



## **Roundup - Friday 1st September**

**Message sent to all members of Presbytery and all Session Clerks**

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**1. Coffee Morning - Bridge of Allan Church Hall - Forth Valley Inclusion -16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:degunn@hotmail.co.uk) .

**2. 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!

### **3. 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 ways for recipients to share news.'

#### **PURE ASN (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gordon.roy@suscotland.org.uk)

**4. Trinity Gask and Kinkell** - Please note that Trinity Gask & Kinkell Church is holding its closing service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am. The Rev Iain Paton is leading the service as Interim Moderator, in company with the Presbytery Clerk. It would be good if this event could be publicised so that as many people as possible who have any former connection with the congregation have the chance to be present.

**5. 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](mailto:Anne.Stewart2@prisons.gov.scot).

**6. 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:

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

**7. 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](mailto:dfpoffice@btconnect.com) .

### **8. 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](mailto:lizhood09@googlemail.com)

### **9. 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](#)

### **10. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sfarrant@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**11. 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](mailto:communityart.luncartychurch@gmail.com) or [communityart.bankfoot@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**12. Dundurn Parish Church (St Fillans) Organ Recital** - An evening of organ music and poetry will take place in Dundurn Parish Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**13. 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](#)

**14. 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. 10<sup>th</sup> September Peter Rowell** 'Mountain Bothies - Their Past Lives'. Peter is an area organiser for the Mountain Bothies Association.

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 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. 8<sup>th</sup> October Ian Roy** 'The History of the Clydesdale Horse'. Ian is the Secretary of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**15. 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@btinternet.com](mailto:the.gauls@btinternet.com))



**16. 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](mailto:Fourraes@btinternet.com)

**17. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

### **18. 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](#) .

### **19. Forthcoming Presbytery Meetings -**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** - 10.30am (tea and coffee from 10.00am) Presbytery Meeting for Ordinary Business in St Matthew's Church, Perth. Please remember to bring a packed lunch!

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** - 6.45 pm, Service of Union of Monifieth Parish Church and Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing

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

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** - 6.45 pm, Service of Setting Apart as a Reader, Keith Redwood

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** - 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. 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!

**22. 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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