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THE WEEKLY WORD

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EASTER MESSAGE 2025

"HE IS RISEN - AND HE IS MINE" The first human experience of the resurrection of Jesus was a call, by name... "Mary!" The second was a touching... a hug, even as the tears of sorrow turned to a flood of joy in her heart...

Because she took time at the tomb, Mary Magdalene experienced God in ways the other disciples missed. After she discovered the tomb was empty, she rushed back to tell the others. Peter and John raced each other to the tomb. John won, and looked in. Peter, moments later, rushes headlong into the now-empty tomb and has a look around. Then, John says, "The disciples went back to their homes..." To a locked upper room. They were terrified! For all they knew either the Romans or the Jewish leaders had removed the body to further humiliate Jesus and his followers. But Mary stayed... And so, she experienced something no one else did. She must have spoken of this precious moment later, to John. So we know that she was crying - so hard she couldn't actually see Jesus, at first, through her tears. We shouldn't miss the mourning. It's part of the miracle. Peter and John didn't yet get it. John says, "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." Mary stays - and she does get it. She is first to discover the meaning of the empty tomb. The resurrection is God's "Yes" to the world's "No." And she's the first to discover just how intensely personal this resurrection is. Jesus calls her name, as he must have done a hundred times before. And she knows. Not only is he alive, he is still with those who love him. It's as real, as close, and as personal as the embrace they share, before Jesus gently urges her not to keep clinging to him - but to take what she now knows with all her mind and heart and soul to everyone else in her life... And the single, central, greatest miracle in all of human history and experience is complete. It's life-changing, earth-shattering, mission-creating... and it's deeply personal. "Alleluia - what a Saviour!" Take time, and so have a blessed Easter.

Doug McRoberts

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Message from.....

MESSAGE FROM REV JANET MACKELLAR

'My heart is in the Highlands'

'As you will be aware, Presbytery have agreed to launch the 'Cleir Eilean i' Malawi Scholarship and encourage all of our congregations to promote this initiative during Pentecost. Our Mission Partner Ken Ross will be providing a full package of information for all ministers and worship leaders, which will include, readings, prayers, photographs and video.

We would encourage congregations on Pentecost Sunday to hold lunches, teas and coffees or retiral collections and to forward the funds raised to our Finance convenor, marked, 'Cleir Eilean i Scholarship, more details will be forthcoming soon.

In the meantime, Ken will be in Scotland during the first week of May, and is keen to take the opportunity to visit with our congregations to make connections and promote this scholarship opportunity.

Kens says, he would like to "pop up" in as many places as possible. with up to three engagements a day, each perhaps for an hour or 90 mins over tea or coffee with 5-10 folk from the local church/community.

If you would like to hear from Ken and his work in Malawi and know more about the Cleir Eilean I scholarship and how you can help make it happen, then please get in touch.

JMacKellar@churchofscotland.org.uk

With thanks to Rev Janet MacKellar



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Congregation in focus

Each week we will welcome a congregation and give them the spotlight - a chance to perhaps:

- tell us some historical facts and information
- welcome the Minister and larger congregation
- tell us about your role as “session clerk” or “fabric convener”
- fill us in on upcoming changes
- give us days and times for services and special services
 - upcoming
- share photos
- offer prayer
- provide some quotes
- get the children involved
- links to social media accounts
- clubs and gatherings

Give us an insight to your congregation, the community and the people that bring joy and hope each and every day!

Would you like to be the next Congregation in Focus?

To feature your Congregation please contact Amanda Anderson via email **AAnderson@churchofscotland.org.uk** with stories, information, pictures.....

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From Elizabeth Brayshaw, Under 40's focus Advisor

MISSION IN MIND

A presbytery insight and update from Lizzie Brayshaw

I applied for the role of Under-40s advisor shortly after moving back to Argyll, almost immediately after handing in my masters dissertation, in 2023. Moving away from Edinburgh before getting the job was certainly a bit of a risk but I have had a passion for mission to the younger generations ever since I attended the National Youth Assembly in 2017, when I became convinced that more space needed to be created for young people in the church.

After various voluntary experiences in mission, I was delighted to take up the role in encouraging and supporting churches in Argyll to engage with the younger generations in January 2024.

As with many posts in the church, what I'm working on and the structure of my days are ever changing. While I do often spend time behind a screen, being a self-proclaimed 'professional thief', borrowing ideas for mission which have been successful in other churches or coming up with my own ideas.

I must admit my favourite part of my job is having the opportunity to get on the road and meet people to discover how we can serve people under 40 in their parishes and share the Good News.

In January I began to work full-time for Presbytery and gained the responsibility of carrying out research on the current state and future potential of employing of people to reach younger generations. The ultimate goal is to have someone employed to work in every church in the Presbytery in facilitating mission to younger generations. However, in such a large Presbytery, we need to know what's already going on and what would be needed to make this goal achievable. I have already met with some people representing their church, primarily through my online consultations, to gather this information.

While I have very few questions I need to ask people, these consultations have led to immensely enjoyable and insightful conversations. I am inviting Presbyters to represent their church and take part in the consultations, with the next round taking place after the General Assembly in May through to early June.

Lizzie



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Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia March 2025

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Dear Family and Friends

Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a rebuilders of walls and a restorer of homes. Isaiah 58:12

We had a good family time over Christmas and New Year in a very beautiful part of Thailand. As well as enjoying being part of the lives of our children and grandchildren by visiting their school, and the local sights; we were also warmly welcomed by the local Church of Christ in Thailand. They invited us to lunch; we worshipped with them and were invited to a social time with their mission partners, mainly from South Korea. In this part of Thailand, around Chiang Mai, there is a fairly large christian minority. We arrived back in early January in good time to pay all the statutory obligations for our employees.



Church of Christ Leaders in Chiang Mai



Christmas Dinner with family in Thailand

As usual we have a very busy programme ahead of us with visiting surgical and medical teams. We started with the paediatricians from East Carolina University who saw over 800 children. We have an eye surgeon visiting in March, who will be busy as there is a long list of patients to be seen, followed by urology and plastic surgery. The regular visiting team led by Peggy Schrieber will arrive around Eastertime, when the International board meeting will be held.

The finishing touches are being put to the nutrition unit and the one-stop GBV centre while the nurses' hostel has reached roof level. There may be another build this year, if normally reliable sources are correct, and the Constituency Development Fund finally approves our application for a new mothers' shelter.

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One Stop Centre

As usual we have had a number of visitors. Our first guests were Andrew Ashdown, the Methodist Africa Coordinator for Partnerships with Rev Richard Andrew and his wife Debbie. Richard is the Methodist President Elect for 2025-26. They were visiting Zambia to attend the 60th anniversary of the founding of the United Church of Zambia at Mindolo in January 1965. We enjoyed the warm fellowship and the opportunity to show a bit of the life and work of the church and mission at Mwandi. After celebrating Burns' Night in Lusaka we returned with our friend Jenny Steen, who is a recently retired palliative care nurse. She has been a great help and source for Ida in her preparation for the oncology unit, which along with the lab are next on the list for construction.

There is still no sign of our long-promised x-ray machine or CT scan, so as an interim measure we have applied to the Japanese Embassy to be considered for a digital mobile x-ray machine to replace our dated mobile one which requires constant repair. Ida is also about to purchase a machine to check the thyroid levels before and after theatre. Thyroidectomies have become a renowned speciality here. The machine will be purchased here in Zambia so that it can be serviced and that the various reagents are readily available. New theatre lights are needed too so we will apply to the Czech Embassy to see if they can help us again with this work.

The oxygen plant is currently switched off as it is due its service. We had been promised that the servicing of the plant would be funded through the MOH by Zambia UNICEF using USAID, as a result we had not looked elsewhere for funding. The good news is that MOH and UNICEF are trying to come up with some form of help because of the pending surgeries.

There is still some confusion over what is happening after the presidential directive to freeze USAID for 90 days. CHAZ, the umbrella body for all mission hospitals, was told that the waiver was only for ARVs and lab reagents. CoAg (Cooperative Agreement between Zambia and USA) was put on hold for a week then suddenly CoAg told everyone that under the waiver they could return to normality so the whole CoAg team including the vehicle went back to work. The freeze affected a data clerk, a VMMC Nurse, a clinical officer, 3 Community Based Volunteers and a Mother-Child Health Nurse. Another organisation employing a female data clerk have not told her to resume work. CHAZ have medicines and reagents to last until June, but is still quite a worry about people's medicines, jobs and the families they support.

We have finally made progress, all of a sudden, with acquiring the land for the solar farm. We met recently with the Senior Chief and thereafter with the Kuta Executive and have been allocated 158 hectares. We are meeting on Wednesday with the Indunas to 'beat the bounds'. This means that SinoHydro, the contractors, will be able in a few weeks to start clearing the land and begin assembling the panels. It will bring some much-needed work to the area.

The Kuta and Chief have agreed that land will be made available to us and have provisionally allocated the project a plot. The administrative details will be completed on the return of the Lyashimba from Monguat the beginning of April.

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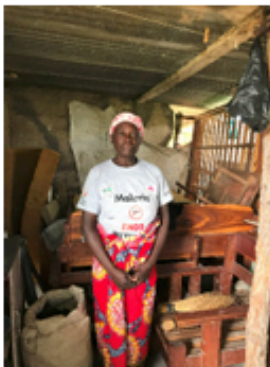
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The Hospital and community are fixing their attention now on all the behind-the-scenes work, organisation and preparation for our sponsored walk. On Saturday, 5th April 2025 the staff of the Mission Hospital will join many other people, friends of Mwandi Mission, here in Zambia and overseas for our 10-kilometre run or walk, an event to raise money to build and equip a physiotherapy gym for our hospital. The objective is to raise funds for a dedicated modern building with all the necessary equipment for our physiotherapy department that treats so many patients at Mwandi annually. The gym will also be used recreationally by staff outside working hours for a small subscription, towards sustainability.



The UCZ Mwandi Jerusalem Choir will shortly launch their album with videos on a stick, called Sutulela Kuna (Draw Near to Me), based on Psalm 70:4-5.

They will also help a widow who worked as a cleaner at the hospital for many years and still looks after 4 grandchildren. She has been unable to complete her concrete block house and the walls of the daub and wattle traditional house she lived in collapsed in the rains. They will help her to complete the ring beam, roof it and put in doors and windows so she has a weathertight dwelling for herself and the children.

Otherwise, we have been blessed by this year's rains. We have received 451mm so far. Last year at the same time we had had only 328mm. There are reports of heavy flooding at Chavuma, on the

Angolan Border, so the spate should reach us in about a week. We can see a difference in the height of the river as the water begins to spread over the islands here. Hopefully the water will reach our garden this year.

We chose the scripture at the beginning of this letter that speaks to the work we are presently doing; constructing and renovating buildings. While this verse from Isaiah seems to be calling us to build, repair and restore buildings in need; it is also a promise to us, of what we can achieve, if we do the Lord's will. As we begin our journey through Lent and prepare for the celebration of Easter, we seek to follow our Lord and take our place with those who bear the heavy burden of administration, management and planning, as well as those who have no choice but to devote all their energy to surviving the pressures of poverty and unemployment.

With our love
Ida and Keith



Orchid from Thailand

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Easter

EASTER AROUND PRESBYTERY

Kilmuir & Logie Easter Church of Scotland

Scottish Charity No: 013375



Easter Sunday 20th April

Early Outdoor Service

(With Singing)

Picnic Area, Sutor View, Barbaraville at 9.30am

(weather permitting)

Followed by BYO Breakfast at the Church
at 10.00am (tea and coffee provided)

and

Easter Service at 11.00am



All Welcome



West Moray Urban Church

Sunday 13th April @ 10.30am

Worship for Palm Sunday in St Leonard's

Rev Cleopas Takavada

Thursday 17th April @ 7.00pm

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

in St Leonard's

Rev John Morrison

Friday 18th April @ 3.00pm

Worship for Good Friday in St Laurence

Rev Cleopas Takavada

Sunday 20th April @ 10.30am

Worship for Easter Day

Rev Cleopas Takavada

ALL WELCOME

Kilmuir & Logie Easter Church of Scotland

Scottish Charity No: 013375

Good Friday 18th April

Procession Following The Cross

(With Singing)

Beginning at The Mercat Cross in Milton at 2.30pm
(weather permitting)



Followed by

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Service at

the
**Mercat
Centre**

@ 3.00pm

All Welcome

STRATHNAIRN & STRATHDEARN

Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion in
Cawdor Church at 11.00 am led by Rev Dewald Louw

Good Friday Service in Daviot Church at 7.00 pm led
by Rev Edward Andrews

Easter Sunday in Croy Church at 10.00 am and the
Strathdearn Hub at 12 noon led by Mrs Vivian Roden

Every blessing to everyone at this Easter time.

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Easter

EASTER AROUND PRESBYTERY



**" HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES"
In The Great Glen Linked Parishes of
GLENGARRY AND FORT AUGUSTUS**

(Church of Scotland Charity No: SC023413)

(Church of Scotland Charity No: SC022637)

PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 10.00 am Fort Augustus Church
12.00 md Glengarry Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL Holy Communion
7.00 pm Glengarry Church

GOOD FRIDAY "Reflections on the Cross" 18TH APRIL
7.00 pm Fort Augustus Church

EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL
HOLY COMMUNION/Confirmation 10.00 am Fort Augustus
Church Service
HOLY COMMUNION/Confirmation 12.00 md Glengarry Church
(egg rolling and Easter egg hunt)



Come and join us! All welcome.

You are warmly invited to join us at
Muckairn Church, Taynuilt this Easter...

Easter Services



Family Palm Sunday - Sunday 13th April
11.30am. All ages welcome.

Good Friday - Friday 18th April
7.30pm - A quiet reflective service.

Easter Sunrise Celebration
Sunday 20th April. 5.50am at the Nelson
Monument, Taynuilt.

Family Easter Sunday Service
Sunday 20th April. 10.30am.
All ages welcome.

DORNOCH FIRTH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND PARISH

Experiencing Holy Week

ALL WELCOME

Sunday, 13th April
11am - Palm Sunday Service, Dornoch Cathedral

Monday 14th April 6pm, West Church Hall, Dornoch

Tuesday 15th April 6pm, West Church Hall, Dornoch

Thursday 17th April 6pm, West Church Hall, Dornoch

Friday 18th April 10.45am, Walk of Witness - meet outside
Creich Church, Bonar Bridge
7.30pm - Good Friday Service, Dornoch Cathedral

Saturday 19th April 8.30 - 10am, Flowers for the Grave
in order to decorate The Easter Cross bunches
of long stemmed spring flowers can be
delivered to the Cathedral

Sunday, 20th April
5.40am - Easter Sunrise Service,
Dornoch Beach Carpark
8.30am - Easter Morning at The Stones, Bonar Bridge
11am - Easter Sunday Service, Dornoch Cathedral
6pm - Sundown Service, Dornoch Cathedral

EASTER MONDAY ALNESS

Easter Monday On Easter Monday 21st April, the O.P.E.N. G.A.T.E. 2 Puppet group will be holding its Easter celebration at the Kirkside Church at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and share with us. Come and see what the youngsters can do with these muppet type puppets. Our celebration is suitable for all. There will be refreshments afterwards. In case you are wondering what our name means, it stands for 'Our Promise Exists Now Go

And Tell Everyone' and we are the second group with this name. For Christians all the promises of God are in existence for us now and we are called to go and share that news with everyone, so that is what we try to do. All our music is Christian music, with some of it being Christian words put to popular tunes. Thank you to all of you who support us, those who come to the presentations, those who steward at these presentations and the adults who come to assist at the weekly practices, and not to forget the youngsters who come and learn how to puppet. Thank you also to those who pray for this work, we could not succeed without you. May you all know a great blessing as you join in the celebrations of our amazing Lord at Easter.

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Easter

EASTER AROUND PRESBYTERY



Cross at Portmahomack - thanks to Mr D Gordon, for the photo



Alness Church of Scotland
Easter Egg Hunt
Good Friday 2pm in the church paddock
Tea/Coffee & Hot Cross Buns
served afterwards
Children must be accompanied by an adult

The poster features a wooden plank background. On the left, there is a yellow arrow pointing right with the words 'EGG HUNT' in black. Below the arrow are two colorful Easter eggs: one with yellow hearts on a pink background and another with blue wavy lines on a green background. On the right, there is a blue cross with yellow rays emanating from it. A small circular logo with a cross and the text 'ALNESS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND' is in the top left corner.



O.P.E.N. G.A.T.E. 2 PUPPETS
EASTER PRESENTATION
MONDAY 21ST APRIL
STARTS 7PM SHARP!!!
in ALNESS PARISH CHURCH (KIRKSIDE)

The poster has a purple and orange background. It features a cartoon character with a yellow face and a blue and red striped shirt, standing with arms raised. In the background, there are several black crosses of different sizes. A large white egg is visible on the right side. A circular logo with a cross and the text 'ALNESS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND' is in the bottom left corner.



THE EASTER STORY TRAIL
This Easter can you find the 5 story cards around Alness High Street to explore the Easter story?
Look for Lego characters from the first Easter and use your phone to hear their story.

The poster has a blue background with a grid of colorful Lego bricks. In the center, there is a small image of a Lego minifigure with a black body and a yellow head, standing on a red base. To the right, there is a small green and yellow Lego structure with a circular logo that says 'ALNESS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND'.

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Holy Week: Digital Ministry Resources

EASTER

Part of the digital ministry strategy is to create resources and host sessions to enable us to create locally produced resources and teams. We have produced digital ministry resources for Holy Week based on the lectionary readings for use in services, sharing on websites and social media.

A theme appeared through the readings of the servant heart of Jesus which underpins the content as we seek to explore the mercy found at the throne from Hebrews 4:14-16, a reading for Good Friday.

Each day has a different item of content with multiple contributors from across the Church. Horizontal videos are typically best for Facebook, Youtube and websites. Vertical reels are usually best for Instagram and TikTok. The blog has images and can be shared on multiple platforms or might be helpful for a service.

The Tennebrae service for Good Friday has no licence requirements as it is a bespoke creation by Phill Melstrom, national worship development worker.

Holy Week content (free to download) and suggested descriptions/text are in the folder here <https://we.tl/t-ltEcd5rJ12>

Overview:

- *Palm Sunday*; 'Holy Week @thestart' (intro to what Holy Week is) by Rev Ruth Kennedy, Digital Ministries Advisor. Vertical and Horizontal videos.
- *Monday*; 'the value of Mary' artistic reflection by Linda Hoskins, Christian artist in Edinburgh (LindaHoskinsArt). Vertical video only.
- *Tuesday*; 'Inside not outside?' Thoughts by Rev Trish Archibald, Assistant Minister, Stirling North Parish Church. Vertical and Horizontal videos.
- *Wednesday*; 'Mercy that serves to the end' Blog (possible sermon points) by Neill Shaw, Priority Areas Development Worker. Word and pdf.
- *Thursday*; 'Jesus held my feet' testimony by Steven McLeish, Scotland Country Head, The Leprosy Mission.
- *Good Friday*; 'Tennebrae Service' explanation and 13min service by Phill Melstrom, Worship Development Worker. Horizontal video with readings and lyrics included.
- *Holy Saturday*; 'Hope for Holy Saturday' reflective poem by Christine Colliar, Reader and Candidate for OLM, Scots Kirk Lausanne. Vertical and Horizontal videos.
- *Easter Sunday*; 'Easter Message from the Moderator' will be shared on the national platforms.

If you share the content on your social media, we would love it if you might please tag 'the Church of Scotland' as it will help us know that these types of digital ministry resources are useful.

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Bindal News - Mr Douglas Gordon

We use a combination drill to sow spring barley seed and fertiliser together.

Our contractor uses 2 Lemkin Solitair drills, 6 metre & 4 metre combination drills with a power cultivator. It is powered by the PTO (power take off) to power the cultivator to work the ground into a fine tilth to sow the seed into. The drill is fully mounted on 3-point linkage of the John Deere tractor which can lift 11 tonnes. The tractor has powerful hydraulics to work the pneumatic fans. The seed drill has 2 hydraulic fans to blow the seed and fertiliser down long tubes from the metering to placement in the ground. The drill is lifted out of the ground when turning on headlands and then lowered back down to sow again and there is a metering wheel to start the metering going again which is in contact with the soil.

The Lemkin Solitair one pass drill sows all our spring barley. It is set up to leave tramlines every 28 metres where no seed or fertiliser is sown where the wheels run to fit with our sprayer and fertiliser spreader. A pre-emergence marker comes down and leaves 2 marks on the ground, so we know where to run the tractor wheels on to spread the fertiliser before the crop comes through the ground, as we don't want to put all the fertiliser on at one time or it slows the whole sowing job down. This drill is all controlled by a Lemkin computer in the cab.

This Lemkin seed drills gets filled with big bags 500kg bag for barley. The fertiliser is in 600 kg bags which are all made of plastic. The front hopper gets 2 x 600kg bags of fertiliser and the hopper on top of the sower gets 1 x 500 kg bag of seed barley. The front hopper on its own 3-point linkage helps to balance the unit with hydraulic PTO to work the blower.

Filling with seed & fertiliser. Lemkin Solitair 6 Metre Drill sowing spring barley with fertiliser on ploughing.



The Bible talks about sowing seed, when it was all done by hand scattering the seed on the ground. In Matthew 13 verse 8: *"Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."* We need to tell others about Jesus so the word of God we plant in people's minds, and they will also put their trust in Jesus and more people will come to know him as their saviour and Lord. Will you put your trust in Jesus today and say sorry for your sins which is guilt and wrongdoing and be save for all eternity. It is the most important decision you can make in your life. Do it while you still are of fit mind to do it.

As it says in John 3 v 16 *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

How deep is your faith, has it been sown on good ground and your faith grows as you learn more about Jesus and to tell others about Jesus. Or are you like the seed that fell on rocky or shallow ground or the pathway where it had no root and your faith withers away. But with our world today so many people are not interested in the Bible or God. They are only interested in themselves and love to use social media to promote themselves with what they do. But then some people are overwhelmed by the world and do not know which way to turn. They experiment with drink and drugs to try and have a good time, some have depression and other mental problems, but they are lost and need help and the one person who can help them overcome their problems is Jesus. He is the way the truth and the life and it is only through Jesus, that we can find salvation as it says in Acts 14 v 12 *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

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Training & Events

TRAINING

Throughout Presbytery we try to offer as much training as possible and we are opening up more places and methods available to accommodate all - please continue to check in and have a look at upcoming training and opportunities that are coming up. **If you have any training or events that you would like to share just let us know.**

TRUSTEE TRAINING



ISLE OF LISMORE

Trustee Training

in person course
Tues 29 April 2025
starting at 2.45pm

Church House , Lismore P34 5UL

contact Mrs Doreen Henderson to
book a place

di379@live.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



APRIL & MAY 2025

Day	Date	Training	Time
Thursday	24-Apr	Introductory	6.30pm
Saturday	26-Apr	Introductory	10.00am
Tuesday	29-Apr	Introductory	2.00pm
Thursday	01-May	Advanced	6.60pm
Wednesday	07-May	Trustee	2.00pm
Saturday	10-May	Trustee	10.00am
Monday	12-May	Trustee	6.30pm

ALL ONLINE COURSES

Please email Annette Clunas, Safeguarding Online
Training Contact



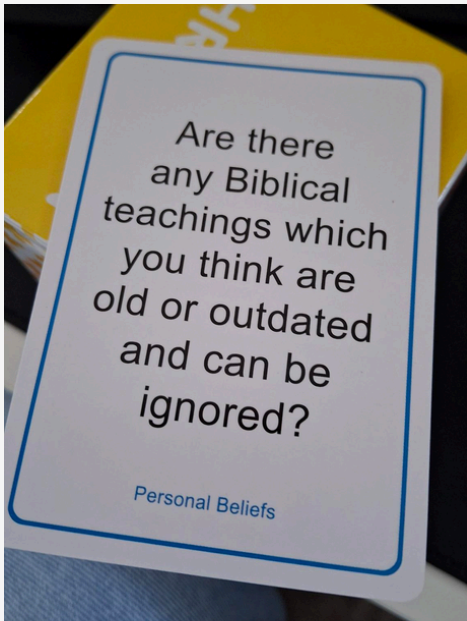
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Prayer & Reflection

MISSION IN MIND

Have you looked at last weeks mission card - what's your thoughts, let us know in confidence [HERE](#)



This weeks card was selected from the [blue](#) category 'Personal Beliefs'

Talking Point Cards click [HERE](#) to order



ONE STOP SHOP SWAP SHOP

Something old, something blue, something borrowed, something new?

HAVE A BROWSE BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

We now have a place to add offerings and items on the website....perhaps you have some bibles or chairs that you no longer use but want to find them a good home.... drop me an email with info

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MORNING FUEL

Sending thoughtful prayer to all at Thurso West Church.

Community Coffee Mornings

Thurso West Church ran a series of community coffee mornings mornings over the winter months.

No charge was made but £445.50p was raised through donations which has been split between the local Samaritans and Befriending Caithness.

Thanks to all those who contributed their services and to those who attended.

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Prayer & Reflection

APRIL PRAYER

Our Presbytery Prayer Mrs Janette Henderson, Prayer Co-ordinator

Loving and Merciful God, In this time of Lent, as we walk towards the cross we feel humbled and thankful in the same measure, as you bestow all goodness and love on us , your children. We ask forgiveness for all that we have said or done that has displeased you and caused sorrow on those we have offended. Our prayers go out to all who are troubled and afraid, those living with war, those who are abused and those who hunger and are thirsty.

We pray for our young people on holiday before facing exam time and pray that they benefit from the rest and the joy of being together with friends and family. May they be guided by their teachers and their families to love one another and to reach out to other young people who are finding life difficult whether in the class room or in their home. Surround them with love we pray.

Lord we pray for our churches coming to terms with change maybe a different time and type of worship. We must remember that you, our loving God, are at the helm of this great Ship that has seen us through life's trials and tribulations. We thank you ,Lord, when we feel sad and disillusioned you are there to comfort and to guide us. We pray for congregations working together and finding new ways, merging into new and happy congregations with their mission showing all how we reach out to communities in need.

We pray for our Presbytery as it faces change. May the angst be addressed and sorted out, as we work to calm our hearts and pray for guidance. Lord all are working in your Kingdom to make our churches and our communities into places where people feel save and are valued, this work we do in Your name

Lord as we walk towards the cross feeling shame and sadness, and then we experience the joy of Easter Sunday when the tomb was empty and the living Christ walked in the Garden. May that joy surround us and may we never forget the sacrifice made for each one of us in Jesus death on the cross.

We pray for ourselves may we be better Christians and live the life you planned for each one of us. All these things we pray in our Saviours' name.

Amen



THE WEEKLY WORD

Presbytery

PRESBYTERY MEETING

The next meeting of Presbytery is **Saturday 21st June 2025** - zoom registration links and all paperwork will be issued in due course, HUB info be updated nearer the time.

PRESBYTERY NOTICES

Formal Presbytery Notices and updates can be found online - Unions, Ordinations, Vacancy information... click button to view.

[Notices](#)

VACANCIES

Our vacancies can be found [here](#)

<https://cei.presbytery.org.uk/one-stop-shop/detail/oss-vacancies>

As you may be aware the Parish of NW Lochaber has a Vacancy for a Minister, have a look at the Parish profile and please share.

COMMITTEES

Our Committee Conveners contact details and team members can be found online, click [HERE](#) to view. You can also use our contact form if you wish to send a message. Click on the box below to send a message.

[Contact](#)

OUR HUBS

- Duncansburgh Church, The Parade, Fort William, PH33 6BA
- Oban Church Centre, Glencruitten Road, Argyll, PA34 4DN
- Clachan Church Hall (North Uist)
- Fort Augustus & Glengarry Churches Church Hall, Fort Augustus
- Alness Church of Scotland, Perrins Road, Alness IV17 0SX -
- Thurso West Church, 10 Sinclair Street, KW14 7AJ
- Alvie & Insh church hall
- Inverness Crown Church
- Culbokie
- Aviemore, St Andrew's Church Hall
- West Church Hall, Dornoch
- Portree Church/Church Hall
- Tarbert Lochfyne HUB, Church Hall, Tarbert, PA29 6SX



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OTHER NOTICES

Please be reminded that our Property Convener, Mr Alan Walker has a new email address, please relay all buildings and property enquiries here

CEIProperty@churchofscotland.org.uk