Thank you,

Gayle Taylor, Transition Minister of St Leonard's, Dunfermline and Chair of Fischy Music



## Taizé style worship at St Serf's Church, Burntisland



Candles lit during Taizé worship at St Serf's

**New time for this  
spring 2026 series:**

**4 pm  
Sundays**

**1 March,  
5 April**

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](https://www.taize.fr/en), 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!**

## 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.

19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jthomsondcs@gmail.com)

## World Day of Prayer

Levenmouth World Day of Prayer Service will be held in St Kenneth's Church in Kennoway on Friday the 6th of March at 2pm. Please come along and learn more about the women of Nigeria who produced this year's service. Refreshments will be available after the service.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
A service for everyone!

**"I Will Give You Rest: Come"**

Matthew 11:28-30

Kirkcaldy  
Congregational Church

**Friday March 6, 2026  
at 2pm**



Rest for the Weary by Gill Amarachi Otah



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**  
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number 233242

**1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026 AT 2PM**  
**Abbey Church of Dunfermline**



**A FOND FAREWELL**

There will be a fundraising concert on Sunday March 1st at 2pm with Frances McCafferty and Liam Forrest, featuring a range of duets and solos, accompanied by Matthew Beetschen.

Tickets are available at the door, priced £10.

# World Day of Prayer Services across Presbytery

This year's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 6th March. The material this year has been produced by the women of Nigeria and the theme is 'I will give you rest: Come' from Matthew 11: 28.

There are a number of services across Fife Presbytery, details of which are in the table below.

We hope you will be able to find one that is close to you and join in celebrating the World Day of Prayer with fellow Christians around the world

World Day of Prayer

March 6th, 2026



“I will give you rest; - Come”

Matthew 11 : 28



Town/City	Venue	Time
<b>Burntisland</b>	St Joseph's RC	2.00 pm
<b>Cardenden</b>	Auchterderran PC	7.00 pm
<b>Crail</b>	Parish Church	2.00 pm
<b>Cupar</b>	Cupar Old	2.00 pm
<b>Dalgety</b>	Forthview Dalgety Parish Church	2.00 pm
<b>Dunfermline</b>	St Columba's Parish Church	2.00 pm
<b>Falkland</b>	Parish Church	7.00 pm
<b>Freuchie</b>	Parish Church	2.00 pm
<b>Glenrothes</b>	Salvation Army	2.00 pm
<b>Kelty</b>	Parish Church (Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> )	11.00am
<b>Kennoway</b>	St Kenneth's PC	2.00 pm
<b>Kilconquhar</b>	Parish church	10.30 am
<b>Kirkcaldy</b>	Congregational TBC	2.00 pm
<b>Lochgelly</b>	St Serf's	11.00 am
<b>Newburgh</b>	URC	2.30 pm
<b>Newport on Tay</b>	Parish Church	2.00 pm
<b>Saline</b>	Parish Church	2.00 pm
<b>St Andrew's</b>	Cameron and St Leonard's	2.30 pm
<b>St Monans</b>	Church Hall (Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> )	2.00 pm
<b>Tayport</b>	Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea	2.00 pm

# Last week to apply!!

# We Are HIRING

## JOIN US!

Come and be apart of our Team  
Ministry @Fife : Forthview Parish  
Church of Scotland

We are recruiting for:

- Parish Assistant/  
Associate  
Minister/Deacon
- Community Worker
- Pianist



For more information go to  
[www.forthviewchurch.org.uk](http://www.forthviewchurch.org.uk)

## MISSION TOGETHER

In the West Fife Villages

FREE



COME AND VISIT OUR  
NEW LEGO CLUB

LIMEKILNS CHURCH

SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

10 – 11.30 AM

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian  
All welcome

Club managed and run by  
Limekilns Parish Church (Scottish Charity SCO)

# Sustainable Community Buildings with HeatHack

Find out how to save energy and heat in your community space or church  
with an introduction to the HeatHack programme at this free workshop.



In this workshop we will share:

- The importance of heat loss, ventilation and keeping your building dry and well maintained
- The requirements of older or listed buildings like churches
- Heating types (heat pumps, wet & dry systems), controls (timed and thermostatic) & the benefits
- How to understand energy suppliers & pick the right one for your space
- How to get your organisation/community to support the change
- Sources of support & funding to help you plan for the future

Workshops – locations, dates and times:

St Andrews - Episcopal Church - Sat 7th March - 9:30am - 11:30am - [book now](#)

# Paint & Sip Night

Rock Painting Night

Friday, March 20th

7:00–9:00 PM

Join us for a relaxed, creative evening painting rocks together.  
No experience needed—just come ready to have fun.

Bring Your Own Drink

Kids Welcome

£5 per person

Kirkcaldy Hope Church  
Carron Pl, Kirkcaldy KY2 6PS



◆ All painting supplies provided ◆  
◆ All proceeds go to the church ◆





## Christian Aid Week in Scotland

10-16 May 2026



Fridah and her grandson, Quilian. She participates in the Inarisha Kilimo project and has a small area to grow vegetables near the one room home she rents.

### Get ready for Christian Aid Week

Churches and supporters across Scotland raised over £780,000 for Christian Aid Week 2025 - thank you! Whether you held an event, took on a sponsored challenge, or organised a sale, your efforts are appreciated. Christian Aid Week is 7 days to make a difference, and you went above and beyond!

This Christian Aid Week, we're raising funds for our global work, and sharing stories from our partners in Kenya. Many of us find joy and purpose in tending our gardens. In Kenya, Christian Aid's partner Beacon of Hope is supporting people to use even small spaces to grow food. Hardship often leads to hunger, but for urban farmers like Fridah, gardens grow hope!

### Christian Aid Week resources

Whether you are holding an event, a sale or a service, we have resources to help!

We hope that you will use our prayers and sermon notes in a worship service, or invite a Christian Aid speaker to share about our work.

The popular Christian Aid Scotland Quiz is back for another year. If you would like a digital copy, please get in touch. You can use the quiz to host an event, or print off copies to sell for a donation. Answers will be available online after Christian Aid Week, unless requested earlier.

As churches and groups move away from House to House fundraising, sales of all sorts are gaining popularity! Let us know if you'd like to try holding a book, plant or craft sale, or something more creative. We can provide ideas, answer questions, and help you think through all the details.

We also have posters, envelopes and other materials to support your fundraising efforts. Ordering online ([caid.org.uk](http://caid.org.uk)) reduces our administrative costs. If you aren't able to order online, please give us a ring or use the included paper order form.

We are so grateful for you – our supporters, Christian Aid groups and churches across Scotland. If we can support your efforts in any way, please let us know.

Christian Aid has now moved to Lloyds bank. If you need the details or treasury materials, do get in touch. Please note: that you can use our Lloyds giro at Bank of Scotland branches to pay directly into Christian Aid's account.

Phone: 0131 220 1254  
Email: [edinburgh@christian-aid.org](mailto:edinburgh@christian-aid.org)

### Register for the Gathering

The Gathering will return online, 24 February, 2026. Join us to hear from partners in Kenya, and Christian Aid staff, and to get ready for Christian Aid Week 2026.

Register or listen back online: [caid.org.uk/gathering26](http://caid.org.uk/gathering26)



A family lives inside this shipping container in southern Gaza. Someone has written 'peace' messages on the outside.

### Scottish Government funding

We are grateful for our most recent Humanitarian Emergencies Funding (HEF) grant from the Scottish Government. This grant has enabled our partners in South Sudan to scale up the support they are giving to returnees and refugees who are fleeing the conflict in Sudan. Cash grants enable people in displacement camps to buy what they need, allow children to go to school, people to get back to livelihood activities, as well as ensuring that local markets and the people who rely on them are supported.

### Kiltwalk 2026

Are you looking for a new challenge this year? Does the thought of fresh air, tartan, a good walk and supporting Christian Aid excite you? Then why not take part in a Kiltwalk in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee or Aberdeen.

When you walk for Christian Aid you'll receive a free T-shirt, one to one support with your fundraising as well as the opportunity to walk with like-minded supporters.



Glasgow Kiltwalkers from Alloway Parish Church at the finish line with the Christian Aid 80th Anniversary Baton.

If Kiltwalk isn't the right fit for you and you'd like to organise your own sponsored walk locally, please let us know and we can provide ideas and support.

### Stay in touch!

Facebook: [/ChristianAidScotland](https://www.facebook.com/ChristianAidScotland)

Instagram: [@christianaidscotland](https://www.instagram.com/christianaidscotland)

Phone: 0131 220 1254

Email: [edinburgh@christian-aid.org](mailto:edinburgh@christian-aid.org)

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Fife@churchofscotland.org.uk)

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](mailto:fife@churchofscotland.org.uk)

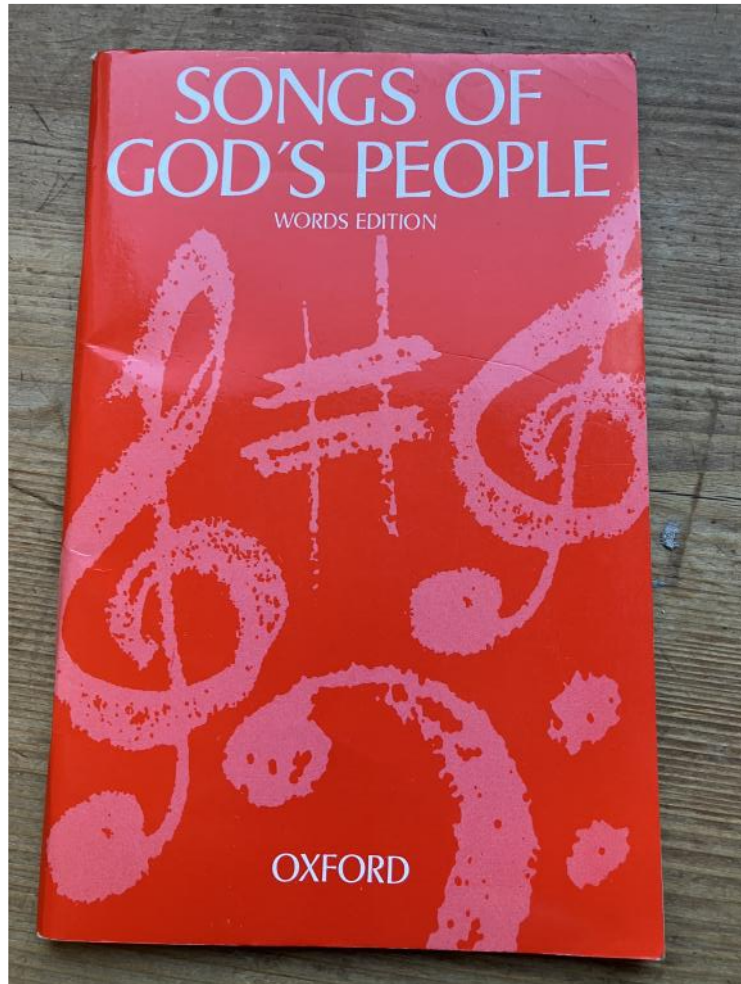
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## NEW HOME REQUIRED

St Andrews New Kirk (formerly St Mark's) has approximately 200 copies of Songs of God's People songbooks and 16 with music along with a number of donation bags which they no longer need. If anyone would like them please contact [finance@stmarksparishchurch.org](mailto:finance@stmarksparishchurch.org) or please advise if you know any organisation that would take them.



## Locum Required

The newly formed charge of Balmerino, Creich, Flisk, Kilmany and Wormit are looking to appoint a Locum. If you would be interested in this, or know anyone who may be, please contact John Macmillan at [john.macmillan28@gmail.com](mailto:john.macmillan28@gmail.com) for more information.



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*St. Adrian's East Neuk Guild*  
invite you for an  
**AFTERNOON CUPPA**

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March*  
*Between 2pm and 4pm*  
*Cellardyke Church*  
*Hall*



*Tea, Coffee, cake,  
Raffle and  
plenty chat!*

*£5 entry*  
*In aid of Guild Projects & Church Funds.*

St. Adrian's East Neuk - Church of Scotland - Charity No. SC000181

# Celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday

'One Body, Many Parts' (1 Corinthians 12) is the theme of this year's Disability Awareness Sunday on 27th September 2026. Young autistic Christian author, Triona Brading, is encouraging all churches to 'save the date'!

Triona is one of the authors of a new book: 'Belonging without Barriers', a much-needed resource on disability inclusion as a gospel issue, due out on 20 March 2026.

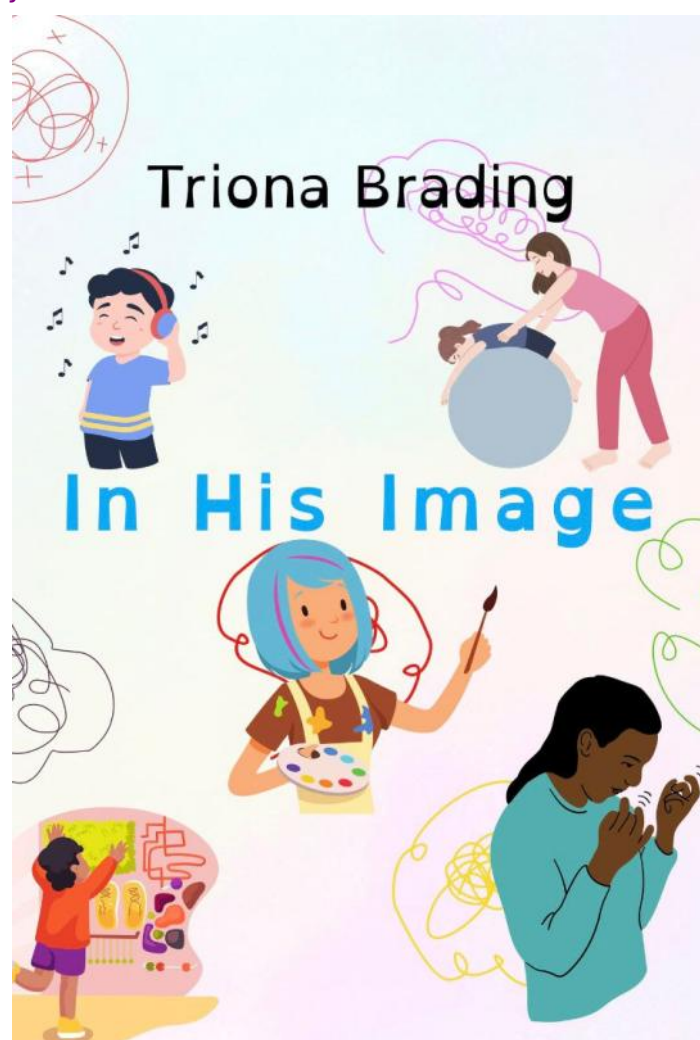
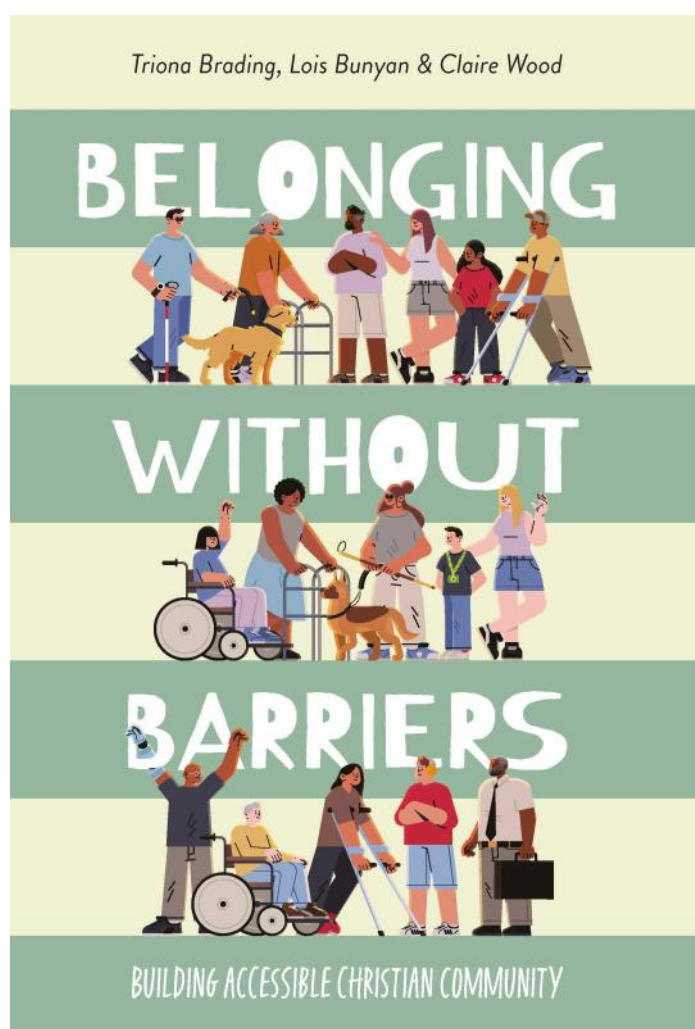
Also by Triona Brading is 'In His Image', a colourful children's book on what it means to be neurodivergent.

For Disability Awareness Sunday, Triona is teaming up with charity Through the Roof on a new free resource for churches, due out in April, exploring how all types of people are needed in God's Church – including those who are disabled or neurodivergent.

In a video to accompany the resource, Triona will share her story of discovering, aged 21, that she is autistic. She is passionate about sharing the truth that being 'different' (in how your body or brain works) does not stop you being part of God's family or using your gifts to strengthen it. 'You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.' (1 Cor. 12:27).

Get a copy the free resources (in English or Welsh) at:

[throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday](http://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday)



# New MDS Role within Presbytery

**Parish Assistant/Deacon**

**Kirkcaldy: Langtoun Parish Church**

**Presbytery of Fife**

**Part time 37.5 hours per week**

**Salary £30,274 - £34,224 pro rata per annum**

**Ref: M06/26**

Could you be part of something different? We have a rewarding opportunity for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to use their gifts, skills, and experience to make a difference to the lives of the people in our parishes and communities.

Working collaboratively with the Minister you will deliver pastoral, congregational and community related activities to support the mission and work across the large parish.

This will be done through building strong relationships in and outside the church with people of all ages, building bridges into the community, offering pastoral care, and inspiring and supporting opportunities for exploring Christian faith.

**To view this and other MDS posts, click [here](#).**



What Gifts could **YOU** bring?

Children

Youth

Youth

Children

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland is seeking a creative, enthusiastic, and motivated **Children and Youth Worker**:

- ☆ To participate in the provision of Christian teaching to our Children and Youth,
- ☆ To engage Young People through imaginative and innovative ways of sharing the Gospel,
- ☆ To work cooperatively with the Minister and Worship Team to plan and lead All Age Services, ...and,
- ☆ To investigate and develop connections with the Children, Youth and Families within the neighbouring parish as we move forward towards a union.

This is a full-time post with many connections to local schools and other community organisations already established.

**Interested?** ...for further information and an Application Pack please contact the Church Recruitment Team at:

[cyw.notchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cyw.notchurch@gmail.com)



The Church of Scotland

## WE ARE HIRING!



The recently united charge of **Heart of Fife Parish Church** (Glenrothes, Leslie, Markinch and Thornton) is seeking to call two Full Time Ministers of Word and Sacrament to join Rev Alan Kimmitt as equal partners in a Team Ministry.

01

**Full-Time Ministers of Word and Sacrament Post A**

5 Year Reviewable Charge

02

**Full-Time Ministers of Word and Sacrament Post C**

5 Year Reviewable Charge

APPLY NOW

Please send a CV, Personal Statement giving your reasons for applying, the names of 2 referees and an indication of which post (or posts) you are applying for to:

- [catriona.reidpath@outlook.com](mailto:catriona.reidpath@outlook.com)
- Tel: 07588757400 / 01592753534

Send any informal enquiries to Interim Moderator Rev Margaret Mateos:

- [mmateos@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:mmateos@churchofscotland.org.uk)
- Tel: 07919403436

# Youth Volunteers Celebrated for Outstanding Contribution to Community Life in the Heart of Fife

Heart of Fife Parish Church Youth Services hosted a Youth Volunteer Celebration to recognise the remarkable commitment, growth and leadership of young people serving across the parish and wider community.

Rooted in the values of Growing, Inspiring and Belonging, Heart of Fife Youth Services exists to walk alongside young people in a fast-changing and often challenging world, offering safe, inclusive spaces, trusted relationships, and opportunities to grow in confidence, skills and purpose. Delivered through Heart of Fife Parish Church, the service nurtures, equips, empowers and inspires young people to live with confidence, contribute with purpose and lead with compassion.



Programmes span all ages, from welcoming baby and toddler groups to Youth Church, inclusive primary clubs and the youth-led Teen Lounge, which has grown from two young people to a thriving community shaping its own activities, skills development and fundraising. Intergenerational connection is further strengthened through Monday Club where faith, friendship and service are shared across ages.

Young people have contributed over 100 hours each of voluntary service across youth clubs, holiday clubs, Café Inc., community projects and award volunteering, developing leadership, teamwork, communication, practical life skills and confidence. Many now lead activities for younger children, run initiatives such as tuck shops and small enterprises, and support one another with humour, care and encouragement.

Holiday clubs and Café Inc. continue to be vital outreach projects, offering inclusive access to activities and nutritious meals while creating spaces of dignity, warmth and belonging for families during school holidays.

At the celebration, Saltire Awards were presented by the Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, Mr Robert Balfour, recognising outstanding volunteering commitment:

100 Hours Saltire Awards: Emily Rooney, Nicole Kilpatrick, Eva Sinclair, Jade Dinsdale, Rebecca Moyes, Zoe Crabb, Seth Davie, Lewis Hinton and Annie MacKenzie

50 Hours Saltire Awards: Fraser Crabb, Daniel Sharp, Isla Shepherd and Stuart Stevenson

The event was supported by local MP Richard Baker, Councillor Peter Gulline, Fife Director of Education Donald MacLeod, and several school staff who attended to celebrate the achievements of these young people.

Heart of Fife Youth Services is entirely self-funded through grants, partnerships, fundraising and an exceptional volunteer team. Despite rising costs, the service remains youth-led, inclusive and accessible — because young people matter, not someday, but now.



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

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## Finding Peace

Trauma, grief, and loss exist in every community.

If you are or have experienced grief, broken relationships or loss of any kind, our group, Finding Peace provides a safe space where you can find help and support through shared experiences, mutual encouragement and faith.

Finding Peace is a six-week, in-person course where we walk together towards healing and renewal.

Get in touch to begin your journey of new beginnings and a renewed life.

**First Session Date/time:** 12 March at 6pm (6.30pm start) then five further sessions with the last one completing the course at the end of April.

**Location:** Cupar Old Parish Centre, Short Lane, Cupar

**Contact:** Susan Watt / David Henderson

**To find out more:** Susan on 0781 0120250 / Email: [susanj.kelly@btinternet.com](mailto:susanj.kelly@btinternet.com)

[Learn more at TRAUMAHEALINGINSTITUTE.ORG](https://www.traumahealinginstitute.org)

# COMING SOON ...

## TALENT SHOW

*Singers*  
*Dancers*  
*Comedy*  
*Piper*  
*and many more*

**7pm**  
**Friday 20 March**  
**in**  
**St Columba's Church**

**£5 Admission**  
**(including snack and drink)**

Dunfermline St Columba's Church  
Scottish Registered Charity No SC007302

## Engaging with MSPs

On Tuesday 3rd April at 7:30pm, in Gillespie Memorial Church, Dr Gordon Macdonald (CEO, Care Not Killing) and Nigel Kenny (Scotland Officer, The Christian Institute) will speak about the importance of engaging your local MSP (Shirley-Anne Somerville for Dunfermline) and also regional MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife, (such as Alexander Stewart). Tips and handouts will be given for folk to use when contacting their MSPs. There will be a special video from Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes and plenty of opportunity for Q&A.





**dcu** Dunfermline Choral Union  
*Live Music To Inspire*

# Spring Concert

at *The Vine, Dunfermline*

**Conductor:** Mandy Miller

**Zadok the Priest** Handel  
**Arioso** J.S. Bach  
**Stabat Mater** Pergolesi  
**Spring from the Four Seasons** Vivaldi  
**Gloria** Vivaldi

**Sat 7 March 2026**  
7.30pm

Dunfermline Choral Union present a sparkling programme of much loved baroque favourites in this, their annual showcase concert. The 115-strong choir will be accompanied by a full orchestra and guest soloists **Rachel Munro** and **Frances McCafferty**.

**A thrilling evening of beautiful music is guaranteed!**

**Tickets:**  
£16 [Concessions: £14 | School Student/U18: £5]  
Available via [dunfermlinechoralunion.co.uk](http://dunfermlinechoralunion.co.uk)

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**Patron:** Frances McCafferty • Scottish Charity No. SC032534

## A Gospel for Glasgow

This year, the Scottish Bible Society is inviting churches to participate in a year long, city-wide initiative to share the Bible with Glasgow.



We are delighted to have partnered with Glasgow City Mission, marking their 200th year, to produce a special edition of Luke-Acts, The Gospel for Glasgow. Featuring an attention-grabbing cover, this Glasgow-themed scripture portion introduces people to the person of Jesus Christ through Luke's gospel and then tells the story of how the followers of Jesus share the good news about Jesus in Luke's second book, Acts.

Would you consider partnering with the Scottish Bible Society and other churches across the city, to share the good news of Jesus with Glasgow in 2026?

[Read more and get involved!](#)

## Sandra's Prayer Request

Today, we invite you to pray for a mother, her family and a small centre that is changing lives.

In Zababdeh, Mum Sandra was facing a difficult reality. Her husband had lost his job, and her daughter needed specialised education that was not readily available locally. Employment was scarce, and support for children with additional needs was limited.

[Lent 26: Week 2 - Sandra - YouTube](#)

With support from Friends of the Holy Land, Sandra opened the Grace Centre, a dedicated space for children with special needs.

The centre offers personalised learning activities, therapeutic resources and patient guidance for children who often struggle in traditional classrooms. It also gives parents reassurance that their precious children are seen, valued and supported.

What began as one mother's concern for her daughter has become a lifeline for other families in the community:

Sandra shares, "Launching this project has renewed my hope to remain in my hometown and strengthened my belief that I have a noble purpose to live for, in the land where I belong. I would like you to pray for my family and me, and the children who attend the Grace Centre. Please pray that those facing learning difficulties find strength and confidence, and that our centre remains a place of love and hope for every child in need."



# Urgent Action Briefing - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

## YOU ARE URGED TO CONTACT YOUR MP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

In late January 2026, the UK Government announced the closure of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which had allowed VAT to be reclaimed on repairs to listed places of worship, at the end of March 2026.

This announcement was unexpected and will impact current projects as well as ending a scheme which has been vital over many years, and without it will add further financial burdens to Congregations and the Church as a whole.

The UK Government has announced a replacement grant scheme for England only. The Scottish Government have not been informed about the details of this change or whether any additional funding (allocated through the Barnett Formula) would be available.

The General Trustees are working with colleagues across the national office to enter dialogue with both the UK and Scottish Governments – but we need you to make representations to your MP – and for you to do this now.

It is better if as many people as possible in a constituency write to their MP. You may want to consider a joint message but know that several constituents raising the same issue will get more notice. If you have a Presbytery meeting or Kirk Session meeting soon, consider tabling a deliverance which sets your concern and use this as the basis for your message.

If you are a Presbytery Clerk or writing as a convener or member of a presbytery committee with a remit for property and finance, you should write to all the MPs whose constituency falls within the bounds of the presbytery.

### **How to contact your MP:**

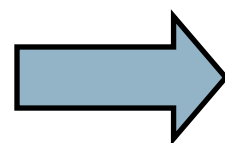
Enter your postcode (or the postcode of your church building) into the Find your MP search bar at the top of this page: <https://members.parliament.uk/>

On your MP's page, you will find their email address. If you prefer to send a letter in the post you should address it to them at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Some MPs share other contact details such as telephone number or social media accounts. It doesn't matter what route you use to contact your MP and if you know them personally a phone call might be better than written correspondence – but if in doubt, send an email.

### **What to say:**

We are not offering a template letter: our experience is that MPs engage better when messages are individual and specific rather than a copy-and-paste national campaign. Please know that the national office is taking action with MPs and UK and Scottish Government. This action is a request for you to take the initiative. The following points are things you might want to include.

Share the surprise that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme is being closed and disappointment that the Church of Scotland was not consulted or informed about this decision.



# Urgent Action Briefing - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

Talk about the listed churches that are part of your congregation – their history and the role they play in the community (including social action/outreach work that takes place, such as hosting community organisations, collections for foodbanks, friendship/social activities, school outreach, climate, refugee, or interfaith work etc.)

If you have a current or recent repair project and have benefited from the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, tell them this and what it has meant to your congregation.

If you expect to undertake work in the foreseeable future, say how this work will impact you.

Acknowledge the current budgetary constraints facing all levels of government but point out that listed churches are not simply about curating cultural architecture, but which are important centres for the whole community.

Recognise that the Church of Scotland has recently had to sell many historic and beloved buildings because we can't afford to keep and run them. The likelihood is that this decision will make further disposals happen sooner.

Point out that a new fund is for England only; but that the UK Government appears not to have liaised or consulted with the Scottish (or Welsh or Northern Ireland) Government about this.

Say that we – and the Scottish Government – remain in the dark about the implications for the Barnett Formula (where devolved governments receive a proportion of funding when the UK Government spends money for England).

Ask the MP to follow up with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Treasury, and the Scotland Office.

Invite the MP to visit your church to see the building and learn about some of the community and spiritual work which takes place.

## **Follow up:**

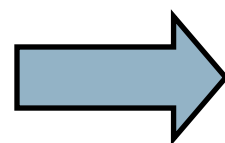
Please let the national office know if you have contacted your MP, and what their response is. Write to the Parliamentary Officer, David Bradwell – [dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk)

If you have written to your MP and have not received a response after five working days, follow up. MPs receive hundreds of messages a day, alongside parliamentary and political party commitments – they may need a friendly nudge to make sure that the issue has been drawn to their attention.

If other community groups or organisations use your church building, ask them if they will also contact the MP to let them know how they value the space and how important our buildings are to their activities.

## **Further information:**

The Moderator and the General Trustees will meet with UK Government ministers from the Department for Culture Media and Sport and the Scotland Office on 10 March; if there is news from this meeting, we will communicate this to you.



## Urgent Action Briefing - Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

We are in touch with the Scottish Government who are aware of the situation and remain open to dialogue – though the imminent Scottish Parliament elections mean the timing is such that it is difficult for any long-term commitments to be made before mid-May.

We are in touch with other Scottish denominations, and with church groups in Wales, as this decision does not just affect the Church of Scotland. The Church of England have offered help and assistance in raising concerns in the UK Parliament. They have additional concerns as the details of the new England-only scheme have not yet been announced.

If you are currently undertaking works to a building or have a project planned that will be impacted by the changes, in the first instance, please contact your Presbytery Building Officer for advice. The current scheme to reclaim VAT for works undertaken since April 2025 remains open until 31 March 2026. Please submit any applications as soon as possible as possible if you have not done so already. Please be aware that the current scheme has a capped budget of £23million, VAT is repaid on a first come first served basis and no further funds will be allocated. Applications can be made online Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme.

Finally in the event of any queries, please contact us using the details below

Queries relating to contacting your MPs contact Parliamentary Officer, David Bradwell – [dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Queries relating to specific projects and buildings contact [gentrustees@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:gentrustees@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Best wishes, Norman

**Rev Norman A Smith |**  
**Chief Officer |**  
**Office of the Assembly Trustees |**  
**The Church of Scotland**

## Inspection of Records Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers on the 7th May 2026 from 10am-12.30pm at St Marks, St Andrews to help with the annual attestation/inspection of records!

Please contact Evelyn in the Presbytery Office at [econnell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:econnell@churchofscotland.org.uk) if you can help.

**MACMASTER/HAY**

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT** **ABBIE CHURCH**

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SCOTLAND ON SUNDAY

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MARY MACMASTER & DONALD HAY CREATE SPELLBINDING SCOTTISH MUSIC. THEIR CINEMATIC SOUND EVOKES SCOTLAND'S WILD BEAUTY AND EDGE, AND THEY HAVE COLLABORATED WITH ARTISTS INCLUDING STING, THE TRANSATLANTIC SESSIONS, THE POOZIES, OLD BLIND DOGS AND HIDDEN ORCHESTRA.

**MON MAR 2ND | 12:45 PM**

**SOUP AND SANDWICHES FROM 12:15 PM**

FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL  
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[WWW.MACMASTERHAY.BANDCAMP.COM/MUSIC](http://WWW.MACMASTERHAY.BANDCAMP.COM/MUSIC)

# Dates for your diary

## **Saturday 28th February 2026 : 10am-11.30am**

Limekiln's Church  
Lego Club

## **Saturday 28th February 2026 : 10am-12pm**

Hope Church, Kirkcaldy  
Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy

## **Saturday 28th February 2026 : 2pm-4.30pm**

Dunfermline St Leonard's Church  
God Welcomes All - In Your Hands

## **Sunday 1st March 2026 : 2pm**

Abbey Church of Dunfermline  
A Fond Farewell Concert

## **Sunday 1st March 2026 : 3pm**

Springfield Church  
Service of Union and Linkage — East Fife Rural and  
Ceres, Kemback and Springfield

## **Sunday 1st March 2026 : 4pm**

St Serf's Church, Burntisland  
Taizé Style Worship

## **Monday 2nd March 2026 : 12:45pm**

Abdie Church, Newburgh  
Lunchtime Concert

## **Saturday 7th March 2026 : 9.30am-11.30am**

St Andrews Episcopal Church  
Sustainable Community Buildings Workshop

## **Saturday 7th March 2026 : 7.30pm**

The Vine, Dunfermline  
Dunfermline Choral Union Spring Concert

## **Sunday 8th March 2026 : 3pm**

St Ninian's Church Building, Dunfermline  
Service of Union - Dunfermline Saint Margaret's  
and Saint Ninian's

## **Monday 9th March 2026 : 2pm-4pm**

Cellardyke Church Hall  
Afternoon Cuppa

## **Monday 9th March 2026 : 7pm-9pm**

Online  
Trustee Safeguarding Training

## **Thursday 12th March 2026 : 7pm**

Wormit Church  
Service of Union - Balmerino, Creich, Flisk, Kilmany  
and Wormit

## **Thursday 19th March 2026 : 1pm-3pm**

Methilhill Parish Church  
Airlie Cancer Care Group

## **Friday 20th March 2026 : 7pm**

St Columba's Church, Dunfermline  
Talent Show

## **Friday 20th March 2026 : 7pm-9pm**

Kirkcaldy Hope Church  
Paint and Sip Night

## **Tuesday 24th March 2026 : 7pm-9pm**

Online  
Advanced Safeguarding Training

## **Tuesday 3rd April 2026 : 7.30pm**

Gillespie Memorial Church, Dunfermline  
Engaging with MSPs

## **Thursday 23rd April 2026 : 1pm-3pm**

Methilhill Parish Church  
Airlie Cancer Care Group

## **15th May 2026 - 18th May 2026**

Church of Scotland General Assembly

## **Saturday 23rd May 2026 - 18th May 2026**

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

**“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.””**

**John 3:3**



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