

September 2025

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Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

It has been a busy summer this year. Sadly, I have conducted eight funerals between early July and early August; Burnbrae Care Home services have taken place on the first Tuesday of each month; I have moderated meetings at Larbert Tryst Church to enable them to now proceed to look for a new minister by their Nominating Committee; I have conducted two weddings; and there have been meetings and a day conference as the Business Committee of Presbytery prepares for the year ahead.

I have enjoyed our slightly different summer services here at Trinity and hope you have too, something I hope we can repeat next year. Our Kirk Session will be meeting in early September and preparing for another busy "Church year" ahead with our various Teams and, as I said in the last edition of Church News, we would encourage everyone to get involved in some way in the life of our Church. Look out for ways in which you feel called to serve. Together we are one body, the body of Christ in this place and community, and each of us is an important part of the body. Let's continue to work together to build his Kingdom!

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 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 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.

Members who have died

Since our last edition of Church News, sadly we intimate that Roberta Burns and Margaret Forrest have passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.



General information

Church Office: To contact Nina at the office please phone 01324-611017 or email office@falkirktrinity.org.uk

Items for October Church News should be sent to the office by **10am on Tuesday 23rd September.**

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.

If you would be interested in becoming a member of our Pastoral Care Team then please speak to Robert Allan.



Our monthly collection for Falkirk Foodbank on the first Sunday of the month **September 7th, 2025.**

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/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 or you can watch live on Facebook. 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 7 September: 10.30am Communion Service

Theme: Foretaste of the heavenly feast

(Mark 6: 30-44 Feeding 5000)

1pm (Short) Communion Service (tea/coffee afterwards in hall)

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

Sun 14 September: 10.30am Service

Theme: Reform and renewal

(Mark 7: 1-23 Tradition of the Elders)

Sun 21 September: 10.30am Service

Theme: Crossroads

(Mark 8:27 – 9:1 Peter's declaration/Jesus foretells death and resurrection)

Sun 28 September: 10.30am Service

Theme: When you're up on the mountain

(Mark 9: 2-13 Transfiguration/Coming of Elijah)

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> If you wish to explore the Bible further, then the Bible Society has a devotional booklet called "Rooted" – you can find more information at: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/go-deeper-with-the-bible>

Dates for your Diary

Tue 2 Sept Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm

Thu 4 Sept Church Social evening 6pm

Sun 7 Sept Communion at 10.30am and 1pm

Sat 20 Sept Doors Open Day at Church

Tue 4 Nov Kirk Session meeting 7.30pm

Sun 9 Nov Remembrance Sunday

Sun 30 Nov First Sunday in Advent

Sun 7 Dec Communion at 10.30am

Wed 17 Dec Strathcarron Singers Christmas Concert at Trinity

Wed 24 Dec Christmas Eve Family Service 7pm & Watchnight Service 11.30pm

Thu 25 Dec Christmas Day Service at 10.30am



The Annual Gathering, a national event, takes place on Saturday 13 September in the North Church in Perth.

We are arranging to show the live stream of the day at Trinity, hoping our friends from Grahamston United will join us too. There will be tea/coffee from 10.00, and the meeting starts at 11.00.

We will hear from the retiring Convener Christina Paterson, the Moderator, the Rt Rev Rosie Frew and our own General Secretary Karen Gillan. In the afternoon there is a guest speaker, a musical interlude, and the installation of the new Convener Kay Coull. There will be plenty singing in between whiles!

All welcome for all or part of the day - Guild members bring a friend! Anyone else who would like to join us to find out more about the Guild will be welcome too with no obligation.

There is no charge, but please bring your own packed lunch.

It would be helpful to know how many to expect, so if you intend to come please let Fiona know – Tel 01324 632387 fscottfalkirk@blueyonder.co.uk

Guild Week now follows immediately after the Annual Gathering and there will be a slot for us in the morning service on 14 September – we like to keep the congregation informed! Then we will start our own session of meetings on Wednesday 17 September at 2 o'clock, meeting every Wednesday thereafter till the end of November.

The new Theme is 'Living Stones' – building of course on last year's 'Sure Foundations' – plenty to think about!

We look forward to seeing you all again!

We know not everyone can attend all meetings, but please be assured you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Norah 01324 625284 norah.summers42@gmail.com

Spotlight on Happy Faces

Another part of the Family Life Centre and is Happy Faces, our Tots and Toddler group which runs every Monday during term-time.

Happy Faces caters for all little ones and their carers and they enjoy their time together playing and socialising. We provide a snack for the little ones and a cuppa and biscuit for carers. The group runs from 9.30 - 11.30am and is very popular amongst the local community so much so that we almost always have a waiting list!

Happy Faces is always looking for volunteers, especially to help to setup the hall and clear up afterwards. If you think you could help in any way, please do speak to Shona Penman or you can contact the office.

The Family Life Centre is dedicated to the church's mission of "Transforming Lives," and much of its work is made possible by the congregation's support. For more information, please contact Nina in the office or Moira Simpson.

If you would like to donate to the Family Life Centre via this link: [Donate](#)



Snowdrop Cafe

Have you thought about coming 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 September. You are welcome to come along to any time whether it's once or regularly.

1st September

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in etc

8th September

No hand massage this month so usual time to chat etc.

15th September

Music quiz

22nd September

Liz Allan will give a talk entitled

Stars and Struggles about John and Annie Glenn

29th September

Time to chat, play dominoes, colouring in etc



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.

Labelled with Love 

We asked if you could help buy a School Uniform for children and families that find themselves in awful circumstances through no fault of their own .

The families identified by Care Agencies and Teachers in our local Schools have no immediate access to and Grant Funding, but thanks to all you wonderful people we have managed to clothe 43 children.

The team are blown away by your kindness and generosity and thanks seems such a little word to say but **YOU DID IT!** .

We would like to share some messages of appreciation

“I write to appreciate the amazing service the school uniform team rendered to our community.

This gift of relief kept me thinking of how God amazingly answers Prayers.

You have touched our lives, you have impacted us and we can never forget this gift of Love.

Thank you for giving. God Bless You All.”

“My children and I thank you and the Church for providing School Uniforms, we are very grateful and do not take this kind gesture for granted.

God Bless you All !!!!!”

Blessings to everyone who helped in ALL ways to make this possible.

From L W L Team 



Symphonic praise

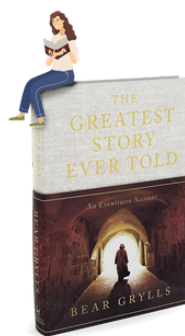
6 & 7 September
 St Giles' Cathedral / Glasgow Cathedral
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 7.30pm

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The Big Church Read



The Big Church Read is taking place in October this year. The book is *The Greatest Story Ever Told* by Bear Grylls which retells the gospel through the eyes of those who knew Jesus best - Maryam (his mother Mary), Ta'om (Thomas), Shimon (Simon Peter), Yohanan (John) & Maryam of Magdala (Mary Magdalene).

The idea is that the book is read over five sessions (one chapter per week) then a short video is watched and there are some discussion questions for personal reflection or group conversation.

If you would like to be involved then please contact the office - office@falkirktrinity.org.uk for more info and to order the book before 5th September.

The Big Church Read

Classic Music Live! Falkirk Concerts in Falkirk Trinity

- 19th Sept 7:30pm - Jonathan Momora
- 3rd Oct 7:30pm - Chamber Philharmonic Europe
- 24th Oct 2pm - Ingrid Sawers & Alexandra Mackenzie
- 7th Nov 7:30pm - Tim Kliphuis Trio
- 28th Nov 12pm - Kosonen-Ranieri Duo
- 9th Jan 12pm - Sasha Savaloni & Mark O'Keefe
- 23rd Jan 2pm 2pm - The Chloe Piano Trio
- 20th Feb 7:30pm - Fibonacci String Quartet
- 27th March 7:30pm - Hyde Clarinet Quartet

Please see

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



ANTONINE ENSEMBLE

Directed by Alison Hastie

Sunday 7th September

7.30pm

St. Michael's Parish Church, The Cross,
 Linlithgow



Mozart

Divertimento No.1 in D

Vivaldi

Concerto for 4 Violins

in B minor

Rutter

Suite for Strings

Walton

Two Pieces from Henry V

Skalkottas

Five Greek Dances

Glyn Eggart
 Trudie Ford

Vicky Leggett
 Hilary Jones
solo violins

Admission free: Donations shared between
 St. Michael's Church and Scottish Schools Orchestra Trust



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

1. God made you, God loves you and God will always care for you....
2. The Kirk Session meets this evening. Pray for the minister and elders.
3. Let your faith be bigger than your fear.
4. When did you last make a new friend?
5. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
6. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.
7. Pray for our congregation as we celebrate Communion today.
8. In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song....
9. Give thanks for the Tuesday group and all the work they do around the church.
10. Trust God with your worries.
11. Are you a good neighbour?
12. My safety comes from the Lord who heaven and earth has made....
13. Pray for our pastoral visitors keeping contact with members of the congregation.
14. Come, now is the time to worship. Come just as you are to worship.
15. The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
16. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
17. Pray for the guild starting their new session at Trinity today.
18. Share a word of encouragement with someone you speak to today.
19. Brother, sister let me serve you....
20. Pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
21. The United Nations International Day of Peace. Pray for an end to war.
22. When you shepherd me, I have everything I need.
23. Remember our local Maggie's Centre and pray for anyone you know living with cancer.
24. Prayer changes things.
25. Father I place into your hands the person I would be....
26. Spend some time looking at nature and think to yourself, "What a wonderful world."
27. "I have a dream." What's yours?
28. The church is wherever we as Christ's followers are trying to live and to share out the good news of God.
29. There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.....
30. The Lord Bless you and keep you.

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."

