

# January 2026

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**Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)**

Thank you for all the good wishes and cards to Jane and I at Christmas, and we wish you every blessing as we enter the New Year.

As 2026 begins, perhaps we can all make new resolutions, looking after ourselves, being involved in our Church, what we could do in the wider community, support we can give to charities, and taking positive action in the midst of a muddled world. New Year is a good time to reflect on these things, starting with a focus on our faith.

Our Pastoral Care Team is now up and running, you will see the usual note elsewhere in the news under the Pastoral Care heading. Church has changed over the years and that includes attending Church. People come and go at Church for all sorts of reasons – some watch online – some visit relatives – some just want to attend now and then – some go on holidays at various times of the year – and, of course, some may be absent for health reasons. It is good to come together for worship, for mutual support and encouragement, as we give God our praise, and it gives us time to reflect on our faith and to face all things the week ahead brings. But what is difficult nowadays is to gauge when someone is not at Church – if you are not able to come along then please let us know – we do not have a crystal ball! And if you wish the Church to keep in contact with you during this time then please leave a message with Nina in the office or contact me by phone or email. We wish to care for one another within the life of the Church, but we can only do that when we keep the communication lines open.

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.

## General information

Church Office: To contact Nina at the office please phone 01324-611017 or email [office@falkirktrinity.org.uk](mailto:office@falkirktrinity.org.uk) Items for February Church News should be sent to the office by 10am on **Tuesday 20 January**.

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.

The office will be closed until the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## Youth Initiative

We are meeting with Paul Beautyman, Youth Consultant, over zoom meetings in the early part of 2026, to explore possibilities in youth work within the Church. If you would like to join us for these meeting then please drop an email to Robert Allan.

## Dates for your Diary

Kirk Session meeting on Tue 3 Feb at 7.30pm  
Lent discussions: 24 Feb, 3,10,24 March



## Worship

During worship in 2025 we focussed on Mark's Gospel. During 2026 we will once again follow lectionary readings through the year to re-introduce more variety in our 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/Youth Station have a break until early new year and return to "party time" in the hall on Sunday 11 January. From 18 Jan onwards, S-Kidz and Youth Station will follow their usual routine of joining us for the first part of the morning service before sharing time together in the hall.

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.

### **Sun 4 January:** 10.30am Service

New Year Service

Theme: Christmas follow-up

John 1: 1-18 (The Word became flesh)

### **Sun 11 January:** 10.30am Service

Theme: Baptised and ready

Mark 1: 4-11 (John and the Baptism of Jesus)

Acts 19: 1-7 (Paul in Ephesus)

### **Sun 18 January:** 10.30am Service

Theme: Known and knowing

Psalm 139: 1-18 (God's complete knowledge and care)

1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (The Lord appears to Samuel)

### **Sun 25 January:** 10.30am Service

Theme: Undeserved love and mercy

Psalm 62: 5-12 (Confidence in God's protection)

Jonah 3 & 4

**Wednesday Worship:** 11.30am midweek 25-30 mins service will begin again on 7 Jan

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>



Our monthly collection for Falkirk Foodbank on the first Sunday of the month **January 4, 2026**.

## Classic Music Live! Falkirk Concerts in Falkirk Trinity

**9 Jan 12pm** - Sasha Savaloni & Mark O'Keefe

**23 Jan 2pm** - The Chloe Piano Trio

**20 Feb 7:30pm** - Fibonacci String Quartet

**27 March 7:30pm** - Hyde Clarinet Quartet

Please see  
<https://www.classicmusicfalkirk.co.uk/concerts.html> for more details



## Trinity Guild

We are not meeting in January, but why not take the opportunity for a wee catch-up at Wednesday Worship and lunch.

Guild meetings resume on Wednesday 4 February at 2 o'clock, continuing weekly through February and March.

Meantime, Happy New Year to everyone!

Norah 01324 625284 Fiona 01324 632387





## 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 January. It's a busy month so why not come along to one or more of the weeks?

Why not come along and give it a try? Please note we will be meeting over the festive period.

### 5 January

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in etc

### 12 January

Diamond art

### 19 January

Talk about the battle of Falkirk 17th January 1747 by Geoff Bailey

### 26 January

Burns celebration with Rev Tom Gordon

If you find it difficult to get to the Snowdrop Café, 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.

*Labelled with  
Love*

**Christmas Meal in a Bag Project** is now well underway.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated in any way as it looks like we are going to be able to feed 59 Families.

There will be an update on the figures in our next church news item.

Meanwhile we would like to wish all the Congregation a Happy and Healthy Christmas full of Love.  
God Bless from the Team at Labelled With Love

**Prayer Tree in the Church Vestibule** has come over from The Festival of Trees held in the Howgate Shopping Centre over the past two weekends. Please feel free to add your prayer to the tree ,for yourself or others and the little Angels made by Caroline, Marilyn and Myself will carry your prayers and hopes for the future.

Thanks also to Shona and Marilyn for help in dressing and transporting the Tree to the church covered in two bed sheets and battling against the wind and rain ☺  
Another little tree inside the hall entrance shows some of the work we do within the church, lots going on x



## Happy Faces

Our Monday group continues to give wee ones a place to play and interact with other children and the parents and grandparents benefit too. It is a much needed place for families.

We continue to have a short waiting list.

I am stepping down as coordinator at Easter although we will continue to run until June 2026. We are looking for someone or 2 people who could take this forward from August 2026. We have a great group of helpers who all pull together. It would be a Monday due to hall availability.

Please think about this ministry and let me know if you are interested. I am happy to keep you know about what it entails or pop along one Monday morning to see for yourself.

Shona Penman

## Jewellery stall for WaterAid

Just a wee update . . . some folk who didn't manage to come to the sale have bought jewellery so a further £50 has been raised , taking our total donation to WaterAid to £613.

Thanks to all.



## Peace Vigil

On 11th November, despite the rain, a few of us gathered on the High Street to hold a vigil for peace. We sang and prayed and listened to reflections on peace. Despite the weather, a few passers by stopped to listen and stood with us at the silence at 11am. Thanks to all who contributed and to those who joined us.



## S-kidz and Youth Station

Our Sunday morning activities for OUR YOUNG FOLK WILL START AGAIN ON **Sunday 11th**

### January.

We look forward to seeing you all and hearing about your Christmas!

As always we will have a fun and games session in celebration on our first week back.

Come and join in the fun.

Any children and teenagers are welcome , including any who have not joined us before!



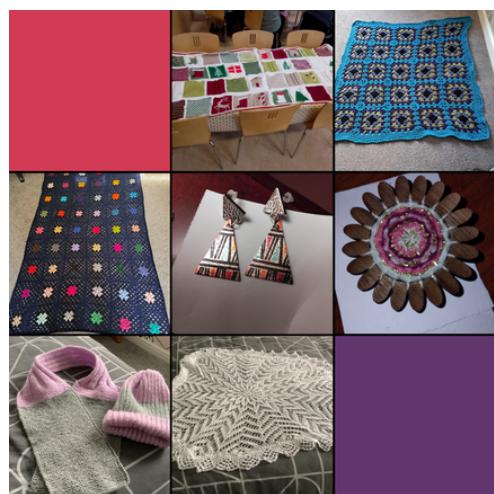
## March

On 6th December some of us walked with the march from Callendar House into the town centre. We walked quietly and peacefully along with friends from Christ Church, the Quakers and other faiths under the banner which had been made by FOSS stating "People of faith in Falkirk welcome the stranger". The reason for the march was to show publicly that not all people in Falkirk want to stop anyone who is different from being made welcome in Falkirk.

## Craft Group

A wee reminder that our craft group meets on Thursday mornings from 10.30 to 12.30 in the church café. All are welcome, whether you want to share your skills, enjoy company while crafting or learn a new craft.

Here are some examples of work completed by some of our crafters ....



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

1. God, as you have been our help in ages past, be our hope for this year and for the years to come.
2. Give thanks for God's forgiveness and the fresh start he gives us.
3. Emmanuel: "God is ever with us."
4. Wise men brought gifts. What can we give to Jesus?
5. #PfP Pray for Peace throughout the world.
6. Look into the night sky and remember whose hands flung the stars into space.
7. Look for the signs of God at work in the world.
8. Listen to the news and pray.
9. Do not worry about tomorrow.
10. This is the day that the Lord has made, rejoice and be glad in it.
11. Good is stronger than evil. 12. Pray for the ongoing work of Christian Aid <https://www.christianaid.org.uk>
13. Focus my eyes on you, O Lord.
14. Pray for the Church throughout Scotland.
15. Spirit of the living God, move amongst us all.
16. Pray for your family.
17. Give thanks for the love and inspiration of loved ones who have died.
18. God did not send Jesus to judge, neither should we.
19. Pray for your friends.
20. Help me to remember, Lord, that you are there for me.
21. Pray that the Church may be a foretaste of the Kingdom of God.
22. Holy God, early in the morning our song shall rise to you.
23. Pray for the ongoing work of Mary's Meals <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>
24. Lord, my life is in your hands.
25. Stormy days? Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the waters.
26. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
27. Holocaust Memorial Day...take time to remember and pray.
28. Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
29. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
30. Jesus, the stone that was rejected, has become the cornerstone.
31. Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show!

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."

