

May 2026

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Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

In the last edition of Church News, I mentioned that Larbert Tryst had elected a new minister and I am pleased to say that Rev Derek Peat will be inducted into his new charge on Wed 27 May, at which time I will cease to be Interim Moderator there.

I will be on annual leave from Mon 4 May to Friday 8 May but will return for the Sunday service.

How does our Church work? The Church of Scotland operates through a system of courts – here at the local level decisions are taken by our Elders who form the Kirk Session and meet about five times per year – the next level is the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale which takes in the areas of Falkirk, Hamilton, and Lanarkshire, which meets about six times per year and takes decision affecting all the Churches in that area – the “highest” level is the General Assembly which meets once each year in May in Edinburgh and sets the direction for the whole Church.

In our Kirk Session we have Teams led by Elders that cover the following areas: Family Life Centre; Discipleship; Finance; Wider World; Buildings; Pastoral Care; Business; and Youth. Throughout the year we hope to share more of what these Teams do as we would welcome members of the congregation to assist with the work of all these Teams.

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: To contact Nina, our Church Manager, at the office please phone 01324-611017 or email office@falkirktrinity.org.uk Items for June Church News should be sent to the office by 10am on **Tuesday 26 May**.

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

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 3pm

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, Maureen Burton has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



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

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 3 May: 10.30am Service

Theme: Who gets your vote?

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (A new covenant)

John 12: 20-32 (Some Greeks wish to see Jesus)

Hebrews 9: 11-15 (Earthly and heavenly sanctuaries)

Sun 10 May: 10.30am Service

Theme: Taking on the world

(Start of Christian Aid Week)

John 15: 18 – 16:4a (The world's hatred)

1 John 5: 1-5 (Faith conquers the world)

Sun 17 May: 10.30am Service

Theme: Wisdom

1 Kings 3: 1-15 (Solomon's prayer for wisdom)

1 Kings 3: 16-28 (Solomon's wisdom in judgment)

1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 (Proclaiming Christ crucified)

Sun 24 May: 10.30am Service

Pentecost

Theme: Plugged into power

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (The valley of dry bones)

Acts 2: 1-21 (The coming of the Holy Spirit/Peter addresses the crowd)

Sun 31 May: 10.30am Service

Theme: Good old days

Romans 8: 18-39 (Future glory/ God's love in Christ Jesus)

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.

Labelled with Love 

Save The Date

We will be hosting another Social Event on the afternoon of **Saturday 30th May**.

Tickets with more details will be available soon, Food and Fun guaranteed.



Church BBQ – Save the Date

The Discipleship team will be holding a BBQ after the church service on **Sunday 21 June**.

There's no charge for attending the BBQ but for catering purposes we will need an indication of the number of people that want to come.

Further information about this will be included in the June church news.

Falkirk Tryst Orchestra

A Bohemian Bouquet

Dances, overtures and lyrical gems from the heart of Europe including music by von Suppé, Dvořák, Offenbach, Strauss II & Smetana

**Conducted by Michael Graham
Featuring Glen Mouat – Violin**

Sunday 10th May 2026 • 7:00pm
Falkirk Trinity Church

Tickets £12 | Under 18s Free
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SPRING CHOIR CONCERT



GUEST ARTIST
Robin Bell,
Local Organist

8 May
7:30pm
Falkirk Trinity Church
FK1 1JN

Adults: £13 | Under 16: £5
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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 May.



4 May

Diamond Art

11 May

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

18 May

Talk about Isobel Whyllie Hutchison, Scotland's greatest Woman Explorer

25 May

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

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, 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.



Trinity Guild

Our session is now finished until September, but we will keep in touch with each other!

Wednesday Worship and lunch in the Cafe are good for meeting up in the meantime, and since our new theme will be 'Beyond the Walls' we can be thinking about calls and messages too.

Blessings in this Easter season, and take care everyone!

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Christian Aid Week in 2026 will take place from May 10 to 16. This week is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for humanitarian efforts and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide.

Look out for ways you can support this while enjoying the company of others in our congregation – or bring a friend along!

Come along to

- a **soup and sandwich lunch** after the service on Sunday 10th May
- an **evening concert** by Joyce and her concert group – date to be decided
- **leaflets** about Christian Aid with daily devotionals will be available starting 10th May
- **collection envelopes** will be available at church to let you make a donation to the work of Christian Aid
- Our **young folk** will share what they have found out about the work of Christian Aid at the service on 10th May



As many of you will remember, on Saturday 28th February we held a coffee morning in aid of Sunflower Scotland which is a charity supporting the people of Ukraine. We were very moved by Oleg's presentation making us more aware of the lives of people in Ukraine and the work of the charity, We raised £1658 from the coffee morning and then another £416 from the Easter stall at the end of March.. We wanted to share the letter of thanks we received from Oleg with you.

Letter from Oleg Dmitriev of Sunflower Scotland

On behalf of all Sunflower Scotland I want to thank everyone in Falkirk Trinity who contributed and donated at the Coffee Morning.

I'd like to share my thanks with everyone from your most wonderful community - you've made me feel very welcome. I really enjoyed being with you all. The cakes were absolutely fabulous. You have such a beautiful church, and a very spacious and well-fitted hall.

That's so nice to hear that everyone was moved by what I talked about and keen to support Sunflower Scotland. And an article in the local paper was a fantastic bonus.

I cannot believe how well we did in terms of fundraising, £1658 is such a fantastic result. It will cover the cost of taking a vehicle loaded with medical supplies, that's such a great help.

Thanks also for £416 from the Easter stall.

I really appreciate the fantastic contribution that you and everyone in the community are making.

Please note that Sunflower Scotland fliers are available in church if you wish more information.

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

1. May day, pray for the workers of the world, that they might enjoy their work.
2. God is love. Reflect that love upon others.
3. Have you heard that Jesus is risen? Live your life with the risen Jesus in your heart.
4. Thank God for your friends and families.
5. Pray that the Lord will use you today.
6. Comfort, comfort now my people; speak of peace - so says your God.
7. Remember in your prayers students and teachers in this exam season.
8. Thank God for the joy of music, singing in choirs and playing musical instruments.
9. Make space in your day to focus your eyes on the Lord and listen for his voice.
10. Pray for the work of Christian Aid and all the fundraising events that will take place this week.
11. Praise the Love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.
12. Pray for the work of the bereavement support team.
13. Remember the Boys and Girls brigades as they meet to have fun and learn more about Christ.
14. Blessing and honour, glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days.
15. Pray for peace, remembering all those innocently caught up in wars.
16. Listen for the still, small voice of God.
17. The stars declare his glory, join with them and declare his glory to the world.
18. Make a point of speaking to a stranger today, show them that God cares.
19. Remember that Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
20. Wait patiently for God, he will always hear your call.
21. Spend quality time with those whom you love and thank God for them.
22. Give thanks unto the Lord your God.
23. Pray for people in Falkirk that are struggling to make ends meet
24. Come and join the celebration, here at Trinity, online at home or wherever you find yourself.
25. Remember that the word holiday comes from Holy Day. Make this day holy.
26. Read your bible and let the message enter your heart and direct your path.
27. Pray for the work of medics and carers, that they may feel valued in the essential work they do.
28. The spirit lives to set us free, walk in his light today and respond to his prompts.
29. Remember that it is in forgiving that we are forgiven.
30. Go out for a walk, enjoy the beauty of nature and thank God for his wonderful creation.
31. Pray for those unable to attend church, reach out to them so that they know they are not forgotten.

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.”

