

Dear Friends,

Once again, I have highlighted a couple of things happening you might want to take a note of. Please let me know if you are planning something or are involved in an activity others would enjoy coming to.

#### **SUNDAY 5 MAY – LINKAGE SERVICE**

10.00am– Weem Parish Church –	Please join the service at Aberfeldy
10.30am – Aberfeldy Parish Church	Linkage Service with Neil Glover
10.30am –Strathtay Parish Church	Please join the service at Aberfeldy
10.30am - Tenandry Parish Church	tbc
7pm Aberfeldy Evening Service	TBC

#### **CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES FOR DULL & WEEM AND ABERFELDY – STARTING IN JUNE**

The current service times were discussed at Dull and Weem and Aberfeldy's recent Session Meetings. The current arrangement at Weem with a 10am start and Aberfeldy with a 10.30am start is not ideal for either congregation or Neil. He is unable to stay for a full service at Weem and is unable to be at the beginning of the Aberfeldy Service. A compromised was sought and an agreement has been reached, this should help everyone.

#### **STARTING IN JUNE THE SERVICE TIMES ARE AS OUTLINED BELOW**

Weem – 9.45am

Aberfeldy -10.45am

All Linkage services will remain at 10.30am

Tenandry and GLS will remain at 10.30am

## FINDING OUR VOICE

Neil Glover our Parish Minister is also a broadcaster, Convenor for Seeds for Growth and now an author! The good news is that his book is finished and published! Neil will be launching his book "Finding our Voice" here in the valley on 17 May, ahead of the launch at the General Assembly the following week.

**Launch date – Friday 17 May – 7.30pm in Aberfeldy Parish Church**

**The cost of the book on the launch day will be - £16.00.** (signed editions will be available)

The book will retail at £19.99.

All royalties from the book are going to the Linkage.

## FUNERALS

### FRANCES CHADBURN

Many will have heard of the sudden death of Frances. Richard and family have arranged a private burial service. The family would love to see you at Dull and Weem for a celebration of Frances's life.

Tuesday 30 April – 2pm - Dull and Weem

### CHRISTINE MORTON

Christine's funeral will take place in Aberfeldy Parish Church on Wednesday 1 May at 11.00am. Please pray for her family in particular her son Steven and daughter Janice.

## ETAPÉ SUNDAY – 12 MAY

The annual Etapé Caledonia cycle race will be taking place on Sunday 12 May.

Unfortunately, there will be several, local, road closures impacting on our regular church services.

Tenandry and Aberfeldy will be holding their regular services at 10.30am

Dull & Weem and Strathtay will be unable to hold their regular Sunday morning service. However, there will be an evening service at Strathtay Church at 6.30pm with Neil Glover

## REMEMBERING SERVICE – 16 JUNE - 3pm - ABERFELDY PARISH CHURCH

Neil and the pastoral support team are currently planning this year's Remembering Service. For those who have attended in recent years can confirm that this is a very moving service, a service that allows for time and space for us to reflect on the lives of those we have lost - for some this loss maybe very recent for others several years ago. This is a service for everyone.

## DRAMA CLUB – 3 AWARD WINNING PLAYS, INCLUDING “FLYING WITH SWANS”

**23 & 24 MAY** the Drama Club we will be presenting our three award winning plays in the Town Hall. On the 24 May, Jack Dickson, the author of our third play, Flying with Swans will be coming through from Glasgow to see it, and will be performing a ten-minute piece before his play, about his mother who suffered from dementia. We are hoping that you will be able to generate some interest in this, and we are hoping to donate some money from our takings to a Dementia charity.

# LETTER FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND - MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



## The Church of Scotland MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SFF/CAM

9 April 2024

Dear Colleagues,

***Thy Kingdom Come* Global Prayer Initiative  
Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday 2024  
(Thursday 9 May – Sunday 19 May)**

Prayer takes us from where we are to where God calls us to be.

The Lord's Prayer takes the disciples from where they are to where Jesus needs them to be, the space where, together, they anticipate the coming of the Kingdom. That is why we pray 'thy Kingdom come'. That is why we join with the followers of Jesus across the world and pray 'thy Kingdom come'. Together, we anticipate the coming of the Kingdom. Together, we seek to live out our response to the words that Jesus taught his disciples: 'thy Kingdom come'.

Since November 2018, the Church of Scotland has partnered in the *Thy Kingdom Come* Global Prayer Initiative. Launched in 2016, it has since grown into a movement which unites Christians from across different traditions to pray for family and friends, for neighbours and colleagues, to come to a deeper understanding of the meaning of faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2024 *Thy Kingdom Come* runs from **Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday (Thursday 8 May – Sunday 19 May)**:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

An integral part of the resourcing of *Thy Kingdom Come* is the provision of a Prayer Journal. In 2024, and for the first time, there will be a digital Scottish Prayer Journal featuring voices from across the Scottish church. I am happy to have contributed to this and encourage you to make use of it.

Once more: Prayer takes us from where we are to where God calls us to be, and as we pray 'thy Kingdom come' may we look for signs of the Kingdom come amongst us.

Yours sincerely,

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**Moderator**  
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## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

### SERVICES IN MAY

#### **12 May – ETAPÉ SUNDAY**

Weem Parish Church	Evening service at Strathtay
10.30am – Aberfeldy Parish Church	Neil Glover
6.30pm –Strathtay Parish Church - <b>evening Service only</b>	Neil Glover
10.30am - Tenandry Parish Church	John Hayward

#### **19 May**

10.00am– Weem Parish Church	John Duff
10.30am – Aberfeldy Parish Church	Tom Sibbald
10.30am –Strathtay Parish Church	Neil Glover - SAM
10.30am - Tenandry Parish Church	Rose Patterson
7pm Aberfeldy Evening Service	TBC

#### **26 May**

10.00am– Weem Parish Church	Neil Glover
10.30am – Aberfeldy Parish Church	Neil Glover - Communion
10.30am –Strathtay Parish Church	Rose Patterson
10.30am - Tenandry Parish Church	Karl Weidner
7pm Aberfeldy Evening Service	TBC

## YOUTUBE AND ZOOM SERVICE DETAILS

YouTube live streaming morning services from Aberfeldy Parish Church

There are 3 different ways to find this new YouTube service:

- **Aberfeldy Parish Church website** - 'click here' button on the opening page
- **YouTube channel** - enter Aberfeldy Sunday Morning Service
- **YouTube direct link**

[https://youtube.com/@aberfeldyparishchurch540?si=9\\_QUrrWYUKtzYcA1](https://youtube.com/@aberfeldyparishchurch540?si=9_QUrrWYUKtzYcA1)

### **Zoom**

We know there have been many faithful followers on Zoom who have enjoyed both the services and the post service chat! Neil will enable the post service chat to continue.

Rm 920 598 9200, password 316316 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9205989200>

## CHURCH NEWS

- **CAP HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE** are offering free budgeting advice, benefit checks and support to complete benefit applications as well as their usual support for people struggling with unmanageable debt at a monthly drop-in session at the Advice & Information Hub at Aberfeldy Health Centre on the first Monday of each month from 11.00am – 1.00pm. Please spread the word about this new, helpful, free service.

### **Next meeting-**

- **This is Alpha Conference Perth Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June with Nicky and Pippa Gumble as special guests**

Our friends from Alpha have shared news of their conference in the summer.

“We would love to invite you to our brand-new Alpha UK Conference, “This is Alpha 24”. The conference is being held in Perth on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> with Nicky and Pippa Gumbel as our special guests. Please join us, as we gather in the centre of Scotland to share in community, feel inspired and be equipped to create spaces for people to encounter Jesus on Alpha. We are passionate about seeing churches across the country run Alpha well so that people can invite their friends, their colleagues, their neighbours and their family to hear about Jesus.

“We would love you to book on with your team or maybe even bring others who you feel would be brilliant at running Alpha in your church context. Whether you have ran Alpha multiple times, infrequently or never, we know that there will be something for everyone. From small group dynamics, to running the Alpha weekend/day away or how to you take your Alpha course to the next level. There is going to be loads of content that's relevant for everybody at all stages of running Alpha. Tickets cost £10 and the booking link is below.”

We do hope you and your team can join us on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June in Perth.

**Please book at <https://tiascotland.eventbrite.co.uk/>**

Link to our website [This is Alpha — Alpha UK - Stay Curious. Try Alpha.](#)

## OUR REGULAR CHURCH BASED AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ABERFELDY PARISH CHURCH

- **STAY AND PLAY** - Tuesdays 9.30 -11.30am
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – ABERFELDY PARISH CHURCH, KITCHEN**  
Tuesday evenings 7.30 – 9pm  
Contact – 0800 917 7650
- **PRAYER MEETING** – Wednesday 4.45 – 6pm in Farragon  
There is a time of quiet, contemplative music from 4.45 before the Prayer Meeting starts at 5pm. Join us if you can for this vital work of the Church
- **QUILTING GROUP –ABERFELDY PARISH CHURCH, FARRAGON HALL**  
Thursdays - 11.am – 3pm  
Contact Jane – 07771641390 or Annette – 07736384035
- **WARM WELCOME CAFÉ AND STAY AND PLAY**  
Tuesday mornings  
Warm Welcome Café 10.00am -12.00pm  
Stay and Play starts at 9.30am  
Funding to support both activities has come from the Church of Scotland and Perth and Kinross Council
- **HOUSE GROUPS**  
Town Group - Katie Allstaff and John Hayward - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7.30pm  
  
Strath Group - Lorna Nicol - fortnightly on a Thursday at 7.30pm  
  
Additional Group - Franny McGrath and Will Burton - Monday / Thursday
- **PRAYER AT ABERFELDY PARISH CHURCH**

Prayer is central to our relationship with our God and underpins everything we do in Aberfeldy Parish Church. How you can join with others to pray

**Weekly Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays.** Amazing things happen when the Church unites in prayer. Acts 12:5 tells us “Peter was kept in prison, *but the church was earnestly praying to*

*God for him.*” Peter was ,of course, miraculously released.

We gather together in Farragon in expectation of coming into the presence of God in worship and prayer, as we lay down our burdens for the world, for our mission and anything that troubles us and leave them at the foot of the cross .


Worship music will be played from **4.45pm** to allow quiet meditation and we will move into prayer and further worship at **5pm**. You are very welcome to join us but



if you would like further information please contact [isabellemacdonald222@btinternet.com](mailto:isabellemacdonald222@btinternet.com) or Donald Strathairn .

**Prayer Points** for the work of the Church are sent out weekly before the Wednesday meeting and, if you don't already but would like to receive these please contact Kit Strathairn or Isabelle Macdonald.

Prayer before the **Sunday Morning Service**. If you would like to join in prayer for the morning service, please meet in the Prayer Room between 10.10 am and 10.20 am

**Prayer Circle**  If you, or someone you know needs prayer, whether it is a health matter or the circumstances of life, the Prayer Circle will be ready and willing to pray. Simply contact Isabelle on [isabellemacdonald222@btinternet.com](mailto:isabellemacdonald222@btinternet.com) and an email will be sent out to the members of the Prayer Circle who will pray immediately and confidentially for your need.

If you would like to be part of the Prayer Circle please contact Isabelle Macdonald.

**Prayer Ministry.** The Prayer Ministry Team is available to pray for any need you have. Members of the team can be found at the back of the Sanctuary after the Morning Service and will be wearing a badge with a purple lanyard. Alternatively you can contact [isabellemacdonald222@btinternet.com](mailto:isabellemacdonald222@btinternet.com) and a private appointment can be arranged.

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church** is normally on the first Monday of the month at 4 pm. Please contact Katie Allstaff, Kit Strathairn or Christina Bryson if you would like to join. We meet in an individual's home.

**Prayer Triplet** - anyone who would like to be part of a Prayer Triplet please see Ruth Lunan

**The Prayer/Quiet Room** is place of peace and tranquility. You are welcome to use at any time. See Kate Scott or Anna Sibbald for further details. Isabelle Macdonald and the Prayer Team

# A warm welcome across Perth and Kinross

[www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces)



## BREATHE ACTIVITIES

- **STAY AND PLAY** - Tuesday weekly- Lawers- 9.30am-11.30am
- **ROCK STEADY** - 6pm-7.30pm
- **ROCK STEADY XTREAME**- P6-S1- 6pm-7.30pm Rock Steady After Hours - S2+ 7.45pm-9pm
- **MESSY CHURCH** - 4pm-6pm

## **WEEM PARISH CHURCH**

- **CHIT CHAT CAFÉ** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month in the McDonald Room, Dull and Weem Kirk at 2pm  
For further information please contact Liz Bruce  
[Elizabeth\\_1\\_bruce@btinternet.com](mailto:Elizabeth_1_bruce@btinternet.com)
- **GUILD, IN THE MCDONALD ROOM** - Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2pm in the McDonald Room. [Elizabeth\\_1\\_bruce@btinternet.com](mailto:Elizabeth_1_bruce@btinternet.com)

## **STRATHTAY PARISH CHURCH**

- **COFFEE BREAK**

The group meet every Wednesday in the John Kyd Hall beside Strathtay Church at 10.30am - all are welcome to come along and join in!

- **QUILTING GROUP – JOHN KYD HALL**

7 – 9pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Contact Marie MacLeod – [stytchandturn@btinternet.com](mailto:stytchandturn@btinternet.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS


### **ABERFELDY HEALTHIEST TOWN**

This group are hosting a ceilidh with the one and only Tarmachan Ceilidh Band

Date- Friday 19 April

Venue - Aberfeldy Town Hall, Crieff Road

Tickets - £5.00 adults, kids go free (under16)

Spaces are limited so book your tickets now on the link below 

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-healthiest-town-ceilidh-tickets-826758094717>

### **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ABERFELDY: UP AND COMING EVENTS**

- **SINGING FOR FUN 10.30am – 12.00pm – Birks Cinema (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday)**  
If you enjoy singing some of those good old favourites, please drop in!  
**Friday 26 April**
- **CARER'S DROP-IN – Town Hall** are currently on hold as a new, exciting, plan is currently in the pipeline!

## HELP WITH THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

### **Breadalbane Community Larder**

The Community Larder's Social Supermarket is open at Offizone on Kenmore Street each **Saturday from 11.00am – 12.30pm** for customers to purchase dried and tinned goods at a reduced rate – 4 items for £1.

The FoodShare table at the rear of Aberfeldy Parish Church is open 24/7 and often has a variety of goods which would otherwise be sent to the Co-op's bio-digester. It's our Christian responsibility to 'tend the garden' ie our planet so we can all do our bit to reduce food waste by 'shopping' at the FoodShare table from time to time.

Remember, this part of the Larder project is about reducing food waste as well as supporting those feeling the pinch in these difficult times.

If you know of anyone struggling to make ends meet, please let them know about the range of options provided by Breadalbane Community Larder.

The Larder is a joint initiative of several local churches and also involves members of the local community. If you would like to be involved, please contact the team on 07513 652597 or For emergency support call **0345 30 111 00** (Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm) or email [breadalbanecommunitylarder@btinternet.com](mailto:breadalbanecommunitylarder@btinternet.com)



If you know of anyone who is struggling to heat their house and / or pay their energy bills, please do pass them on to us at Warm Connections, and we would be delighted to advise on ways of reducing your energy consumption and bills.

There is now a Facebook page for Warm Connections <https://www.facebook.com/WarmConnectionsScotland>. We would love it if anyone could share, like or comment

We have free radiator foil to give away, we can even come and fit it. Its a great idea for radiators that are on outside walls. Just use the contact us form on Facebook or our website <https://warmconnections.net/#section-553-149>

[www.warmconnections.net](http://www.warmconnections.net) or [email\\_advice@warmconnections.net](mailto:email_advice@warmconnections.net).

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