



# Parish Voice

Spring 2022

*Our Mission Statement: To be a place of Christian worship and outreach and a hub for the community enabling people to connect with Jesus and one another.*

## FROM THE MINISTER

Like me, I am sure you are encouraged to wake up to see the lighter mornings. It's a reminder that the seasons are changing. This can also be seen when we are out and about and we notice new buds on bushes, grass sprouting and, of course, weeds too! The birds are singing and shortly, we will see young lambs in nearby fields. All of this provides us with much needed hope and encouragement that spring is coming. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 begins with, *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ...* but it also ends with, *a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.* Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 (NRSV)



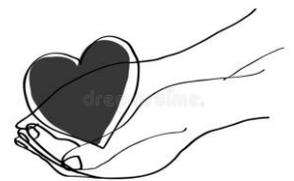
As I write, the invasion of Ukraine continues to fill our news. The scenes I see on TV are terrible. It is far from clear how this story will develop over days, or months or even years. Over three million Ukrainians have fled their homeland and I wonder how many more will do the same before this is over? Will Putin stop at the western borders of Ukraine or will he look for excuses to go on further? This is already by far the most damaging war fought in Europe since the end of World War II, 77 years ago. In the midst of this war, we are



also witnessing huge refugee movements in Europe. My heart goes out to everyone who is affected. I can't begin to imagine how people must feel to be separated from their loved ones, homes and country as they search for safety, security, warmth, love and hospitality. Like so many of you, I've been moved by reports of people willing to open their homes for refugees to come and stay.

In the Bible there are numerous stories that calls God's people to become deeply aware of those that are suffering around us, to respond appropriately to it and provide hope. Throughout his ministry, Jesus continually showed compassion to children, women and those on the margins of his society. In addition to their spiritual needs, Jesus was also concerned about their hunger, disease and injustice.

One such story is the story of the Feeding of the Multitude. We read that dealing with so many people proved to be very challenging for the disciples. There was so much need around them and they felt overwhelmed. The disciples were concerned about the crowd and so they asked Jesus to send them away in order to get what they needed. But Jesus has other ideas. He said to his friends that *they* were to do something about it. They are left bewildered, until a young lad approaches Jesus with a packed lunch of bread and fish. This boy - who has a heart of compassion - offers what he has and, in the hands of Jesus, something amazing happens.



Jesus calls us to have hearts of compassion. A heart of compassion does not wait to be told of a need, but actively seeks someone in need. Christ calls us to have hearts of compassion and to be moved by the needs of those around us. That need might be closer to us than we realise. Through acting appropriately, we believe we are making a difference.

***“Jesus calls us to have hearts of compassion”***

We are in the season of Lent approaching Easter – the most important day of the year for a Christian. We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem – a city that he wept over and was warned not to enter. We remember Jesus' betrayal by his friends, his arrest in the garden, his trial as well as the pain he endured from having to wear a painful crown of thorns that was pushed on to his head and nails being driven through his hands on a cross. And yet, through it



all we see that Jesus continues to show compassion to those around him. He had compassion for the crowds and for everyone who was mistreating him. He had compassion towards the criminal who was being crucified beside him and he had compassion for his family and especially his mum. The Bible tells us that God is compassionate, but in Jesus we see that this is real. Through all of this, we see that Jesus was not a distant, detached Saviour. He had, and continues to have, the great ability to truly understand and share the feelings of others including you and me.

Three days after Jesus' crucifixion came resurrection. Hope literally came to life and it is that hope through which we live today. During these troubled times, the message of Easter takes on deeper meaning, doesn't it? We might struggle to understand our world at the moment and it's easy to become discouraged. But being a follower of Christ means that we are to lift our eyes up to our Sovereign God, to develop hearts of compassion and to offer hope to those around us. The Easter hymn "I Serve a Risen Saviour" puts it like this:

*In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last*

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

We are certainly living in anxious times but may we all know deep in our hearts that we serve a risen Saviour who holds all power and authority in his hands and who has unending love and compassion in his heart. The season is turning and as we move from winter into spring, may we take time to look after ourselves spiritually and fill ourselves with God's love and know his compassion so that we, in turn, may show God's love and compassion to others whenever we can.

May the joyous message of Easter fill your hearts and minds with a gladness that will remain with you in the coming weeks and months.

With every blessing,  
Your minister and friend,  
Allan.

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life: he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall never thirst; he who comes to me I will not cast out. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be satisfied."

*The Minister and Kirk Session invites you  
to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on  
**Sunday 5th June 2022**  
**Forgandenny Church at 10.30am.***



*Note: Communion elements of grape-juice and gluten free bread will be provided at this Communion Service*

Please contact your elder or Allan Wilson (01738 812463 or [AWilson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AWilson@churchofscotland.org.uk)) if you would like to receive home communion.

## CHURCH REGISTER

### DEATHS - *Left this world, but not forgotten*

13/10/21 - James (Jim) Simpson Taylor, aged 88 years  
20/11/21 - Evelyn Isabella Simpson, aged 84 years  
09/12/21 - Barbara Miller, aged 93 years  
28/12/21 - Elizabeth (Libby) Stirrat, aged 84 years  
13/02/22 - Charles (Charlie) James Scott Wishart, aged 94 years

### WEDDINGS

16/10/21 - Eleanor G. Figures & Alasdair R. Macqueen, Forgandenny Church

### SERVICES ONLINE ANNIVERSARY - REACHING 100



On 13 February 2022 we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> online service. It all began on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 - the Sunday immediately *prior* to Lockdown. Since then, our online presence has been helpful and meaningful to so many people who cannot attend the church building for a variety of reasons. It is great to hear of people's experience of our online presence and how this has enabled them to feel part of the church family. Others have enjoyed the opportunity of tuning into the service whilst on holiday or being able to catch up following a visit from friends and family. This service will continue and remain to be a part of church life. Dunbarney Church has a more permanent system where we can stream services at other times too. There is now a rota of people who are using this equipment and streaming the services.

### PHONE BROADCAST SERVICE

To listen to the church notices and to a recording of the most recent Sunday Service, please dial **01738 239392**. This is updated at about 1.00pm every Sunday after morning worship.



### 2022 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 13 April - 7.00pm  
*Evening service at Dunbarney Church at 7.00pm*

Maundy Thursday 14 April - 7.00pm  
*Evening service at Abernethy Church (inc. Sacrament of Holy Communion)*

Good Friday 15 April - 2.30pm  
*Afternoon service in Forteviot Church*

Easter Sunday 17 April  
7.30am - *Early morning dawn service at Forgandenny Church*  
10.30am - *Sunday service at Dunbarney Church*



### FROM THE TRASURER

First of all, I would also like to say a big, "Thank you!" to everyone who donated to our chosen Christmas charities. I am delighted to let you know that we collected the fantastic sum of £730, so both Rachel House and Corbenic Camphill Community will now have received a cheque for £365, which I'm sure will provide them with a most welcome boost.



I am also pleased to be able to report that we are starting the year in a much healthier financial position than last year – our 2020 accounts showed a deficit position of over £7,600, whilst I anticipate that our 2021 accounts will reflect a surplus of approximately £13,000. Although this is clearly very positive, I'm afraid we can't afford to become complacent just yet, as some of the 2021 income was made up of 'one-offs', plus our expenditure is set to increase. Our annual Ministry & Missions contribution has been raised by £5,294 and our Presbytery dues increase year on year, too. However, all in all this is a very positive start to the year and I would like to thank you all for your support of the work of the Church and for your continued prayerful giving as we enter into 2022.

Alison Jolliffe, Treasurer - Tel: 07809 293045

## STATED ANNUAL MEETING

This will take place following morning worship in Forgandenny Church on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**. The Trustees Report and Accounts will be placed on the website (check 'announcements' tab) and paper copies will be available on request. Please email [dfpoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:dfpoffice@btconnect.com) or phone 01738 812463 for a copy.

## PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN

At the 2021 General Assembly, Presbyteries were instructed to begin working on new Presbytery Mission Plans which had to reduce the number of ministries. The Presbytery of Perth was subsequently informed that the number of centrally funded ministries allocated to it would be reduced from 26 to 16.5. that is a reduction of 37%. You may have read something about this in either *The Courier* or *The Perthshire Advertiser*.

Nobody likes change for its own sake and especially when change is imposed. The path ahead is a challenging one to navigate with respect to local churches in their parishes trying to reach out and make disciples at the same time as caring, loving and supporting those who belong to the church already and, who sometimes feel the church is changing beyond all recognition.



When so much is changing we need to take seriously what Steve Aisthorpe has written in his book *The Invisible Church*. We must guard against “becoming church-centred and church-focused, rather than Jesus-centred and Kingdom-focused.” Aisthorpe goes on to use a German proverb: “The main thing is that the main thing remains the main thing.”

With regard to how it affects Dunbarney and Forgandenny, the report states that a newly formed charge should comprise of, Abernethy Church (Glenfarg will move to Milnathort and Kinross), Dunbarney and Forgandenny, Aberdalgie & Forteviot and Dunning (Aberuthven moving to Auchterarder). **ONE** minister will be allocated to this area. It is also stated that two buildings should be considered for closure: Forgandenny and Forteviot. I encourage all members to prayerfully consider these matters and how we might move forward with a renewed passion for seeing the Kingdom of God grow here.

The full report and presentation can be accessed on our website. Please take time to read the report and watch the presentation if you can.

## THE PRAYER COURSE



Every Thursday for eight weeks, around twenty or so people have gathered on zoom for one-hour to work through an online Prayer Course ([www.prayercourse.org](http://www.prayercourse.org)). This explored how we pray and encouraged participants to try new and meaningful ways of praying such as walking and breathing prayers and the use of silence, and so on. Early on we learned to “Keep it simple, keep it real and keep it up.” Friends from neighbouring congregations joined in too. The discussion questions were based on a video that everyone watched before the meeting. The group normally broke out into smaller groups that would in turn discuss the questions before returning to the large group at the end. It is likely there will be a follow up course in the near future. It would be great to see more people becoming part of this. It is so vital that we rediscover a love and passion for prayer in these tough times which we find ourselves.

## BELIEVING IN GOD’S GOODNESS

I’m writing this following the February meeting of the Dandelion group. It’s while since we’ve been all together in the hall, but there we were today - at last!

We started with a short reflection on a few verses from Isaiah 55, and I was particularly struck once again by God’s economy. Nothing goes to waste. Just as the rain waters the earth and makes things grow, so His word goes out through all the world and accomplishes what He intends. I love that image. It reminds me of the wee boy bringing his loaves and fishes to Jesus, who takes them gladly, blesses them and the next thing we know, thousands of people are fed and all the leftovers are gathered up into baskets. It’s this same dynamic which encourages us so in the Dandelion group. We bring to God the items we have made and we

ask Him to bless them. When we give them away, we do so believing and trusting that God will use them for His purposes in others' lives, simply because that's His nature.



So this morning, we prayed once more a simple prayer for all those people who have received those seeds of love we'd cast to the wind of the Spirit in the shape of all the items we have knitted or crocheted. In the three years since we started knitting, we have given away nearly 200 shawls, blankets and scarves and over 100 snoods (distributed via Blythwood Care). We have knitted bookmarks (left on the church gate during lockdown), stars for Christmas trees (back in 2019) and hearts for local ICU units. I have no idea exactly how many people have received something but it must be at least 300. And the wonderful thing is that God knows them and loves them and is working in their lives.

However, this is not about us blowing our own trumpet. My point is this: next time you think of to doing or making something for someone, why not stop for a moment and ask God to bless whatever it is and use it? Why not consciously choose to be in the flow of His working His purposes out? You may never know the consequence of your prayer, but surely God will be pleased to hear it, don't you think?

And by the way, if you would like to a shawl, scarf or blanket either for yourself or to give to someone for whatever reason, then do please get in touch either with me, Kirsty Jackson (813996), or contact Anne in the office.

### **DUNBARNEY & FORGANDENNY FLOWER MINISTRY**

I would like to thank all who have continued to support the flowers in the Church over the past year. Your contributions and help with flowers have been valuable during this time. The flowers have been gratefully appreciated by all who receive them especially during the time when people were not able to meet up.



I would like to try and get back to a wee bit of normal and therefore ask if the people who supported this lets me know they are still happy to deliver and arrange flowers I will get a rota together again. As we are only meeting fortnightly in Dunbarney Church we still need help with flowers in both Churches.

If you could help in any way, please contact me on [hjackson10@aol.com](mailto:hjackson10@aol.com) or phone 07751 577771. If you wish to contribute financially for your flowers, I can send bank details if you prefer this method.

So once again thank you all for your support.

Helen Jackson

### **FLOWERS AT FORGANDENNY**

We are looking for new volunteers for the flower rota at Forgandenny Church. At the moment we do an arrangement of our own choice every second week, and the more people we have on the rota the fewer times your name will appear! Anyone who is interested please let me know or put your name and contact details down on the list in the Forgandenny porch.

Flowers are funded by voluntary contributions and a receptacle for all donations can also be found in the porch. Thank you.

Trudi Nicol

### **PASTORAL CARE**

'The glory of God is a human person fully alive.' These inspiring words came from Irenaeus of Lyons, one of the second-century leaders of the Church. A healthy Christian community is one in which people know that they are loved, visitors are welcome and young and old alike are valued and feel safe. The care that we offer, both at times of crisis and in everyday life, is an active proclamation of God's love in Christ and for all the world.



To help us to do all of this this, we have volunteers who welcome others to church services and an excellent Pastoral Care group under the leadership of Christian Macdonald. Pastoral visitors, elders and minister visit and make phone calls as appropriate. We want to know when people are going through good times so that we can rejoice with them, but we also need to hear about those who are experiencing difficult times so that

we can support them as best as we can. If this is to be achieved, we need to recognise that we are *all* shepherds of God's flock. Therefore, we need to keep talking and sharing with one another in order that everyone might know that they are deeply loved, cared for and supported. Please contact Christian Macdonald or Allan Wilson if you are drawn to help or make a contribution in any way. We would love to hear from you.

## MESSY CHURCH

'Messy Margaret' is making some plans for another Messy Church in the near future. It will be so exciting to be with the young people and their families once again as we share together and enjoy one another's company. Around the same time, it is also hoped that a film evening will be planned and screened. That is normally a fun-filled evening where many young people come into the church hall with their blankets and beanbags and watch a film together. During an interval, hotdogs and juice is served. Please keep a lookout on our Facebook page, website and noticeboards for more information. If you would like to become involved in Messy Church, then please contact Margaret Bell.



**ECO GROUP COFFEE MORNING:** A fundraiser for the refurbishment project.

**When:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am - 11.30am

**Where:** Church Hall at Dunbarney

- Teas & Homebaking
- Book Sale
- Bric a Brac stall
- Jewellery / Scarves / Handbags (pre-loved)



Adults - £3

Children under 12 - free

## REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

At the end of 2021 Perth Rock Choir held a concert in Dunbarney Church, a happy evening organised by our Women's Group, there was even some audience participation! The choir really enjoyed being able to perform 'live' after months of singing on Zoom.



Everyone who came along went home with a piece of homemade tablet or Christmas cake and Christmas arrangements were also sold during the evening.

The refurbishment group wants to acknowledge with gratitude the Women's Group and how they have helped launch the refurbishment fund through all their activities.



At the Women's Group AGM, the Rev Allan Wilson was presented with a terrific cheque for **£1500** to go towards the Refurbishment Project. Allan was able to thank those present for their encouragement and support.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As restrictions begin to ease, the Social Committee has been planning some social events for the early spring after the disappointment of having to cancel the Mince Pies and Festive Music in December.

The first event has taken place already. It was a delightful Daffodil Coffee Morning with entertainment in Dunbarney Church Hall in early March. Joan Blue played some lovely music and Elspeth Smith entertained us with a medley of readings and songs. The Church Hall was filled to capacity and the great buzz was fuelled with coffee and delicious home baking. It was a lovely experience to see so many happy people who enjoyed being together once again as well as raising over £300.

Our other plan is to have one of our Gentle Walks with time together in Dunbarney Church Garden. We have a provisional date of **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. We hope the weather will be a bit better by then. Look out for more definite information about the walk nearer to the time.



Finally, we hope to have a walk at Forgandenny in the summer finishing up with a picnic in the park. We have no date planned for this but again look out for more news on this nearer the time.

We are always looking for ideas for Social Activities so if you have any thoughts on this please let either Christian, Wilma, Elizabeth or Alison Hunter know.

## COVID SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS IN OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS.

A small group from our congregation have worked hard since the beginning of this pandemic to try to ensure that when you come to worship or any other event in any of our buildings that you feel safe. We welcome any suggestions or queries (email below) and will try to keep you informed of any changes via FaceBook, our church website, County News in the PA on a Friday and our Intimations.

Recently we have asked those attending worship to fill out an information slip with landline, mobile and email details (if you have them). This information will be stored securely on the church computer and will only be used in an emergency, for pastoral care and Track and Trace purposes. The slip is then shredded. If you have not had an opportunity to share this information, then please contact the church office by telephone or by email to me at the address below.



We are still required *by law* to wear masks in Church and the earliest date on which the requirement will be removed will be **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022** with an announcement in Parliament the previous Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. However, from **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022** the legal requirement to retain contact details for attendees will be removed – so Test & Protect registration at the door will be discontinued.

An Order of Service with Intimations and the words of all the hymns is available as are large print hymn books and, if you wish, you can collect an ordinary hymn book or Bible.

We also ask that you please take a lateral flow test before attending any event in the Sanctuary or hall and **not to come along if you are feeling unwell**. Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building.

In both Sanctuaries we are asking people to still keep to a social distance of 1 metre. In Dunbarney the safest areas are nearer the front due to the high roof and we ask that you do not sit directly behind someone else as it may make them feel uncomfortable.

At Forgandenny we are entering by the door at the front of the church but exiting by both doors while keeping at a safe distance.

At Dunbarney we enter by the usual door and because our pews are long, we suggest you move towards the middle if the pew is empty. On exit we will use both back doors and the vestry door (always open as a fire door) while respecting others' space. Use the hall door to exit if you are leaving from the organ side. Teas have started again at Dunbarney and again we ask you to keep your mask on as you find a table and then remain at your table where you will be served. Any suggestions or concerns then please let me know.

Anne Larg on behalf of the COVID Working Group  
(e.anne.larg@gmail.com)

## CHRISTIAN AID (*Christian Aid Week - 15-21 May 2022*)

In our acting justly and loving mercy, how do we also walk humbly with our God, as required in Micah 6:8? COVID-19, conflict, and the climate crisis are pushing vulnerable communities into a struggle for survival. Join us for a special Christian Aid service in **Dunbarney Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022** where we will be thinking about these things and Jesus' words: *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

This year the decision has been taken once again NOT to deliver donation envelopes around the village. However, there will be Christian Aid envelopes available for those who would wish to make a donation. Alternatively, people will be directed to make a donation online [www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week). In addition, it is hoped that there will be an event (such as a coffee morning) to raise money for Christian Aid. Thank you for your ongoing support.



## INTOGETHER

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February worship was led by four ladies with links to the *InTogether* project. They told us about this church expression which reaches out to families with children who have additional support needs. If you would like to know more about InTogether then the service is available to watch on FaceBook and the FB page for InTogether also has more information, Listening Together, Learning together and Being together. They also have a mailing list that you can join.



Trudi Nicol,  
Disability Advisor at Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church.

## HALL CONVENER

Avril Fulton has very kindly taken on this role. To book the hall at Dunbarney please contact her by email at [a.f.fulton@icloud.com](mailto:a.f.fulton@icloud.com) or by telephone - noted at the end of the Order of Service each week and under 'contacts' on the Parish Voice. The Terms and Conditions, including hall hire rates, are available on the church website.

## SNOWDROPS FOR POLLINATORS PROJECT - DUNBARNEY GRAVEYARD



As an Eco Church we were invited to take part in a small project to help plant 'Snowdrops in the Green'.

The Partnership was given a small grant from the Nature Restoration Fund to roll out the 'Snowdrops for Pollinators' project which was launched in St Madoes earlier this year. This was to involve the community in planting c750 snowdrops in the green (purchased from Cambo Estate over in Fife) in the local graveyard.

The grassy banks within the graveyards were considered, as were the spaces around trees and in other areas where the grass is left to grow just a little longer than usual until the snowdrop leaves die down naturally and the existing grassland management can continue as normal.

This initiative is part of the Partnership's longstanding Green Graveyard Initiative - further details here: <https://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/GreenGraveYardIntro.pdf>. In all, the funding allowed up to 20 Perth & Kinross graveyards to be planted up with pollinator-friendly snowdrops.

Permission for the project was granted from the council's Bereavement Services. PKC will now need to update its grassland maintenance regime maps to ensure the snowdrops are left to flower and die down naturally. Unfortunately, PKC staff did not have the capacity to contribute any staff time to this project so it was left to individuals and community groups to do the planting.

The snowdrops have now been planted and it was brilliant to have the support of the Beavers and the Rainbows to do this. Their help in this worthwhile community project is very much appreciated. A special thanks also goes to Avril for coordinating this lovely piece of community work.



## WOMEN'S GROUP 2022

The following meetings will take place in the church hall at 7.30pm - all welcome!

Feb 16 - Talk / presentation on Mental Health by Colin Hunter

March 16 - AGM followed by speaker, the Rev Allan Wilson ("Ministry: then, now and in the future")

March 30 - Talk on reflexology by Karen Wilson

April 20 - Film night

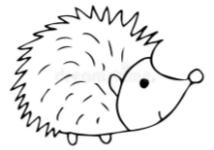
\*There is a small charge of £2 per meeting.



## BEING A HEDGEHOG CHAMPION

Hello, I'm a volunteer at two local rescues and a Hedgehog Champion with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society/Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species.

How long is it since you last saw a hedgehog? The UK has lost a third of its population since 2000, and their numbers are declining as fast as tigers in the wild. They are now officially classed as vulnerable to extinction in the IUCN's Red List for British Mammals. There are many reasons and it's sad to think that, for future generations, such a fate would make this lovely, prickly God's creature only a character in storybooks. Here are 10 simple tips to help them.



1. Link your garden with a Hedgehog Highway. Hedgehogs travel between 1-2 km a night searching for food and a mate. Leaving a small gap in your fence the size of a CD case will let hedgehogs through but be too small for pets. BHPT/PTES sell snazzy little recyclable Hedgehog Highway signs, for a few pounds. Ask your neighbours to do the same!
2. Create a wild corner in your garden so they can snuffle around for insects.
3. Tidy up netting and litter which can trap hedgehogs due to their spines. Even rubber bands dropped by the postie can become embedded in their skin, causing a slow, painful death.
4. Put out food and water. You can supplement their diet with wet dog or cat food (preferably not fish based). No bread, milk or mealworms, which are all extremely bad for them. For those who are into simple DIY you can make a feeding station to stop other animals having a free supper - details on the BHPS website/YouTube
5. Stop using chemicals especially slug pellets. Hedgehogs are a gardener's best friend as they eat slugs as well as many other beasties which would otherwise be devouring your prize flowers and vegetables
6. Check before mowing or strimming. Hedgehogs often sleep in long grass or hedges during daytime and won't run away if they hear a mower, resulting in horrific injuries or death. Use gloves to move a single hog to safety. If there's a family, call the BHPS for advice on 01584 890801, the SSPCA on 0300 999 999 or Google to find your local Hedgehog Rescue.
7. Be careful with bonfires or simply burning leaves. Piles of debris are irresistible to a hedgehog looking for somewhere to hibernate or nest – build it on the day of burning to avoid a tragic end, or if you have to build it before then check carefully with a pole or broom, not a spade or fork. They are usually in the centre.
8. Make a home for hedgehogs. A log pile is one of the best features for encouraging all kinds of wildlife, and easy to make. It will encourage insects and provide nesting opportunities all year around. Alternatively, you can make your own hedgehog house – download instructions from the BHPS website.
9. Keep an eye out for hedgehogs when driving at night, & let it get over the road safely if you see one. If you see it too late try to steer so it will pass under the middle of the car where it is least likely to be harmed.
10. Record hedgehog sightings, including dead ones, on The Big Hedgehog Map website. This is important in building up a picture of where they are most active & how we can encourage local

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populations. A hedgehog seen during the day is usually in need of help & you should contact one of the organisations above.

If you'd like to do more, you can become a Hedgehog Champion by registering on the Hedgehog Street website, where you can find lots of resources to make your gardens, neighbourhood and Parish, hedgehog-friendly zones.

Moira Grant, Falkirk

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

The Kirk Session has decided that Sunday worship for the time being will take place alternately between the buildings at Dunbarney and Forgandenny. These services will take place at 10.30am with occasional services at 2.00pm. There is now WIFI installed in Forgandenny Church which means that the Live Streaming of services will continue regardless of the building used. Regardless of where the service takes place, a recording is available on the telephone broadcast service (01738 239392). The dates of the services are as follows:



April 2022	May 2022
<b>03</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am	<b>1</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am
<b>10</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am (Palm Sunday)	<b>8</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am (followed by Annual Meeting)
<b>17</b> Easter Sunday 7.30am – Forgandenny Church 10.30am - Dunbarney Church	<b>15</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am (Christian Aid Week)
<b>24</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am	<b>22</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am
	<b>29</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am
June 2022	July 2022
<b>5</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am (Communion Sunday)	<b>3</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am
<b>12</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am	<b>10</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am
<b>19</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am	<b>17</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am
<b>26</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am	<b>24</b> Dunbarney at 10.30am
	<b>31</b> Forgandenny at 10.30am

## WALK WITH US

Jesus, you know what it's like  
to feel abandoned,  
lost and afraid.  
Walk with us  
And show us how to walk with others,  
who live in fear,  
who face death  
through hunger or war.  
Show us how to pray  
for those we do not know  
and will not meet,  
but who are always loved by you.  
Walk with us Jesus, Amen.

*Linda Jones/CAFOD*

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