

Roundup - Friday 22nd September

Message sent to all members of Presbytery and all Session Clerks

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Training

1. Safeguarding Training

Safe Guarding Courses around the Presbytery of Perth:

Trustee Safeguarding

Monday 9 October 2pm, St Aidan's Centre, Broughty Ferry (formerly St Aidan's Church)

Trustee Safeguarding

Tuesday 10 October 7pm over zoom

Advanced

Monday 16 October 7pm over zoom

Introductory Safeguarding

Tuesday 17 October 7pm over zoom

Introductory Safeguarding

Monday 13 November 7pm over zoom

Advanced

Tuesday 14 November 2pm over zoom

Enquiries to Mgoss@churchofscotland.org.uk

2. Encourager Training

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, these 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.

[Encourager Training pdf](#)

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: 07889 982 216

Martin Fair

3.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](#)

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

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4.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

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| 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

Events

5. Planet Friendly Buchlyvie event - Saturday 30th September

Since May, members of the Buchlyvie and Gartmore Church Eco Congregation Group have been leading the planning of an exciting event called **Planet Friendly Buchlyvie** to be held in the Buchlyvie Village Hall from 10am till 1pm. It will run alongside the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday September 30th.

Themes are:

-  Shopping locally
-  Reducing waste
-  Growing your own food

It will be an action packed morning with something for everyone with both indoor and outdoor activities. Nearly 20 advice/skill share stations will be around the edge of the hall, staffed by enthusiasts from the community. The local Foodbank Charity Start Up Stirling, has kindly offered their minibus and volunteer driver to run a shuttle service to Upper Ballaird Farm Coop for a tour of their growing areas. To manage the numbers of people wanting to see how this enterprising Farm Coop works, we are asking that you book on through the Eventbrite link, if possible <https://bit.ly/3qsz4iz>

We will have a Bulb Bonanza to involve as many people as possible to plant over 1000 spring bulbs in a pre-prepared area behind the Village Hall and Forth Environment Link's wood-fired oven will provide pizzas after the coffee morning has finished.

Many individuals within the Buchlyvie and Gartmore communities have been keen to become involved with the skills sharing stations. Working with Neighbourhood, G63HUB, Upper Ballaird, Forth Environment Link and others to plan this event has built a highly constructive relationship, called Buchlyvie Eco Group.

The flyer is attached to let you see the range of exhibitors.

We are very much hoping that it will both attract people to see what is on offer in their local area as well as stimulate conversations around sustainability.

Please come and join us.

Margaret Sparkes and Tricia Cumming on behalf of the Buchlyvie and Gartmore Eco Congregation Group

[BUCHLYVIE FLYER Page 1](#)

[BUCHLYVIE FLYER Page 2](#)

6. Art Exhibition, The Barn Gallery, The Field at Blackruthven

The Barn Gallery invites you to its next exhibition at the Field at Blackruthven Retreat Centre just outside Perth. It will be showing work from the 10 new Scots (refugees) that

have been taking part in our creative arts residency. They ask kindly if you could circulate the following poster in your churches.

[Art Exhibition Poster at The Barn Gallery](#)

There will be a preview and an opportunity to meet the artists on 5th Oct 7-9pm. Liz Crichton, the Art Facilitator and Pastoral Team Member welcomes any members of our congregations to this event.

www.bieldatblackruthven.org.uk

7.Doors Open Days 2023

Churches across Clackmannanshire are opening their doors under this scheme on the weekend of 23 and 24 September so that visitors can come in and see what the inside of buildings look like and learn more about the history of the buildings.

Alloa Ludgate and Alloa St Mungo's will both be open on Saturday from 10.30-3.30 and on Sunday afternoon until 3.30. while Tullibody St Serf's is open from 10.00-4.00 on Saturday and 2.00-4.00 on Sunday. While the 2 Alloa churches are physically close to one another, they are very different inside although both do have beautiful stained-glass windows. Please take the opportunity to come and visit so you can compare and contrast for yourself. There is also a [Photo competition](#) for any keen photographers. More information about the venues which are open can be found on the [Doors Open Days website](#).

Clackmannan Parish church will be participating in Clackmannanshire Doors Open Days on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September. We will be open between 10am and 5pm on the Saturday and 2pm and 4pm on the Sunday. Soup and sandwich lunches will be served between 12.00 and 2.00 on the Saturday. Our beautiful church has some impressive stained glass windows including our Coronation window, the only stained glass window in the country designed and installed to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

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 we're open on the following dates:
23/24 September when we'll be open from 11am - 4pm.

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

Menstrie Parish Church

Menstrie Parish Church, new to 'Doors Open Days' will be open on Saturday 23 September 2023 from 10.00am to 12.30pm then from 2.00 to 4.30pm and again on

Sunday 24 September 2023 from 2.00 to 4.30pm. In addition to the stained glass window, a memorial to the Johnston family, unveiled and consecrated in 1925, the Church will be decorated for Harvest and there will be a display of Church banners, created and crafted by current and late members of the Church over the years as well as our organist Meg Carroll playing either the harp or organ during the hours of opening.

[Menstrie Parish Church Stained Glass Window Info](#)

Kippen Parish Church

Kippen Parish Church is open on Saturday 23 September from 11am to 4pm and Sunday 24 September from 1 to 4pm for Doors Open Days.

8.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

9.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 .

10.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.

11.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.

Tullibody: St Serf's

Have arranged for the prison chaplain from HMP Glenochil to speak at their evening service at 6.30pm on Sunday 26 November as part of Prisoners Week.

12.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.

[Andy Root.png](#)

[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

13. Gargunnock Parish Church - Sunday Talks

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

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

News

14. Sanctuary First New Appointment

On the 31st of October Albert Bogle will be passing on the baton and retiring as the Minister of Sanctuary First and Reverend Ruth Kennedy will be taking on the role of leadership of the Sanctuary First Team from Sunday 1st October.

Read Alberts Full Blog: www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/blog/a-new-chapter

Congratulations to Ruth on your new role, we are delighted that you will still be part of the Presbytery of Perth.

To watch the hand over between Albert and Ruth, please see the video on the link below.

<https://fb.watch/nc2uElqHu5/>

Opportunities

15. Looking for a Local Authority Religious Representative for Angus

The Presbytery of Perth is seeking someone to act as a Local Authority Religious Representative for Angus. Each local authority has three religious representatives, one from the Church of Scotland, one from the Catholic Church and a "third representative" from one of the other churches/faith groups in the area.

Being a religious representative involves attending education committee meetings and contributing to discussion on education policy, practice and delivery. The representative reports to the Presbytery and keeps them informed on matters of education.

Church of Scotland Representatives are being appointed based on their experiences and understanding of schools and education; they may be a parish minister, a teacher, youth worker, parent, grandparent, school chaplain, local council employee etc. They bring their own experiences and knowledge to the role. They should also keep informed of current issues in education and schools, and the priorities of the Church of Scotland nationally.

Training and support for this role is offered by the Church of Scotland Education and Schools Group.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the Presbytery Clerk.

16. Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Revd Donna Hays, Moderator of the Presbytery of Perth is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2024. This amazing opportunity is open to those from churches across our presbytery. Please share the following poster with your congregations:

[Pilgrimage Poster](#)

For more information contact Donna on 01382 580210 or email DHays@churchofscotland.org.uk

17. Harvest Donations

Should any church within the Perth and Kinross area wish to support Perth and Kinross Foodbank as part of their Harvest celebrations, this poster gives ideas of the items needed and ways of giving that support. (Other Food hubs are available!)

[Harvest poster.pdf](#)

Presbytery

18. Communications

Thank you to Grant MacLaughlan who was the first minister to volunteer for the 30 second videos. His video can be found [here](#).

These videos are a good opportunity for us to get to know each other across presbytery, and for those outwith the church to know us better. I would love for more ministers to be filmed for our 30 second videos. If you would like to be part of the 30 second videos please get in touch with me via my email which is at the bottom of this round up.

A massive thank you to Lochee Parish Church for inviting me to their cafe this week. To find out more about my visit click [here](#). If other churches are running cafes I would love to feature them/visit. Please get in touch with me to let me know.

So far 2 churches have responded to my request to find out about family friendly alternatives to Halloween in our churches. I'm sure there will be more across our 127 churches, so please get in touch about that.

Lastly, we have some of the most fertile land for farming across the country within our presbytery. Harvest has been something many of us have traditionally recognised. However, I know that this may look different for so many churches now. The upcoming tattie picking holidays are no longer a time for children to work the fields, many churches are running weekly food banks and not just collecting at harvest and many of our foods

are no longer seasonal. I would love to do an article about harvest in 2023, the changes and purpose of it now. If you would be happy to be interviewed about your opinion of this, or share stories about harvest through the years, then I would love to hear from you.

Thanks,

Ruth

19.Forthcoming Presbytery Meetings

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

20. 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...>

21.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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