

3rd April 2026

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# Presbytery News

I love the Lord,  
- because -  
He hears  
my voice and my pleas.

Psalm 116:1 NASB

## Maundy Money Congratulations!

We were delighted to hear the news that Chris Hill, a member of the recently united Balmerino, Creich, Flisk, Kilmany and Wormit Church was one of three Church of Scotland members presented with 'Maundy Money', symbolic silver coins, as part of the annual Royal Maundy Service.

Chris, along with Ruby Davidson from Trinity Parish Church in Strathaven, and Anne Croft from Canongate Kirk in Edinburgh, were recognised for their outstanding Christian service and for making a difference to the lives of people in their local communities.

Chris, is a former meteorologist with the Royal Air Force.

He served as the session clerk at Balmerino Church for many years before the parish joined the union and was the chief organiser/manager of the church and hall during a long period when the congregation was without a full-time minister, including the challenging COVID-19 pandemic era.

Chris said: "It was such a surprise to receive a letter from Buckingham Palace with an invitation to receive Maundy money from the Monarch and I feel privileged to be chosen as a recipient of this award.

"It is very humbling to be honoured in this way."

Chris was an active member of negotiation groups, considering and implementing the union of local rural churches and volunteered at Gauldry Thursday Cafe, a place where locals can have lunch and spend time with one another.

The first Maundy Money giving ceremony dates back to 1662, and this year Royal Maundy gifts will be presented to approximately over 150 people in recognition of the strength of the local church and the dedication of the whole people of God to its work.

Thank you Chris, for your good and faithful work, and congratulations.



## 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](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>

**Kingdom Praise & Prayer!**

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

Kingdom Praise and Prayer

NEXT EVENT...

**CUPAR, Fife**  
**Sat 4th April : 7.00pm**  
 Old Parish Church Centre  
 Short Lane  
 KY15 5EQ

*"...From everlasting to everlasting, Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory and the majesty and the splendour..." 1 Chron 29 : 10-11*

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



**New time for this spring 2026 series:  
 4 pm  
 Sundays**

**5 April**

*Candles lit during Taizé worship at St Serf's*

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!**

**Hope Church Guild Easter Coffee Morning**



**To be held in the large hall on  
 Saturday 4th April  
 10:00-12:00  
 Tickets £4**

**Beath and Cowdenbeath North Church**  
 invites you to join us for

**Forest Church**



and a **Litter Pick**  
 as part of  
**Spring Clean Scotland 2026**



on  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**at 10am in Cowdenbeath Public Park**  
 Meet at the park entrance across from the church

PPE will be provided for litter picking.  
 Children should be with an adult.

**Worshiping God in and through nature**

**East Fife Rural Parish Church of Scotland**



**An Afternoon of Music and Flowers**

**Easter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Kingsbarns Church**

**3.00- 5.00 PM**

**Enjoy musical medleys on our organ and grand piano, Easter flower displays and tea, coffee and cake**

**Admission free**  
 with donations welcome for church funds

# Burntisland and Kinghorn Churches Together Palm Sunday Walkers



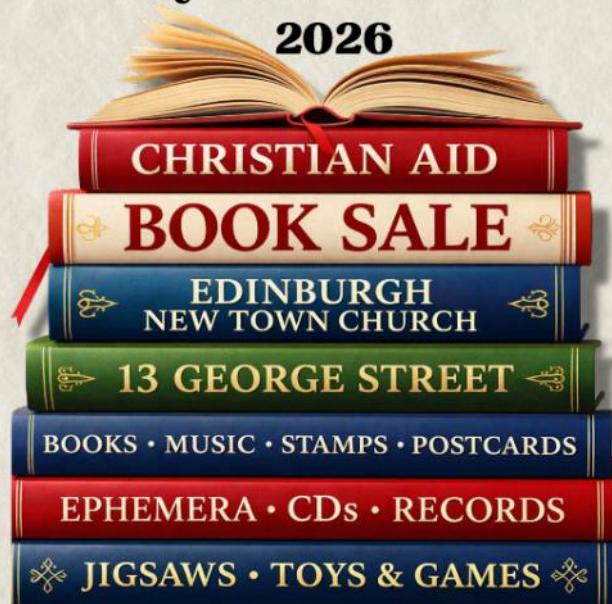
Well done to the Burntisland and Kinghorn Churches Together Palm Sunday walkers!

They made it around all the Burntisland churches last Sunday afternoon, just avoiding the rain and even seeing a little sunshine.

After a brief 20 minute service in Erskine, they enjoyed some tasty Easter refreshments in the hall.

## BOOK SALE

May 9th, 11th-15th  
2026



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[www.edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk/work/christian-aid-sale/](http://www.edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk/work/christian-aid-sale/)

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### 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](mailto:ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk)

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Got questions or need to discuss a delivery?  
Drop us an email!

[ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk](mailto:ca@edinburghnewtownchurch.org.uk)

The New Town Church of Scotland SC 008890

## Listed Places of Worship Scheme Update



**General Trustees**  
Church of Scotland

Thank you for sharing your correspondence with MPs and MSPs, and for outlining the impact that the closure of the scheme is having on your building and community.

Your engagement has been invaluable in raising the profile of this issue. The efforts you have taken have already helped surface a number of useful pieces of information, and we are grateful for the time and care you have invested.

We can now update you on where things currently stand.

Further information has been added to our website, which you can read here:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/departments/general-trustees/property-management/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme>

Please feel free to share this link with others as appropriate.

If you have any further questions or comments, we would be glad to hear from you. Correspondence with MPs and MSPs should be directed to [dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk). Any project-specific or building-related queries should be sent either to your Presbytery Building Officer or to [gtfabric@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:gtfabric@churchofscotland.org.uk).

We will write again when we have more information, or if further action is required to make representations to politicians.

With every good wish,

Katharine Isherwood

## Monthly Afternoon Teas

Monthly Afternoon Teas will commence in Freuchie Church Hall from 2pm till 4pm on:

- Friday 17th April.
- Friday 15th May.
- Friday 12th June.
- Friday 14th August.
- Friday 18th September
- Friday 16th October. For Chas

Entry is by donation. Fundraising other than STAR & CHAS Dates is for Fife: Eden Tay Parish.

**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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# CAR BOOT SALE

WELLESLEY CENTRE  
METHIL

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
10AM – 2PM



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A TABLE THEN  
PLEASE CONTACT MAIRI ON 01383 871937 OR  
WELLESLEYCENTREMANAGER@OUTLOOK.COM

TABLES COST £10 AND MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Wellesley Parish Church of Scotland Registered in Scotland as a Charity NO. SC009581

# HOLY TRINITY EVENTS



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|---------------|--|
| <b>APR 3</b>  | <b>SHORT AFTERNOON SERVICE</b><br>3PM                          |
| <b>APR 8</b>  | <b>ST ANDREWS &amp; FIFE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA</b><br>7:30PM     |
| <b>APR 12</b> | <b>KID'S RESURRECTION &amp; EASTER EGG HUNT SERVICE</b><br>3PM |
| <b>APR 16</b> | <b>SAU MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT</b><br>7:30PM                     |
| <b>APR 22</b> | <b>SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT</b><br>7:30PM            |
| <b>APR 24</b> | <b>LUMOS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT</b><br>7PM AND 9PM                |
| <b>APR 25</b> | <b>ST ANDREWS CHORUS CONCERT</b><br>7:30PM                     |

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
[WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK](http://WWW.HOLYT.CO.UK)

## 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)

## 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.

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

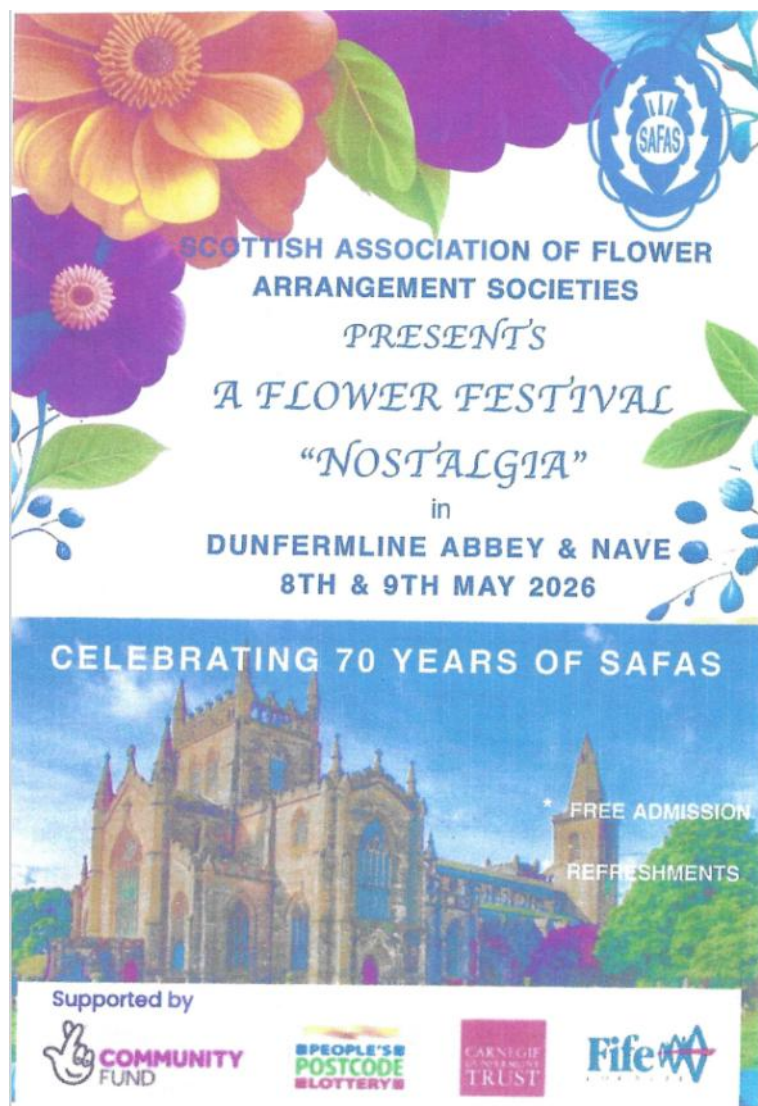
21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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)




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

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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](mailto:fiona.massie58@gmail.com) or Tel: 07838036661

## Safeguarding Training Calendar—Summer 2026

Please find attached some training dates in the next couple of months.

There are limited spaces available on the in-person courses at Cupar Old Parish Centre and St Kenneth's Church, so please get in touch as soon as possible if you'd like to book any spaces on these courses.

A few people have also contacted me to arrange courses in your own congregations or areas - please just note that I am not available for most of June and July, so if anyone needs training before the summer holidays, please also look at the main website for course availability.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/departments/safeguarding-service/training>

Shiela Boyd, Safeguarding Coordinator

Safeguarding Training Calendar - Summer 2026				
<b>April</b>				
Thursday 9th	Introductory	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Cupar Old Parish Centre	<b>Sheila Boyd</b>
Thursday 23rd	Trustee	7.00 - 9.00 pm	St Kenneth's Kennoway	<b>Sheila Boyd</b>
<b>May</b>				
Tuesday 12th	Trustee	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Online	<b>Sheila Boyd</b>
Monday 25th	Advanced	7.00 - 9.15 pm	Online	<b>Sheila Boyd</b>

## Congregational Accounts

Just a reminder that congregational accounts should be sent to the Presbytery Treasurer, Barbara Acheson, at [bacheson40@hotmail.com](mailto:bacheson40@hotmail.com)

If you prefer to post accounts to Barbara, please contact her for her postal address.

If you require any assistance, you can also contact Barbara on 07745 816854

## Easter Weekend Office Hours

The Presbytery Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Presbytery Clerk can still be contacted on the Clerk's mobile 07340 461921.

The office will reopen from 8am on Tuesday 7th April. We wish everyone a blessed Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cupar Choral Society  
Presents

# Dvořák

## Stabat Mater

## Ireland

### Greater Love Hath No Man

**Musical Director**  
Peter W Thomson

**Soloists**  
Lorna Murray  
Nicola Wemyss  
David Walsh  
Jonathan Kennedy

*With an orchestra of professional musicians*

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm  
Corn Exchange, Cupar

**Tickets £15** available on the door (card payments accepted) or email [tickets@cuparchoral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@cuparchoral.org.uk)  
Under 16s go free



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# CHILDREN'S EASTER SERVICE AND EASTER EGG HUNT

## 12 APRIL, 3PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,  
SOUTH STREET,  
ST ANDREWS

SCARBELLE, DUNINO AND ST ANDREWS, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND | SC01719



## DETAILS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

LIFT (FORMALLY YOUNG ADULT GUILD) HOLD MEETINGS ONLINE ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7-8PM. PLEASE CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR LINKS TO MEETINGS OR SIGN UP TO OUR MAILING LIST FOR LINKS VIA THE QR CODE BELOW.

### 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL- CARRIE BROWN

CARRIE IS THE NEW YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG ADULTS DEVELOPMENT WORKER FOR THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HEAR FROM HER ABOUT HER ROLE AND HOLD A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW THE CHURCH SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LIFT:

Email: [YAG@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:YAG@churchofscotland.org.uk)  
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## PARTNER PLAN

# Ida & Keith Waddell – Zambia Holy Week 2026

26 March 2026

The United Church of Zambia  
Mwandi Mission  
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Dear Family and Friends

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, Psalm 105:4-5**

We chose this Psalm as it puts into words our experience and that of the community here on the Mission, remembering our own circumstances, our struggles and frailty yet throughout it all the mercies of God's providence. We balance the offering of praise with the need for his active help in this hard world, as we plan and work together.



We enjoyed our Christmas celebrations with Kirsten Stuart and the family in Lenzie, then welcomed Catriona, Will and their two to Edinburgh. Ellie was also able to visit friends in Northampton and Hamilton during her time here. While Catriona and Will brought in the New Year at Lenzie, the four of us set off to North Wales to see Gregor Sarah, Maia and Elsi as well as Nain in Bangor.



Before this we attended the cremation service in Kirkcaldy for Helen, our sister-in-law and Eric's wife, who had passed away peacefully on 4 December after a long and gallant fight with Wolfram syndrome. It was good that we were back home at this time.

Before Christmas too we had a visit from Klaus and Eva from Germany. This was a surprise for Klaus' 70th birthday. Klaus and I were pen-pals at school and stayed at each other's homes, so it was good to catch up again.

On our return from Wales, Will and Ellie flew back to Zambia on 8<sup>th</sup> January while Catriona and Ida went to Vision Scotland for the first session of laser treatment for her Bilateral Pinguicula. Amazingly, the Doctor, Naomi Scott, who did Catriona's laser treatment called Ida in at Cats' request, because of the chronic nature of the diagnosis. They recognised each other as Naomi is a member at Callander Kirk and met us there when we were speaking on 30 November; she was with the Youth Choir! The treatment required us to ask the Church of Scotland if it would be possible for Keith to extend his stay with Catriona and the two grandchildren for another 14 days from the 4<sup>th</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> February. This was agreed and Ida and Mubita flew back to Lusaka as planned on 6<sup>th</sup>. Ida had meetings in Chitambo and Lusaka to attend and purchases and supplies to organise, while Keith remained with Catriona and the wee ones. It was a good time, doing home-school, visiting the park, zoo and museums and getting to know them better. Catriona's last session of treatment was on 10<sup>th</sup> February, but we had to wait one week after the treatment before we flew which we did on 19<sup>th</sup> February getting home in good time, just before all the trouble over Iran began.

Before Ida left, we spoke at Services at Abdie and Crieff. We enjoyed meeting auld acquaintances at Newburgh thanks to Valerie and meeting some new ones at Crieff. We spoke to the Church and Primary School at Bankfoot, before finishing off our deputation at Houston. Irene dropped us off at a Saturday Fundraising Breakfast organised by Caroline and her team and on the Sunday answering very interesting questions put to us by the Sunday School. We also enjoyed a game of 10-pin bowling and meal together and hospitality from Kate and Graeme.



Following the visit of the First Minister to Zambia, we were invited to a reception at Bute House in early February, where we were able to talk further about our work at Mwandi and seek Scottish Government support in contributing to it in established areas. It was a great pleasure too to see the state apartments with their Georgian features, works of art and silverware.

We have reached an amazing total with regard to the truck and are now actively seeking to purchase it. It will either be purchased locally which is easier logistically but choice is limited. Greater choice is available regionally but importing from South Africa is problematic and time consuming. The best option is a reconditioned truck from Europe or Japan but that too has its bureaucratic hoops to jump through. We hope we can report a successful purchase in our next letter. Our grateful thanks to all of you who organised and contributed so generously to this need.



Since returning we have been busy with a visiting US Gynaecological surgeon, who undertook a number of reconstructive procedures. We also attended the Western Presbytery Council in Mongu with our reports as Education and Health Convenors. The meeting was called to form a Nominations Committee as our present Bishop Roy Kanchele will retire after his two terms. The Committee will short-list 3 candidates for election at the Synod Executive later in the year. We travelled on to Lusaka where Ida attended the CHAZ Board Meeting while Keith visited the Bible Society and purchase 64 Silozi Bibles and did some follow-up to the repossession process of a former Mission Schools in Western Province. On our return Ida has been doing follow-up work from CHAZ and organising the servicing of medical equipment, prior to the forthcoming visit of Peggy Schrieber's Surgical team. The local Hospital Board and the International Board meetings are taking place shortly too. Keith is organising the logistics for build two double VIP pit latrines at Sikuzu.

As we approach our celebration of the Resurrection, we rejoice in expectation of a better world, instead of the negativity and defeatism that seems to prevail. We know that here and now in the midst of all there is hope in the presence of our risen Lord. On Good Friday with his crucifixion, he demonstrated his patient, sacrificial love. A love which endures through all the failures and suffering we see and experience so we can proclaim Christ has died, Christ is risen Christ will come again.

With our love

Keith & Ida



# Dates for your diary

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

Gillespie Memorial Church, Dunfermline  
Engaging with MSPs

## **Saturday 4th April 2026 : 10am**

Cowdenbeath Public Park  
Forest Church and a Litter Pick

## **Saturday 4th April 2026 : 10am-12pm**

Kirkcaldy Hope Church  
Easter Coffee Morning

## **Saturday 4th April 2026 : 3pm-5pm**

Kingsbarns Church  
An Afternoon of Music and Flowers

## **Saturday 4th April 2026 : 7pm**

Old Parish Church Centre, Cupar  
Kingdom Praise & Prayer

## **Sunday 12th April 2026 : 3pm**

Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews  
Children's Easter Service and Easter Egg Hunt

## **Saturday 18th April 2026 : 7.30pm**

Corn Exchange, Cupar  
Cupar Choral Society

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

Methilhill Parish Church  
Airlie Cancer Care Group

## **8th May 2026 - 9th May 2026**

Dunfermline Abbey and Nave  
A Flower "Festival Nostalgia"

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

New Town Church, Edinburgh  
Christian Aid Book 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 23rd May 2026 - 18th May 2026**

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

## **Saturday 25th April 2026 : 10am-2pm**

Wellesley Centre, Methil  
Car Boot Sale

## **Friday 24 April 2026 : 7pm-8pm**

Online (see page 4)  
LiFT meeting - Carrie Brown

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection,  
not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

Martin Luther



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