



FOSSOWAY CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday Worship 9.45am
All welcome



A Word From The Minister

August 25th 2023

Dear Church Members and Friends,

Just a couple of weeks ago when I was off on annual leave, I was at the stables where my daughter keeps her horse, watching the horses galloping about in the sunshine and thinking about just how quickly this year seems to be galloping by.

I find it is always helpful to have a break away from things so that one can come back refreshed and renewed. Sometimes after a break away some of the problems that were so important just seem to have disappeared and the insurmountable obstacles no longer seem so daunting. A little time, distance and perspective can change the way we perceive so many things. The world continues, the seasons change, the year goes round no matter what we do or how we may worry.

I think it's this kind of sense of things that Jesus talks about in this section of Matthew's Gospel:

²⁵ "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

²⁸ "And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, ²⁹ yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ³⁰ And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. (Matt 6:25-30 NLV)

Back at the beginning of the year we were worried about how we would find the money needed to repair our church roof. We set a date of September for the roof repair to begin and we wondered how we would ever find £30,000. Now we are at the end of August and we praise God because prayers have been answered and we find that we have raised the money needed for the repair, however, we now find that the repairs are having to be postponed until next spring because the builder has other projects that have been held up due to the rainy summer that we have experienced.

Your Kirk Session and I wish to express our grateful thanks to all of you who have supported all our fund-raising initiatives and given us all the donations so that we are in this worry free place and can look forwards to the roof repair finally being carried out. Thanks as well to all those who worked so hard on all the fund-raising events e.g. the Coronation events, the Fashion show and the Silent Auction, a lot of hard work for some but so much enjoyed by all of us.

Last year, and into this year, the Perth Presbytery Mission Plan was a cause of concern for many folks and of course especially so for all those at Cleish Church who were told that their building was to be closed. The Kirk Sessions of Cleish and Fossoway are still at the beginning of this new journey for both our churches and we met together on 13th Sept to start thinking about how our two churches may be united. I am sure this is just the start of many such meetings.

We started the year with a joint service at Orwell Church to mark how the churches in our Kinross-shire Parish Grouping have made a commitment to work more closely together in the ensuing months and years ahead. We also had a Parish Grouping conference on 14th June which was very well attended by elders from all our churches.

We seem to be approaching the end of our summer now. The days are getting shorter and folks are putting the heating on again and our church life is getting busy once more as we pick up the reins and continue our journey in Christ. As we do so we will miss the guiding presence of our Session Clerk Janet Harper, who has decided to have a longer break and take a year's sabbatical. I can never praise Janet enough for all she does and has done for our church. She has always been such a dedicated and hard worker and has been a wonderful and wise counsellor, support and guide for me in all my ministry here and for our Kirk Session as well. We will miss her but our prayers and well wishes go with her and she is not going far away...

This could have been another worrying time for us as we sought someone to take on the Office of Session Clerk, however, prayers have been answered yet again and we are very grateful to Anne McKay for taking on this role. It will take a little while for Anne to get a hold of everything but we pray for your patience and your help as she takes on these duties and we also pray for God's blessing upon her as she takes up the reins.

Through all the troublesome and worrying times God is with us. When we remember God's love and care for us, his son our Saviour walking beside us and his Holy Spirit guiding and uplifting us, the clamour of the worrying and troublesome times seem to disappear and the quietness and calm and peace of God's love creeps in.

God bless you all

Rev Lis

For quiet things

Thank you God for quiet things,
for drowsy birds with folded wings,
for daisies as they close their eyes,
and tunes that sound like lullabies,
for trees that stand so still and tall,
and snow that makes no sound at all,
for lilies standing white and fair,
that show to all God's loving care.

By Hilda Rostron

Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to Tracey Kendrick and Sarah Kendrick, and Barbara and Eric King, four new members of our church.

News from the Session Clerk

Dear readers,

I have to start by saying a huge thank you to all of those who attended or contributed to the Coronation Weekend events, the Fashion Show or the Silent Auction. It was great to see so many people there and often different groups of people at each event. Frequently, we think twice about going out and mixing with others but when we actually get there, it's a joy just to spend time catching up with people we haven't seen for a while or to make new friends and acquaintances. And of course, all this was done while raising valuable funds for our church. Once again, thank you.

You will have read in the minister's letter that I have agreed to step in Janet's shoes as acting Session Clerk while she takes a well-earned sabbatical. These are definitely big shoes to fill, metaphorically speaking, so please bear with me as I learn the ropes.

Recently a number of us joined with the members of Cleish for their service, with many remaining afterwards to enjoy a congregational lunch of soup and pudding. Everyone that attended thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other as we begin to move toward a union of our two churches. We look forward to sharing more opportunities like this in the future and I would encourage you all to join in as and when you can.

If at any time, you would like to chat to me, then please don't hesitate to find me on a Sunday morning. If I'm not around, then feel free to drop me an email at annemckay90@gmail.com. I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible, however please note that I will be on holiday for the second half of September.

Yours in fellowship,

Anne McKay

Session Clerk

Fossoway Gathering - 2nd September 2023

The sun shone and local people came and made the most of the day.

In the tea tent, we were kept busy serving throughout. The team worked as a well-oiled machine, serving delicious baking and hot drinks. Many thanks to all those who donated the delicious creations that many of our customers found it very difficult to choose between.

Word clearly got out about the delights being served up because there was consistently a queue of people patiently waiting outside the tent. Tom Mechan and Alan Harper were there throughout, waiting to relieve these happy folks of their cash after their choices were secured.

Finally, a huge thanks to Isabel Mechan for coordinating the whole event, without her planning skills there would have been no tea tent.

The total amount raised was on the region of £850.

Events

REFRESH is Back
For the Season!
Thursdays from 2- 4pm
 Come and join us for
 a cup of tea or coffee
 Some delicious homemaking
 And of course some convivial company



Fossoway Film Evening

I'll Find You 12

Catholic opera singer Robert Pulaski and Jewish violin virtuoso Rachel Rubin dream of performing together at the legendary Carnegie Hall in New York City. When the German invasion of Poland tears them apart, Robert vows to find Rachel at any cost.

Friday 6th October 7.30

Fossoway Church Hall

Donations of £5 appreciated which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.
 Other refreshments available

Fossoway Youth Night

with KYTHE

- Live Music
- Board Games
- Video Games
- Snacks & Drinks

Free!

Ages 11+
Fossoway Church
7pm - 8.30pm
November 12th



Discover our church online!

The Big Quiz Night 2023

7 October 2023
7.00 pm
at Kinross Parish Church

Refreshments, Bake Sale

Free entry, suggested donation £5
 Max. 4 per team: book a table at
ck@robinkent.co.uk
 or just come along on the night

All proceeds to
tearfund

Bits and Pieces

Will Aid

Have you made a will, possibly leaving something to our kirk? If not or you seek a change, there is an offer on the table from a local solicitor, Hazel Johnson of Cooper Johnson Law Ltd. Provided there are no Trust provisions for asset protection and/or Inheritance Tax Planning involved, Hazel has offered to provide, under Will Aid, a free service. If interested contact Hazel on 07824 702229.

Funerals

Gilmour Nicol 29th June 2023



Communication Information

Newsletter Deadlines 2023

Advent	14th November 2023
Easter	8th March 2024
Summer	25th August 2024

The newsletter is available on line at cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk and by email. If you no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please let us know by emailing fossowaynewslettereditor@cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

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ORGANISATION/EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
Fossoway Creative Crafters	Mondays 6.30pm - 8.30pm	fossowaycreativecrafters@gmail.com Fossoway Creative Crafters on Facebook
Fossoway Film Evening	1st Friday of the month, 7.30pm	See website for film details
Men's Breakfast	Monthly on Saturday 8.30 - 10am Please contact us for details & to let us know you're coming 	Colin McIntosh
The Fossoway Board Games Night	Fortnightly on Thursdays 6.30 - 7.30pm	Luke
Fossoway Toddler Group	Fridays 9.30 - 11.30am	Janet Harper Fossoway Toddler Group on Facebook
Refresh with tea, coffee, cakes & company	Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm	Delicious home baking, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

Fossoway House Group

Our House Group is now meeting every Thursday evening at 7.30pm. For more details please contact Debbie Hill.

Hall Bookings

If you wish to book our hall or meeting rooms please contact Mrs E Black.

All are welcome at any of our meetings and services. If you would like any more information please contact the Rev Lis Stenhouse.

Diary Dates for 2023

Sunday October 8th	7pm Youth Group
Sunday October 29th	9.45am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday November 12th	9.45am Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday November 12th	7pm Youth Group with KYTHE
Sunday November 26th	9.45am Celebration of Holy Communion
Saturday December 2nd	1-4pm Christmas Bazaar and Community Carol Singing
Sunday December 3rd	1st Sunday of Advent, 9.45am Service
Sunday December 10th	3pm Service of Remembering
Sunday December 10th	7pm Youth Group with KYTHE at Carols in the Carpark. This will take place in the Crook of Devon Village Hall carpark and will be followed by refreshments in the hall.
Sunday December 17th	9.45am Christmas Nativity service
Sunday December 24th	5pm Family Christmas Eve Service
Sunday December 24th	11.15pm Watchnight Service
Monday December 25th	9.45am Christmas Day Service