

# Parish Voice

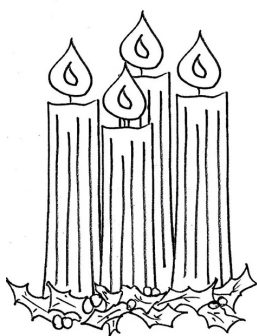
Winter 2023/2024



*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 MANSE

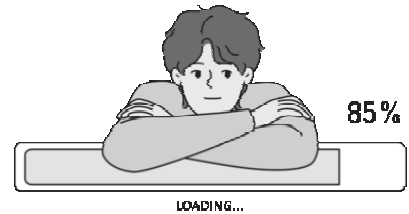
It's amazing how new expressions have entered our vocabulary at this time of the year. One of these is 'Black Friday' which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> November and 'Cyber Monday' on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Historically Black Friday refers to the day in the year when shops and companies in the high street offer drastically reduced prices to remain financially viable, or "in the black." Cyber Monday on the other hand was created for online companies. On both days, millions of pounds are spent because of flash sales and attractive offers. In the weeks that follow, deliveries are then frantically made and people become more than a little concerned as they wait and hope that their purchases will arrive on time and delivered to the correct address.




We are about to enter the season of Advent – which is also a time of waiting and preparation. It's a time when we are to prepare ourselves for more than just the festivities of Christmas Day itself. It's a time to consider the incredible gift we were all given when Jesus was born. When Jesus arrived as a baby, he was coming into a world which had been anticipating and waiting for his arrival for hundreds of years. All through the Old Testament, we see people prophesying the birth of Jesus. We might wonder why it took so long for Jesus to arrive but God's timing is perfect. God knew exactly the right time for Jesus to be born and God knew exactly the right person to be Jesus's mother. When Mary was told she would be the one to give birth to the Saviour of the world, she had to wait for months until it was the right time for

Jesus to be born. What went through her mind during this time? Maybe she was afraid of what lay ahead. Or maybe she waited with hope and excitement for all that was to come.

As a congregation we also find ourselves in a period of waiting. We are waiting for the refurbishment work to begin in Dunbarney Church. Many of us are excited about what is being planned and we are indebted to the Committee who are spending a lot of time thinking through the many issues. Furthermore, we are waiting to implement various elements of The Presbytery Mission Plan, which I outlined in the recent Special Edition of *Parish Voice*. On the 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be formally linked to Aberdalgie (pro: Aber-day-gay) and Forteviot with further readjustment with Abernethy and Dunning in the coming year. At that point I will become minister to the neighbouring churches. These past 16 years at Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church have been very special indeed. I have been blessed with the love and support of so many people, some of whom have since passed on and who are now enveloped in God's everlasting arms. As we move to a new arrangement, I believe that God has wonderful things ahead of us that will bring us joy and meaning. During this



 period of waiting, however, we must prepare our hearts and minds in the best ways we can by allowing Christ's Spirit to move in and amongst us, enabling us to "love our neighbours as ourselves". There is little doubt that during a time of transition, there will be things that will not go to plan. At such times, we must model Christ's love, patience and commitment to one another.

So, what are you waiting for this? An improvement in your circumstances? A clear vision for your future? During this period of waiting may we never lose sight of the Advent message. Jesus came to bring healing, freedom, purpose, joy, peace, and salvation to those who had waited for so long for Him.

When God promises us something, do we wait patiently? Or do we become disappointed when the wait is taking longer than we thought

it would? The Bible says: Wait patiently for the Lord' (Psalm 27:14 NLT). Waiting expectantly for God requires us to be courageous. We have to choose to push aside the doubts and disappointments and believe that God's faithful. We need to trust that God will come through at the right time, in the right way.

**'Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous.**

As always, there are some lovely things planned throughout Advent and Christmas. I hope that you will be able to join us at the various services scheduled and that you may know in a very special way, God's loving presence with you now and in the New Year.

With all good wishes and 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
**Forgandenny Church at 11.00am.***



*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.

## PARISH REGISTER



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

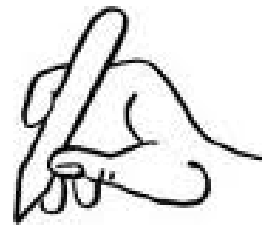
02/07/23 - Phyllis Ballantine Baillie\*, aged 85 years  
02/08/23 - Margaret Rennie Annandale\*, aged 85 years  
09/08/23 - Helen Elizabeth McKie, aged 81 years  
18/08/23 - Margaret (Margo) Ann Jamieson, aged 88 years  
21/08/23 - Ian Milne\*, aged 82 years  
22/08/23 - Lorna Joyce Stewart\*, aged 93 years  
12/09/23 - Barbara (Babs) Brown Fleming Gilmour\*, aged 89 years  
28/09/23 - William (Bill) McGregor Paterson\*, aged 80 years  
03/10/23 - Margaret Nixon Cheshire\*, aged 86 years  
13/09/23 - Sylvia Wilson\*, aged 92 years  
04/11/23 - Irene Catherine Murray Rutherford McNally, aged 83 years  
07/11/23 – Joan Kinnaird Packer\*, aged 86 years

### **WEDDINGS**

19/07/23 – Loryn D. Cura & Max M. Popp in Fingask Castle  
16/10/23 – Kerry L. Hood & James C. L. Evans in St Margaret's Chapel,  
Edinburgh Castle,

### **FROM THE SESSION CLERK**

There are many folk that give you a smile and chat as they welcome you at the Church door or they serve you a cup of coffee or they record the service if you are unable to join us. There are many others that you don't see who phone you up every now and then, who arrange the flowers which grace the Sanctuary that are maybe then delivered to your door, all those who organise activities in the hall, all those who make sure all our buildings are safe and maintained.



I was thinking through a week here at Dunbarney and Forgandenny and in my head I was thanking the folk I knew about but I am sure there are many working quietly in the background that I missed!

All of these things that are noticed by you or seem to 'just happen' are all there because we have many people who volunteer of their time and their talents to make our church community a welcoming place.

A HUGE thank you to all our volunteers, you are very much appreciated.

Anne Larg.  
e.anne.larg@gmail.com. 01738 812805

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **2023 Successes**

As we approach the end of 2023, it's a nice opportunity to reflect on all we have achieved in the year. As most of you will know, our 100 Year's Celebration Day was a great success - lots of lovely 'buzz' around the Church, and the huge sum of £3,323 was raised for our refurbishment project on the day.



Our Youth Drop-in sessions are very well attended and we've been able to purchase all the necessary equipment, games, craft items and food (lots and lots of food!) thanks to the PKC Community Investment funding we received earlier in the year.

Our Cosy Space also continues to be well received, and we've been able to extend those sessions into the spring of 2024, with the support of the PKC Warm Welcome Fund. This fund has also allowed us to introduce free of charge gentle exercise classes in the Church hall each Friday morning, as well as financially supporting the Wednesday Club, who get together each Wednesday afternoon in the Bowling Club. The funding also allows us to continue to work in collaboration with Bridge of Earn Baby & Toddler Group, who have been able to plan some lovely joint activities for the coming months, including the Nativity Trail. The funds will also enable some music/entertainment afternoons to take place. Sheila Stewart has kindly taken the lead on this, with the first one being an afternoon of Scottish fun and laughter in the Church on Thursday 30th November.

For information, details of all the Warm Spaces available locally can be found at:

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces> We fall within the Ward 9 (Almond and Earn) area.

### **Charity Support**

Thank you to everyone who again supported CATH and the Perth Foodbank following this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Not only did they benefit from the many donations of food and other provisions, but they also each received £72.50 from our retiring collection.

We were pleased to be able to send the very generous sum of £347.40 to Poppy Scotland following the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November.

This year, the chosen beneficiaries of our Christmas retiring offerings will be Shelter Scotland (Charity No. SC002327) and the Stroke Unit at PRI, in memory of Bill Paterson and others we know who have benefitted from this unit locally. Thank you in advance for supporting these very worthwhile causes if you are able.

### **Generous Giving**

We're all too aware that most people's finances have been stretched by ever-increasing costs this past year or so. Despite that, we continue to receive generous donations which support the work of the Church and help to mitigate any cost increases we've also experienced. Thank you for your continued prayerful giving as we enter the Christmas season and into 2024 – all that we do as a Church family is only made possible through your offerings.

Alison Jolliffe

### **PRESBYTERY OF PERTH: SERVICE OF LINKING**

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in Dunning Church (tbc)**,



there will be a Presbytery Service to formally link the current charges of Dunbarney & Forgandenny and Aberdalgie & Forteviot churches. Members and adherents are invited to attend this service, which will be led by the Moderator of

Presbytery. At this service, members of Presbytery and members of the congregations will recognise the formal linking and offer our thanks to God for the opportunities ahead of us to work together. Please keep the date in the diary free. It would be great to see as many of you present at that event.

### **ABERNETHY & DRON & ARNGASK PARISH CHURCH NEWS**

At the end of December, we say farewell to our Locum, Rev Alex Stewart.

We thank Rev Alex sincerely for all his work and commitment across the Parish over the past year and wish both him and Lis a very happy and healthy retirement.

Perth Presbytery has appointed Michael Benneworth as our Locum from January to Eastertime by which time we hope to be linked with

the Lower Earn Churches as set out in Perth Presbytery Plan. Michael will also take up the post of Interim Moderator with us next month.

We wish everyone across the Lower Earn Churches a very peaceful and happy Christmastime and look forward to exciting times ahead in the new year as we work closer together towards in our Linkage

Joyce S White Session Clerk

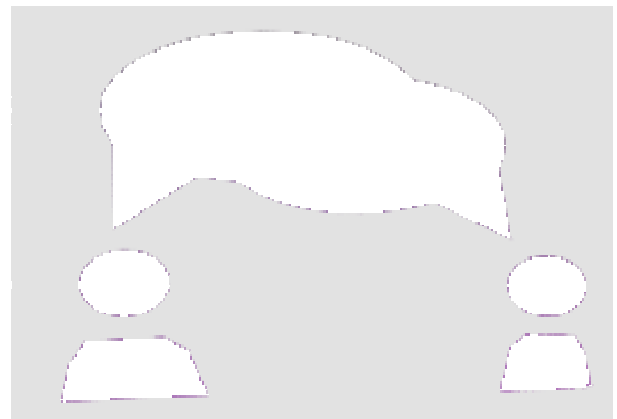
## **PASTORAL CARE NEEDS YOU!**

**Have you noticed that someone has been missing from Church for a few weeks?**

**Do you know why?**

**Why not find out?**

**If there is an issue, please let the pastoral care team know on 07739 311630.**



## **COMMUNITY COSY SPACE**

Your Community Cosy Space is open every Friday between 11:30am-1:30pm in Dunbarney Church hall. The Autumn season is well underway and runs until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December returning after the Christmas break on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Anyone living in Bridge of Earn and the surrounding villages is welcome to come and enjoy a bowl of soup, tea, coffee and bakery produce in a warm and friendly place. There is no charge as funding has been secured from PKC Warm Welcome Fund.

Volunteers for our Winter sessions between January and March 2024 are now welcome

Please contact [deputysessionclerk@outlook.com](mailto:deputysessionclerk@outlook.com) if you can help.

Margaret Bell

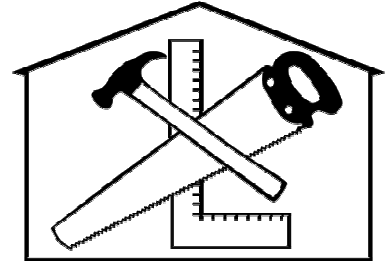
# **DUNBARNEY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT**

## **Progress**

We have all of the required approvals in place, and we're now awaiting the tender returns from a panel of construction firms. Hopefully the costs will not have increased too much, and we should be able to announce the agreed work start date soon.

When the work gets under way there will be a short period where the hall should still be available. At that time the

hall users will need to access through the garden entrance from The Orchard as the main church gate and driveway will be fenced off by the contractors. As the work progresses, there will be a stage where the kitchen and



toilet areas are unavailable, and at that point the hall will be temporarily closed. It is likely this would be over the quieter summer period, so it might not inconvenience too many hall users!

For the past few weeks we have been trying out samples of the recommended stacking chairs, and these appear to be both comfortable and stable. The chair fabric colour will be chosen as part of the new finishing scheme, when the congregation get a chance to choose from a number of options suggested by the architect.

There has been much planning and preparatory work going on behind the scenes, and the Refurbishment Group is eagerly looking forward to practical progress in 2024.

George Bell

## **Hymn Books and RSV Bibles**

As we look towards refurbishment at Dunbarney Church we have undertaken an inventory of everything in the building. If there is anything that belongs to you – a dedicated bible for example – please get in touch.

Also, if you would like to keep an RSV Bible from the church or a CH4 hymnbook then please take one from the bookcase in the entrance area.

Anne Larg and Elizabeth Dalgetty  
(members of the refurbishment team).



## **YOUTH DROP IN**

We are really pleased that the Youth Drop-In, which started initially as a 4 week trial back in May, has been a real success.

We asked for feedback after the first few sessions and the response was overwhelmingly positive, with very few suggestions for areas of change (except more space -refurb committee please note!!), and so the format has remained largely the same. Thanks to



the funding we have invested in an additional play station and are looking at some more robust equipment to replace some items that were donated and have been well used (perhaps too robustly!!). We routinely have in the region of 20 - 25 attendees which creates a superb buzz and energy, possibly assisted by the sugar consumption from the snack table.

As ever, this venture would not be possible without the time and effort of all the volunteers, as well as the funding sources. Huge thanks to all the team for their involvement. Again if anyone is interested in helping out, do get in touch as we are keen to spread the load and the more people we have, the less time needed from each person.

We continue to ask you to pray for this venture which has been a real demonstration of the church supporting, and getting involved with, the local community.

## **YOUTH DROP IN - CAN YOU HELP? :**

This meets in Dunbarney Church Hall on most Wednesday evenings during term time from 6-8pm for local children between P7 and S3.

The dates are advertised on posters and on social media . Activities offered in the hall are playstations, pool, darts, football table, crafts, board games, a keyboard and a guitar (and headphones!).

We used our outdoor giant jenga, connect four and swingball in the better weather.

We also have a general lounging area as well as food and snacks.

The Youth Drop In is free as it has been funded by Perth and Kinross Council and we are also supported by KYTHE (Kinross Youth Enterprise).



Peter is the team lead for the Youth evening and he can be contacted on [peter@kythe.org.uk](mailto:peter@kythe.org.uk)

## **ECO CHURCH**

As Christmas approaches it is lovely to receive cards and messages in the post. Please cut off the stamp leaving a small border of envelope around it. There are collection points in the hall and both churches.

We also recycle books, ink cartridges, batteries and collect for Starter Packs in Dunbarney Hall.

## **Recycling at Home**

As you all know our recycling has been split into 2 bins - GREY AND BLUE!!

BLUE BIN will now only take paper and cardboard.

GREY BIN will take all the plastics that used to go in the blue bin, metals including cans, tins and metal lids, and also the soft plastics, crisp packets, foil and blister packs.

All items in recycling bins must be CLEAN AND DRY and be put in singly!

## **Church Garden - decking area**

The decking area has been closed off for safety reasons, some of the wood is rotten. Both bench seats have been moved forward so that they can still be used.

## **BLYTHSWOOD 2023 APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the appeal. 27 generously filled boxes were delivered for customs checking along with many filler items, cosy knits and donations towards the cost of transport. A special thank-you to the Dandelion Group who for many weeks have been busy knitting much needed hats and scarves for the appeal. Over a week in November 4580 shoe boxes were checked at the Baptist Church and together with boxes from Broughty Ferry and Crieff a total of 7197 boxes and 19 cartons of blankets were loaded on to the lorry bound for Kosovo.

## **RVS LUNCH CLUB**

We meet in the church hall every Tuesday 11.00am till 1.00pm during school term time. Spaces available for both ladies and gents. To book see Sheila Stewart.

## **TEA @TWO**

Meet first Friday every month 2.00pm at Caledonia Sheltered Housing. Friendship, social and support group. All welcome. Sheila Stewart is again the contact.

## **WARM WELCOME ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS**

Events are planned for 30th November, 25th January and 14th March in the Church. All welcome. These events are funded by PKC, so are free to attend, with light refreshments provided. Speak to Sheila Stewart (07518 888009) for more info.

The first of these events will be "An Afternoon of Scottish Fun" with Jock Ferguson at 1.30pm on Friday 30th November. Free tickets to estimate catering requirement are available in the Church Office. All welcome.



## **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Our programme for this session is well underway and we're delighted that some new people have joined us.

In September we had a great Chinese Cooking demonstration from Linda Chan-Malcolm (of Jade Garden, Perth) who made a delicious Creamy Coconut Chicken dish with rice and prawn crackers to accompany it. It definitely got the thumbs up and we all went home with a copy of the recipe. There are still copies of the recipe if anyone wants one.

In October we had a very successful fundraising Ladies Night with 10 stalls ranging from Autumn and Christmas wreaths to Make up demos, cakes, pork, gifts, jewellery and handmade soap. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and we raised the magnificent sum of £800 for Perthshire Women's Aid. Many thanks to all who supported this event

This month, we had a fun night at For Art Sake in Scone. It was a case of choosing your piece of pottery and painting it. Help was at

hand from Charlotte and Kirsteen who were happy to give advice to those of us who needed it.

We're now looking forward to our Christmas Night out at the Jade Garden Restaurant in Perth on Wed 6 Dec at 7pm - it's a 2 course Chinese Banquet £20 pp. There are 24 ladies already booked for this but still room for more so please get in touch if you'd like to join us.

Still to come.....

Jan 17 - Film night

Feb 21 - Aromatherapy by Elaine's Beautique

March 20 - AGM followed by Speaker from Perthshire Women's Aid

April 17 - Talk and cooking demo by Glen Ewen, chef at Earn Coffee Shop

We are a friendly and welcoming group so please do join us at any of our meetings, you'll be made most welcome.

For more information please contact Avril - 07977290268 / a.f.fulton@icloud.com

Avril Fulton

## THE BRIG WALKERS



The walking group is going from strength to strength. There are two regular walks.

One every Thursday at 12.30pm, leaving from the carpark opposite The Institute. The other, every weekday morning at 8.30am, leaving front outside my house. There are a few regular walkers for this one but

it would be lovely to add to that group. We walk most days but miss the occasional one, so if you want to make sure we're going or don't know where I live, feel free to give me a call, WhatsApp or text.

The other aim of the walking group, is to provide a place where people who fancy a walk at any time, can post and ask if anyone wants to join them. To do that, please use the Brig Walkers Facebook page. A wee walk, with good company to chat to, can break up a long day. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Sandra Richie 07723757565

## **CHURCH HALL**

We are delighted that our church hall is busy again with a variety of clubs and organisations for different age groups and interests. Most of these are open to anyone so if you are interested in something, please get in touch and I can give you the details of who to contact.

### **MONDAY**

Morning - Ladies Keep Fit Class 1 (Aerobics & Circuits) - 9.45 - 10.45  
Spaces!

- Ladies Keep Fit Class 2 (Chair based/ less mobile) - 10.45 - 11.30 Spaces!

**\*\*Please note the 2 ladies classes have been swapped around so that the class for the more mobile is now first at 9.45.\*\***

Afternoon - Men's Keep Fit Class (Aerobics & Circuits) - 3.30 -4.30 1 or 2  
Spaces!

Evening - Yoga

### **TUESDAY**

- 7.15 - 8.45

Morning - RVS Lunch Club 11-1pm

Afternoon - Carpet Bowls 2-4pm

Afternoon - Banner Group (Forgandenny Church - Laird's Loft) 2-4pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

Monthly Soup Lunches 12-1.30 on 2nd Wed of each month Nov to May  
inclusive

Evening- Women's Group -3rd Wed of the month 7.30 - 9.30 Sept to April

Evening - Youth Drop In - 6-8pm

### **THURSDAY**

Morning - Chatterbox for 0-3 yrs 9-11am

Afternoon - Bridge Club (beginners are welcome) 1.30 - 4pm

Evening - Earn Singers 7.30 - 9.30pm (new members welcome)

### **FRIDAY**

KEEP FIT FRIDAY 10.30 - 11.15 - chair based and more mobile catered for  
COSY SPACE FROM 11.30 - 1.30pm (till end of March) Come along for a  
heat or a blether, read the paper or sit and relax and enjoy tea, coffee and  
home baking and soup at lunchtime - all free including Keep Fit!

Everyone welcome!

### **SATURDAY**

Dandelion Group 10-12 1st Sat of the month

### **SUNDAY**

Fortnightly teas and coffees after the church service - an opportunity to  
socialise, catch up with friends and make new friends.

The hall is also very popular for birthday parties and celebrations, coffee mornings and fundraising events so please do get in touch if you'd like to book.

\*Charges (includes use of the hall, kitchen and toilets)

Per hour - £16

Half a day- £50

Whole day- £90

Grateful thanks to all the organisers and volunteers who help to run the various clubs and groups, it's lovely to see our hall so well used.

Avril Fulton, Hall Convenor  
[a.f.fulton@icloud.com](mailto:a.f.fulton@icloud.com) or 7977290268

## DANDELION



The ladies have been knitting (and crocheting) to some purpose recently. Since then we have given out a good many shawls, so we are currently working hard to bring our stocks back up. If you know of someone who would benefit from a 'hug' please get in touch.

We are always happy to welcome visitors/new members and can supply needles, patterns and yarn.

In fact, we can even teach you to knit/crochet if it's new to you, so come along to the Church Hall on the first Saturday of any month at 10.00am for a blether with tea/coffee and biscuits thrown in.

## THE EARN SINGERS

We have restarted following the summer break. Our numbers have increased as we welcome some new members. Men, who wish to sing with us, can come along to rehearsals on Thursday evenings

and give it a go! Preparations are underway for the annual concert, this year on May 10th, the music ranges



from modern and musicals to Mozart and folk songs to name a few and hopefully there will be something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you then, but before that you are warmly invited to our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th December in Bridge of Earn Institute at 10.00am (please note change of venue) when, in addition to tasty Christmas fare, you will hear a variety of Christmas music and also have the opportunity to join in singing with some favourite Christmas songs and Carols. Tickets are adults £5 children free and they can be bought at the door, from the Church office or any of the Earn singers. We will have our usual huge raffle with exciting prizes!

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee invite you to an afternoon of Burns Poetry and Song on Saturday 27th January in Dunbarney Church Hall from 2 pm to 4 pm . Entry at the door is £5 and this will include some tasty Scottish treats. Please come along and enjoy the fellowship.

The Social Committee will support the Fundraising Committee with their event which will take place on 23rd March in Dunbarney Church Hall.

We also plan to host a Spring Walk. No date is set for this so please look out for information nearer the time.

If you have any ideas for Social Events please speak to one of the committee.

Wilma McCullough

## **DUNBARNEY/FORGANDENNY FLOWERS**

A big Thank You to all who have arranged and delivered flowers over the past year. We could not have provided such beautiful displays every week without you all.



I also wish to thank all who donate money towards putting the flowers in the Church each year, we really appreciate your generosity. There are many weeks now available if you wish to donate for a specific purpose, eg in memory of someone or a date that is special to you. If interested in doing this, please contact me on 07751 577771 or speak to me at Church.

If you have any of the green dishes that go out with the flowers lying around, we can reuse them so again contact me and I will arrange to collect them.

If you are interested in helping to arrange flowers, please get in touch. It may only be once or twice a year.

The flower ministry group once again thank you and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Helen Jackson, Flower Convener.

## **DUNBARNEY AND FORGANDENNY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ADVENT TRAIL**

For the fourth year running there will be an Advent Trail around the village.

We are very grateful to our volunteer households and businesses who have agreed to display in their windows a coloured star on a particular day in December.

This year's answer sheet is a colour by numbers activity. By following the stars along the trail participants will discover which colour to use each day on their picture sheet.

A map and a colouring in sheet can be downloaded from the Dunbarney & Forgandenny Parish Church Face Book page, the Church website, the Brig, Oudenarde and Forgandenny Community Face Book pages, or through both local schools.

Paper copies will be available from the Church office (Wed and Fri mornings), both Churches, Dunbarney Church Hall, the dentist and the Tuesday Bridge of Earn Baby and Toddler Group.

Special thanks to the Tuesday Bridge of Earn Baby and Toddler Group and the Wednesday Youth Drop In who have both been involved with the preparation this year.

Thanks again, have fun, go for a walk, let's light up the village with smiles as we approach Christmas.

Star Number 24 will be revealed on Christmas Eve in Dunbarney Parish Church at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome. Join in some singing and remembering the Christmas story.

Anne Larg and Kirsty Jackson.



## CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

The collections at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services will be donated equally to two recipients:

**Stroke Unit at Perth Royal Infirmary** in memory of Bill Paterson and other members of the community who have benefited from this service.

### **Shelter Scotland**

Over 9,500 children will wake up on Christmas morning without a place to call home. Forced to stay in unfit, temporary accommodation, often with damp and mould, that is cramped and unsuitable for a family to live in.

A lack of affordable homes in Scotland means the housing emergency is spiralling.

Shelter Scotland is a charity who strive every day to give people struggling with bad housing or homelessness the help they need, through advice, support and legal services. Charity number SC002327 (Scotland).

## TEA AND CAROLS

Sunday 10th December 3.00 – 5.00. Forteviot Village Hall. Donation to Parish Funds. Some baking to share would be appreciated.

## ST JOHN SCOTLAND

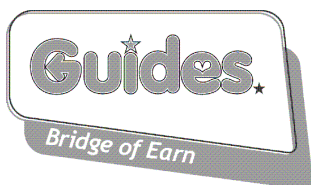
Perth and Kinross Area Committee are organising a service of Lessons and Carols in Dunbarney Church Sunday 17th November at 4.00pm. The Earn Singers will also be performing.

All are welcome and there will be tea and home baking in the hall afterwards.



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## FRIENDS OF GUIDING CHRISTMAS CARD POST



Once again, we are doing a Christmas card post. Boxes will be in Davidson's Chemist, Main St.; Kintillo Shop and you can post through the letter box at the Session House for collection from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Sat. 9th December. Cards will be delivered over the weekend.

Bridge of Earn, Kintillo & Oudenard areas only. Please make sure cards are labelled correctly. Please leave money with cards. Cost per card is 25p.

You can also drop off the cards at the Church hall on Saturday 9<sup>TH</sup> December morning until 10am.

Please note there is no Coffee Morning this year by the Guides.

Thank you for your support.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2023**

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**4.00pm – Carol Service** led by St John Scotland  
(Dunbarney Church)

### **Christmas Eve**

**10.30am – The Christmas Big Sing**

(Dunbarney Church – joined by Aberdalgie and Forteviot Church)

**6.30pm – Family Service**

(Dunbarney Church)

**11.30pm – Watch Night Service**

(Dunbarney Church)

Tea and coffee served before service

### **Christmas Day**

**10.30am – All-Age Service**

(Forgandenny Church)

This year, the collections uplifted at the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be shared equally between 'Shelter Scotland' (SC002327) and the Stroke Unit at Perth Royal Infirmary (no charity status).

Preferably, we ask that donations be made through BACS using the following details: Please use as a reference: **'Christmas Charity'**

Dunbarney Forgandenny Parish Church

Bank of Scotland Sort Code: 80-91-28

Account No: 00323467      Reference: CHRISTMAS CHARITY

## SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday worship takes place every week but in alternate buildings. These services will **start at the NEW time of 11.00am**. This is because we will be linked with Aberdalgie and Forteviot Church, whose organist also plays at Dunning Church which also begins at 11.00am. The times of services will be reviewed in the coming year.

Live Streaming of services will continue, and a recording is available on the telephone broadcast service (01738 239392). The proposed dates of the services are as follows. These may change so please check the website or noticeboards for any changes.

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| <b>December 2023</b><br>3 - Dunbarney at <b>11.00am</b><br>(Communion Sunday)<br>10 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>17 - Dunbarney at 11.00am<br>4.00pm at Dunbarney<br>Carol Service led by St John Scotland<br>24 – Dunbarney at <b>10.30am</b><br>(The Big Sing)<br>25 – Forgandenny at <b>10.30am</b><br>31 – Dunbarney at 11.00am | <b>January 2024</b><br>7 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>14 - Dunbarney at 11.00am<br>21 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>28 - Dunbarney at 11.00am   |
| <b>February 2024</b><br>4 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>11- Dunbarney at 11.00am<br>18 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>25 - Dunbarney at 11.00am   | <b>March 2024</b><br>3 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>(Communion Sunday)<br>10 – Dunbarney at 11.00am<br>17 - Forgandenny at 11.00am<br>24 - Dunbarney at 11.00am<br>31- EASTER DAY: Forgandenny at 11.00am |

## FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this edition of Parish Voice.

The deadline for articles for the next issue is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Please send your contributions to Anne Rodgie in the Church Office with a copy to Anne Larg.



## UPCOMING EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 30 Nov at 1.30 pm in Dunbarney Church - Entertainment afternoon, fun and laughter with Jock Ferguson, followed by light refreshments in the hall.

Please reserve a free ticket by contacting Sheila Stewart - 07746228931

Sat 9 Dec - Guide Christmas post - cards to be handed in to the hall by 10am please!

They will be sorted and delivered over the weekend.

Only 25p per card so please support Bridge of Earn Guides.

## MOVING HOUSE



If you are moving house please would you give your new address to Anne Larg 01738 812805

Linda Jones/CAFOD

### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

|                           |                      |                                    |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Parish Minister           | Rev. Allan J. Wilson | 812211                             |
| Session Clerk             | Anne Larg            | 812805                             |
| Dep Session Clerk         | Margaret Bell        | 07732 375038                       |
| Secretary                 | Anne Rodgie          | 812463 (Wed & Fri - mornings only) |
| Pastoral Group            | Christian Macdonald  | 07739 311630                       |
| Safeguarding              | Steve Fulton         | 813516                             |
| Treasurer                 | Alison Jolliffe      | 07809 293045                       |
| Church Hall               | Avril Fulton         | 07977 290268                       |
| Sunday Service Phone Line |                      | 01738-239392 (local rates apply)   |

