



Roundup - Friday 15th 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:

Introductory (Volunteers) Training sessions are being held on:

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

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

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: 07889982216

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

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.Coffee Mornings

Kippen Guild

Kippen Guild Coffee Morning to be held in Church on Saturday 16 September 10.30 to 12noon

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 .

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

The Barn Gallery invites you to its next exhibition at the Bield 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

Errol Church

Errol Church is participating in 'Doors Open' this weekend. Saturday 16th 10am to 3pm; Sunday 17th 1pm-3pm.

Known locally as 'The Cathedral of the Carse', Errol Church was designed by James Gillespie Graham and built in 1831-33. The church sits in the heart of the village of Errol and is home to the congregation of Errol Parish Church of Scotland.

Come and see magnificent stained-glass windows and the beautiful carved pulpit - an almost exact replica of the pulpit in Iona Cathedral. The Russian Stone, placed in memory of Russian airmen who fought as allies in WW2, can be found in the church grounds beside a small memorial rose garden. The refurbished Miller organ can be heard on Sunday morning, 11am at weekly worship - all welcome. Tea/coffee served during Doors Open hours; toilets are available.

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 - Doors Open Day -

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 - Coffee Morning and Doors Open Day -

Kippen Guild Coffee Morning to be held in Church on Saturday 16 September 10.30 to 12noon.

Also 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.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)

12.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.

13.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

14. 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

15.Gargunnoch Parish Church - Sunday Talks

Gargunnoch 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

16.Through The Roof - Challenging perceptions of autism in churches

Triona Brading, an autistic Christian who works with children with additional needs, is busting myths on autism in the church with her latest video, 'Supporting autistic individuals in our churches'. The video shares practical tips from her own experience of autism and encourages churches to take a fresh perspective in forming a welcoming environment for autistic people.

Triona, Roofbreaker disability champion for Christian disability charity Through the Roof, released the video as the first of a series about autism and neurodiversity inclusion in the church @TTRChangesLives:

<https://youtu.be/wjWGNTeaFas?si=7WyXFp2FUwkI5qS>

Triona says "Autistic people experience the world in a different way... There is a myth that the [autistic] spectrum goes from less autistic to more autistic... The spectrum itself is actually more like a circle with lots of different variations and presentations. So it can be quite overwhelming if you're thinking 'How do I support someone in my church who is autistic?'"

Church can be a difficult and confusing place for autistic people, but it doesn't have to be that way. This video aims to help people in churches learn how to create a more inclusive church environment for autistic people, with practical tips and advice that can be easily and quickly implemented.

"The best thing you can do is talk to autistic people you know that come to your church groups and services, and see what they would like in place." Triona says.

Send a positive message to autistic people in your community this September - download resources for Disability Awareness Sunday (17 Sept) from Through the Roof at <https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/disability-awareness-sunday/>

Through the Roof provides free support and resources through its Roofbreaker project to enable Christian disability inclusion. Find out how more at: <https://throughtheroof.org/forchurches/roofbreakers/>

To find out more about the work of Through The Roof please click [here](#)

17.Member of Fallon Church celebrates 100th Birthday

Betty Spence celebrated her 100th birthday at an afternoon tea in Fallon Church hall. Over 100 people attended. Betty received her card from the King and Queen and also a letter from Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton thanking her for the many years of teaching and pastoral work within the Church. The presbytery of Perth would like to wish Mrs Spence a very happy birthday.

To see Betty enjoying her celebrations click the following links:

[Betty Spence 100th Celebrations](#)

[Betty Spence 100th Celebrations](#)

18.Stirling Street Pastors

The Stirling Street Pastors are doing some brilliant work. They invite you to read their 'Call2Pray' Autumn 2023 newsletter. Please see below and support them in your prayers.

[Stirling Street Pastors Autumn Call2Prayer](#)

Opportunities

19.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

20. 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](#) .

21. 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

22. Communications

Ruth aims to write different features that will appear in a new bi-monthly newsletter. She would like to write about the following features in the first edition:

- Church cafe's in our presbytery
- Family friendly alternatives to Halloween in our churches
- What Harvest means in 2023

Please get in touch with Ruth if you run a church cafe, are running alternative Halloween events or are happy to be interviewed about Harvest. Her contact details are at the end of this round up

We have started up a brand new instagram page. Please give us a follow, we aim to share pictures and stories from 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

23. 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 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.

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. 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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