

## April 2026

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### Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

We celebrate Easter Day on 5 April! We rejoice that our Lord Jesus is risen and amongst us – amongst us as we worship – with us as we walk through each day – with us as we sleep through the night. At Christmas time we celebrate that he who is called Emmanuel was born which means “God is with us”. The good news, the great news, of Easter is that God continues to be with us. He has conquered death and offers each of us life in all its fullness, here and for all eternity. It is the cornerstone of the Christian faith and it is our continuing hope in a world of chaos. “Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.”

More good news – you will know that for the best part of the last year I have been Interim Moderator at Larbert Tryst Church during their vacancy – they now have elected a new minister, Rev Derek Peat, and hopefully he will take up his new post by June – good news for our sisters and brothers in Tryst – good news also for me as I will soon be able to hand over duties there to the new minister!

Even more good news! Jane and I are pleased to announce the arrival of our seventh grandchild – his name is River and was born on 4 March to our youngest son Murray and his fiancé Dawn. Feeling old but feeling blessed!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Church let me know or if I can help you in any way or you would like a chat, please get in touch: [RAllan@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:RAllan@churchofscotland.org.uk) Telephone 07895 388644 – if I am not available, please leave a message and I will get back to you. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Church, please let me know and we can discuss this.

### General information

**Church Office:** To contact Nina, our Church Manager, at the office please phone 01324-611017 or email [office@falkirktrinity.org.uk](mailto:office@falkirktrinity.org.uk) Items for May Church News should be sent to the office by **10am on Tuesday 21 April.**

If you don't have a name lanyard or you have lost it, please put your name on the list in the vestibule and we'll make sure you get one.

If you are not a member but would like to be kept in touch with our Church News, then please send an email to Nina at the office email address above and she will put you on our circulation list.

### Dates for your Diary

Kirk Session meeting on **Tue 21 April** at 7.30pm  
Christian Aid Week begins **Sun 10 May** – snack lunch after morning service  
BB Parents Evening at Church **Wed 13 May** 7pm  
**Sun 17 May** Strathcarron Singers Annual Concert in Dunblane Cathedral  
**Sun 24 May** Pentecost  
Kirk Session meeting on **Tue 2 June** at 7.30pm  
**Sun 7 June** Communion at 10.30am and 1pm  
**Sun 21 June** BBQ after morning service  
**Sun 28 June** Summer Services begin

### Members who have died



Sadly, we intimate that since our last edition of Church News, Bobby McWilliam and George Aitken have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.



Our monthly collection for Falkirk Foodbank on the first Sunday of the month **May 3, 2026.**

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## Worship

During 2026 we will mainly follow lectionary Bible readings. We will continue to use the NRSVue version of the Bible which seeks to have more inclusive language.

Sunday morning worship at Church at 10.30am. S-Kidz and Youth Station join us for the first part of the morning service before sharing time together in the hall. (except for Communion when the young people meet in hall at start and join the service for communion) Our Sunday morning services are live-streamed every Sunday at 10.30am: [www.falkirktrinity.org.uk](http://www.falkirktrinity.org.uk) Recorded services are available to view through our website if you cannot watch live. If you need a lift to Church, please contact the office with your details and we will endeavour to make arrangements.

**Parking within the Church grounds on Sunday mornings should be a priority for those who are elderly or have difficulty walking, otherwise please park somewhere in town. Thank you!**

**Sun 29 March:** 10.30am Service

Palm Sunday

Theme: Caught up in the crowd

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (A song of victory) &

Mark 11: 1-11 (Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

(remember clocks go forward an hour!)

**Sun 5 April:** Easter Day

8.30am Early morning service at Princes Park

10.30am Service

Sacrament of Communion

(All who love the Lord are welcome to share around His table)

Theme: Wiping away the tears

John 20: 1-18 (The resurrection of Jesus/Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene)

**\*\*\*Holy Week Services – please see details on the next page\*\*\***

**Sun 12 April:** 10.30am Service

Theme: Head up

Luke 24: 13-35 (The walk to Emmaus)

**Sun 19 April:** 10.30am Service

Theme: Sounds fishy

John 21: 1-14 (Jesus appears to seven disciples)

**Sun 26 April:** 10.30am Service

Theme: Who will go for us?

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (A vision of God in the Temple)

**Wednesday Worship:** 11.30am midweek 25-30 mins service.

Daily reading, reflection and prayer are available online at Sanctuary First website [www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk](http://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk) or you may wish to try <https://pray-as-you-go.org> or <https://taketime.org.uk>

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## Pastoral Care

Lost touch with the Church? Feeling lonely at times? If you would like to receive a visit from one of our Pastoral Care Team then please contact the office and arrangements can be made. If you would be interested in becoming a member of our Pastoral Care Team then please speak to Robert Allan.

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## Bereavement Support

We have been running bereavement support groups in church, using the Seasons for Growth programme, for almost ten years now.

Our groups do not provide counselling or therapy but offer peer support following a bereavement. There are leaflets available in church with more information.

The next group for adults will be a daytime group starting in May. Anyone interested in joining the group should email [bereavementsupport@falkirktrinity.org.uk](mailto:bereavementsupport@falkirktrinity.org.uk) or call the office

01324 611 017



## Trinity Guild



Our session has now finished, with our AGM, on 25 March. Thanks to our generous members, we have **£560** to send to the Guild Projects. We have enjoyed each other's company as we have met, listened, learned and shared, following our theme of 'Living Stones'. Meetings will resume in October - meantime we keep in touch at church, at the cafe, and by cards and phone calls and messages. Take care everyone!

Norah 01324 625284 Fiona 01324 632387

**Falkirk Churches Together  
Holy Week 2026**

7.00pm	Monday 30th March	Stations of the Cross	St Francis Xavier
7.00pm	Wednesday 1st April	Quaker Worship Sharing Session	Christ Church
7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	Tenebrae Communion	Grahamston United
7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	Informal Communion	Trinity Church
7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	Eucharist & Hand Washing	Christ Church
7.00pm	Maundy Thursday	Mass, Eucharist & Foot Washing	St Francis Xavier
12.00pm	Good Friday	Walk of Witness	Begins @ St Francis Xavier
1.00pm	Good Friday	Reflective Readings	Trinity Church
1.00pm	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	Christ Church
2.00pm	Good Friday	Taize Worship	Christ Church
3.00pm	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross, Holy Eucharist & Veneration of the Cross	St Francis Xavier
7.00pm	Good Friday	Evening Reflection	Grahamston United
TBC	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	St Francis Xavier
8.30am	Easter Sunday	Open Air Service	Princes Park (Trinity)



**Snowdrop Café**

Everyone is welcome at the Snowdrop Café. We are open every Monday from 1pm till 3pm and everyone is welcome. It's a right friendly atmosphere with time to chat and enjoy a scone, or biscuits with a cuppa or two (or three). See below for what's happening in April.

**6th April**

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in, jigsaws etc  
Easter Treats

**13th April**

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in, jigsaws etc

**20th April**

Quiz



**27th April**

Fraud prevention advice

Why not come along to one or more of the weeks and give it a try?

If you find it difficult to get to the Snowdrop Cafe, speak to Isabel Sarle to arrange a lift.

The objective of the Snowdrop Café is simply to provide a space to make friendships, enjoy each other's company, help with isolation and form a sense of belonging. The aim is to bring people of all age groups together in an inclusive and friendly environment where all will be respected and accepted.



**Movie Night**

The March church news had a save the date for a movie night on Thursday 30 May. Apologies for the typo but the correct date to save is **Thursday 30 April**.

The movie we will be showing is The Lady in the Van starring Maggie Smith. It is based on the true story of an eccentric homeless lady who lived in a van in the driveway of playwright Alan Bennett's house for 15 years.

The starting time for the film will be **7pm**. There is no charge for coming to see the movie, but it would be useful to know in advance the number of people that wish to attend. You can add you name to the list of attendees after Sunday services in April. Further information about how to do this will be given at the start of services in April.

**Happy Easter from Labelled with Love**

The team are continuing to respond to the requests from our community, and we would like to share feedback that we have received from Glenburn Nursery in Hallglen.

We are absolutely delighted to receive the donation of Wellies for our children. Thank you so very much, this will make a huge difference and will enable all children to access outdoors safely and have fun while staying dry. We really appreciate this help.

Our thanks again go to you the Congregation in helping us continue to do this work.

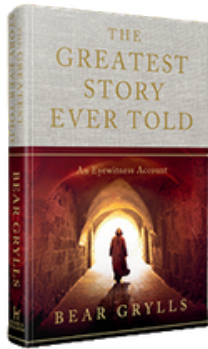
God Bless you All



**Happy Faces Good News**

This is just to share that Helen Black and Anne Sutherland will jointly take over as Happy Faces coordinators from August 2026 and I'm just so delighted for them. I know that the current team of helpers will continue to support them and the group as it is a much needed place for mums/ grandparents and wee ones to come. Thanks to you both.

Shona



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

1pm

Join us for a powerful live narration of the crucifixion, experienced through the eyes of John as written by Bear Grylls.

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Some prayer suggestions and reflections for the month of April...

1. April Fool's Day – ask God to bless our congregation with enough foolishness to believe we can transform lives.
2. Jesus commanded his friends to love one another - even those we find difficult to love.
3. Hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered. This is our God the servant King.
4. When life is not a bed of roses remember Who wore the thorns.
5. I know that my Redeemer lives. Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia.
6. Look around you. Spring is bursting into life - give thanks to God for the beauty of our world.
7. The Lord is close to the broken hearted.
8. Our hope is not in governments or military might. Our hope is in the Prince of Peace.
9. Rise and shine and give God the glory.
10. Lord be our peace when conversations are tense or everything feels unstable.
11. Forgive us when we moan, complain and are quick to point the blame.
12. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God.
13. Pray for a world where no one is left to carry their burdens alone.
14. God gave us two hands. One for us, and one to help others.
15. No matter what headlines say, our God reigns today and forever.
16. In a world of chaos, shine the light of kindness.
17. Sometimes love isn't about solving the problem. It's about showing up, holding space, and letting God do the work.
18. Give thanks for those that encourage and inspire you.
19. Cherish our freedom to join together in worship. Pray for those who risk imprisonment and death to do the same.
20. Look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through.
21. Forgive us for the ways we've messed and for not seeing how we're blessed.
22. Earth Day. Thank God for the rhythms of nature. May we honour and protect all that sustains life
23. If you're going to depend on anything, let it be our God who holds tomorrow in His hands.
24. Jesus calls us to follow Him. Help those still seeking or finding it difficult to respond to his call.
25. Ask God's blessing on all who use our buildings. May they all feel welcome in this place.
26. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.
27. Jesus, teach us your way - justice without cruelty, truth without contempt, and love that does not look away.
28. Pray for communities facing poverty, conflict, and uncertainty.
29. He sees you. He hears you. He loves you.
30. As we enter a new month may we live with hope, pray with endurance, and love with courage.

Contact Moira Simpson on e-mail: [moirasimpson@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:moirasimpson@blueyonder.co.uk) if you have specific items for prayer and this can be sent confidentially to our team of prayers.

“May God's blessing surround you each day as you trust him and walk in his way.”

