



FOSSOWAY CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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Sunday Worship 9.45am
All welcome



A Word From The Minister

The Rev Lis Stenhouse has answered a call to Aberlady and Gullane. She will be with us for the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday 26th November but is taking annual leave up until then to facilitate her move. Before she left, she sent an email to the congregation. For those who are not online, please find below excerpts from that email.

Dear Church Members and Friends,

You should all know now that I have answered the call to become Minister at Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church.

I feel a great sadness leaving all of you who have become my dear friends over these last nearly 10 years.

However, plans are in place and I will be taking some annual leave to make moving house possible.

However, I will be returning to conduct the service of Holy Communion on 26th November.

This will be my last service with you.

Many thanks

Take care, keep safe

God bless

Lis

News from the Session Clerk

17th November 2023

Dear readers,

It is hard to believe how much has changed since I wrote my first piece for the newsletter as Session Clerk.

While Lis's move to Aberlady and Gullane came out of the blue, it is the right decision for her and at this time.

I imagine that many of you are concerned regarding the future of our church at Fossoway. You will therefore be pleased to hear that the Rev Beverley Stevenson has been appointed as our Interim Moderator and she will be there to support and guide us along the road ahead.

Beverley is currently Mission Project Coordinator for Stirling and the surrounding area for Perth Presbytery. The Kirk Session and I are very much looking forward to working with her and you will all get the opportunity to meet her very soon as she will be leading worship on both Sunday 3rd December and Sunday 10th December.

Back joining us and leading worship in December will be a couple of well-known faces: Gordon Brown on 17th December and Rev Ray Gaston on 24th December.

As we move towards a closer collaboration across the Kinross-shire churches, we will again be holding one service of worship at New Year. This year, that service will take place on Sunday 31st December at Cleish Parish Church at 11am. Please note there will be no service at Fossoway that day.

The Kirk Session is continuing to work closely with Cleish Kirk Session to unite our churches, and with the other Kinross-shire Kirk Sessions, along with representatives from the Presbytery Planning and Deployment Committee, to take forward the Presbytery Mission Plan for Kinross-shire.

Change is ahead and we look forward to embracing all that this entails. Please be rest assured it remains very much business as usual with all church groups continuing to operate as normal.

If 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.

In the meantime, please have a wonderful festive season, relax, and enjoy time with those closest and dearest to you.

Yours in fellowship,

Anne McKay

Scarecrow Competition



The fantastic scarecrow entries for the Scarecrow Competition, displayed in the Church, before braving the elements outside The Inn in the Crook. Thank you to all who entered and to George Harley for judging what must have been a close competition.

Winners

Children under 7 - Neave Auburn

Children over 7 - Brodie Auburn

Local Business - The Stables Inn

Church Member - The Timmins Family

Community Group - Fossoway Creative Crafters

Special Award - 2nd Dollar Beavers

2nd Dollar Beavers welcome children 6 - 8 years old to meetings on Wednesdays 5.55pm - 6.55pm and Thursdays 7pm - 8pm at Dollar Scout Hall. Details available online. Come and join the fun!



Service of Remembrance

Rev Lis Stenhouse led a well attended and moving service in the Village Hall, and later outside at the War Memorial, where a beautiful poppy tribute had been installed. The names of the fallen from the local communities were read aloud by Lis and wreaths laid, followed by a two minute silence and The Last Post.



The Poppy Tribute

Following the installation of new pavements around the Village Hall, our local Bloom group, Crook and Drum Growing Together, has worked hard to tidy up the verges, create new borders, plant bulbs and flowers, and laid new gravel stones at the War Memorial. During a planning session, the Bloom group discussed planting poppies around the memorial, which would flower during the summer. This sparked an idea for Remembrance Day and the possibility of draping a net from the memorial stone with knitted and crocheted poppies attached. Members of the Fossoway Creative Crafting group were asked if they could develop this idea and many of you will have seen the spectacular result of all their efforts. In just a few weeks, around 150 poppies were handmade by the Crafting group then carefully sewn onto netting. This Remembrance Day tribute has been very well received and appreciated in the Fossoway community and beyond. The Crafting group have agreed to continue with an annual display and would welcome newcomers who would like to be involved. Fossoway Creative Crafters meet at the Church Hall on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30pm and can be contacted by email fossowaycreativecrafters@gmail.com and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/190094153236963>

Submitted by Sarah Kendrick

Events

The last day of Refresh this year AND the Christmas party is the 14th of December. Come along, and remember to wear your Christmas jumper! Refresh will restart on the 11th of January 2024.



Weekly **Refresh**
 The Elizabeth Wilkie Hall
 (adjacent to the church)
 Thursdays 2pm - 4pm
 September - June
ALL WELCOME!

Fossoway Film Evening

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Book Club

The Next Chapter 12

This sequel follows our four best friends as they take their book club to Italy for the fun girl's trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once in a lifetime adventure. *Starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen.*

Friday 1st December

Fossoway Church Hall

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

KYTHE News

2024 will see more time and resources invested in Crook of Devon with the (currently) monthly youth club evenings hosted in Fossoway Church Hall. This has seen on occasion 30 young people attending these sessions and we've really felt the buzz! We're excited and look forward to witnessing the growth of the project! Watch this space!

The Gifting Tree

The Gifting Tree will be in the Church from the first Sunday in Advent, the 3rd of December. This is for donations to church funds. Envelopes for donations will be available in the vestibule and you will then be able to hang the envelopes on the tree. Many thanks in advance for your contribution.

Fossoway Film Evening in January - Barbie (PG-13)

The film on Friday the 5th of January is **Barbie**, so see you there at 7.30pm and you really should be wearing something **pink!**

Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colourful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

Starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling.

Please come along for an afternoon of socialising, festive fare, tempting treats, Christmas shopping and Carol singing!

JOIN US FOR OUR

Fossoway Church

CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR

Saturday 2nd December

Bazaar in the Church Hall 1pm - 4pm
Community carols in the Church 3pm - 4pm

**Entry - adults £3, children £1
(refreshments included)**

**Craft stall • Cake and candy stall
Gift stall • Bottle stall • Raffles**

Tea, coffee, juice, shortbread
and mince pies

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Funerals

Pamela Epps, 15th November 2023



Communication Information

Newsletter Deadlines 2023


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

The newsletter is available online at cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk. 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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Elizabeth Wilkie Hall Groups & Events

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 further information please contact Anne McKay, Session Clerk, 07766 418016.

Diary Dates for 2023

Sunday November 26th	9.45am Celebration of Holy Communion, led by Rev Lis Stenhouse
Saturday December 2nd	1 - 4pm Christmas Bazaar 3 - 4pm Community Carol Singing at Fossoway Church & Elizabeth Wilkie Hall
Sunday December 3rd	First Sunday of Advent, 9.45am Service, led by Rev Beverley Stevenson. Refreshments and Fairtrade stall after the service.
Sunday December 10th	Second Sunday in Advent, 9.45am Service, led by Rev Beverley Stevenson
Sunday December 10th	7pm - 8.30pm Youth Group with KYTHE Calling all 11 - 19 year olds, come along and join us for our Christmas Party
Sunday December 17th	Third Sunday in Advent, 9.45am Service - A Christmas Celebration led by Gordon Brown
Sunday December 24th	Fourth Sunday in Advent, 9.45 am Service, led by Rev Ray Gaston 5pm Family Christmas Eve Service 11pm Watchnight Service - Carols from 11pm, service starts 11.15pm
Sunday December 31st	Joint Service with Kinross-shire Churches, to be held at Cleish Parish Church at 11am There is no service at Fossoway Church.

Updates and changes to the above dates can be found on our website at cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk