

Church News

FALKIRK TRINITY CHURCH



Minister (Tel 07895 388 644)

At the beginning of this month, we have our quarterly Communion Service on Sun 6 September. As well as our morning service we have an extra short Communion service at 1pm – this lasts about 25 mins and hopefully allows those unable to make a morning service to come along and enjoy a short time together in Church, followed by tea/coffee/cakes in the hall. If you haven't been able to attend for a while, perhaps I can encourage you to ask family or friends to bring you along? We are having monthly Bible study evenings – nothing too difficult! All are welcome to come along to these informal discussions – please see dates for your diary in this news.

Every Church has been instructed to develop an Action plan for the next five years – our

Kirk Session has begun to draft 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:

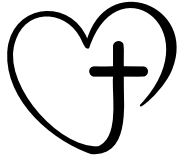
RAllan@churchofscotland.org.uk
Telephone 07895 388644 – if I am not available, please leave a message and I will get back to you. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Church, please let me know and we can discuss this.

Dates for the Diary

- **Tue 1 Sept** Kirk Session meeting at 7.30pm
- **Sun 6 Sept** Communion at 10.30am and 1pm
- **Thu 10 Sept** Bible study at Church 7pm
- **Fri 18 Sept** Church Social evening
- **Tue 22 Sept** Youth Team meeting at Church 7pm with Paul Beautyman
- **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



Our monthly collection for Falkirk Foodbank on the first Sunday of the month **September 6 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. (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.

Sun 6 September: 10.30am and 1pm Communion Services
All who love the Lord are welcome to share around His table
Theme: The Bible
Readings: John 1: 1-18 (The Word became flesh)
Acts 11: 1-18 (Peter's report to the Church at Jerusalem)

Sun 13 September: 10.30am Service
Theme: Important things
Readings: Luke 12: 32-34 (Unfailing treasure)
Mark 10: 17-31 (The rich man)

Sun 20 September: 10.30am Service
Theme: Kids stuff
Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-9 (The Servant, a light to the nations)
Matthew 18: 1-5 (True greatness)

Sun 27 September: 10.30am Service
Theme: Ask me for anything
Readings: Micah 6: 6-8 (What God requires)
John 14: 1-14 (Jesus the way to the Father)

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 October Church News should be sent to the office by **10am on Tuesday 22 September.**

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.

Have your say in the future of our Church

The Church of Scotland has asked every congregation to develop a five-year action plan focusing on:

- Worship & Teaching
- Pastoral Care & Fellowship
- Youth & Children
- Local Mission & Community Outreach
- Wider Mission

Our Kirk Session is currently preparing a draft plan, and we would greatly value your ideas, opinions, and input.

If you would like to be involved, please join us in the Cafe on **Saturday 3rd October** between **9.30am and 12.30pm**. There will be tea, coffee, and scones available.

Come along and help shape the future of our church!

Labelled with Love

The Labelled With Love team would like to share a couple of messages received after delivering our school uniforms bags.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for my child's clothes. Indeed you have saved me from shame.

Thank you, I do not have the words to tell you how grateful I am.

This isn't a request Email but a gratitude one, As I was getting some school items last week for my children's resumption I couldn't help but remember how this time last year you and the church came through for me, thank you again and again. From a grateful heart.

The Team has managed with all your wonderful support to send out 44 Bags of brand new school uniform. The bags have also been topped up with good condition pre-loved items and given to the most vulnerable children in our community. The referrals come from our local Primary Schools, Aberlour Family Centre, Camelon Social Work and The Baby Bank.

God Bless you all from The Team at LWL



Snowdrop Cafe

With the nights fairly drawing in, you may be feeling a bit flat. Why not come along to the Snowdrop Café? Everyone is welcome.

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 September.

7th September

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

14th September

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

21st September

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

28th September

Franklin's Legs - Liz Allan

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.

Andrew Prentice Kiltwalk 2026



September is almost here and it's just three weeks till my challenge in aid of Strathcarron Hospice, the Edinburgh Kiltwalk Mighty Stride on 13th September.

Since last month I'm so pleased for the support and encouragement I've received from many family, friends and folks in our community. People of Trinity have been very generous. All donations total some £340 so far and I'm hopping that'll be a little more by the day of my walk.

Training is going well and I've walked over 350 km in recent weeks. Around 17 km per walk on average. I may need to upgrade my walking shoes soon.

Once again thanks to everyone who is supporting me in this worthwhile challenge. I'll "Keep right on to the end of the road" and it's only 21 miles (33 km.) for me that day but so much more for those being supported by Strathcarron Hospice.

My donation page link is as follows.

<https://www.strathcarronhospice.net/fundraisers/keep-right-on-to-the-end-of-the-road>

Many thanks,
Andrew.

News from other Groups

Wider World Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal

Advance notice!

We will once again this year be filling shoeboxes for Blythswood Care to deliver and distribute at Christmas time. So please start to collect items and get these knitting needles out!

We need hats, scarves and gloves for all ages so now is the time to start knitting.

As we did last year there will be a board in the vestibule from around the end of September with post it notes describing what we need. Shoeboxes and Christmas paper will also be required at the beginning of October. So – Watch this space



Social Evening 18 September



It's not long now until the social evening on **Friday 18 September at 6pm**. Names are now being taken after Sunday services of people who wish to attend.

All are welcome to come along for a bite and a blether. There's no charge for this but for catering purposes we need to know the number of people that wish to attend so if you want to come please add your name to the list.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God

Invitation to the dedication of our new Church Building

It is with great joy that we invite you and the members of your church to join us.

Date: 12th September 2026

Time: 1:00pm

Address: 1 Upper Newmarket Street, Falkirk FK1 1JH
(former location of St. Andrews West Church)

This is a significant milestone for us, and we would be honoured to have you, your church leadership, and members celebrate this special occasion with us as we dedicate the premises to the glory of God.

We look forward to sharing this joyful and memorable day with you.

Yours in Christ
Pst. Ola Akindele
Pastor-in-charge of Parish

Trinity Guild

The Guild Annual Gathering takes place on **Saturday 12 September** in Perth. This event launches the concluding year of our strategy for 2024-27, 'Let us Build a House'. The theme for 2026-27 is 'Beyond the Walls'.

The National Convener will be reflecting on her year. The Moderator, the Very Rev Gordon Kennedy will share his personal reflections on our theme, and our guest speaker is the Rev Jane Howitt, Chaplain at Heriot Watt University. The Guild supported the development of the Chaplaincy Centre 51 years ago! There will be a good sing as always, and finally our new National Convener will take her oath of office and look forward to the year ahead.

The event will be live-streamed at Trinity and all are welcome to join us for all or part of the day, Guild members or just anyone interested. **The meeting starts at 11.00.** Tea/coffee will be available beforehand and a simple sandwich lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the day, but any donation you like to make will go to the Guild Projects. Please let us know by **Sunday 5 September** if you intend to come, and if you have any dietary issues.

Guild Week begins on Sunday 13 September, and our own meetings start on Wednesday 16 September at 2 o'clock. All welcome!

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Classic Music Live! Falkirk

Classic Music Live! Falkirk has had associations with Falkirk Trinity Church since the club was formed 40 years ago. Performances involving larger groups took the advantage of the facilities and excellent acoustics of Trinity Church.

This special 40th Anniversary Year started on Friday 28th August with a concert for flute and piano.

Artists who have performed over these years with CMLIF have gone on to be internationally famous with appearances on Radio, TV, films, and there are at least three who are taking part in this year's Proms in London.

Brochures for the whole season are available in the vestibule and the hall and the season features artists who have been with us before.

If you want any more information speak to Christine Tait (01324 713746 or mob-07754 582512)

- 28 Aug 7:30pm - Aurras Duo
- 11 Sept 7:30pm - A Cappella Quartet
- 2nd Oct 7:30pm - Anniversary Concert
- 23 Oct 7:30pm - Duo B!z'art Piano Duo
- 13 Nov 7:30pm - Zemlinsky Trio
- 4 Dec 2:00pm - Karolina Kubalkova
- 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



Honey for Sale

Not only is our Treasurer, Callum, an amazing actuary, but he's also a talented beekeeper! His bees have been hard at work and have produced some delicious honey.

If you'd like to purchase a jar, they're available from the office. With only 12 jars available, you'll need to be quick! The suggested donation is £10 per jar.



Other Events

Grahamston United Church
Bute Street, Falkirk FK2 7DH
SCO 16991





All God's Creatures: A short Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

Join us at 3pm on Sunday 6th of September.
Just come yourself or bring your pet and your memories. Everyone is welcome.



ST NINIANS Church Ceilidh

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

★ 7 FOR 7.30PM START ★

Dance to **STEVEN CARCARY TRIO**
AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT OF DANCING AND SOCIALISING!

£10 PER TICKET
£5 PER CHILD
£30 FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN)

Contact **CALLUM WYND AT**
callum.wynd@gmail.com | 07852845545



GREEN INVESTMENT ROADSHOW

AUGUSTINE UNITED CHURCH, EDINBURGH | 2.10.2026

OPERATION NOAH | aid | justmoney | HOPE FOR THE FUTURE | eco

For more information please visit:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/operationnoah/h/2246078>

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 September.....

1. Pray for the Kirk session as it meets this evening.
2. Father, I place into your hands, the things that I can't do.
3. Take a moment to forgive yourself, take time to forgive others, take heart that you can return to the loving arms of your Father in heaven.
4. Give thanks, with a grateful heart.
5. Still your heart, and pray that peace and love fill the hearts and minds of all.
6. Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He's omnipotent, magnificent, all-glorious, victorious.
7. Father, we place into your hands all who come into our building, especially those who are working to turn around their lives after addiction.
8. As we read this today, we pray for all agencies trying to bring literacy to all around the world.
9. Pray for all those that work in the emergency services, we thank them for their commitment and pray that they be treated with respect by all.
10. Lord, be with all who are depressed, lonely or despairing and give them your peace and hope for the future.
11. Jesus, take me as I am, a child of God.
12. Let us rejoice in the wonder and beauty of music and listen to the Last Night of the Proms.
13. Give thanks for the ability and freedom to worship together in love.
14. Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"
15. Friendship is a blessing. Don't lose touch; text, ring, write, visit, pray.
16. Make a day of it, come to Wednesday Worship, enjoy lunch in the café and fellowship at the Guild.
17. Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.
18. Pray for those organising the social evening, that all those present may have an enjoyable and blessed time together.
19. Help one another, and see the best in all around you.
20. Pray for the Jews of Britain who feel persecuted on this the Holy day of Yom Kippur.
21. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
22. Pray for understanding, and contentment. Put your troubles before the Lord.
23. Give thanks for the changing of the seasons as we reach this Equinox and we head into shorter days and longer nights.
24. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
25. Pray for all in hospital or care homes, their nearest and dearest and the professionals that care for them.
26. Living God, help us make use of the gifts that you have given us to further your work here on earth.
27. Pray for those Christened today, that this may mark a new beginning of their life with Christ.
28. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
29. Remember, all humanity is created in the likeness of God, including you.
30. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

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."



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