

March 2026

Keep up to date with what's happening in Falkirk Trinity by visiting our website at www.falkirktrinity.org.uk or our social media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

Lent has begun and Christians have traditionally used this time leading up to Easter to examine their faith, like a “spiritual spring clean”. Perhaps we can carve out some time during these weeks to reflect on our own discipleship as we follow Jesus who asks us to take up our cross and follow him?

I will be on annual leave from Monday 16 to Monday 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 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: We have recently reviewed and updated Nina's job description – she will now operate under the job title of “Church Manager”. To contact Nina at the office please phone 01324-611017 or email office@falkirktrinity.org.uk Items for April Church News should be sent to the office by 10am on **Tuesday 24 March.**

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

Lent discussions: 7pm **Tuesdays 10 & 24 March** at Church: “Coming to grips with difficult passages in the Bible.”

Holy Week:

(1) Stations of the Cross on **Mon 30 March** at 7pm at St Francis Xavier Church

(2) Evening informal communion in Church hall on **Thursday 2 April** at 7pm

(3) Joint Churches Walk of Witness through town centre on **Good Friday, 3 April**, meeting at 12noon at St Francis Xavier Church to start the walk

(4) Reflective readings on **Good Friday, 3 April**, between 1-2pm in sanctuary

Easter Day Sunday 5 April : 8.30am early service at Princes Park – Communion service at Church at 10.30am.

Kirk Session meeting on **Tue 25 April** at 7.30pm.

New daytime face



As I'm sure you know, life in church is always changing—and so is the nature of my job! With that in mind, our caretaker Brian is now working on Monday and Thursday mornings to support our daytime lets. Brian has been looking after evening lets, together with Tony Helmsley and is more than equipped to cope with any issues arising during the day so please do direct any queries his way!

Members who have died

Sadly we intimate a number of members who have died in recent months: Fred Walker (October), Mary Wylie



(December), and in February, Sandra Ferguson, Gordon England, and Jean McPherson. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

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 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 1 March: 10.30am Service

Lent 2/Sacrament of Communion

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

Theme: Born again

Psalm 15 (Who shall abide in God's sanctuary?) &

John 3: 1-21 (Nicodemus visits Jesus)

Sun 8 March: 10.30am Service

Lent 3

Theme: Leaving the old, embracing the new

Genesis 12: 1-9 (The call of Abram) & Mark 1: 14-20 (Jesus calls first disciples)

Sun 15 March: 10.30am Service

Lent 4/Mothers Day

Theme: Fresh start

Psalm 130 (Waiting for divine redemption) & Revelation 21: 1-5a (The new heaven and the new earth)

Sun 22 March: 10.30am Service

Lent 5

Service led by Catherine Smith

(Session Clerk and Local Worship Leader)

Theme: Hope and Life

John 11: 1-46 (The Raising of Lazarus)

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!)

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 or you may wish to try <https://pray-as-you-go.org> or <https://taketime.org.uk>

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.



Save the date!

We'll be showing a movie in the hall on the evening of **Thursday 30 May**. Further details, including the film that's being shown, will be provided soon.



Trinity Guild

Meetings continue at 2 o'clock on Wednesdays throughout March as follows -

4 March - we welcome Chris Hoskins (yes, he is Rosemary's son) from Comfort International. A Guild project some years ago supported their work in Rwanda.

11 March - Marion Donald will be telling us about her work in Uganda.

18 March - N.B. - no meeting at Trinity, we are invited to Grahamston United to hear Anna Magnusson.

25 March - our AGM and last meeting of the session. All are welcome to any of our meetings.

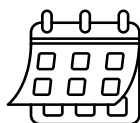
Seasons – Church Charity Calendar 2027

Over the coming months we are planning a special charity fundraising project for our church – a **2027 Calendar celebrating the beauty of the seasons** as seen through the eyes of our own congregation.



We would love you to take part.

Many of us capture wonderful moments throughout the year: a frosty winter morning, the first colours of spring, bright summer gardens, golden autumn walks, quiet landscapes, local wildlife, or places that simply make us pause and give thanks. Through this calendar we hope to showcase the talent within our church community while celebrating the changing seasons that remind us of the richness of creation.



How you can help

We warmly invite you to submit your photographs representing **Winter, Spring, Summer, or Autumn**. A small panel will select the images to appear in the calendar, which will be produced and sold to raise funds for one of our church nominated charities, e.g. Marys Meals, Shelter. Whether you are a keen photographer or simply someone who captured a beautiful moment on your phone, we would be delighted to see your photographs.

Where to send :- blackhelen74@gmail.com

- Photographs taken by you
- Images that reflect one of the four seasons
- Local scenes, nature, landscapes, wildlife, or community life
- High-quality images if possible

Selected photographers will, of course, be credited in the calendar.

This project is not only about fundraising for a worthwhile charity; it is about celebrating the beauty around us and the creativity within our church family. We hope it will be something the whole congregation can enjoy and feel part of.

You might like to start looking through your photos – or keep your camera or phone ready.

We hope you will support this project and help us create something truly special for 2027.

The Wider World Team



Our monthly collection for Falkirk Foodbank on the first Sunday of the month **March 1, 2026**.

Classic Music Live! Falkirk Concerts in Falkirk Trinity

27 March 7:30pm - Hyde Clarinet Quartet

Please see

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



COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 28th February

Falkirk Trinity Church

from 10.30am to 12.30pm

to raise funds for



We are delighted to welcome Oleg Dmitriev, Chairman of Sunflower Scotland, to give a talk on the situation in Ukraine at 11am

Sunflower Scotland is a Scottish charity dedicated to providing humanitarian aid to vulnerable populations in Ukraine, particularly those affected by the ongoing conflict.

SC000652



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 March.

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

2 March

Intersectional Stigma of Place-based Ageing project

9 March

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

16 March

Make Easter cards – decoupage

23 March

Prostate Cancer Scotland

30 March

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

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.



Happy Faces Co-Ordinator

We are still looking for someone to help run our lively and busy Toddler group on a Monday morning from August. This might possibly be along with another person which will make it easier.

If you feel you can help and enjoy working with the wee ones and their parents/carers please contact Shona Penman :
sassy.sp81@gmail.com or speak to me at church.

We can arrange a visit on a Monday morning too if you want to see what goes on.



Easter Stall

We will have an Easter stall on Sunday 22nd March after the morning service. Items for sale will include . . . chicks and eggs, cards, plants/bulb pots, other craft items made by talented members of our congregation.

We hope you will come along and support this . . . easy Easter shopping !

Craft Group

A wee reminder that our craft group meets in the café at the church on Thursday mornings from 10.30 until 12.30. All are welcome to come along and share talents or try new ones while having a blether and a cuppa and a scone!

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March at 2 o'clock at Christ Church, Kerse Lane. This year's service, prepared by Christian women in Nigeria, has the theme 'I will give you rest; Come'.
So come! All welcome!



RESURRECTION
celebrate the greatest event in history

sunday 5th april 7.30pm
usher hall edinburgh

Free (suggested donation)
tickets available from
www.originscotland.org or call 0131 541 0117

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

- 1 Sing a new song to the Lord; praise him in the assembly of his faithful people.
- 2 Monday again – count your blessings anyway!
- 3 Lent Study tonight – pray for all seeking a deeper understanding of faith.
- 4 Pray for the work of Comfort International and for Chris speaking about it at the Guild today.
- 5 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
- 6 World Day of Prayer – pray for participants all over the world, especially the Christian women in Nigeria who have prepared the 2026 service.
- 7 Let your little light shine!
- 8 How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony!
- 9 Give thanks for those who run our Snowdrop Café and all who enjoy the company and activities.
- 10 Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.
- 11 Pray for all involved in the Youth Initiative meeting and for Paul the speaker.
- 12 Give thanks for our young people and their leaders, as they look forward in faith.
- 13 Pray for peace in our troubled world, and for courage for the peacemakers.
- 14 Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.
- 15 Mothering Sunday – give thanks for mothers, and for all family carers.
- 16 Remember the people suffering in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar and other less noticed places.
- 17 When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
- 18 'I have a dream' a man once said – what are your dreams for yourself, your family, the Church?
- 19 Pray for the leaders of the nations, for wisdom, courage, compassion and love.
- 20 Pray for folk bereaved, and for Robert as he conducts funerals.
- 21 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
- 22 Give thanks for our Wider World Team – and support their stall today!
- 23 Remember a friend you haven't seen for a while – phone, text, write, pray for them.
- 24 Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, our God is marching on!
- 25 Give thanks for the Church of Scotland Guild and its work as our session ends.
- 26 Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
- 27 Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
- 28 Falkirk Tryst Orchestra concert tonight – give thanks for music and musicians.
- 29 Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- 30 Follow Jesus through this Holy Week.
- 31 My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me.

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.”

