

THE BRIDGE

Christmas
Edition



Lights And Bushells

Finding Faith Story

Five Marks Of Mission

Adopt A Highway

Merry
Christmas

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Church Register

Funerals

Betty Foster, Willoughby Street, Muthill 29.10.21

Cameron Birnie, Comrie, 2.11.21

Christopher Howat (non-member, Florida) 4.11.21

Sandy Findlay, Ward Road, 10.11.21

Christmas Services

December 19th All Age Nativity, Muthill 11.30am.

Christmas Eve - 11.30pm Muthill (there will be no earlier service at Trinity Gask this year)

Christmas Day All Age service 10am, Muthill

Boxing Day, regular services at Trinity Gask 10am, and Muthill 11.30am.



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From the Manse

Dear friends,

It has been an eventful time since the last Bridge magazine. We were anticipating the 26th COP meeting in Glasgow. The world's leaders discussed the state of the climate and what we should do. The protesters branded it another failure. The delegates made far reaching commitments. Perhaps they are not far reaching enough, but it was much more than could have been achieved any other way. Only the future will tell what the real difference will be.



At this time of year we are also anticipating the 2021st Christmas, more or less. If we were comparing it to COP 26 we would need to ask what would constitute a successful Christmas, and what would make it a failure. What do you think?

Would it be getting hold of a turkey and all the trimmings? Having all the family round? Getting the right presents for everyone? Avoiding the repeats of the cheesy old Christmas classics on TV?

As you can imagine, I would measure the success of Christmas in terms of how much people engaged with the reason for the season. Did they go to church over the Christmas season? Did they read the story of Christmas in the Bible? Did they give Jesus a thought?

Odd, isn't it, how a whole world can seem to celebrate someone's birth, and the birthday boy is left out in the cold?

As a church we prayed for COP 26 and the world leaders gathered there. Let's pray for Christmas 2021 and all the people gathered round Christmas trees. Pray that they will remember the one whose birthday is being celebrated.

Your minister,
Klaus

Manse Monkey Puzzle Tree

For a while now the branches on the Monkey Puzzle have been getting brown and dropping off. A few arborists looked at it and agreed it was in a bad way and the prognosis was not good. The Kirk Session decided that it was best to remove it before it became a danger. The Council visited and agreed. So, after possibly 100 years, it is no longer there. But I did dig out a few growths coming out of the base and stuck them in the soil. It is called the cycle of life. One generation rises, passes away and another takes its place.

Incidentally, if you know anyone who would like some Chilean Pine wood, get them to contact me. The wood is highly prized by woodworkers for the pattern of knots the branches form in the wood.

Klaus





Young Peoples Work

A lot has been going on in the background to

ensure our young people have the opportunity to grow in their faith and to ensure this work is sustainable within the current restrictions and resources. The parents and Kirk Session are being kept informed.

To date we have:

1. Held our 1st Family Service at 10:00 in the Bruce Hall on Sunday 7 November with 4 of our families present. We worshipped, prayed, watched a video about creation, read Gods Word John 1v1 and considered God our creator who came down as a human being as our Superhero. Some other superheroes came too, several Spider Men and a super girl doctor.
2. Some of the older children have been learning about King David with their dads in the Bruce hall during the 11:30 sermon. We hope to have this more fully established in 2021 and plan how we progress with the younger children.

Our next plans:

1. Install the Nativity Trail round the outside of the Church by Thursday 2nd Dec.
2. 2nd Family Service Sunday 6th December 10:00 – theme Light from John 1.
3. Family Christmas Party Sunday 9th January in the afternoon.
4. 3rd Family Service Sunday 6th February 10:00



Muthill Primary SU Group

After 18 Months the Muthill Primary School Scripture Union group met for the first time on 1st Nov in line with the Covid regulation. Eight highly excited P4-7 came galloping up to the north lounge so full of excitement after school. We are following the Jaffa material which was hiding up in the church library. It has been fun learning about God the Creator and God the freedom giver. Hopefully by the end of this year we will have learned about God the rule maker and God the Father all before our Christmas Party on 13 Dec.

Please remember our young folk and their families in your prayers.



Adopt a Highway

You have probably asked yourself over the period of COP26 'what can I do to help restrict the increase in the earth's temperature to 1.5 degrees or less'. The task is daunting and as individuals we are inclined, understandably, to avoid the issue by asking ourselves 'if the most powerful nations in the world are struggling what can we do collectively or individually to help?'

Our roadside verges are, sadly, littered with all sorts of rubbish mostly bottles and cans often thrown from passing vehicles. This is not only unsightly but is a hazard to livestock and will eventually finish up in our rivers. Take a walk along the banks of the Tay below Perth where the accumulation of debris in the reeds is alarming. What a way to treat God's wonderful creation!

There is something which we can all do if we can walk and bend a little.

Friends in Virginia introduced us to the concept of adopting a highway or part thereof and periodically removing litter from the road verges and disposing of it responsibly.

With a little organisation, and a dry day all you need is a black bag, a high viz jacket and a pair of gardening gloves. This should not be done on a trunk road.

If each person commits to covering a specific stretch of country road every couple of months it would make a huge difference.

Muthill is ideally located for this sort of exercise as there are many quieter roads around the village.

If it was felt to be worthwhile we might even arrange a congregational litter pick one Saturday morning. Alternatively a few individuals could arrange to cover a particular length of road close to their home.

This would be a service to the community and to God. If this challenge appeals to you let Klaus or me know.

Graham Donaldson



Muthill Recreation Hall

As you have travelled through the village in recent weeks, you will have seen that there is a board outside the hall saying that it is “under offer”. A meeting was held on 4th November in the Village Hall to hear from the Trustees of the Recreation Hall as to the outcome of the Sale. This final meeting took place after many years of investigation, advice and deliberation as to the future of the building. Chaired by Klaus, as one of the trustees, we were given the good news that the Hall is under offer for £125,521.00 to a local family who will turn the building into a residence once all the necessary permissions have been obtained from the local Council. As Klaus explained to us, the proceeds of the sale are to be used for the benefit of the people of Muthill Village as per the original Trust document. This led to much discussion as to the best use of the capital but the consensus from all concluded that better Hall facilities would be the best outcome. In order to decide how this capital was spent to the best advantage, a feasibility study is to be undertaken by a professional firm to determine whether the present Village Hall is to be renovated, our Church refurbishment will be advantageous, or a completely new building will be the best outcome for all.

Meantime the capital raised from the sale will be deposited in the Muthill Village Trust’s account which already holds the net proceeds from the sale of the Museum.

W R Bell



Effectiveness of Presbyterian Form of Church Government

As part of the Kirk Session's deliberations on the future of the Eldership in Muthill Parish Church, and a suitable structure for Pastoral Care, we had the Congregation Consultative Exercise in late October, but we have also the Report of the Special Commission of the Church of Scotland on the Effectiveness of the Presbyterian Form of Church Government.

This report provides some excellent advice on matters that should be considered in framing the local mission of the church. Because of the topicality of this for Muthill Parish Church what with the Kirk Session's current consideration of the role of Eldership and the impending retirement of our minister in March of next year, the Bridge is giving this brief resume of what this report contains specifically on the purpose of the local church. It should be initially stated that the Commission Report does not seek to prescribe but rather to give a mirror image of what is currently happening, how it has developed over time and it then sets out the principles and issues that should be considered by local churches in considering their role and presence in their local communities.

It suggests that the Five Marks of Mission, first enunciated by the Anglican Church and now widely used throughout the world, are worth noting and asks the question, "Do we see in the image reflecting back those marks of mission in our being and in our doing as a local church?" The Five Marks are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform, unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of earth

It goes on to say that the local congregation is the local expression of church. However, many churches do not meet this ideal because



the church volunteer is under strain due to change in work patterns, increase in retirement age and the pressures of regulatory compliance. Consequently many elders are tired or retired. The day of long term commitment to Eldership is coming to an end. Few churches use fixed term appointment which is permitted and there are many skills in the wider congregation and adherents which are not fully utilized.

Many congregations have become gathered in nature and the connection



with the local community

has become tenuous.

Non-members normally

little understanding of the

concept of Parish in which

they live and only have

contact with the Church

on major celebrations.

The Church in reality is

already marginal to many

in contemporary society.

The Commission believes

that spaces in our

communities where the church building is one of the few remaining community spaces will remain important to both active and passive mission, what is often described as “ministry of presence”.

The Commission also states that we must recognize that the people we are expecting to make changes are often unskilled in this work or happy with the way things are or tired trying to keep the existing structure afloat. The issue of training must be considered.

In Mission, tongue-tied congregations and their leaders often are unable to articulate what mission means to them. Unless congregations and especially ministers and elders learn to be specific in their mission forming, intentional in what they mean about vision of mission in their parish and realistic in how to put it into practice, this vision and intention will often be well down their list of priorities below property and finance. Help needs to be given to congregations to help them to

identify what mission might look like for them in their area amongst the people who live, work or simply exist there.

In its more accessible incarnation this includes caring for the sad, lonely and sick and how do we learn to make bridges of exploration between living out faith to talking about it. Fundamentally mission is about relationship and friendship.

Finally, in regard to worship, thought must be given about how meaningful and sustainable connection and relationship can be maintained with the “internet diaspora” who watch online worship and how commitment to the faith and the Church can be fostered and deepened. Resourcing all this must be considered and how we find ways of sharing that conversation and the action which will flow from it with other churches who live and worship alongside in the same community.



USED STAMPS

Christmas is coming and, with increased mail arriving at our homes, the box at the entrance to the church awaits your used stamps. All I ask is that, to avoid damage to the stamps, you trim them leaving a good $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ cm all round.

Thank you.

Sheena Plummer

The Guild



New General Secretary

It has recently been announced that on the retirement of Iain Whyte at the end of December, Karen Gillon will become the General Secretary. Karen is currently the Associate Secretary. We are delighted that her first engagement on becoming General Secretary will be to speak at our Guild meeting in January on the Guild discussion topic – Courage to change. Very apt! All are very welcome to attend this meeting which will take place in the Bruce Hall

Wednesday, 5th January 2pm Bruce hall, Muthill

Discussion Topic – Courage to Change

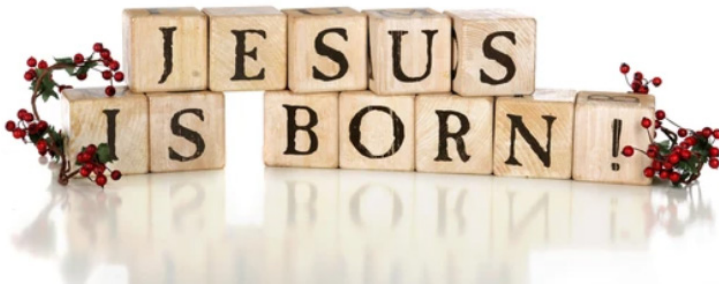
Mrs Karen Gillon currently Guild Associate Secretary

Wednesday, 3rd February 2pm at Comrie tbc

Rev Craig Dobney – Minister at Comrie and Dundurn

Wednesday, 2nd March 2pm at Crieff

Guild Project – BEAT Eating Disorders



An Inspiring Story of Finding Faith

Some days stand out in one's memory for special reasons! At the beginning of November, I had the pleasure and privilege of spending an afternoon in the company of Tommy and Charlotte Stanners in their welcoming home in Crieff. As well as being most hospitable hosts, it was delightful to spend time with fellow Christians sharing experiences on life and faith and, on that occasion, they were to share with me a miraculous experience Tommy had had whilst they were living in their then home in the Borders.

Tommy admits that for almost 30 years whilst living in Galashiels he had little or no contact with church or even interest in faith and, if anything, had found any contact with church unwelcoming. However, after a visit



to Canada which they both made in the 90s, where they were introduced to an inspiring evangelical church, Charlotte especially came back seeking to explore her faith more deeply. Through contact with a Baptist Church in Selkirk she was enabled to do so through Sunday worship with prayer meetings and retreats helping her further. As part of this, she and a close friend who accompanied her regularly to that church were praying particularly for Tommy also to encounter a faith. Tommy takes over the story at this stage and says that it was on Easter Sunday, 1998, that something said to him out of the blue that he should go along to that church in Selkirk. He was impressed by the lively engaging worship and so started

going regularly particularly also because a practical opportunity further encouraged him to do so. The person in charge of the audio visual system had lost his assistant and needed help. Tommy being a BT engineer of many years standing was attracted to this practical role and so got into helping, and indeed continued to do so for some 7 years.

On one particular Sunday during his early days worshipping at that church before he started working with the AV system and whilst Charlotte and her



friend were away on a prayer retreat in Falkland, Tommy was sitting with his friend in the congregation. As the service progressed, there was a sense that something unusual was happening and this just grew stronger and stronger. The Pastor discerning this had only got half way through his sermon and so he felt compelled to stop his message and asked the worship group to continue playing quietly for a while. They played “Not by might and not by power but by my spirit, says the Lord”. All the worship group who were looking out over the congregation said they saw rippling

wave pass over the room and stop where Tommy was sitting. At this, Tommy started feeling an incredible sense of inner peace and love. He could not move, feeling rooted to his seat, and so he just said “Surely, Lord, this cannot be true”. But it was. The service eventually continued once the atmosphere had returned to more normal and, after it had finished, Tommy went to the Pastor and tried to explain what he had experienced. Responding, the Pastor was astonished saying what a wonderful thing had just happened.

Coincidentally, at the same time, Charlotte and her friend in Falkland in their worship service were focusing on an old Russian icon and experienced its form changing before their eyes as if signifying that the way was clear





but at the same time neither was understanding what was happening.

We are told that God gives us such *Kairos* moments in different forms of events but not always so dramatic. Clearly, on that Sunday in 1998 one such God-given moment happened for Tommy and Charlotte, a moment which was to change their lives.

We are told in the Bible (Mark1.15*), that such God-given moments are the time to observe our reactions, our emotions and thoughts. We need to reflect, discuss, and repentance must be involved if we are to grow as disciples. It also must also be followed by faith. Faith is action and the right action will take us into the kingdom**.

As many will know for Charlotte and Tommy this has very much happened. Tommy readily admits that his life changed and also his attitude to everything. Tommy was baptised into the Christian faith at age 56, and in his own quiet way continues to strengthen his faith. He and Charlotte later moved to Crieff in retirement and together have continued to undertake the Father's work wherever possible in practical ways firstly in the Baptist Church in Crieff and now through their association with Muthill Parish Church. We praise God for such events and for the gifts that Charlotte and Tommy bring to our congregation.

Sandy Hutchison

(Charlotte and Tommy have been happy to share this faith story as an inspiration as to how God can change lives)

* "The time has come [Jesus] said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news"

**Mike Breen: Building a Discipling Culture

Editor's Note

The next edition of the magazine will be our Late Winter edition, which will be published for Sunday 13th February. Articles or other items for publishing in that edition should be with the Editor not later than Friday 4th February. The planned dates for other magazines during 2022 will be:

Easter Edition :	10 th April
Early Summer Edition:	12 th June
Late Summer Edition:	14 th August
Autumn Harvest Edition:	9 th October
Christmas Edition:	11 th December

Please submit any items to macahiph@gmail.com or send to Sandy Hutchison, GreenBrae West, Pitkellony Street, Muthill PH52AF. Please understand that all articles submitted have to be subject to possible adjustment to suit the balance of the magazine's content and its physical confines. If space does not permit, submissions will be considered for the next edition.

We pray for those whose daily need
for food, clean water
and proper shelter goes un-met
and for those misusing what they have
in the vain pursuit of pleasure.
Feed them with a sense of justice and fairness
That they might stand firm in their right
To a decent life for all people now.



News From The Kirk Session

The principal news from the Kirk Session is that after the Congregational Consultative Exercise held on Saturday 30th October, the Kirk Session will be considering the outcome of that meeting and the report from Rob Rawson, the facilitator, at their next meeting on 7th December. It is hoped that at the December meeting the Kirk Session will be able to take decisions on the various issues affecting the Eldership including vacant districts, Elders duties, Kirk Session meetings and the structure for delivery of pastoral care.



In regard to worship, the Christmas worship services are listed elsewhere in this magazine and this year retiring Collections will be taken at the Christmas Eve service the proceeds of which will go to SANDS. See the separate article in this magazine on the work of this charity.

The following other decisions were taken by the Kirk Session at their November meeting:

- Approval has been given to a new Baby and Toddler Group serving the village to use the Bruce Hall. It is expected that the service will start in early 2022
- The Church has approved a contribution of £1000 to the work of the local branch of the Scripture Union, This continues the Kirk Session's commitment to contribute £500 each year over the past three years, Last year's contribution was not made due to Covid. The Kirk Session also approved that there be disbursements from the Burtinshaw Trust to pensioners and needy in the village to assist with increasing fuel costs This should be made before Christmas
- The Harvest Appeal raised over £532, which will go to the work of Tearfund
- The new Audio visual system should be installed in the church sanctuary and working before Christmas. Work on its installation is proceeding and work on training operatives to man the new system is being undertaken in conjunction with this. Anyone interested in helping with this new service should contact Joe Knowles
- The repairs to the church roof are complete. Further guidance is

being sought on the replacement of a bracket in the south west corner of the Tower. It has also been approved that the seat adjacent to the tower should be re-sited for health and safety reasons

- Further advice is also being sought on improving the health and safety aspects of accessing the top of the Tower. For this reason there will be no Christmas star displayed this year.

In And Around Strathearn

- Congratulations go to all those involved in Comrie Parish Church Winter Fayre, which this year raised a total of £1120.00
- Auchterarder Parish Church broke tradition this year and organised their first panto. Despite the cold night reports indicate it was a lovely evening of great fun and not just for the kids
- Crieff Parish Church and more particularly Crieff Connexions, the outreach they are associated with, are moving premises in January. They also want us to know that if anyone knows anyone who lives on their own and who is likely to be on their own at Christmas then Crieff Connexions can arrange the supply of a Christmas meal. Please contact Andrew Philip, the Parish Minister on 01764 218976 if you want to further discuss this further
- The Auchterarder Parish Church informs us that the District Men's Shed Club which meets in the Parish Church have made some great reindeers out of logs of wood. They meet on Tuesdays at 2pm
- In Muthill, The Monday Club which meets in the village hall was entertained to an engaging talk at the end of November by Catherine Wilson which included Skye memories, learning some Gaelic and listening to a beautiful rendering of gaelic song by the speaker.





SANDS is the leading stillbirth and neonatal death charity in the UK. SANDS exists to reduce the number of babies dying and to ensure that anyone affected by the death of a baby receives the best possible care and support for as long as they need it. SANDS is close to our heart as we lost our baby during pregnancy in July and required the use of the TULIP suite in Ninewells, which is a self-contained delivery suite used only for parents in our situation. This was funded by SANDS who also supply it with memory boxes, electronics, books and keepsakes as well as online or telephone support. Sadly, it is estimated that one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage and SANDS are also supporting research to better understand the causes.

Michael and Kymberley Robertson

This year for our Christmas Eve service at Muthill we will be having a special retiring offering for the charity SANDS.

As Michael and Kymberley's story above relates, SANDS provides bereavement support services both nationally through its Freephone helpline, mobile app, online community and resources, and locally through a UK-wide network of around 100 regional support groups.

SANDS works in partnership with health care professionals, trusts and health boards and offers a range of training programmes and bereavement



care resources to ensure that every bereaved parent and family receives the best possible care wherever they are in the UK.

SANDS supports and promotes research to better understand the causes



of baby deaths and save babies' lives. The charity also raises awareness of baby loss and works with governments, key influencers and other stakeholders to make reducing the number of babies dying a priority nationally and locally.

Over the past 40 years, SANDS has grown into a national charity with a powerful vision, to create a world where fewer babies die, shared by dedicated volunteers, fundraisers, members, donors, healthcare professionals, partners, staff and bereaved parents and families.

We hope to see you at the special worship service in Muthill Parish Church at 11.30pm, and please remember to mark the coming of Christmas with a special donation to SANDS.

More information can be found at <https://www.sands.org.uk/about-sands>.

Bereavement support



Local support



Bereavement care



Saving babies' lives



WATER AID

Despite the long period of lockdown with no services taking place the Bucket of Pennies still managed to yield £46.00. This was sent off to Water Aid in October. Thank you all so much and, please, keep the pennies coming in, as even the smallest amount collected helps to make a difference to those most in need.

Sheena Plummer



Looking Forward in Faith

The Guild is back in session for 2021-2022 with a new annual theme of “Lights and Bushells”, under an overarching three year strategy of “Looking Forward in Faith”. Addressing their first joint meeting the Guilds of Crieff and Muthill, our minister, Klaus, gave a stimulating address on how the theme of Lights and Bushells has been a significant theme throughout the Bible starting from the very beginning with the pronouncement “let there be light” until the very end with reference to the “celestial city on a hill”. And, especially in the New Testament focusing on Jesus’ life and teaching, there were references such as “a true light coming” and “people walking in darkness will see a great light”. Finally, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit, that light continues to shine in the hearts of Jesus’ disciples down through the ages to today.

Since biblical times the light shone by Christians through good deeds has played a significant part in developing particularly the western world, where the role of the church in looking after the poor and as an equaliser and innovator in developing health, social and education services has been remarkable.

In Jesus’ eyes all were equal. The early church developed from his teaching and the work of the apostles, and Gentiles the poor, the marginalised were



all included without any sense of hierarchy. There are many stories of the early church looking after widows as there was no form of state welfare. The thing that marked out the church was its good deeds. In later centuries, as the church became stronger, Christians were known for their

generosity and even in catastrophic times they were known for assisting those who would otherwise be left for dead. Monasteries looked after the poor and hospitals, schools and universities were gradually developed from such work. Today, we can cite many examples of such developments in Scotland and across the world. Crossreach, the Church of Scotland’s social

service provider is one such Christian organisation which remains huge in terms of resourcing care provision. Such examples of “loving thy neighbour” has given Christianity a unique place amongst all the religions of the world.

The dilemma remains, however, that we often have a problem in letting people see our good deeds, but God knows that when people are living in darkness and see a great light, they reflect it. Like a city on the hill it is wrong to place our light under a bucket (bushel).

This year’s six priority projects for the Guild are:

Home for Good (this project will allow Home for Good to reach all parts of Scotland and will also enable them to build their network of volunteers to run events, offer training and build support groups)

BEAT Eating Disorders (this project will help local communities in Scotland recognise the signs of eating disorders and understand how to support those struggling get the treatment they deserve)

UNIDA (this project will empower young women for ministry and service through theological education in Brazil)

Starchild (this project will address the challenges of stigma and myths related to intellectual and physical disability in Uganda)

The Vine Trust (this project will enable volunteers to provide medical, homebuilding and care support to communities living in severe poverty in Tanzania)

Pioneers UK (this project will partner with *Chocolate Heaven* to enable them to improve and expand the business and to bring blessing and hope to the workers, their families and the local community in South East Asia)



Special Advent Calendar to Boost Foodbank Stocks over Christmas Period

Perth and Kinross Foodbank has published a novel Advent calendar to assist people wishing to donate food to their foodbank so that they can focus on specific products for the different days of Advent. This initiative is intended to help participants to collect one item per day during December before donating them to the food bank. The foodbank intends to prepare special gift bags for clients to bring some extra joy during the festive period. As well as handling the usual food products, the foodbank is hoping to use these special “Jingle bags” to provide items for the Christmas meal and members



of the public are being asked to collect the items at home before delivering them to the foodbank collection spots at Cutlog Vennel in Perth, Scone and Blairgowrie. It is also asking for monetary donations to help buy any missing items for these

special gift bags.

The Crieff Community Foodbank and the Blue Door Foodbank in Auchterarder are independent enterprises but are certainly also in need of supplies over the Christmas period. The same Advent calendar could be used to manage suitable supply items to either of these or to the Perth and Kinross Foodbank, whichever is more convenient.

In regard to the Blue Door Foodbank in Auchterarder, Jacqui Mahoney was contacted by The Bridge and said that, as several of their clients did not have freezers, they were particularly interested in receiving donations of food that could keep outside a freezer for a few days such as hams for this coming festive period.

In Crieff, the foodbank is undergoing some changes but Andrew Philip, the Parish Minister, said that Crieff Connexions is always needing fresh foods for their community fridge as well as non-perishable items.



**Reverse
ADVENT
CALENDAR**

Please keep your donations and bring them in January 2022
 CONTACT US TO ARRANGE DROP OFF.
 Telephone Number: 01738 626799
 Email: info@perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk

1 LONG LIFE JUICE	2 UHT MILK	3 TINNED HAM	4 CEREAL	5 TINNED TOMATOES	6 RICE PUDDING
7 CUSTARD	8 PASTA SAUCE	9 CURRY SAUCE	10 SWEETS/SNACKS	11 BAKED BEANS	12 TINNED PEAS
13 TINNED CARROTS	14 TINNED SWEETCORN	15 TINNED FRUIT	16 TINNED FISH	17 BAR OF SOAP	18 TOOTHBRUSH
19 TOOTHPASTE	20 RAZORS	21 DEODORANT	22 TOILET ROLL	23 WASHING UP LIQUID	24 SMALL LAUNDRY POWDER/LIQUID

info@perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in Scotland SCO44158. Your donations will be going to Perth & Kinross Foodbank – a registered charity which is part of the Trussell Trust network.

HELPING HAND: Perth and Kinross Foodbank's reverse advent calendar, which encourages people to donate items.



Muthill Parish Church

Elders Sunday Welcome Duties



December 2021:

Sunday 5th : Mr W Bell, Mrs D Brown, Mr C Bruce, Mrs E O'Brien

Sunday 12th: Mr G Elliott, Mrs S Plummer, Mr J Thomson

Sunday 19th: Mr A Bayne, Mrs I Robinson, Mr G Donaldson

Sunday 26th: Mr J Cantlie, Ms I Foster, Mr P McIntosh

January 2022:

Sunday 2nd : Mr W Bell, Mrs D Brown, Mr C Bruce, Mrs E O'Brien

Sunday 9th : Mr G Elliott, Mrs S Plummer, Mr J Thomson

Sunday 16th: Mr A Bayne, Mrs I Robinson, Mr G Donaldson

Sunday 23rd : Mr J Cantlie, Ms Ir Foster, Mr P McIntosh

Sunday 30th : Mr W Bell, Mrs D Brown, Mrs E O'Brien

Please note that the above two months are also subject to any decisions taken by the Kirk Session under their current review of Elders duties.





Trinity Gask Church

Readers and Flowers Roster for December 2021

<u>December</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
05 th	Edna Gilmour	Sally Coutts
12 th	Edna Gilmour	Maureen Buwert
19 th	Jean Dawson	Jean Dawson
26 th	Jean Dawson	Edna Gilmour

****There is no Christmas Eve service at this church as there will be a joint service at Muthill Parish Church**



The Mission Statements Of Our Linked Churches

There are various definitions of a Mission Statement but in essence a Church Mission Statement is a broad statement, set out in clear and simple terms, which seeks to explain why we exist as a Church and what we hold dear in driving us forward

Muthill Parish Church

aims to be

A place to find peace and welcome

A people growing in Christian faith and love

A presence at the heart and soul of the community

Trinity Gask and Kinkell Church

aims to maintain our warm worship, close community and an open door



Registered Scottish Charities

Muthill Parish Church - SC004984

Trinity Gask & Kinkell - SC000004