

# Falkirk Trinity Church News



Trinity Transforming Lives

**April 2019**



**A warm welcome to everyone from Falkirk Trinity Church!**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11am**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Theme: Watch for the new thing

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11am**

Palm Sunday

Sacrament of Baptism

Theme: The road less travelled

## **Holy Week**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm—7.30pm Upturned tables meditation (archway chapel)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Explore the Labyrinth anytime between noon & 7.30pm (Sanctuary)\*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm—7.30pm Holy Week Holy Land meditation (lounge)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm—7.45pm Maundy Thursday Cheese, Crackers and Communion (Hall/Sanctuary)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April: noon—1.00pm Reflective music with Bob Tait (Sanctuary) &

7.00pm—7.45pm Around the Cross Good Friday service (Sanctuary)

**Easter Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11.00am**

(Short early morning service at 8.30am in Princes Park)

Theme: Wiping away the tears

Communion Service: All who love the Lord are welcome around His table.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am**

Service led by worship team

\*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Explore the Labyrinth anytime between noon & 7.30pm (Sanctuary)\*

What is a Labyrinth? It is basically a laid out circle, spiralling inwards in a path, using some symbols or images along the way. It is a form of meditation / prayer that you follow in your own time and at your own pace, with your own thoughts, you could be there for 10 minutes or an hour, it's up to you! Come along and try it!

## **New Church Website**

Falkirk Trinity has a new website! Visit the site and spread the word! [www.falkirktrinity.org.uk](http://www.falkirktrinity.org.uk)

## **Falkirk Trinity Office**

Contact the Office on 01324 611017 or email [office@falkirktrinity.org.uk](mailto:office@falkirktrinity.org.uk)



## Important Information

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### 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](http://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!

### 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.

### Trinity Church Groups

Information on Trinity Church Choir practices, the Walking Group, Tots and Toddlers and the Wanderers can now be found on our Church website: [www.falkirktrinity.org.uk](http://www.falkirktrinity.org.uk)

### Church News for May 2019

Please send any articles or feedback to [trinitychurchnews@outlook.com](mailto:trinitychurchnews@outlook.com) or hand into the office by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Thank you.

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

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## Our Church Life

### 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. Please note that we won’t be meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Book Group

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Graeme Hotel**

We have decided this time to choose a non fiction title - ‘The Year of Living Danishly’ written by Helen Russell. All are welcome to join.

### Café in the Kirk

The Church café will be closed for one week’s holiday from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### 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.

## Events in the Faw Kirk



### Anthony Toner

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - doors 6.30pm.**

Apologies, but due to low demand, this concert has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

### Organ Music / Easter Reflection

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April noon - 1.00pm**

Come and sit for a time, listening to reflective music on Good Friday. Stay for 10 minutes or stay for an hour, it’s up to you.

### The Odenwold Association with the Tryst Festival

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm**

Spielmannszug FF, a modern flute orchestra, come from Fränkisch-Crumbach, a small village in the Odenwald in Germany. Our Café Bar opens at 6.00pm. Ticket information will be available soon.

### Glenbervie Duo

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30pm - 1.30pm**

Our wee contribution to the Falkirk Tryst Festival.

FREE... maybe with a wee donation the venue...

Come along and relax for an hour with a few tunes played by our own Neil Clark and Kathryn Grainger.

## **Christian Aid**

During Christian Aid Week this year, from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, there will be no house to house collection for the first time. Instead, we will distribute envelopes to everyone in the congregation on 12<sup>th</sup> May. For those of you who are unable to attend that Sunday, envelopes will be available in the vestibule for the next two Sundays to pick up. If you aren't able to attend church during May, we will try to get envelopes to you through your pastoral visitor.

## **Book Sale**

The Christian Aid Book Sale will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May at the following times:

Wednesday to Friday 11.00am - 8.00pm

Saturday 10.00am - 3.00pm

As usual, the Café in the Kirk will be open Wednesday to Friday from 10.30am - noon for tea, coffee and scones, and then from noon until 2.00pm for lunch. Come along for a blether and a browse!

## **Coffee and a chat for Christian Aid**

For a number of years, we have held a Coffee morning at Trinity to start Christian Aid Week. However, each year, less funds were gathered so we moved that forward by introducing the Big Brekkie, but once again that was affected by a low turnout. This year, the Christian Aid team decided it was time to do something completely different, to be alternative, to think outside the box. So we're NOT having a Coffee morning for Christian Aid. Instead we are asking YOU to invite a group of friends to your home during May and have a cosy coffee and a cake or biscuits, or a Mad Hatter's tea party, and a chat in aid of Christian Aid. You can hand out the leaflets that we will give you and talk about this year's Christian Aid appeal, or just hand out the leaflets and chat about anything you want. It's your home, your friends, neighbours or family. All that we are asking is that you hold a small event in your home some time during May, invite anyone you want and have a collection for Christian Aid.

Even if you only collect a small amount of money, this will be more than the people of Sierra Leone have at the moment. Every amount of money collected adds to the overall total, and is gratefully received. Everything put together will really help Sierra Leone to improve their services for pregnant women and young children and stop them dying so young. Please consider holding a coffee morning, afternoon or evening to support Sierra Leone. If you would like to talk about holding something like this, please talk to Ellen Hamilton or Helen Smith after the service on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Christian Aid Quiz**

By popular demand, Moira Somerville has been asked to compose this year's quiz and she has very graciously agreed to do so. Her theme this year is "Well known films". The quiz will be available from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Completed quizzes should be returned by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and the winner will be announced on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Easter Egg Sale**

Youth Station will be selling Divine Easter Eggs from Traidcraft on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April in the vestibule outside the hall. Come and see them in on your way to have a cup of tea after the service or on your way home. Youth Station will tell you that these Easter Eggs are made by Divine chocolate, and they are actually divine!

## **Dates for your diary**

### **April 2019**

- ◆ **Kirk Session:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in the Main Hall.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday :** 14<sup>th</sup> April
- ◆ **Holy Week:** 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April
- ◆ **Comely Park Primary School:** Easter Service at Church at 11.00am, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- ◆ **Easter Day:** 21<sup>st</sup> April (8.30am Princes Park, 11am Communion Service at Church)
- ◆ **Minister on leave:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, both dates inclusive
- ◆ **Pastoral Visitors:** Update meeting Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at the church

## Dates for your diary May 2019

- ◆ **Community Hub Group** : Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm at the Church.
- ◆ **Faith and Worship Group**: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at the Church.
- ◆ **Christian Aid Week** starts Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May
- ◆ **Communion Services**: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11am and 2pm
- ◆ **Kirk Session**: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in main hall.

## 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 £115.10. 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 7<sup>th</sup> of April.

### 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 Trip to Tanzania

The current total collected for the Vine Trust now stands at over £33,000! Thanks to everyone in the congregation who has contributed or supported events and also to the members of the team for organising fundraising and making donations. This means that we are able to make a substantial donation to the Vine Trust as well as covering transport costs, accommodation and construction costs.



**The afternoon tea** raised £942.48 – many thanks to Edith and her team. More than 100 people came along and enjoyed the event. **James Harley** raised more than £1625 walking from Glasgow to Leith along the canal – a great effort and fantastic total. For the second part of his walk from Falkirk to Leith, he was joined by **Douglas Peters**. We are grateful to them both for battling through snow and very poor conditions. Douglas raised over £850 and again his efforts are greatly appreciated. Good luck to **Glenn** on his cycling challenge! You can still sponsor Glenn on [www.vinetrust.org/u/f5515](http://www.vinetrust.org/u/f5515)

The Tanzania twelve are now starting preparations for their trip – completing vaccinations, buying gloves, dust masks and goggles for work on the building site and equipping themselves with suitable footwear, mosquito nets, insect repellent etc! Thank you again for all your support.

### URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

Breakfast cereals  
Tinned potatoes  
Biscuits  
Long life fruit juice  
UHT Milk 1 litre  
Sponge puddings  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes

## Events Elsewhere

### **Falkirk Operatic Society**

Falkirk Operatic Society are performing the musical **Anything Goes** in Falkirk Town Hall from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Evening performances start at 7.30pm and the Saturday matinee at 2pm. This promises to be a wonderful light hearted show aboard a liner sailing from New York with well known numbers like 'You're The Top', 'It's Delovely' and 'I Get A Kick out of You'. Tickets: Tuesday night £10; other performances - £14 (concessions £12) can be bought from Elizabeth Donald and Elizabeth Woodford or [www.falkirkoperatic.com/tickets](http://www.falkirkoperatic.com/tickets)

### **Easter Celebration 2019 "HE LIVES!"**

**by Revival FM in association with Celebration Choir**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm—10pm**

Join the Celebration Choir and Orchestra this Easter Sunday as they return to the beautiful New Auditorium at Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall. Come celebrate Resurrection Day and join in some of the great Hymns old and new as together we worship the Risen Saviour! Special Guests include The Gospel Heirs & more!

### **Falkirk Floral Art Club presents Alan Beatty with Artistic Expression**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

**Falkirk Town Hall**

There will also be a tombola, raffle and various stalls. Tickets are £10.00 from club members.

### **Heart and Soul Event**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 1.00pm—6.00pm**

**Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh**

In 2011, we decided that not enough was being done to celebrate the life and work of the church, with those who very much keep it strong and vibrant in communities everywhere – the members, volunteers, ministers, and congregations alike! It was then that we hosted our first public celebration in Princes Street Gardens, called "Roll Away the Stone".

With live music, arts, exhibitions, and a massed open-air service in the gardens' Ross Theatre, the event proved itself successful in bringing our church family together for an afternoon of entertainment and praise.

It was in 2012 that Heart and Soul became the new incarnation of Roll Away the Stone, and has stuck with us each year since – building on the joyous and active atmosphere every time.

We are pleased to announce that Heart and Soul will be returning on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May this year. Please keep an eye on the website for further details: [www.heartandsoul.org.uk](http://www.heartandsoul.org.uk)

### **Strathcarron Singers Annual Concert**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Albert Halls, Stirling**