

Church News

FALKIRK TRINITY CHURCH



Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

During the summer there are a few less meetings, however the work of ministry still continues. I like to be fairly organised, so I have started to draft plans for services during September and October and also started a draft outline plan for worship in 2027.

At the beginning of July, I was invited to take the monthly morning service at Glenbrae Court where several of our members also live and it was good to share in this service. The Burnbrae Care Home services continue on the first Tuesday of each month and we are always warmly welcomed by the staff and residents there.

Funerals and pastoral concerns have also been part of my weekly work during the summer.

I will be on annual leave from **Monday 10 to Monday 31 August** – funeral cover during that time will be provided by Rev David Scott, minister at Grahamston United Church – tel 07881 956315.

Please remember, outwith these holiday times, if I can help you in any way or you would like a chat, please get in touch:
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.

Dates for the Diary

- Tue 1 Sept Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm
- Sun 6 Sept Communion at 10.30am and 1pm
- Fri 18 Sept Church Social evening

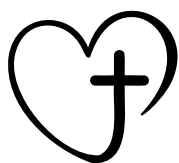


Members who have died

Sadly, we intimate that since our last edition of Church News, John Millar and Bill Mitchell have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.



Our monthly collection for Falkirk Foodbank on the first Sunday of the month **August 2 2026.**



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. Until 9 August we have shorter Summer Sunday services which are all-age worship in format and last approx. 45 minutes. S-Kidz/Youth Station are on a summer break now and will re-start on 16 August when our "normal" Sunday morning services will resume.

Our Sunday morning services are live streamed every Sunday at 10.30am: www.falkirktrinity.org.uk Recorded services are available to view through our website if you cannot watch live.

Sun 2 August: 10.30am Summer Service
Theme: Little Things
Led by Catherine Smith

Sun 9 August: 10.30am Summer Service
Theme: The life of Jesus
Led by Robert Allan

Sun 16 August: 10.30am
Led by Rev Stuart Fulton

Sun 23 August: 10.30am
Theme: Who am I?
Led by Catherine Smith

Sun 30 August: 10.30am
Led by Rev Stuart Fulton

Wednesday Worship (11.30am midweek 25-30 mins service) is presently on a summer break – services re-start on 12 August.

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

General Information

Church Office: To contact Nina, our Church Manager, at the office please phone 01324-611017 or email office@falkirktrinity.org.uk Items for September Church News should be sent to the office by **10am on Tuesday 25 August**.

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.

Please be aware the office will be closed from the 8 August and will be back on the 25 August.

Pastoral Care

We seek to care for all within our Church - 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.

Andrew Prentice Kiltwalk 2026

I hope that folks at Falkirk Trinity may support me in this challenge, the Mighty Stride (21 miles/33 kilometres), which is on **Sunday, 13th September**. I'm walking as a member of Strathcarron Singers, a choir that many at Falkirk Trinity will know and have attended our concerts.

This will be the first time in more than a decade since I've walked as far in one day. I've started some training sessions which are going well so far.

I have a donation page through the Hospice website if anyone would like to donate something.

Link as follows:

<https://www.strathcarronhospice.net/fundraisers/keep-right-on-to-the-end-of-the-road>

I'll take cash donations as well. Any amount is welcome.

I understand folks have many demands on their finances these days, so please there's no pressure to donate. I'm happy to receive folks encouragement and support.



Our tots and toddler group called "Happy Faces" meets every Monday morning during term time. It is currently on its summer break but due to begin the next session on **Monday 17 August**.

For the children who attend it's a place to play and make friends. For the parents, grandparents and carers, it's an opportunity to build supportive friendships and find encouragement.

Happy Faces is one of the many ways our church reaches out into the local community.

As the group continues to grow, we'd love to welcome a few more volunteers to our team.

Could you spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning?

No special qualifications or experience needed - just a friendly smile and a willingness to help. Whether you can volunteer every week, once a month on a rota or occasionally, your time will make a real difference. You could be the reason a parent feels welcomed, supported and connected to our church family.

How You Could Help:-

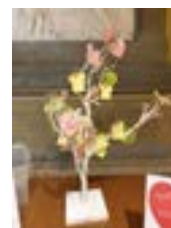
- Help prepare the hall before the session or tidy away afterwards.
- Take registration
- Prepare tea, coffee and healthy snacks.
- Chat with parents and carers and help everyone feel welcome.

Interested?

Please speak to Helen Black or Anne Sutherland or contact the church office for more information.

Labelled with Love

Uniform Appeal



Our School Uniform Project is now in its seventh year and is again well under way supporting the poorer children in our local schools.

We have a little tree in the Church vestibule with items still needed, feel free to choose a post-it from the tree if you would like to donate one of these items of uniform.

Going to school in a new Uniform is very important in helping a child fit in and this is what with your help and kindness we have been able to do.

A HUGE THANK YOU AGAIN from the team at Labelled with Love



Snowdrop Café

In need of company over the summer months? Why not come along to the Snowdrop Café? Everyone is welcome at the Snowdrop Café.

The Snowdrop Café is open every Monday from 1pm till 3pm. 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 August.

3 August – Make decoupage greetings cards

10 August – Celiac awareness

17 August – 4th birthday party

24 August – time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in, jigsaws etc

31 August – Music quiz

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 Café and would like a lift, contact the office.

News from other Groups

Trinity Guild

August news already! Hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and keeping safe. A reminder that the Guild Annual Gathering takes place on Saturday 12 September in Perth and will be live-streamed at Trinity on the day. All are welcome, Guild members or not! Put it in your diary now - we'll ask for an indication of numbers nearer the time. Guild Week follows immediately and we will start our meetings on Wednesday 16 September at 2 o'clock.

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Social Evening 18 September

We're holding a social evening on **Friday 18 September**.

All are welcome to come along for a bite and a blether. There's no charge for this but for catering purposes we need to know the number of people that wish to attend.

You can add your name to the list of attendees after Sunday services in August. Further information about this will be given at the start of services.

Church Charity Calendar

"Any more photos?"

August is the final month for donating any photos depicting a season or month of the year towards the church charity calendar.

Please forward the photos by 31st August to Helen Black on blackhelen74@gmail.com

TOWARDS MINISTRY FINDING YOUR WAY

Celebrating Calling 2026

Are you sensing God's call to serve? Whether it's a gentle nudge or a growing conviction, Celebrating Calling 2026 is an opportunity to explore where that call might lead.

Hosted by the Church of Scotland's People and Training Team, this thought-provoking event will take place on Saturday 3 October 2026 at St George's Church, Paisley, and is designed for anyone interested in exploring ministry and service within the Church.

Discover the Church's vision for ministry in the 21st century, learn about the new pathways into ministry, and explore the wide range of ministries now serving communities across Scotland. You'll also hear personal stories from people who have responded to God's call and are now serving in a variety of ministry roles.

Bring your questions, uncertainties, and aspirations. Attend presentations, speak one-to-one with experienced ministers and staff, and find out what support is available as you discern God's calling on your life.

Why not reserve your place today by emailing: ministry@churchofscotland.org.uk
Celebrating Calling 2026

Saturday 3 October 2026, 10.30am - 3.00pm
St George's Church, Paisley
Come and explore, listen, learn, and discover what God may be calling you to next.

Website Updates

Have you visited the website recently? The What's On section has had an upgrade!



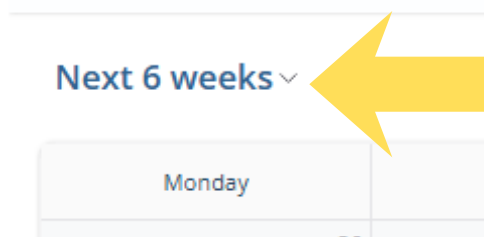
You can view the whole calendar (closed groups will not be listed):



Or filter according to what you are looking for:



Or search by time / date by clicking on the drop down menu:



Hope it's helpful!

Other Events



How can YOU play a part in the life of our Church as a volunteer?

Caretaker cover	During our Caretaker's holidays or days off, we need folk willing to open up and close up at the Church in evenings. It is not too onerous and you meet some lovely people along the way! Contact Nina in the office on 01324 611017 or office@falkirktrinity.org.uk
Media desk	Are you willing to receive a little training in how to operate our sanctuary media desk? You could then help on Sunday mornings or at other events during the week. If you'd like to find out more please contact Isabel on 07808 070 208
Sunday morning church officer	We have a rota of people willing to be Church Officer for Sunday mornings only. There are a number of small tasks which need to be done, arriving around 9.30am and completing tasks after worship. Could you help, even once every two months? Contact Nina in the office on 01324 611017 or office@falkirktrinity.org.uk
Welcome duty Sunday mornings	We have a rota of people willing to be part of the welcome group at the doors on Sunday mornings, arriving about 9.50am. Could you offer a warm welcome to those coming along to Church on Sundays? Contact Nina in the office on 01324 611017 or office@falkirktrinity.org.uk
Café in the Kirk	For many years now we have operated a very successful café in the main hall. This now operates on a Wednesday between 11:30am and 1:30pm. Preparation time is also needed in the morning. Regular and occasional help is needed. For more details and perhaps give this a trial day, contact Morag Jenkinson on 01324 625498 or jandm.jenkinson@sky.com
Men's Shed	We are always grateful for help from people to do odd DIY jobs around the Church. Come along on Tuesday mornings at 9am. If you would like to know more speak to James Harley.
Happy Faces, Tots and Toddlers Group	As part of our Family Life Centre we hold a Tots and Toddlers Group on Monday mornings during school term times. This is run by a team of volunteers – we could always do with a few more reserves to help when needed! Disclosure check required and training provided. Contact Nina in the office on 01324 611017 or office@falkirktrinity.org.uk
Prayer contact	We have a prayer tree and prayer box and we have a small team of folk willing to pray these requests. If interested in joining the prayer team then contact Moira Simpson on 01324 623735 or moirasimpson@blueyonder.co.uk
Youth	Help our youngest members of the congregation grow in God's word together - a real fun-packed 40 mins! Disclosure check required and training provided. If interested please speak to Robert.
Minitreats	This group has run for many years, taking elderly members of the Church (and community and other Churches) out for a day out, mystery tour, usually with tea/coffee somewhere along the way! We are always looking for more escorts and drivers to take a turn. To help contact Nina in the office on 01324 611017 or office@falkirktrinity.org.uk
Tea/coffee after worship	Every Sunday we need volunteers to get the cups etc. ready for tea/coffee before worship and serve it after! The more volunteers we have the less onerous a task it becomes. To help contact Nina in the office on 01324 611017 or office@falkirktrinity.org.uk
Snowdrop Café	We are always on the lookout for people who might be able to support our Snowdrop Café which runs on a Monday 1-3pm. If you'd like to find out more please contact Isabel on 07808 070 208

Prayer & Reflection

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

1. Take time to stop and stare
2. Give thanks for life-long friends and pray for them.
3. Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above, deep, deep as the deepest sea, is my Saviour's love.
4. Our Father who art in heaven...
5. Pray for all who provide care through Strathcarron Hospice.
6. Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."
7. Search, and you will find.
8. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."
9. Hear my prayer, O Lord, let my cry come to you.
10. Pray for peace throughout the world.
11. Pray for the work of Mary's Meals.
12. Pray for teachers and pupils as they return to school.
13. Lord God, my life is in your hands.
14. Fools say there is no God.
15. Ask not what God can do for you, what can you do for God?
16. Pray for someone you know who is in particular need at this time.
17. Give thanks to God for hymns old and new.
18. Pray for the fellowship of our Church.
19. The earth is the Lord's. Pray for all who seek to combat climate change.
20. Knock, and the door will be opened for you.
21. Love your enemies.
22. Whoever walks in integrity walks securely.
23. Take to the floor with the Lord of the dance.
24. Anxiety weighs down the human heart. Talk to God about it.
25. Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.
26. Lord, help me to turn the world upside-down with you.
27. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.
28. Pray for the work of Christian Aid.
29. Ask and it will be given to you.
30. Do to others as you would have them do to you.
31. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

Contact Moira Simpson on e-mail: 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."

