

Church News

FALKIRK TRINITY CHURCH



Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

Our monthly Bible study evenings continue on 1 Oct – nothing too difficult! All are welcome to come along to these informal discussions – please see dates for your diary in this news.

As I outlined in the last Church News, every Church has been instructed to develop an Action Plan for the next five years – our Kirk Session has made a start to this but would like your help – we are holding an open meeting on **Sat 3 Oct 9.30am-12.30pm** to share and to listen – please come along and join us that morning, with tea/coffee/scones thrown in for free!

At the start of October, we will have an all-age Harvest Service which will include enrolment of our uniformed organisations, including our newly attached BB company.

If I can help you in any way or you would like a chat, please get in touch:

RAllan@churchofscotland.org.uk

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. Here are our membership vows...

I believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I confess Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord.

I promise to join regularly with my fellow Christians in worship on the Lord's Day.

I promise to be faithful in reading the Bible, and in prayer.

I promise to give a fitting proportion of my time, talents and money for the Church's work in the world.

I promise, depending on the grace of God, to confess Christ before men, to serve Him in my daily work, and to walk in His ways all the days of my life.

Dates for the Diary

- Thu 1 Oct Bible study at Church 7pm
- Sat 3 Oct Open congregational meeting to discuss Action Plan 9.30am-12.30pm
- Sun 4 Oct Uniformed organisations enrolment service/Harvest all-age worship
- Fri 9 Oct Comely Park Primary School Harvest Service 11am
- Thu 5 Nov Bible study at Church 7pm
- Sun 8 Nov Remembrance Service at **11am – please note later start time!**
- Sundays 15 & 22 Nov Services led by Rev Stuart Fulton
- Tue 24 Nov Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm
- Sun 29 Nov First Sunday in Advent
- Thu 3 Dec Bible study at Church 7pm
- Sun 6 Dec Advent Communion

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





Worship

During 2026 we are following 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. 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 4 October: 10.30am Service

Theme: Harvest all-age worship service

Boys and Girls Brigades Enrolment

Reading: The Beginning – A Perfect Home (Storybook Bible)

Sun 11 October: 10.30am Service

Theme: Acting the fool

Readings: Genesis 45: 1-15 (Joseph reveals himself to his brothers)

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 (Christ, the power and wisdom of God)

Sun 18 October: 10.30am Service

Theme: Humility

Readings: Mark 10: 35-45 (The request of James and John)

Philippians 2: 1-11 (Imitating Christ's humility)

Sun 25 October: 10.30am Service

Theme: Look to the hills

Readings: Psalm 121 (Assurance of God's protection)

Matthew 5: 1-12 (The Beatitudes)

(Remember clocks go back one 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>

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 November Church News should be sent to the office by **10am on Tuesday 27 October**.

We encourage everyone to wear a name lanyard in order that we may get to know each other better. 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.

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.

Members who have died

Sadly, we intimate that since our last edition of Church News, Irene Allardyce has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Andrew Prentice Kiltwalk 2026

Andrew and his daughter successfully completed the Kiltwalk on Sunday 13th September raising an amazing £1700 for Strathcarron Hospice. Andrew asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to everyone at Trinity who helped him raise this amazing sum. Well done!



Snowdrop Cafe

In the need of some company?

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 and treats with a cuppa or two (or three). See below for what's happening in October.

5th October

World mental health day - FDAHM

12th October

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

19th October

Happy Hoofbeats

26th October

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 and would like a lift, contact the office.

Uniform Appeal

Looking towards the colder weather approaching we are now providing Winter Jackets to our local schoolchildren.

We need a bit of help from you all as it seems that the cost of Warm Jackets has risen a lot since last winter.

Please if you can help us, you can make a donation using the link below.

Bless You All.

Heidi, Shona, Moira and Isabel

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[Donate to Labelled with Love](#)

Light vs Darkness

Join us on the 31st October at 4pm for a prayer service where we will be praying for Scottish churches and communities.

For more info: [Light in the Darkness](#) | [The Church of Scotland](#)

Day of Prayer
31 OCTOBER 2026



Trinity Guild

Writing this in Guild Week following the Annual Gathering on Saturday 12 September, in which a good few of our members were able to share by live-stream, along with friends from Grahamston United and even all the way from Grangemouth! The speakers, The Rt Rev Gordon Kennedy (Moderator of the General Assembly) and the Rev Jane Howitt, (Chaplain at Heriot Watt University) inspired us to take up our Theme for the year 'Beyond the Walls' and we heard news of the Young Adult Guild visit to Malawi, and of the Guild Projects - **£275,000** raised in 18 months so far!

Our own Trinity Guild is now meeting at 2 o'clock every Wednesday through October and November and all are welcome!

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News from Wider World team:

Shoebox Appeal

We will once more this year be filling shoeboxes for Blythswood to deliver at Christmas to eight different countries in Eastern Europe. The boxes will be distributed to children, adults and old people who live in poverty and whose lives have been affected by conflict. Even some basic toiletries or a notebook and colouring pens can mean a lot. Each box is an expression of care and lets someone know that they have not been forgotten.

We do appreciate that it costs a considerable amount to fill a box with all the essential items so to make it easier we are asking you to bring in some of the things which are required and we will complete the boxes.

If you would like to help then you can do so in a number of ways.

- Bring along some empty shoeboxes and Christmas paper so that the young folk can cover the boxes ready to be filled
- Help us to fill the boxes by buying some of the items we need. Just take post it notes for what you would like to buy from the display in the foyer and bring the items back to church by 25th October at the latest.
- Make a donation which will help to buy items we need to complete the boxes and go towards transport costs

If you wish to, you can fill a shoebox yourself – please take a copy of the leaflet and ensure that you include all the essential items and attach the checklist to the lid of the box

Thank you for all your support.



WaterAid



WaterAid is an international non-profit organisation with one goal: to change the world through water. As you know climate change is causing floods and drought, making it difficult for many people across the world to access clean water supplies.

Rain is becoming increasingly unpredictable. The dry season often goes on longer, fires have destroyed crops and homes, and it has become difficult to grow enough food to feed children – let alone to produce extra to sell. Along with decent toilets and good hygiene, a reliable supply of clean water is essential for health, dignity, and a life full of opportunity.

But 696 million people don't have clean water close to home. 1.5 billion people don't have a decent toilet. And 1.7 billion people can't wash their hands with soap at home.

That's why WaterAid works alongside local communities and global allies, we're determined to reach everyone with clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

For every £1 raised 73p is spent on clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. 27p is spent on fundraising. For every 27p spent on fundraising, £3.55 is raised! This year we are again holding a jewellery stall with all profits going to WaterAid.

Jewellery stall for Water Aid



To raise funds for WaterAid, Helen and helpers will again be holding a jewellery stall on **Sunday 1st November** after the morning service and all profits will be donated to the WaterAid.

There will be a wide range of jewellery, so whether you want to shop for presents, treat yourself or a friend or buy fun earrings for Christmas, there might be something there for you!! And ... you will be doing a little to help others get access to clean water, sanitation, food and education!

Each year several hundred pounds has been raised in this way. WaterAid are always keen to keep us aware of how money is used to help provide clean water promoting health, enabling young people to access education, enabling families to provide for their families and accessing help to cope with climate change.

Hope you can come along and join us!



News from Wider World team:



You may remember that Oleg Dmitriev from Sunflower Scotland came to talk to us about the work of the charity at the coffee morning last year. Many of those who attended were really moved by what he told us and the work that he was doing.

We received an update from Oleg at the beginning of September. This is a summary of his report.

In June a new armoured van was delivered to Kherson (the previous evacuation van was destroyed by Russian drones). The armoured van was bought in Germany after donations received from individual supporters and a big donation from a business in Edinburgh. Before handing it over, anti drone protection was installed. In addition to evacuating people, the van was used to bring lots of zimmer frames to Kherson.

In June and July and August we made two trips and donated lots of medical supplies to the Kramatorsk hospital to help both soldiers and civilians. Kramatorsk is Ukraine's main stronghold in the Donbas and supporting this city is so important. Medics told us exactly what they needed. We also loaded a full car and took supplies to Shakhtarske, a town with no electricity and empty streets. It was a ghost town. The car was then donated to soldiers who were defending this area. In total we took out six more vehicles including one to Zaporizhzhia for evacuations.

We also took two high capacity batteries to a field hospital. These batteries can power important medical tools in case of a power cut. The chief surgeon there asked for a van for evacuations. Their old van had just been destroyed by a drone. Thankfully a Transit van had been donated to us and we drove out with it in July.

In August I joined paramedics at one of the Ukrainian regiments. It was a very tough week evacuating the wounded from the front near Zaporizhzhia. There were so many drones especially after dark and early in the morning. I had to use a drone detector all the time. After working with the Ukrainian paramedics, I was so impressed by their courage and selfless work.

While I was with the paramedics two more vehicles drove from Edinburgh to Ukraine with medical supplies. My wife and a colleague drove them out. These vehicles were donated to Kraken which is a very well respected regiment. These were our vehicles number 69 and 70. It was an important milestone for Sunflower Scotland.

Our next trip is in October. This winter is going to be tough. When rains start ambulances will be stuck in the mud. Russia will soon start destroying Ukraine's power grid and children will be freezing. We are fundraising to build a 4X4 ambulance. The Russians are specifically attacking ambulances so we need to buy a standard white van and convert it into an ambulance. We have found a van but we need £12,000.

Our second objective is to provide batteries for 10 foster families with 65 orphans. Each battery costs £499. We will also go to Kherson with zimmer frames, mobility aids, wheelchairs, stoma bags, catheters etc.

Can you please pass on my sincere gratitude to everyone at Falkirk Trinity?
Thank you for not forgetting Ukraine and for your proactive help.



The Wider World team has agreed that we will hold some fundraising events for Sunflower Scotland and we hope that the congregation will support these events.

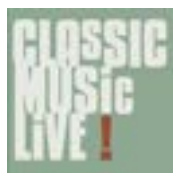
The first will be a **PLANT SALE on Sunday 4th October** after the service. Please bring along any surplus plants from your garden to sell and we hope you will also buy some new plants. Delivery can be arranged locally.

More fundraising events to follow.

What's on at Falkirk Trinity

October		
2nd	Classic Music Live Anniversary Concert	Tickets Available on the door. More info
4th	Tryst Orchestra	For more info: Tryst Orchestra
9th	Candlelight Concert - Fleetwood Mac	3 x 1hr performances, more info: Fleetwood Mac
23rd	Classic Music Live	Tickets Available on the door. More info
November		
13th	Classic Music Live	Tickets Available on the door. More info
20th	6-7pm John Williams Candlelight Concert	Tickets: here
	8-9pm Abba vs Queen Candlelight Concert	Tickets: here
December		
4th	Classic Music Live	Tickets Available on the door. More info
10th	A Christmas Carol	For more info visit: A Christmas Carol
12th	Canine Partners Carol Concert	Supported by Andrew & the choir, details to follow.
16th	Strathcarron Hospice Concert	Details to follow
13th	Tryst Orchestra	For more info: Tryst Orchestra
19th	Audio Story Company	Falkirk Delivers event

2027



15 Jan 12:00pm - JKL Duo
 29 Jan 12:00pm - Mary Reid (harp)
 12 Feb 2:00pm - Resol String Quartet
 12 March 7:30pm - Allora Ensemble

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



For more info visit: [Candlelight Concerts 2027](#)

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 07732 476 129 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 October.....

1. Step into October, knowing that God's goodness will follow you every day.
2. Lord, help us show kindness to others today.
3. Father, be our vision as we meet to consider our action plan for the future.
4. Give thanks for our Youth organisations and their leaders. May we be Sure and Steadfast as we Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.
5. God meets us where we are - in our joys, in our struggles, in our doubts.
6. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you.
7. God sees what others may not. Every act of love and faithfulness matters to Him
8. Pray for those who feel lost or hopeless.
9. Blessed are those who know the world deserves better.
10. The Lord is with you in the morning and evening, your going and coming, your weeping and rejoicing.
11. Come, everybody come and praise your Maker. Come now and worship the Lord.
12. God meets us where we are but loves us too much to leave us there.
13. Faith may help you find the road, but companions makes the journey less lonely
14. Father, help us discover You in the ordinary things of life.
15. Remember those for whom home is not a safe place.
16. Ask God to bless each person you met today whether you know their names or needs - He does!
17. The opposite of poverty is not wealth but justice. Pray today for the eradication of poverty.
18. Let prayer be our refuge in difficult times and our thanksgiving in joyful times.
19. We are never too far from His unconditional reach. or His forgiveness. We are never too lost to be found.
20. Faith is the bridge between where you are and where God's taking you
21. The earth was put here for us to enjoy. We were put here to care for the earth.
22. We are called to be a people of hope
23. Life won't be all smooth sailing. Jesus, our anchor ,will hold us through the storm
24. On United Nations Day, pray for peace in warring nations and in troubled hearts and minds.
25. Clocks change, seasons change, but Jesus never changes. Glory to His name
26. When life feels heavy, remember: God is still with you.
27. Father forgive us when we seek the easy way rather than Your way.
28. Tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.
29. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow.
30. God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea, cares for you and me.
31. end forth your word Lord, and let there be light

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."