

## March 2025

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### Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

Presbytery update – I am glad to say that we now have a new Presbytery Clerk – Rev Fiona Crawford who presently serves in Glasgow Presbytery – she starts as our new Clerk in mid-March. This will allow me to end my assistant clerk role at the end of March and continue solely as the Business Convener in Presbytery.

Pastoral Care update – I have five volunteers who are willing to explore visiting to our senior members and we hope to have discussions soon to take this forward – if anyone else is still interested in this form of ministry then please get in touch with me.

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 5 March, a traditional time for Christians to reflect on their faith. How could you use this time fruitfully? Have you any plans? Can I draw your attention to the section under worship “Daily reading, reflection and prayer” – have you tried any of these daily devotional tools – might you be interested in the new devotional booklets from the Bible Society? Lent has always been seen as a “time to give something up” – which is supposed to then turn our minds back to God – this may work for some, perhaps give it a try? Why not use Lent as a time to do something “more” and find a new way to help others in need?

I will be on annual leave from Mon 17 to Mon 24 March. Funeral cover will be provided by Rev Charlene Condeco (07368 852152) and the Very Rev Sally Foster-Fulton will lead worship on 23 March.

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 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.

My reform website, including latest blogs, can be viewed at: <https://www.reformthechurchofscotland.org>

### Members who have died

Since our last edition of Church News, sadly we intimate that Betty McNab has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



### 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 April Church News should be sent to the office by **10am on Tuesday 25th March.**

### Dates for your Diary

**Wed 5 March** Lent begins

**Fri 28 March** Graham Kendrick in concert

**Sun 13 April** Palm Sunday

**Week beginning Mon 14 April** Holy Week

**Fri 18 April** Good Friday

**Sun 20 April Easter Day** – 8.30am Early service  
at Princes Park – 10.30am Communion

**Tue 22 April** Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm

### Church Contact

Lost touch with the Church? Feeling lonely at times?

If you do not have a Church Contact person and would like one to keep in regular touch and occasionally visit, then contact the office and arrangements can be made.

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## Worship

Every Sunday in 2025 we have a reading from Mark's Gospel – there will be other readings, but our focus will be on Mark's Gospel and hopefully we can discover fresh things God is saying to us for our lives today. All the readings will be taken from 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 meet as usual in the halls after the first part of our Sunday service. 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 2 March:** 10.30am Service

Sacrament of Communion

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

Theme: Invitation to a new community

Mark 14: 12-26 (Passover/Lord's Supper)

### **Sun 9 March:** 10.30am Service (Lent 1)

Theme: Rollercoaster ride

Mark 1: 9-15 (Baptism/Testing of Jesus)

### **Sun 16 March:** 10.30am Service (Lent 2)

Theme: Scattered

Mark 14: 27-50 (Gethsemane)

### **Sun 23 March:** 10.30am Service (Lent 3)

Service led by Very Rev Sally Foster-Fulton

### **Sun 30 March:** 10.30am Service (Lent 4)

Theme: Do you know him?

Mark 14: 66-72 (Peter denies Jesus)

(Mothers Day/Clocks go forward)

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

**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>

If you wish to explore the Bible further, then the Bible Society has a devotional booklet called

“Rooted” which costs £10 per month to receive – you can find more information at:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/go-deeper-with-the-bible>



### **Volunteer driver(s) needed.**

Are you available to help once a month?



The Snowdrop Café is needing at least one more driver to help with transporting people to and from the Snowdrop Café. It will require picking up a maximum of three people and taking them to the church hall for 1pm then returning around 3pm to take them home (though it would be possible to stay if you prefer). If you would like more details or are willing to help, please speak to Isabel Sarle at the computer desk on a Sunday or Nina in the office.



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## Snowdrop Cafe

Why not come along to 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 over a cuppa and enjoy a fresh made scone. Some weeks there are activities or entertainment. See below for what's happening in March. You are welcome to come along to any of the weeks whether as a one-off or on a regular basis.

### 3rd March

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in etc

### 10th March

Hand massage

### 17th March

Getting to Know Your Smartphone/Tablet  
(bring them along for advice and support)

### 24th March

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in etc

### 31st March

Easter crafts

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.



## Watching the service online?

We are aware that sometimes the internet connection doesn't work on a Sunday morning. There can be different reasons for this: issues with the website, the internet connection at church or a system malfunction. Sometimes the issue is related to the internet or computer system of the person who is trying to watch the service. If you are watching and the connection breaks, it is worth going back to the website and clicking on the link again.

Although internet failures have become less frequent over the years, we recognise it is frustrating to settle down to watch the service and it doesn't work. Some people already contact Isabel who then checks it out. If you experience difficulty, it is possible to message her during the service and she will do her best to resolve the issue.

Her number is 07808 070 208.



## Lent Bible Study Evenings

Helen Bond will be holding two bible study evenings during Lent, looking at St John's Gospel. These evenings will be held in the main hall at **7.30 pm on Monday 31 March and Monday 7 April.**

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*Labelled with Love* 

Labelled with Love would like to share this message with you all, it has come from a parent with children at Comely Park Primary School:  
"My warmest thanks for your kindness and generosity, God Bless you All."

# WIDER WORLD TEAM

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid week takes place this year from 11th to 17th May and the focus is on Burundi.

The congregation has always very generously supported Christian Aid and we hope you will do so again this year. Donation envelopes will be made available.

We hope you will also support some of the events we have planned.

### Soup and Sandwich Lunch

**Sunday 11th May** – the opportunity to enjoy lunch and a chat with old and new friends after the service with all donations going to Christian Aid.

### Bohemians Concert Night

The Bohemians concert night will be returning on **28th May**, tickets available soon.

### EASTER STALL

On **Palm Sunday (13th April)** we plan to have an Easter stall selling all sorts of craft work, decorations, knitting, flowers, plants etc – all with an Easter theme. So please start planning now as to what you could donate – we know there are lots of talented people in the congregation!

All funds raised will be donated to people in need.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

On **Friday 28th March**, Harrison the new Manager at the Food Bank will be coming along to give us an update on the work of the Food Bank and to give you the opportunity to ask questions and to find out more. The talk will **start at 11.30am**. As the café will be open, you are welcome to join us for lunch if you wish.

Please add your name to the list in the vestibule (or give it to Nina in the office) so that we have an idea of numbers.

### Craft Group

Our wee craft group meets from 10.30am until 12.30 on Thursday mornings in the café area at the church.

Whether you are an experienced crafter or are interested in learning something new it would be great if you would like to come along.

Some weeks we can work on our own pieces of work, others we can try out a particular craft.

Just now we are working on items for the Easter Stall which is being held on Palm Sunday.

It would also be good if we can work on some projects to decorate our church building and use in worship.

All ideas are welcome!

A cuppa and a scone is also an important part of the morning!

Text me on 07757041449 ... Email me at [helenc.smith@outlook.com](mailto:helenc.smith@outlook.com) ... or simply turn up on Thursday mornings. Helen



## What's happening in Sudan?

Millions of people in Sudan are facing famine as war devastates lives and forces families to flee. The crisis has become the world's largest displacement emergency.

The impact:

- Displacement: Over 12 million people have been forced from their homes.
- Hunger crisis: 25.6 million people face food insecurity, with 800,000 on the brink of famine.
- Health emergency: Cholera outbreaks have killed over 1,000 people, and thousands more are at risk.
- Flooding: More than 1.4 million people are affected by the worst floods in decades, wiping out crops and homes.

The war has devastated livelihoods, destroyed infrastructure and cut off food and aid supplies. The UN warns famine will spread without urgent intervention – the only place in the world at this level of hunger.

### How is Christian Aid responding?

Through local partners, Christian Aid is both helping people impacted by the war in Sudan and displaced families and host communities in South Sudan.

Christian Aid is among several donors to have provided funding to the ACT Alliance and Caritas joint appeal for Sudan to help provide lifesaving humanitarian support direct to nearly 20,000 families.

Funds will help local organisations in Sudan:

- Providing emergency cash so families can buy what they need most.
- Improving access to clean water and sanitation.
- Offering counselling and support for those traumatised by war.
- Supporting refugees fleeing to South Sudan with essential supplies and shelter.

### Scripture Cake

Liz Daly found a 1948 copy of The Scottish Woman's Rural Institutes Cookery Book which was first published in 1925.

It contains a recipe for Scripture Cake.

4 and a half cupfuls of 1st. Kings, iv., 22

1 and a half cupfuls of Judges v, 25

2 cupfuls of Jeremiah vi, 20

2 cupfuls of 1st. Samuel xxx, 12

2 cupfuls of Nahum iii, 12

1 cupful of Numbers xvii, 8

2 tablespoonsful of 1st. Samuel xiv, 25

6 articles of Jeremiah xvii, 11

A pinch of Leviticus ii, 13

2 teaspoonsful of Amos iv, 5

season to taste with 2nd. Chronicles ix, 9

Method:- Add citron and follow Solomon's advice for making a good boy - Proverbs xxiii, 14, and you have a good cake.



**AN EVENING WITH  
GRAHAM  
KENDRICK**  
ACCOMPANIED BY JASON CARTER, HARP GUITARIST



**DATE** 7pm 28th March, 2025  
**VENUE** Falkirk Trinity Church

**DETAILS**  
Tickets £18  
Available from the office or  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/falkirk-trinity-church/t-norklxx>




Link to book for Graham Kendrick:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/falkirk-trinity-church/t-norklxx>

**Classic Music Live! Falkirk  
Concerts in Falkirk Trinity**  
14th Mar 7:30pm - The Tenement Jazz Band  
2nd May 7:30pm - Robin Bell (organ)

### Peace Vigil 1st of March 2025

Christ Church, Kerse Lane will be open from 10:00am until 6pm with prayers and reflections read out on the hour and half hour.

4pm Ian Scott will perform a set of anti-war songs (lyrics provided)

5:30pm a candlelight service will be conducted by Lay Reader Camayo Hyde.  
All welcome.



### Old Glasses

Do you have any old glasses at home? Old glasses are being collected by the Lion's Club in Dumbarton where they are being used to help countries in the Third World.

If you would like to donate then please speak to Janette Cant or Nina in the office.

**Origin Concert Series**  
*An immersive and profound journey  
of reflection for Good Friday*

**Reinis Zariņš**  
*performs the UK premiere of*  
**Rihards Dubra**

***Visions of the Passion. Light***



Friday 18 April, 8pm  
St Cuthbert's Church  
Lothian Road  
Edinburgh

Admission £14  
(suggested donation)  
[www.originscotland.org](http://www.originscotland.org)

*Zariņš gave a majestic, probing performance:  
a high point of the year.*  
Fiona Maddocks, The Observer

### Celebrating Calling

8th March

Fullerton Connexions, Irvine

This is for anyone who has even the faintest inkling that God might be calling them to serve, generally or in the specific ministries of the Church. And so too it's for anyone who has been resisting or, just as much, who has only very recently begun to sense that call.

You can register to attend by dropping an email to [ministry@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:ministry@churchofscotland.org.uk) or by calling 0131 225 5722 and asking for the People and Training Team.

Is this your moment?

Get more info here:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/articles/next-celebrating-calling-announced>

### Trinity Guild

Meets throughout March on Wednesdays at 2 o'clock.

All welcome!

Details from Norah 625284 Fiona 632387

### World Day of Prayer 2025

Service in Trinity Church on Friday 7 March at 2 o'clock.

Written this year by Christian women from the Cook Islands in the Pacific, this service takes place all around the world on the first Friday in March, continuous prayer over more than 24 hours as the earth turns. All welcome, please join us!

Details from Norah 625284

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## Some prayer suggestions and reflections for the month of March...

1. A new month. What are you looking forward to?
2. He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.
3. Pray for the wee ones, the parents and carers in our Happy Faces group.
4. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
5. Ash Wednesday. Today is the beginning of Lent. How will you prepare for Easter?
6. If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.
7. Today is the World Day of Prayer. Remember Christians across the world especially where there is persecution.
8. Pray for women who have influenced your life on this International Women's Day
9. Marie Curie Day of Reflection to remember people who died during the Covid pandemic whatever the cause and to show support for everyone who was bereaved.
10. Kindness costs nothing.
11. The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.
12. For my saviour loves me so; He will hold me fast.
13. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
14. Give thanks with a grateful heart....
15. Encourage one another and build one another up.
16. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you prayed, don't worry.
17. The greatest things in life are not things.
18. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
19. God of the poor, friend of the weak; give us compassion, we pray....
20. Stop! Look! Listen! Do you see God's hand at work? Can you hear His voice?
21. Pray for people who need hospice care and for the work of Strathcarron.
22. O Lord, all the world belongs to you – help us to care for your creation.
23. Do you feel invisible? I am the God who sees you.
24. Pray for all who attend and volunteer in the Snowdrop Café.
25. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
26. Pray for Trinity Guild.
27. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord.....to give you hope and a future.
28. Pray for Graham Kendrick and his team as they host an evening at church tonight.
29. Just one positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.
30. Mother's Day. Pray for your mum and all mums, remembering those who struggle in difficult circumstances.
31. British Summer Time begins. Look forward to brighter days ahead.

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.”

