



**We invite you to come and celebrate Holy Communion  
at our morning service on**

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US**

**Pulpit supply for May:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> - Rev Alasdair Graham

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Rev Marina Brown

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Rev Edward (Eddie) McKinnon

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Rev Philip Majcher

**Congregational Vote**

Following the Mothering Sunday service at St Leonard's in the Fields on 30<sup>th</sup> March, the congregation listened to comments and questions concerning the proposal by Perth Presbytery for a union between the congregation of St Leonard's in the Fields with Craigie & Moncreiffe church. Revd Allan Wilson, minister of Abernethy, Dunbarney, and Forgandenny, and Revd Bob Mallinson, Interim Moderator for St Leonard's in the Fields, represented the Perth Presbytery.

The congregation listened to impassioned comments and questions from several people.

Members of St Leonard's in the Fields congregation in attendance voted against union with the congregation of Craigie & Moncreiffe, with 4 votes For, and 65 votes Against.

A meeting of the Presbytery Planning Committee took place thereafter. The Presbytery Clerk subsequently wrote to let St Leonard's in the Fields advising the outcome of the Planning Committee's meeting:

*"Following the rejection by St Leonard's in the Fields of the Craigie & Moncreiffe and St Leonard's in the Fields Basis of Union, the Presbytery Planning Committee have decided to look again at the Presbytery Plan for Perth city centre and for the Craigie and Moncreiffe parish. A small group from the committee will be visiting Kirk Sessions over the next few months to decide the way forward and all options will be explored."*

**New Interim Moderator**

Since the Congregation vote, Rev Edward (Eddie) McKenna has been appointed as Interim Moderator for St Leonard's in the Fields. Revd McKenna was minister of St Andrew Blackadder, North Berwick, from 1989 to 2002, when he moved to Aberdeen to serve a congregation. He retired from that charge in August 2024 and has moved to Scone. He has kindly agreed to lead us in worship on May 18<sup>th</sup>, which will be our Communion Service.

## Book Group

The summer months always bring lovely opportunities for reading whether on the beach, in the garden, by the river, or in a favourite reading corner at home. Many people enjoy lighter reading in the summer and hopefully our recommendations will cover a mixture of reading genres.

'Mrs Quinn's Rise to Fame' by Olivia Ford has a feel-good factor about it, especially for those who enjoy watching the Great British Bake Off.

It is a love story but does cover many of the issues that we deal with as we reach our golden years.

I have some things in common with Mrs Quinn in that we are the same age but certainly not her ability to bake.

Other books members have enjoyed recently are :

- The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier - *Set in Venice*
- Whisky Galore by Compton MacKenzie - *Great film too.*
- Precipice by Robert Harris - *Author of Conclave*

The members' choices for April were 'The Women' by Kirstin Hannah and 'The Second Midnight' by Andrew Taylor.

We have still to review these books at our next meeting but, having read 'The Women', I would not recommend it for the faint-hearted as it deals with the American women who nursed in Vietnam during the Vietnam war. I found it a compelling story and I never realised just how awful that war had been, and how courageous the American women nurses were.

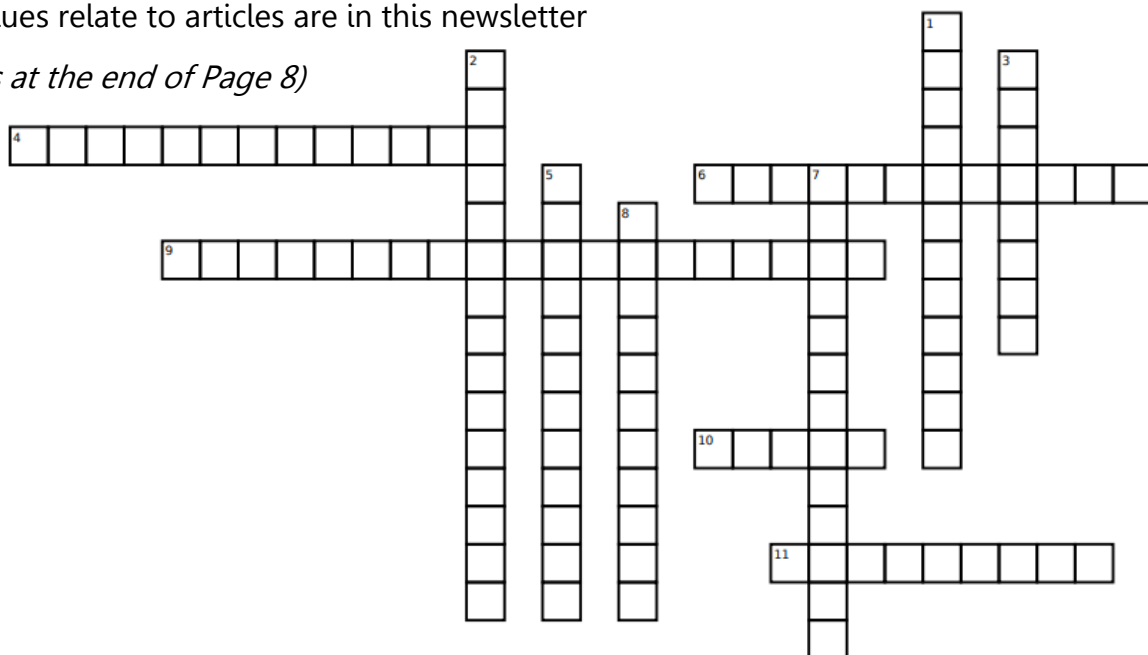
The author Kristin Hannah also wrote 'The Nightingale' which received 5-stars from all our members. It is soon to be released as a film.

*Liz Stewart*

## Crossword

All the clues relate to articles are in this newsletter

(answers at the end of Page 8)



Down:

1. A Pilgrim assists (9,3)
2. Sounds like a gathering of army officers (7,8)
3. Rings a bell or more (8)
5. Taking steps to fitness (7,5)
7. Ministering in the community (6,7)
8. It must go on during office hours (4, 3, 4)

Across:

4. Sounds holistically, together it's without bulk (4, 9)
6. Sounds like a cultural feast (4, 8)
9. Give thanks for warmth and fellowship (6, 5, 8)
10. Allies win through, initially (2, 3)
11. Reading is not solitary (4, 5)

## St Leonard's in the Fields Walking Group

The walks are well attended with an average of eight people on each one. Come along and join us.

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10:30

Maam Road Walk Comrie.

Grade B Circular.

Distance: 6 miles.

Start Point: Outside Church of Scotland, Burrell Street, Comrie.

Parking at several car parks in the town.

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 10:30

Pinecone Point & The Hermitage.

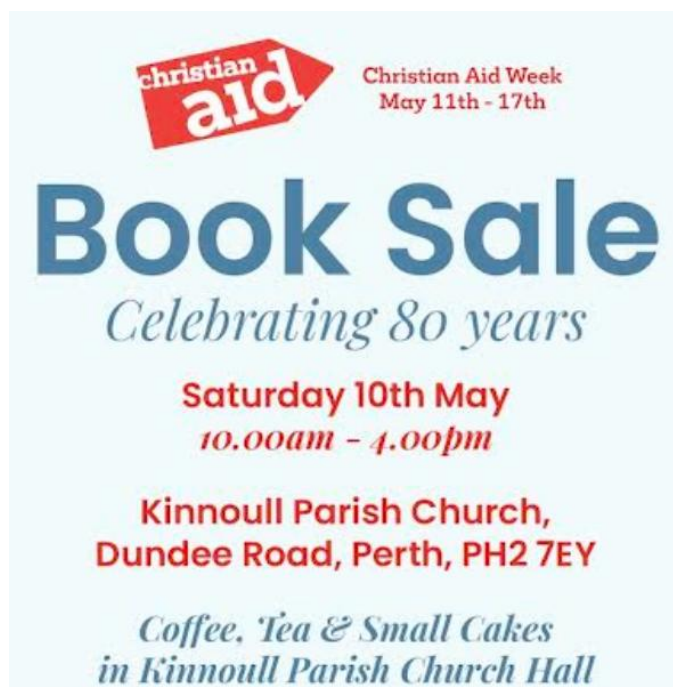
Grade A Circular.

Distance: 4 miles

Start Point: NTS car park for The Hermitage (NO 013 422) just off the A9.

The walks are graded A and B for difficulty. A Graded walks are shorter and largely on the flat but may have a few gentle climbs while B Graded walks can be a little longer and involve some parts which are uphill and may have short steep sections. They are not arduous and intended to be within the capabilities of any reasonably fit person.

For more information and a copy of our programme contact Andy Riches [slioch69@aol.com](mailto:slioch69@aol.com) or 07792-142446.



The poster features the Christian Aid logo at the top left, with the text 'Christian Aid Week May 11th - 17th' to its right. The main title 'Book Sale' is in large blue letters, with 'Celebrating 80 years' in a smaller, italicized font below it. The event details are listed in red and black text: 'Saturday 10th May 10.00am - 4.00pm' and 'Kinnoull Parish Church, Dundee Road, Perth, PH2 7EY'. At the bottom, it says 'Coffee, Tea & Small Cakes in Kinnoull Parish Church Hall'.

### Christian Aid.

Our recent collection for the Myanmar appeal raised £851 (Gift Aid included). Thanks again for all those who gave so generously.

Christian Aid Week starts on **May 11<sup>th</sup>** this year. A small team from our church is taking up their collection bags. My thanks to them and hope that the weather is warm and sunny for them. Please contact me if you can help.

The annual Christian Aid Quiz is being held at Letham St Mark's on Friday **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. A long way away I know but make a note of it as diaries can get filled up very quickly.

*Marion McMillan*

Further information about the work done by Christian Aid is available at their website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

### Perth Street Pastors

Perth Street Pastors are out in the city centre of Perth most Fridays and Saturday night from 9pm – 1am to listen, care and help. <https://streetpastors.org/locations/perth/>

The Pastors are part of the national (and now global) Street Pastors movement and have been active in Perth & Kinross since 2007. There is a Commissioning service at 6.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Auchterarder Parish Church to which all are welcome.

You could be a Street Pastor if you're looking for an opportunity to show/share the love of Jesus in our community. Are you between 18 and 100 with a heart for people and two ears to listen?

Contact [chair.perth@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:chair.perth@streetpastors.org.uk) for more details.

### **St John's Kirk of Perth - Open Kirk**

St John's Kirk is open between 11am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday. Visitors are met by volunteer Kirk Stewards who are on duty in pairs between 11am and 1.30pm, and 1.30pm and 4pm. New volunteer Stewards are always needed, and if you are interested in learning more, please contact Kay Morrison at [kay.morrison@btinternet.com](mailto:kay.morrison@btinternet.com) for details.

### **St John's Kirk Concerts**

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm - ORA Singers** perform an evening of choral music including *Miserere*, by Gregorio Allegri. And a new commission by Scottish composer, Electra Perivolaris, setting text from William Drummond's 17th century poem, 'A Cypress Grove'. (tickets from £20)

### **St John's Kirk Carillon Concert – 2pm**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm - Perth's 1935 Carillon** in St John's Kirk features 35 bells spanning 3 octaves and is played from a large keyboard. Hear carillonneur Dr Ian Cassells play a variety of tunes on the bells of St John's Kirk. Listen for the magnificent bass bell (dating back to 1506) and the unique high notes.

### **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 11am - Festival Service - Perth Youth Orchestra,**

Perth Festival of the Arts annual Festival Service in St John's Kirk with musicians of Perth Youth Orchestra, led by Lorna McGovern.

### **Schools Lunchtime Concert Series – 12.30pm, Free**

Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	- Glenalmond College
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	- Strathallan School
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	- Instrumental Music Service Concert
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	- Perth Academy/ Acadamaidh Pheairt
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	- Bertha Park High School
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> May	- Kinross High School
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> May	- Perth High School

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### **Perth Presbytery Safeguarding Officer**

Mairi MacLeod has most recently worked as part of the engagement team for a cancer prevention charity, working with many national charities and alongside the NHS to increase awareness around cancer prevention, especially promoting key messages to groups in society that experience inequality and barriers to accessing screening. Mairi studied at Edinburgh Napier University and her background includes more than a dozen years as a professional trainer in both corporate and charity sectors. In her free time Mairi enjoys time out and about with her adorable west highland terrier, Archie!

### **Safeguarding Committee seeks volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for the safeguarding committee. They meet every two or three months and have an administrator who deals with most of the training needs and admin support concerning safeguarding at Presbytery level. If you have a background in social work, teaching, emergency services or have safeguarding experience they would welcome your expertise on the committee to help shape the Presbytery's approach to enabling a safeguarding culture. Please give it some consideration and if you feel you would like to be a member of the committee please get in touch at [Safep Perth@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:Safep Perth@churchofscotland.org.uk)

**Dunkeld Walks** - Lots of people go to the Dunkeld area to enjoy the scenery and Dunkeld Congregation has created two lovely walks with time for reflection and prayer on the way. Both begin and end at Dunkeld Cathedral and take in significant places in the community where we pause to consider what these places say to us now.

**St. Colmes Walk** (approximately 2½ hours) is the more demanding of the two in terms of terrain (though by no means difficult for those with no mobility issues.)

**The Birnam Walk** is about 1½ hours and takes in sites like the Birnam Oak.

You can join us on one of the regular walks scheduled through the summer starting on May 2nd. (details of future walks published on our website [www.dunkeldcathedral.org](http://www.dunkeldcathedral.org))

Alternatively, these walks would be ideal for a church group to do for a day out - these can be arranged on a date to suit.

To book either email Rosie Mackie on [Rosiemackie2@gmail.com](mailto:Rosiemackie2@gmail.com)

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## VE Day Commemorations in Perth

Perth will host several events to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

- 9am - VE Day 80 Flag raising and wreath laying at the Veteran's Memorial, St John Street, Perth
- 9.30am - VE Day 80 Flag raising and wreath laying at the 51st Highland Division Memorial, North Inch, Perth
- 9pm - commemorative VE Day 80 Beacon lighting at seven locations across Perth and Kinross including at Balhousie Castle, Perth

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

- A commemorative service will be held at St John's Kirk from 11am to 12:15pm.
  - A display of vintage military vehicles and re-enactors will be on St John Street, King Edward Street, St John's Place, and High Street.
  - Performances will be provided by the Perth and District Pipe Band, Perthshire Brass, and The McAndrew Sisters.
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**The Perth Festival of the Arts 2025** is scheduled from Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. There's a diverse array of performances and exhibitions across multiple venues, including Perth Concert Hall, Perth Theatre, and various churches and outdoor spaces throughout the city.

### Music & Classical Highlights

- **Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra** – Performing works by Jeffrey Ching, Bizet, Vaughan Williams, Tchaikovsky, and Beethoven on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May
- **ORA Singers – Miserere** –A choral performance on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- **Jamie MacDougall as Lauder** –A musical tribute on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May
- **Music in the Cathedral** –A concert on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May
- **Brass Hits Hollywood – Mike Lovatt's Brass Pack** –A brass ensemble performance on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May
- **Music on a Saturday Morning – Two Classical Accordions** –A morning concert on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May

### Visual Arts & Exhibitions

- **ARTAY Exhibition** – An art exhibition from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- **Perthshire Photographic Society Exhibition** – A photography exhibition from Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, to Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- **The Screwtape Letters** - A theatrical adaptation on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May.

For more information and to book tickets, visit the official festival website: <https://www.perthfestival.co.uk/Perth-Festival-events-list>

## Focus on: Perth Prayer Shawl Ministry

The 'Parish Grouping Prayer Shawl Ministry' was introduced to Perth by Rev. Ellen Marquardt, a visiting Pastoral Assistant from America for St John's Kirk and St Leonard's in the Fields, and also Catherine Wallace, a Church of Scotland Deacon, who had recently returned from America with her husband Rev. Jim Wallace.

On 13 November 2010, with the click of knitting needles and the buzz of happy conversation, 33 women from the four City Centre Parish Grouping congregations laid the foundation for a shared Prayer Shawl Ministry Group. Since then, our group offers a variety of shawls to celebrate happy occasions as well as comfort those in sad times. However, during this time our mission to serve the Community of Perth & Kinross Area continues to develop.

Projects as well as our Local Community:

- Seafarers Aberdeen - Hats and Neck Warmers
- Blythswood - Blankets made with knitted squares, Snoods, Hats and gloves etc, over and above shoe boxes donated made by people personally.
- We also work with the Fieldwork Support Team of Perth & Kinross Council and they work alongside other groups who support children and families who certainly need lots of help.
- Some toys were distributed to the pantry/foodbank. The rest of the toys in the appeal were given to local families in Perth, identified by Health Education and Social Work of being in need.
- NICU Ninewells - Premature and Newborn hats, cardi's, blankets and little car seat covers etc. all done to specific patterns
- The stockings were given to the adults in their Christmas bags.
- Workmates of our contact donated £140 for some of our knitted items and the money was used to buy presents for two teenagers in need.
- A doll gifted in a shoebox with knitted bedding etc was given to the Pantry for their Christmas raffle and another given to the community shop to raise funds for them.
- Lots of knitted items and new clothes were handed in to the teams in Perth to distribute to clients.

During each meeting, we say together the traditional prayer of blessing that :

*"May God's grace be upon these gifts for others:  
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.  
May they be safe havens:  
sacred places of security and well-being...  
sustaining and embracing in good times,  
as well as difficult ones.  
May those who receive them be cradled in hope,  
Kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love.  
Blessed be!  
Amen*

We meet in St Leonard's in the Fields church hall, James Street entrance, on the last Saturday of each month from September till May from 10.00am till 12.00 noon and we have tea/coffee and plenty of time to blether. If anyone cannot come to the meetings but would like to join us, we are happy to collect any knitting they may have.

Contact details: marywright27@gmail.com - Mob: 07460 002206



## 2025 General Assembly

Taking place from Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at the Assembly Hall on the Mound, Edinburgh. His Majesty The King has appointed Lady Elish Angiolini, LT DBE PC KC FRSE, as his personal representative to the 2025 General Assembly. Lady Elish will address the Assembly at its opening and closing sessions.

Reports for the 2025 General Assembly will be made available shortly. All reports will be available by the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. To review General Assembly documents, and to watch proceedings, go to the website at: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/general-assembly/general-assembly-2025>

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**Life and Work** - magazine of the Church of Scotland. <https://www.lifeandwork.org/about-us/current-issue>

The next edition of Life and Work for May is now available.



### General Assembly 2025

- Interview with the Moderator-Designate, the Rev Rosie Frew
- Reports to the Assembly
- Assembly Timetable

### 'We Are All Connected'

Christian Aid Week

### Honorary Glaswegians

WW2 bonds between Guernsey and Glasgow

### Hope for the Future

Touching Lives in Scotland's Poorest Places

### A Day in the Life

New Series Focussing on Chaplaincy

### Regulars

- The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church
- Worship column by the Rev Roddy Hamilton
- Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer
- Bible study by the Rev Richard Baxter

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## From the Archive

### Perthshire Advertiser – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1935

#### 4TH COMPANY ENJOY THEMSELVES.

A happy evening was spent on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April by the members of the 9th Company and friends, when on the invitation of Captain and Mrs Crockart they met in St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church Hall for their annual social. The Rev. Andrew Cumming, B.D., chaplain, presided. A hearty tea was partaken of. The company was inspected and addressed by the chaplain, and the presentation of prizes for efficiency and attendance was made, after which an interesting exhibition of a film showing the Jubilee celebrations of the Boys' Brigade at Glasgow in 1933 was given by Second Lieut. Crockart, R.A.S.C. (T.) A pleasant evening was brought to a close by votes of thanks to Captain and Mrs Crockart.

### Perthshire Advertiser – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1945 Piano and Song Recital

The piano and song recital in aid of Perth Royal Infirmary given in St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church Hall, Perth, Monday night proved to be one of the most attractive events of the musical season.

Advertised as by Mary Cadogan and Marjorie Brockett, the printed programme could not be adhered to, for unfortunately Mrs Brockett was overtaken by illness after all arrangements were completed. Her place was filled by Miss Kathleen Moore, of Dundee, well-known as a radio singer and C.E.M.A. concert artiste.

Mrs Cadogan is better known to Perth audiences as the conductor of a fine ladies' choir than as a solo pianist, and her choral concerts have in years past raised substantial sums for the Infirmary.

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### St Leonard's in the Fields Newsletter – June/July/August

The final date for receipt of articles etc for the Summer edition of your Newsletter is **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Please send anything you think will be of interest to the congregation to **StLeonardsPerth@gmail.com** at any time before then.



### Crossword answers

Down:

1. Christian Aid
2. General Assembly
3. Carillon
5. Walking Group
7. Street Pastors
8. Life and Work

Across:

4. Holy Communion
6. Arts Festival
9. Prayer Shawl Ministry
10. VE Day
11. Book Group