

Falkirk Trinity Church News



Trinity Transforming Lives

February 2019



Worship in Falkirk Trinity Church
A warm welcome to everyone from Falkirk Trinity Church

Sunday 3rd February at 11am
Theme: Speak out in love

Sunday 10th February at 11am
Theme: Someone else?

Sunday 17th February at 11.00am
Theme: Search the mind and test the heart

Sunday 24th February at 11.00am
5th Anniversary of Falkirk Trinity Church
Theme: Acting the fool

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New Church Website

Falkirk Trinity has a new website! Visit the site and spread the word! <https://falkirktrinity.org.uk>



Important Information

Sunday morning arrangements for young people

The “Wee Bairns” will meet in the lounge for children up to Primary one; S-Kidz will meet in the hall for children up to Primary six; and Youth Station will meet in the coffee room for young people in Primary seven onwards. Please spread the word and encourage our young people to come along to Church.

Pastoral care, if anyone is ill or in hospital and would appreciate a visit from the minister or if there is a time when you would like to talk to the minister about a particular matter, then please contact him on the telephone number on the front page or send him an e-mail. **Please don't assume that he will know unless he is contacted directly. Thank you.**

Visit the minister's website: www.reformthechurchofscotland.org Here you will find Andy's thought for the week, and a regular blog, as well as other interesting and challenging information!

Worship

During 2019, instead of a monthly worship theme, there will be a weekly theme as we follow the Church lectionary. What is the lectionary? It is a series of set readings that actually run on a three-year cycle which cover most parts of the Bible. Also, we have a new loop system installed in the Church so hope that improves the quality of sound for those who make use of this system – and we have new projectors installed so the quality of our screen words, pictures and videos should be greatly improved.

Facing the future

Facing the Future: Further to our open meeting in November and consequent Kirk Session meetings, the Kirk Session has agreed a new way forward for our congregation, with four new Groups driving change as we face the challenging future of our Church and the Kirk as a whole in Scotland. These new Groups are: Community Hub Group; Buildings and Finance Group; Outreach and Youth Group; Faith and Worship Group. It is hoped that as these new Groups get established in early 2019 that as many as possible within our congregation will support and participate in the work of these Groups. Watch this space for further details!

Parking in Church Grounds.

On Sundays we try to keep as many spaces as possible for those who would struggle to attend without being dropped off or being able to park close to the Church, so if you can walk a short distance then please find alternative parking around the town. Also, for those who do park within the grounds, please avoid parking at corners or where cones are placed as such spaces are kept to enable full access for all users to the grounds, including any emergency vehicles. Thank you for your understanding.

Church News for March 2019

Please send any articles or feedback to trinitychurchnews@outlook.com or hand into the office by Tuesday 19th February. Thank you.

Café in the Kirk holiday

The Café will be closed from Monday 11th until Friday 15th February, reopening on Monday 18th February.

Church Diary

- Kirk Session meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th February in Main Hall
- Conversations in Discipleship on Tuesday 19th February at 7.00pm in the Sanctuary
- Mamma Mia Sing Along on Saturday 23rd February at 7.00pm

Did you know that this news sheet and the Faw Kirk magazine are available online?

Our Church Life

Conversations in Discipleship

You are invited to an evening of informal discussion on the challenges of discipleship, led by Phill Melstrom from the Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland. Many who attended the “Conversations in worship” last year enjoyed the evening and this discussion evening will follow a similar format. It is a pilot project and it is hoped that as many as possible will come along and participate. Come along at 7pm on Tuesday 19th February, meeting in the sanctuary.

Trinity Church Choir Practices

The choir meets once per month on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with some additional evenings in the period before Easter and Advent/Christmas. The choir also practices before each Sunday Service at 10.15am prompt in the Archway Room. New members are always made welcome. Anyone interested in joining the choir should speak to Bob Tait or contact him via the Office.

Choir Practices

7 th February	29 th August
7 th March	3 rd October
4 th April	7 th November
11 th April	5 th December
2 nd May	12 th December
6 th June	19 th December
4 th July	

Odd Job Breakfast

All men in the congregation are invited to come along to an “Odd Job Breakfast” on Tuesday mornings. Starting at 9am with a breakfast roll and sausage (and a blether), we will then tackle some of the “odd jobs” around the church. Some weeks there may be quite a few jobs and at other times not so much to do. Please consider coming along and joining us – even if you’re not a DIY person, there will always be something to do – and we hope that those attending will enjoy the fellowship too.

Tots and Toddlers Group

Our Tots and Toddlers Group is held in the main hall between 9.30am and 11.30am. It runs through school terms. If you would like more information or book a place then please contact Gillian in the office. Please also spread the word to neighbours and friends who might be interested.

Church Walking Group

The next Saturday walk will be on the 23rd of February, walking a circular route from Letham Cottages to Airth. Leaving Falkirk at 12.30pm, the walk will be 2 hours on reasonable paths. Contact Barbara Burns for further information by emailing bburns99@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07810 394 511.

The Wanderers

The last of the Wanderers' winter programme will take place on Wednesday 27th February at 2pm in the Main Hall. Ian Scott will be talking on the subject of "Gone but not forgotten". In case you are wondering who this is referring to, it's actually about old buildings in Falkirk lost to decay, progress etc. If you would like to come along and listen to an entertaining talk by Ian, please let Gillian in the Office know.

We still need some new escorts, as they are a vital part in the trips taking place. Your commitment would be no more than 1-2 occasions in the year. The bus leaves the depot at noon and we are usually back there between 4.30pm and 4.45pm. If you are interested please contact Ellen Hamilton through the church office.

Book Group

The Book Group will be meeting on Thursday 7th March in the Graeme Hotel at 7.30pm to discuss “Our House” written by Louise Candlish. All welcome. (Even if you haven’t read the book!)

They Shall Grow Not Old”

This excellent book is written about the men of Falkirk Parish Church and Erskine Church who made the ultimate sacrifice in the First World War. It’s available in the vestibule with suggested price of £5.00.

Our Giving

Strathcarron Hospice Phials

Phials for donations to Strathcarron Hospice are available on the table in the vestibule. Please feel free to take one to fill with any coin value. Once full, the phials should be returned to Boston Glegg. The amount passed on to date this year is £484.91. Thank you.

Falkirk Foodbank

On the first Sunday of every month this year, we will be collecting donations for Falkirk Food Bank. The Food Bank depends on donations to meet an ever increasing need and believe no-one in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why they provide up to five days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Our next Foodbank Sunday will be the 3rd of February.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

TINNED POTATOES
BISCUITS
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
UHT MILK (1 LITRE)
BREAKFAST CEREALS

Produce Table

You may remember that we raised just over £90 from the produce that we sold over the summer months for the Breaking the Barriers project, which Christian Aid has been supporting for some months now. We specifically asked for the money to go to the solar panel project in Ethiopia which is supporting local women there. The Scottish Government has given matched funding to this project which means that for every £1 we made they are giving £5. So our £93.50 has generated an additional £465.

Vine Trust to Tanzania

The team which is going out to Tanzania has met with a representative from the Vine Trust and are at present preparing for the trip and arranging the required vaccinations. The team consists of Marianne and David Pattison, Iain and Jean MacSween, Morag Jenkinson, James Harley, Douglas Peters, Catherine Smith, Isabel Sarle, Sandie Bovaird, Jamie MacSween and Glenn Somerville. The total collected for the Vine Trust now stands at over £17,000. This figure includes donations from members of the team towards their own travel and accommodation costs.



So with a few months to go we are now only about £8,000 from our target! We are grateful to Bob and Christine Tait for £580 in lieu of golden wedding presents and to SDM Motors for £100. The Burns Evening raised over £1500 – thanks to all those who attended and supported this event.

Glenn Somerville is doing a sponsored cycle, cycling 200 miles over two days from Aberdeen on the East coast of Scotland to Applecross on the West coast of Scotland. On day one from Aberdeen to Inverness, he will cover 117 miles and cycle for almost ten hours and on the second day he will cycle a distance of around 83 miles, but with an additional 4,000m of ascent compared to the first day. To sponsor Glenn please contact him on:

<https://www.vinetrust.org/u/f5515>

James Harley is doing a sponsored walk. Over two days in March, he is walking 66 miles along the Forth & Clyde Canal from Bowling on the River Clyde through to the Falkirk Wheel, then along the Union Canal, through to the canal end at Lochrin Basin in Edinburgh, then down through the city to the Vine Trust barge at Leith Docks on the Forth to complete his coast to coast walk. To sponsor James please contact him on:

<https://www.vinetrust.org/u/f5519>

We are grateful for both Glenn's and James's efforts and hope you will support them.

Upcoming Fundraising events - please tell your friends and come along if you can:

- ◆ Mamma Mia Sing along: Saturday 23rd February at 7pm
- ◆ Music Quiz on Friday 8th March – organised by Robert and Jane Allan
- ◆ "Call My Bluff" wine tasting – Friday 29th March
- ◆ Anthony Toner: Friday 5th April at 6.30pm

Our Family Life Centre



Play Therapy Update

Our Play Therapy service is now in its 2nd year. To date, 13 children have benefitted from our service.

Bereavement Books

We now have a small library of books relating to bereavement in the History Room. Anyone is free to borrow any of these books and Gillian can show you where they are. Please just leave a note of which book you have taken and your name.

Age Scotland

Age Scotland is the national charity supporting people over the age of 50, championing the rights and raising awareness of the issues impacting on people's lives as they get older. They operate a free Helpline on 0800 12 44 222, available Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm. Last year, the Helpline dealt with over 9,500 calls from older people across Scotland on a wide range of issues and concerns. The Helpline staff can also carry out free benefits checks to make sure you are in receipt of all you are entitled to and last year, more than £500,000 was successfully claimed after benefits checks had been undertaken. If you are unsure, it may be worth a phone call! Age Scotland produce a range of publications and some are available on the carousel outside the café. Please speak to Gillian in the Church Office if you are looking for information on any specific topic as she has a copy of the most recent publications list.



Events in the Faw Kirk

Classic Music Live! Falkirk presents "Come to me in my dreams"

Friday 22nd February at noon

Mezzo soprano Cheryl Forbes and pianist Gordon Cree will play a lunchtime concert in the historic Faw Kirk. Admission is £5 at the door.

Mamma Mia Sing Along

Saturday 23rd February at 7pm

Your chance to watch the film again and join in the singing! Ticket £6 available now from the Church Office or after the services. Proceeds will go to our Vine Trust Tanzania Project.



Music Quiz

Friday 8th March at 7pm

Organised by Robert and Jane Allan. We'll have teams of up to 8 people and you can bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are £10 and available from Jane or Robert. All proceeds will go to our Tanzania Project with the Vine Trust—a fun night out while supporting a great cause!

Bacchus Brothers "Call My Bluff" wine tasting

Friday 29th March at 7.30pm

This is a fun evening for you to taste 6 wines - 1 Champagne/Sparkling; 2 white and 3 red, and see if you can tell which wine "Brother" is telling the truth about each wine! A small prize for the winning individual or team. Proceeds for this event will contribute to the Falkirk Trinity's Vine Trust Project. Tickets are £12 and can be purchased from the Office.



Anthony Toner

Friday 5th April - doors 6.30pm

Anthony Toner (once memorably described as 'James Taylor meets John Prine in a second hand book shop') makes his first appearance at Falkirk Trinity Church as part of a short Scottish visit to celebrate the release of his ninth album, *Our Lady of the Wind and Rain*. Since the release of the popular single 'Sailortown' in Northern Ireland ten years ago, Anthony has been in constant motion, releasing a string of popular albums and playing countless live performances, the songs interweaved with insightful, moving and funny stories. Expect an evening of peerless guitar playing and stories from the road. Tickets are £8 and available from See Tickets and the Office.



Events Elsewhere

**A Night of Broadway- The Strathcarron Singers & Broxburn & Livingston Brass Band in concert
Dobbie Hall**

Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm

Tickets are £8 and £7. Special guests are the Clifton Hall Singers.



German Protestant Kirchentag Dortmund

19th to 23rd June 2019.

Anyone interested who has missed the previous meetings and presentations should contact Keith Wagstaff (Phone: 01324 622932, e-mail:keith.f.wagstaff@blueyonder.co.uk)

Oberammergau Trip

A group of us are keen to go to the 10 yearly Passion Play in 2020 and we will be going in July 2020 probably with another Church congregation. If you would be interested there is still time to consider this and a deposit will be required if you decide to go. For more details speak to Shona Penman or email on sp011j4628@blueyonder.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Communion:** 11am on Sunday 3rd March
- ◆ **Conversations in Worship:** A repeat of the excellent evening held last year, exploring worship with short conversations – 7pm on Tuesday 12th March.
- ◆ **Minister on holiday:** Monday 18th to Monday 25th March, both dates inclusive.
- ◆ **Conversations in Prayer:** Another discussion evening in the same format as other “conversations” evenings on worship and discipleship – Wed 27th March at 7pm.
- ◆ **Comely Park Primary School:** Spring/Easter Service at Church at 11am on Friday 29th March.
- ◆ **Kirk Session** meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd April in the Main Hall.

**MAMMA MIA
SING ALONG!**



**Saturday 23rd February at 7.00pm
Falkirk Trinity Church**

Dressing up is optional!
Café bar*

Tickets £6 from Church Office (01324 611017)
All funds raised in aid of Falkirk Trinity's Vine Trust Tanzania trip

* under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult
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