





Roundup - Friday 8th September

Message sent to all members of Presbytery and all Session Clerks

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1. Pioneering Live Lounge -

'Following the presentation to Presbytery on Pioneering Ministry the team are offering an online drop-in 'Pioneering Live Lounge' on **Monday 11th September 7.30pm** and **Wednesday 13th September 12pm**.

The Pioneering Live Lounge is a place to sit in your lounge, cuppa in hand and chat about your wonderings, ideas, questions about pioneering with the team and will include Rev Anne Stott from Bertha Park and Intogether!

No need to book, just join us on the relevant zoom link:

Monday 11th Sept 7:30-9;30pm; Join Zoom

Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89146873386?pwd=bHk1dmY4bUZYUW5BYk9rOVd

VS2xvZz09 Meeting ID: 891 4687 3386 Passcode: 421186

Wednesday 13th Sept 12-1pm; Join Zoom

Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83388016963?pwd=dms1ZTNuZ0N4MzRJUkRhR0g

OMGtNdz09 Meeting ID: 833 8801 6963 Passcode: 724512

Lets sow pioneering seeds of faith all over Perth Presbytery!'

2. Encourager Training -

Whole-Life Discipleship for 21st Century Scotland

Within the suite of materials that the Church of Scotland's **Learn Team** has produced in recent times, there are *Conversations in Worship*, *Conversations in Prayer* and *Conversations in Discipleship*. To a greater or lesser extent, there resources are towards the 'entry level' end of the spectrum but provide excellent opportunities to involve people in the kinds of discussions that many - including those who have been most of their lives 'in church' - have never had. They are what we might call 'starting points' for spirituality and often lead to an interest that begins to long for more.

Exploring Discipleship is the next part of that journey but what's after that? And what if an individual or group, having embarked on such a journey, wants to keep going and to share what they're learning with others?

Here comes **Encourager Training** (working title.) It's for those who feel inspired to start intentional relationships with others; relationships that have Jesus at the centre and are committed to sharing and growing in faith. It's for those who want to keep learning, who want to dive in, to adventure in faith within an intentional learning community.

A considerable amount of work has gone into its preparation but before a launch, probably August 2024, it's important that the material be piloted.

To that end, a certain amount of the course is going to be tried out between the October break (week beginning 16th October) and the beginning of Advent 2023. I will be serving as facilitator and the pilot will be 'in-person' in Dundee, open to those in Perth Presbytery and those who are over the river in Fife. The ideal group size will be twelve, with a little leeway on either side.

At its root, 'Encourager Training' digs deeply into the principle that following Jesus is about all of life; that our thinking, our feeling and our behaving are to reflect our love for God and our following aDer Jesus. It's about the move from our faith being a 'Sunday habit' to it including our work, our play and every aspect of who we are. And of course, it is distinctive in as much as it arises out of, and reflects, a Scottish perspective and a Church of Scotland context.

By way of a flavour of the topics covered, the individual component parts of the course include the following:

- Faith as a journey of discovery learning to listen to God, seeking to grow closer to God
- Understanding who we are life in all its fulness through understanding how God sees us and wants to use us
- Whole Life Worship worshipping with heart, soul, mind and strength (beyond Sunday mornings)
- Prayer a journey of faith shaped by listening to God
- Being a servant loving our neighbours both within and beyond our church community
- Discipling one another o Being intentional o Sharing our faith o Evangelising o Connecting with those in our community o Journeying with others

Location: Logie, St. John's (Cross) Church, Shaftesbury Terrace, Dundee, DD2 1HJ Times: Six Thursday consecutive evenings beginning 19th October, from 7.30-9pm Who: Anyone from any of our congregations - not restricted to members of Presbytery

If you'd like to know a little more, or to book a place, please get in touch either by email: mfair@churchofscotland.org.uk or by phone: 07889982216

Martin Fair

3. Presbytery of Perth Instagram -

We have started up a brand new instagram page. Please give us a follow, we aim to share pictures and stories form across the presbytery on this forum (we will still be using the Presbytery of Perth facebook page for wider news). Over the next few months Ruth will be doing features on parishes across the presbytery with 30 second videos where ministers introduce their parish. Please email Ruth if you would like to arrange a video or share some photos to encourage others.

https://www.instagram.com/presbytery_of_perth

4. Coffee Morning - Bridge of Allan Church Hall - Forth Valley Inclusion -16th September

Background - Forth Valley Inclusion (FVI) run the visitor centres at HM Prisons Glenochil and Stirling (new replacement for Cornton Vale onsite) through a combination of volunteers and staff.

All our Trustees are from local churches as are most of our volunteers on a non-denominational basis. Further information on request from Dan Gunn Chair degunn@hotmail.co.uk.

5. St Marnock's - A Fantastic Treasure -

Do you know what a fantastic treasure we have in the village of Fowlis just outside Dundee?

More chances in September to have a look at one of Scotland's finest surviving small Medieval churches dating from 1453, although a church is first mentioned on this site in 1180! Inside there are artefacts from the 1450's - including paintings, a font and the rood screen doors as well as the 15ft long *unique* painting of the crucifixion, which amazingly managed to survive the Reformation. (You can see it here: St Marnocks.png).

If you'd like to see it all for yourself, then were open on the following dates: Sunday 3 September 1.30 - 3.30pm then in conjunction with the Doors Open Days in Angus and Dundee on 9/10 September and on 23/24 September when we'll be open from 11am - 4pm.

Tours of the church and refreshments will be available - and all free!

6. Working in church with children with Additional Support Needs -

Gordon Roy writes 'I'm part of the training team working with Gavin Drummond and Drew Barrie so when Drew heard I was putting this together with the folks at the North Parish Church, Stirling in my work capacity with SU Scotland, we thought we could promote it through Perth Presbytery. You'll see I've included three waysforrecipients to share news.'

PURE ASN (Thursday 5th October)

Jointly promoted by SU Scotland and Perth Presbytery, this Pop Up Resource Evening is for anyone working in church - or other Christian environments - with children with Additional Support Needs. Our presenter - Kirsty Lockhart - leads teams within SU Scotland and is part of the Inclusion Team at Perth & Kinross Council. She'll lay the ground work of our understanding on the first evening helping us to observe and engage with our children differently over the intervening weeks before returning to work through specific examples from our experience at our second gathering.

The event is hosted by Stirling North Parish Church and parking is available within the Braehead PS grounds behind their building.

News of this evening can be shared with your church by PowerPoint, A4 poster or the smaller handbills that are all available as downloads and shown in the links below:

ASN PURE August 2023 PP slide.pptx

ASN PURE August 2023 Poster.pdf

ASN PURE August 2023 A6 Handbills.pdf

For any questions, please contact Gordon Roy on gordon.roy@suscotland.org.uk

7. Aberdalgie Parish Church - 250th Anniversary - A service to mark the 250th anniversary will be held on Sunday 24th September at 9.30am. Following the service, you are invited to

enjoy refreshments and share memories as you view the exhibition marking the history of the Church.

- **8. Prisoners' Week** Scotland Coming soon! Prisoners Week Scotland exists to remind people in the churches to care about those in prison and to pray for them. This year it runs from 19th to 25th November, and the national launch service will take place in Perth: Letham St Marks on the afternoon of Sunday 19th November, where special guest and PW patron Barbara Dickson will be singing for us. More information in a future Roundup. Or contact Anne Stewart, chaplain at HMP Castle Huntly, at Anne.Stewart2@prisons.gov.scot.
- **9. New College short courses -** From Susan Hardman Moore | Professor of Early Modern Religion | Vice-Principal of New College | University of Edinburgh | School of Divinity | New College, Mound Place, Edinburgh EH1 2LX -

Please see in the link below a flyer for short courses that New College is running in the coming months. In varying ways, these will be of interest to lay people and to ministers.

New College Short Courses for Church people flyer.pdf

May I draw attention, in particular, to the New Testament course that starts in September? And to the course Rev Dr Marjory MacLean will run in October, with distinguished contributors, 'Navigating the Church's Mission'?

In the past we have had participants from across Scotland. Most of the sessions run online, and for the occasional in-person workshop we can make arrangements to include distance participants via streaming.

Full details, and booking links, can be found at:

https://url.avanan.click/v2/___https://www.ed.ac.uk/divinity/news-events/short-courses-for-church-people___.YXAzOmNvczphOm86OTQ1YjUyNWYxMWViNTEyMDk4NDVkZGEwYTFmY 2VjZDY6Njo3MDg5OmQ3YzUwODQwODQ4MDBhNGRiZmUyYzgyYWQxMGRkOWQx ZDY4MjcyYjhiMGQzNjMwNzAxNWQxMzhjYjdiZjQ4MzA6cDpG

Thank you for your help in publicising these courses, which New College offers as a contribution to the life of the Church.

10. Dunbarney and Forgandenny Parish Church, Bridge of Earn -

100 Years in the Brig - Sat 23 September 10-3pm

An exhibition of local history, including both Dunbarney and Forgandenny churches, local community groups and schools, other aspects of community life. There will be various stalls and tea, coffee and home baking plus children's activities.

Entry to exhibition by donation. Teas & coffees - £2.50

A Century of Memories 7-9pm

Evening event with musical slots, refreshments, through-the-century fun facts quiz.

Tickets - £5 Accompanied children free.

Contact our office on 01738 812463 (Mon or Wed mornings) or email dfpoffice@btconnect.com .

11. Safeguarding Training -

Introductory (Volunteers) Training sessions are being held on -

Monday 11th September at 2 pm in Perth North Church and

Tuesday 19th September at 7 pm in Perth Letham St Marks

All enquiries please to Liz Hood - lizhood09@googlemail.com

12. St John's Kirk of Perth - Harvest Songs of Praise -

St John's Kirk extend a very warm welcome to all churches in Presbytery to their evening 'Harvest Songs of Praise' service on Sunday 10 September from 6pm to c. 7pm. This service in the ancient Kirk will be led by the Minister, Rev. Philip Majcher and will comprise favourite harvest hymns, along with musical interludes - 'cello and vocal. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening of the 10th. There will be a retiring offering to support the work of **Perth & Kinross Foodbank**.

Songs of Praise Poster V2.pdf

13. Being an Intergenerational Church - new book and events - Suzi Farrant - Young People and Young Adults Development Worker writes:

Darren Philip and I wanted to let you know about a new book and some associated events that are designed to help folk in congregations and presbyteries consider what it means to be an intergenerational church and some of the practices that we can initiate to help us get there. This is a key part of the work and strategy of the Intergenerational Church Task Group. We are praying that this will be of benefit to all in the Church of Scotland, particularly through the Presbytery Mission Planning Process as congregations are uniting, working together, seeking to be missional, and move into the future, and at a time when we are perhaps feeling tired, overwhelmed and not sure of the way forward.

Book

The book we have co-authored 'Being an Intergenerational Church: Practices to Bring the Generations Back Together' was published yesterday so is now available to buy from St Andrew Press. https://standrewpress.hymnsam.co.uk/books/9781800830363/being-an-

intergenerational-church. It should also be available in e-book form soon.

This is the blurb from the back cover:

There is a growing realisation across mainstream churches that age-segregated models of connecting with children, young people and families are not working. Drawing on their extensive experience, Suzi Farrant and Darren Philip set out a vision for bringing the generations back together to become the intergenerational church we are designed to be. In conversation with the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, they develop a theological rationale for intentional intergenerational relationships of mutuality lived out within the core activities of the church.

Through an exploration of the Christian practices of humility, hospitality, participation, discipleship, joy, worship, discernment and testimony, they call the church to re-discover its DNA as an all-age community of transformation.

In person launch event

To go with the publication of the book we have designed a few opportunities for people to gather and engage with it. We are officially launching the book with an in person event in Dunfermline on Sat 30th Sept. This interactive event, open to all ages and people from all denominations, will offer a vision of hope. Featuring intergenerational worship, the sharing of stories from local congregations, discussions about different aspects and practices of intergenerational church, the event will seek to equip and inspire you, no matter where you are on the journey to being an intergenerational church. All are welcome - those who are sceptical, those who have questions, those who long for it to be so, those who are fearful, those who are worn out trying and those who are hopeful.

The event is free to attend but registration is required - booking closes Tue 26 Sept. Light refreshments will be provided but you will need to bring your own lunch. Doors open at 10am with the first session starting at 10.30am. The event will finish at 3pm. All ages are welcome but under 18s need to be accompanied by an adult.

Those who attend will be able to purchase the book at an event discounted price.

https://being-an-intergenerational-church.eventbrite.co.uk

Online book groups

Recognising that lots of people can't make an in person day event, we are also running a couple of online book groups. These will enable people, over a series of sessions, to engage with the authors and delve into the themes of the book through discussion. The groups will seek to equip and inspire you, no matter where you are on the journey to being an intergenerational church. Those who attend will be able to purchase the book at an event discounted price. The groups are free to attend but registration is required.

The Thursday group is particularly aimed at ministers, deacons, children/youth/community/mission workers, but all are welcome. Thursday Oct 5 & 26, Nov 9 & 23, Dec 7, 11am - 12 noon. https://Being-an-intergenerational-church-book-group-1.eventbrite.co.uk

The Tuesday book group is particularly aimed at elders, children/youth volunteers,

worship teams, but all are welcome. Tuesday Oct 10 & 24, Nov 7 & 21, Dec 5, 8-9pm. https://Being-an-intergenerational-church-book-group-2.eventbrite.co.uk

Promotion

We'd be hugely grateful if you could disseminate this info throughout your presbytery, inviting people to attend some of the events and encouraging them to engage with the book and its contents. If it helps keep things simple we have put all the events into one collection so there is just one link to share https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/being-an-intergenerational-church-578349. I've also shown below a few images which you could use on your own social media, including some of the endorsements we received.

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Chris Barnett.png

Holly Catterton Allen.png

Ken Jeffrey.png

Mary Hawes.png

Michelle Brown.png

Being an Intergenerational Church Sept 2023 Eventbrite.png

Being an Intergenerational Church Book Group Eventbrite.png

Available now from St Andrew Press.png

Many thanks, and if you ever want Darren and I to come and engage with people in your presbytery about Intergenerational Church then please just get in touch. sfarrant@churchofscotland.org.uk

14. Community Art for All - Previously known as **Heart for Art - Auchtergaven and Moneydie linked with Redgorton and Stanley Church** is pleased to announce that **Community Art for All** will begin in August at £8 per session - this includes the art and tea and coffee/juice etc. Everyone is welcome.

However, we would appreciate if you could book your spot. We hope never to turn anyone away, but it helps with the organisation if people let us know if they are coming and avoids disappointment.

As you will see from the poster in the link below

Artforall poster.pdf

- we will be alternating between Luncarty Church Centre and Bankfoot Church Centres - you can come either weekly or fortnightly. See the poster for details. Email

communityart.luncartychurch@gmail.com or communityart.bankfoot@gmail.com to book or to ask questions.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Rev. Susan Thorburn

Interim Moderator

Auchtergaven and Moneydie linked with Redgorton and Stanley

15. Dundurn Parish Church (St Fillans) Organ Recital - An evening of organ music and poetry will take place in Dundurn Parish Church on Friday 8th September at 7.30pm featuring Jamie Turnbull with Melvyn and Jennie Turnbull.

Refreshments will be served at the interval.

Tickets are £10 and are available by phone through Strathearn Arts Box Office 01764 655556.

16. Heart and Soul - Auchterarder - You may recall that the Heart and Soul Swing Band , due to be held in Auchterarder Parish Church was cancelled in March because of bad weather, It has now been rearranged for September the 8th. Please see the poster details: Heart Soul September.pdf

17. Gargunnock Parish Church - Sunday Talks -

Gargunnock Parish Church, six miles west of Stirling, is hosting four fortnightly Sunday Afternoon Talks at 2.30pm during September and October, for approximately one hour. Entry by donation.

Sun. 10th September Peter Rowell 'Mountain Bothies - Their Past Lives'. Peter is an area organiser for the Mountain Bothies Association.

Sun. 24th September Dr Murray Cooke 'The Crossing of the Forth at the Fords of

Frew during the Jacobite Rising of 1745'. Murray is the Stirling Council Archaeologist.

Sun. 8th October Ian Roy 'The History of the Clydesdale Horse'. Ian is the Secretary of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

Sun. 22nd October Mark Dickson 'Welcome to Nowhere - an Insight into Countries that Don't Exist'. Mark is a Humanitarian Aid worker.

All Welcome Post Code for the Church is FK8 3BQ

18. Pitlochry Church Concert - Pitlochry Church of Scotland invite you to a Concert on Friday 15 September, 2023 at 7.30pm in The Tryst Hall to welcome our new piano, showcase our musical talent, and to raise funds for the Church. Refreshments will be

served in The Tryst Lounge after the concert. Ticket £10 (under 16 £5) For tickets and further information contact Linda Gaul (01796 472366 or the gauls@btintenet.com)

19. Mission Action Courses - The Training team of Mission Action will run the following courses in October/ November. They will be face to face sessions and based in Perth, locations for each course will be provided in the course information.

Each day will last from 10.00am to 4.00pm

14th. October Pastoral and bereavement care.

21st. October Leading Worship 1 Bible - Prayer - Speaking in church.

4th. November Leading Worship 2 Music - Service preparation -

18th November Leading Worship 3 Delivery of services and appraisal.

25 November Eldership.

If you are interested in attending any of the courses or want details of what is involved please contact Alex Rae:- Fourraes@btinternet.com

20. Saying Goodbye - Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to Dunblane in September with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK and Ireland chain of events). These events are extra special to us this year as this is our tenth anniversary year!

We are also holding 3 more services across Scotland if you are unable to attend this one (Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness)

The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 5 years on, over 150 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2023 will see 21 services across England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

On the 10th September at 3pm in Dunblane Cathedral, Dunblane we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services and as this is the most local service to you this year we wanted to share this information with you.

So who is the service for?

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the

loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

We know that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, you will have contact with a significant number of people who have either personally suffered baby loss, or who have a partner or family member that has, so we wanted to ask if you would help us in promoting the service.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

21. Celebrate God's Gifts on Disability Awareness Sunday, 17 September 2023

Christian disability inclusion charity 'Through the Roof' is offering free resources for Disability Awareness Sunday on the 17th September 2023 (or a day of your choice). All churches are invited to celebrate the unique gifts God gives to each one of us - including disabled people. Follow this link to request a free resource pack: https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/

For further information, please click here.

22. Forthcoming Presbytery Meetings -

September 21st - 6.45 pm, Service of Union of Monifieth Parish Church and Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing

October 5th - 6.45 pm, Service of Ordination, Iain Armstrong, as an OLM. At Balfron Parish Church.

October 17th - 6.45 pm, Service of Setting Apart as a Reader, Keith Redwood

November 7th - 7.00 pm, Presbytery meeting for Ordinary Business - in-person.

23. Changes to Congregational Office Bearers - To enable the Presbytery to keep its database of congregational office bearers up to date, please use this link to advise us of any changes:

https://forms.churchdesk.com/f...

24. Scam Alert - We have been alerted by a congregation in Stirling who was approached by a company who insisted that the Church fire extinguisher test was overdue. Because various office bearers were on holiday, the Administrator booked an appointment, believing it was in the best interest of the Church. Whilst we are not

naming the company involved, Kirk Sessions are asked to be on their guard for such unwarranted approaches!

25. Message from Perth and Kinross Council - Host Families and Supported Lodgings Carers wanted - Could you make a difference for a young person living in Perth and Kinross?

Our Throughcare and Aftercare Team in Education and Children's Services are currently seeking prospective carers for:

- Unaccompanied children and young people seeking asylum, coming from difficult circumstances in countries around the globe; and
- Young people from Perth and Kinross who are care experienced and are moving towards adulthood and independent living.

If you have a spare room, enjoy the company of young people and would like to support them to gain the life skills they need, you could become part of our team of carers.

There's no one kind of person that could become a Host Family or Supported Lodgings carer. You can be single or married, from the LGBTQ+ community, own your own home or rent, be working or retired. As long as you have room for a young person in your home and time to support them, we'd like to hear from you.

The Council provides full training and ongoing support to carers. Weekly fees are paid to enable you to deliver the support and guidance the young person in your care needs.

For more information, please contact Jenni McRae or Gina Mramor by email to supportedlodgings@pkc.gov.uk

26. Weekly 'Roundup' - If you would like to share some news, or perhaps have an event that would be of interest to the wider Presbytery, please do let us know! You can tell us by clicking on this link . If appropriate, we can also publish your event on the Presbytery Facebook page.

Kind regards,

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