



St Leonard's in the Fields Church Services – 11 a.m. each Sunday

Please note that on November 12th the Service of Remembrance starts at 10:45am

Refreshments are available in the church hall after the service.

For disabled parking and access, please enter from the Scott Street bay and ramp.

Pulpit Supply for November 2024

November 3 11 am - Mr David Johnston (in Hall)

November 10 **10:45am - Rev Alasdair Graham (Joint Remembrance Service in Sanctuary)**

November 17 11am - Rev Philip Majcher (in Hall)

November 24 11am - Mr Ian Roy (in Hall)

Remembrance

In 2019, Joshua Dyer, then aged 14, from Leominster, attended Tenbury High Ormiston Academy in Tenbury Wells. He was tasked at school to write a poem for Remembrance Day 2019. He wrote 'One Thousand Men Are Walking'.

One Thousand Men Are Walking

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
they walk toward the light milord
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun
these men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved
they march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave
they dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men



Joshua Dyer in 2019

Poppy Scotland provides support for current and former members of the Armed Forces as well as their families.

Money raised during the Scottish Poppy Appeal is used to provide vital life-changing support to the Armed Forces community in Scotland.

Your donations help provide vital support for service families, veterans and those currently serving.

Donations to **Poppy Scotland** can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/2c2h5dvd>

Songs and Memories at St Leonard's in the Fields - Dementia Friendly Singing Group

All welcome for songs, tea, and biscuits.

When?

3rd Monday of the month at 2pm - 4pm

Where?

St Leonards in the Fields Hall James Street,
Perth PH2 8AG

For more details please contact:

Beryl Smeaton – beryl.s.111@outlook.com or Mary Wright marywright27@gmail.com

St Leonard's in the Fields

Jambouree Annual Ceilidh

Jambouree Choir look forward to their annual Ceilidh in the church hall at 7-9.30pm on Friday, 22 November, with tickets, priced £5, to cover the cost of food and refreshments. The band this year comprises Mo Rutherford and her husband Neil Copland, with entertainment from the Choir too. If you'd like to come to the Ceilidh, tickets are available from me on Sunday mornings.

Edna Auld

Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas concert will be held in the church at 3pm on Saturday 14 December. Taking into account the feedback from a cross section of people, it was decided that the concert would be held on a Saturday rather than a Sunday. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the concert. Tickets will be available from the end of November.

Edna Auld

For your Diary

Several singers from Jambouree will take part in the 6pm Christmas Eve celebration in the church, plus Liam Bonthron, tenor, who will be

in Perth for a few days over Christmas between performances in Germany and the Royal Danish Opera. Young Evelina Kotliar will also sing; she recently made her debut in St. Cecilia Concert Hall, Edinburgh accompanied by Howard Duthie.

More information will follow in the December newsletter.

Edna Auld

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We come together monthly from all denominations, to share a time of fellowship, talents and a cuppa, of course. Small beginnings saw a project to knit squares, which resulted in four blankets being presented to four city centre churches, who were hoping to work together. Shawls continue to be our project, but local needs are also being met. We meet up in our hall the last Saturday of the month from 10am – 12pm.

You are very welcome to join us to knit or crochet, or to learn how to.

Our shawls are made to help people to celebrate happy occasions or to offer comfort in sad situations.

If you know of anyone who would like a shawl, please

contact Moira Laing on 01738 634588.

Carol singing

Dobbies Garden Centre has asked us to sing Christmas carols on Saturday 14th December. Half hour sessions start at 11am to 12.30 with afternoon sessions starting at 1.30pm until 3pm.

Please come along for as long or as little as you can. Always an enjoyable event with plenty of coffee breaks. If you would rather not sing, volunteers to hold collection buckets would be much appreciated.

Marion McMillan

Sunday Coffees

Ladies of the Catering Committee unfailingly serve coffee and tea after the Service on Sundays. These refreshments are enjoyed by members of the Congregation giving the opportunity to chat together.

We would like more volunteers to help on Sundays as the Team Leaders are frequently having to double up to help each other. Thank you to those loyal ladies who do help. Please add your name to the list in the kitchen if you are able to join a team on a Sunday of your choice. *Linzee Lindsay*

Book Group

The first meeting of this session's book group was lively and we heard many different opinions on our prescribed reading. It is always good to have such a mixture of views on the "Book of the Month" and, of course, Isabel Allende's books lend themselves to differing views from our members. This letter goes out for printing before we meet in October so I cannot give you November's recommendations.

However, I can suggest a few stories about bookshops that are currently in Waterstones.

- The Lost Bookshop
- Days at the Morisaki Bookshop
- Welcome to the Hyunam-Dong Bookshop

I have read the above books and found them all to be good reads. Consequently, I have just bought "The Cinnamon Bun Book Store" and "What you are looking for is in the Library".

I am just about to go on holiday with these books, and a special one which I shall read first is "The Bookseller of Venice", a gift from a friend. Naturally, these are my own personal recommendations so they may not be for everyone.

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch at the Black Watch on Tuesday the 17th of December and it's not too late to sign up if you would like to come. Marion McMillan is our organiser for this event.

As always, keep in touch with the group if you have read a

really good book and would like to share your thoughts on it. Happy Reading,
Liz Stewart

St Leonard's in the Fields Walking Group

We are now coming to the end of our 2024 session of walks with just two to go before Christmas.

Wednesday 13th Nov at 10am North Inch to Inveralmond.

Grade A Return.

Distance: 6 miles

Start Point: Outside Bell's Sports Centre on the North Inch. Break at Tizo's at the half way stage.

Thursday 5th Dec at 10am

Gallows Road to the South Inch Grade A.

This is a ONE-WAY Walk

Start Point: the car park at the play space on Fittis Road (NO 085 238) adjacent to Old Gallows Road (the road that leads to Noah's Ark). There is some limited parking but the easiest way to get there is by the number 7 (Park & Ride) bus.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A ONE - WAY WALK AND IF YOU USE A CAR TO REACH FITTIS ROAD YOU WILL NEED TO RETRIEVE IT AFTERWARDS.

The walks are well attended with an average of eight people on each one. We have walked in beautiful sunshine, in pouring rain and pretty much everything in between. We have had good coffee stops, visited some excellent cafes after the walks and had lovely

soup and cakes at Philip and Linda's home.

We have had fresh air, exercise and interesting conversation. We have had fun!

If you haven't been yet then you don't know what you are missing.

Come along and join us. The walks take place on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday throughout the year about once every three weeks.

In winter months we walk nearer Perth and go further afield as the weather improves. The start points are accessible by bus whenever possible.

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.

Everyone is welcome. There is no need to be a member of this or any other church so if you can't come yourself then tell you friends who might be able to come about us.

We are always happy to welcome new members.

For more information, contact Andy Riches
slioch69@aol.com
Tel 07388 501827

CrossReach

The Church of Scotland's Social Care Council is accountable for the work of CrossReach.

Its remit is to provide social care services and specialist resources in Christ's name to further the caring work of the Church to people in challenging circumstances.

It also helps to identify areas of need and guides the Church in new approaches to relevant problems in society as well as responding on issues arising in the Council's areas of concern.

CrossReach News - The latest magazine is available in the front vestibule and in the hall. Please help yourself to a copy and pass it on to someone else when you are finished with it.

CrossReach Wall Calendars are now available in the vestibule and in the hall following the service. The Wall Calendars feature breathtaking scenery from around Scotland.

The box layout of days gives plenty of space to note appointments and the year planner gives you the whole of next year at a glance. Images by Duncan McEwan and superb value at £5.50.

If you would like me to deliver a calendar to you at home, please contact me on 07460 002206
Mary Wright

A Special Appeal for 2024

In last month's Newsletter* I wrote that Session asked me to set before you the continuing challenges which face our Church and to seek your help once again.

Session and its sub-committees have worked hard throughout the year since I last wrote to you to manage the costs of running and maintaining our Church, but inflation and related issues are steadily increasing our costs while at the same time our general offerings are slowly but inexorably falling.

As you know from my earlier reports to you, we also make a significant contribution to the Church centrally. Over many years you have responded magnificently to our pleas, and we do hope you will do so again to help protect the heritage in our stewardship.

To help you understand our finances a copy of my report and abbreviated 2023 annual accounts, which I recently presented to the Stated Annual meeting, was included with October's Newsletter. Further copies are available on request.

On behalf of Session, I can assure you St Leonard's in the Fields will be a place to worship throughout 2025 and for at least the duration of Presbytery's 5 year-plan, which runs for a further 2 years beyond that, but to protect this position we need your help to improve its viability.

There was a special service to receive contributions on Sunday 20 October 2024.

It is also possible to make contributions in the ways listed below.

- Direct bank transfer to our account with Virgin Money:
Sort code: 82 67 09
Account number: 00540338
- Appeal envelopes may be handed or posted to any of the following:

David Grant
15 Corsie Avenue,
Perth PH2 7BS

Beryl Smeaton
4 Braeside Gardens,
Perth PH1 1DB

Margaret MacArthur
3 Stuart Avenue,
Perth PH2 0LJ

Pat Giles
190 Oakbank Road,
Perth PH1 1EG

We do recognise that you too face financial challenges but if you are able, we strongly urge you to support this appeal.

Yours sincerely,

David

DAVID E GRANT
Congregational Treasurer

*October Newsletter at:
<http://tiny.cc/mczrzz>

St Leonard's in the Fields Donations -

Donating online to Perth St Leonard's-in-the-Fields

A donation from you can help support the Church's work at St Leonard's in the Fields and ensure the Church is sufficiently equipped and resourced to serve the congregations and our community.

Whether you are a church member who wants to give your regular offering or a friend to the Church who is moved to contribute for the good of our community, we want to help you support the Church in whichever way you feel led.

Through the donation form (at <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate> , or by scanning the QR code) you may choose to give a one-off donation or donate every month.

You will not be personally charged extra to donate through this facility, provided your donation is made in UK pounds. PayPal does charge a processing fee on all transactions which will be deducted from your donation before it reaches your chosen recipient. The fee applied is the charity transaction rate which is currently 1.4% + 20p. For more information on fees please visit the PayPal website. Please note that you do not require a PayPal account to make a donation.



For ongoing support, consider donating via Standing Order. Standing orders are still the most convenient and cost-effective method for regular givers and supporters. A simple [standing order form](#) is available for download.

(Please note: the form can be filled out on a computer but you must download it before filling it out, otherwise you will not be able to save your changes.)

Christian Aid Gaza appeal

The Emergency Appeal to help alleviate the atrocious conditions in Gaza was very generously supported by the congregation. We collected £954 (Gift Aid included). Many thanks to all who gave so generously.

Soup and Bread Lunch

Our annual Soup and Bread Lunch in support of Christian Aid will be held in the church hall after the morning service on **Sunday 24th November**. Linzee Lindsay will be providing delicious soup once more so please put the date in your diary.

Church of Scotland Stamp Appeal 2024-2025

Firmly Planted is a community-based agroforestry initiative with the ambition of making a sustainable impact across Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

It is spearheaded by our partners in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), and built around the church's community structures. The initiative will resource individual groups to respond to the various challenges affecting Malawi today.

Agroforestry presents an opportunity to address challenges of food insecurity, deforestation, climate change

and youth unemployment.

Tree nurseries create employment opportunities, fruit trees improve nutrition and wider tree planting helps mitigate the impact of the climate crisis, in turn improving agricultural productivity.

This year, by donating our used stamps, stamp appeal proceeds will go towards establishing the tree nurseries. Please leave a border of ½ inch / 1.25cms around each stamp.

You can either bring your stamps to church on a Sunday, give them to your church visitor, or we can arrange to collect them from you at home.

Mary Wright

Craigie & Moncreiffe Churches <http://www.candmchurch.org/>



There is one service a week at 10:30, alternating between Moncreiffe (Glenbruar Crescent) and Craigie (Wilson Street and Abbot Street).

On the last Sunday of the month, from September to May, Messy Church is at 10:45 in Moncreiffe.

November

3rd November Craigie
10th November joint Remembrance service with
St Leonard's in the Fields at 10.45am
17th November Craigie
24th November Moncreiffe (Messy Church)

The members of Craigie and Moncreiffe Churches extend a warm invitation to anyone from St Leonard's in the Field congregation to join them in the church activities

	Moncreiffe	Craigie
Sunday	*Messy Church – 10.45am-1pm (Last Sunday of the month)	
Monday	Beavers - 6.15 –7.15pm Cubs – 6.45-8pm, Scouts – 7.30-9pm	Country Dancing – 7.30–9.30pm
Tuesday	Youth Group – 5.30–7.00pm (Primary 6&7)	Toddler & Baby Group – 9.15–11.30am The Guild* – 2.00–4.00pm (alternate weeks) Rainbows – 5.45–6.45pm
Wednesday	Child Minding – 9.15–11.30am Bible Study – 10.00am–12.00noon	Toddler & Baby Group – 9am–12noon Brownies – 6.00–7.30pm, Guides – 7.30–9.15pm
Friday	Taekwondo – 5.00–8.00pm	

St John's Kirk - Services

For anyone not able to get along to St Leonard's services on a Sunday, the 9.30am Sunday service can be followed online at <https://www.youtube.com/@stjohnskirkofperth6605/streams>

Also, St John's kirk has a short Wednesday service at 1pm. <https://www.st-johns-kirk.co.uk/>

Perth North Church, Mill Street

Dementia Café is a monthly gathering where people with dementia, their family, caregivers and friends can be together in a safe, welcoming environment, in the company of other caregivers. This is a group for people who are able to attend safely on their own, or who are accompanied by someone to support them. Volunteers and health and social care professionals are available for the purpose of emotional support, advice/guidance and opportunities for social interaction.

The Dementia Cafe is held on the first Wednesday of the month at North Church Hall, High Street, Perth between 10am-12:30pm. For more information, please phone Andy Bennett on 01738 474566 or Diane McLellan on 01738 476831.

Starter packs is a charity run solely by volunteers which provides packs containing basic household items such as pots, pans, crockery, cutlery, towels, toiletries, bedding etc to low income and previously homeless individuals and families who have been given a new tenancy in the Perth and Kinross area.

They also provide kettles, toasters and slow cookers when they are donated or when funding allows. Cash donations are used to supplement the packs when there is a shortfall and to pay for the running of our unit where they store the goods and make up the packs.

Starter Packs are supported by Perth Action of Churches Together and Perth Action for the Homeless. If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity, Starter Packs would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact numbers:

01738 580188 or
07565 774619, 07761 134776,
or 07900 394532

or e-mail

starterpacks@cath-org.co.uk

Mary Wright

Perth & Kinross Foodbank provides three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred in crisis. Leave donations in the front vestibule of the church or locate your nearest drop-off point:

<https://perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

The following items are needed at this time:

- Fruit Juice (long life)
- Tinned meat / fish
- Long-life UHT milk
- Potato mash
- Instant meals / snacks
- Jam
- Sweets, Crisps

If you, or someone you know, need help from the Foodbank, get in touch by contacting:

Perth & Kinross Scottish Welfare Fund Team on 0345 30 111 00 (Mon-Fri 9-4pm) or email welfarefund@pkc.gov.uk Depending on your circumstances you could be eligible for a crisis grant, otherwise you could be referred for a food parcel.

'**Get Nourished**' is a helpline that provides practical tips and advice on how to stay nourished. It is open to members of the public living in Tayside who are experiencing unintended weight loss or poor appetite, and are concerned about the impact this is having on their health and wellbeing. The helpline is also available for carers and family members who are concerned about an individual they are supporting. The advice line will provide food advice and support to help prevent signpost undernutrition and will callers to appropriate services and partners within the community. Gemma Johnsen, Health Improvement Practitioner with NHS Tayside, said, "It is important to be aware of your weight and appetite,

particularly if you are older or have a pre-existing medical condition. There are many things which can affect our nutritional wellbeing including loneliness, mental health conditions and recovery during illness."

The Get Nourished team can be contacted on 01738 450556.

Perth North Church, Mill Street

Meet to pray every Sunday from 0930 to 0955 using Zoom. On the Website in 'Sunday Live' click on the link which takes you to Live Prayer Meeting and then just follow the instructions.

Kinnoull Church Blether Buddies

Last Wednesday of each month in the **Kinnoull Church hall** at 2pm – 4pm. An informal meeting for men and women of all ages.

Play Dominoes or board games or bring any crafts you are interested in.

For more details contact Stella McIntosh 01738561998 or Helen Ramsay 01738560570

Kinnoull Church Zoom Prayer meeting

Every Wednesday at 8pm

Click on this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/Kinnoull>
or join Zoom with Meeting ID 745 1404 3580 and Passcode OkphBE

<http://www.kinnoullparishchurch.co.uk/>

Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia

Keith and Ida Waddell are Mission Partners with the United Church of Zambia (UCZ). They have been in Zambia since 1994 and served as Education and Health Secretaries at Synod Headquarters in Lusaka since 2015. Keith is a teacher at Mwandu Basic School; Ida is a nurse working predominantly in HIV/AIDS care. They have now returned to Mwandu Mission in Western Province, where Keith is Mission Partner (Special Needs) and Ida, Mission Partner (Health). Keith is focusing on the establishment of a sheltered workshop for young people and Ida, on moving the Mission Hospital to a specialist facility. This is an ecumenical appointment with the Methodist Church.

Every three months, Keith and Ida write a newsletter with information about life in Zambia. The October Newsletter begins, "It is almost three months since we returned from furlough. There has been a regular increase in the number of hours of power cuts to the country. We returned to 12 hours daily, this was increased to 17 hours in August and now 21 hours on a rotational basis is the norm. Zesco's bid to introduce inflationary and frankly unaffordable emergency tariffs to pay for imported electricity was thankfully rejected by the Energy Regulation Board. The loadshedding has been caused mainly by insufficient generation capacity due to reduced water levels in the major reservoirs following low rainfall patterns in recent past years. This year has been particularly bad because of the El Nino drought."

The full Newsletter is available online at the Church of Scotland website:

https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/127528/FApplwaddell1024.pdf

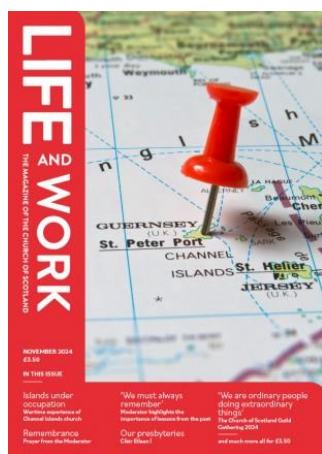
Keith and Ida's Newsletters from December 2023, and April and August 2024 are available at:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/international-work-and-global-partnerships/mission-partners/partners/zambia-keith-and-ida-waddell>

Life and Work - the magazine of the Church of Scotland.

<https://www.lifeandwork.org/about-us/current-issue>

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



Remembrance - Islands Under Occupation: the wartime experience of a Channel Islands church

Remembrance Prayer from the Moderator of the General Assembly

'Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things' - The Guild's Annual Gathering

Presbytery Focus - Clèir Eilean Ì, the Presbytery of the Highlands and Hebrides

Care for Buildings - The Rev Scott Rennie of the General Trustees offers some tips on care for buildings in winter.

'No Room for Comfort and Joy'
The Christian Aid Christmas Appeal

Walking the Camino - Anne Edwards describes the experience and lessons of a Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage.

Regulars

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

Lectures Winter 2024

Church of Scotland Chalmers Lectures 2024

(<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/chalmerslectures2024>)

Hope in today's world

The Chalmers Lectures series for 2024 will feature six online lectures, three delivered by Rev Professor John Swinton and three delivered by Dr Katie Cross both from Aberdeen University. There will also be a hybrid event (online and in-person) which will be a dialogue between the two theologians with Rev Professor Alison Jack facilitating the event and hosting a Question and Answer session at the end of the conversation.

The overarching theme for the Chalmers Lectures cycle 2022-2026 is 'Hope in today's world'.

Dates for the lectures (click on the underscored text to book your attendance at the events)

[Dr Katie Cross](#) – 15, 17 and 29 October 2024 – online (7 to 8.30 pm)

[Rev Professor John Swinton](#) – 28 November, 3 and 5 December 2024 – online (7 to 8.30 pm)

[Hybrid event in Aberdeen](#) with Rev Professor Alison Jack facilitating a dialogue with the two lecturers plus a Question and Answer session – 9 December 2024 (7 to 8.30 pm) – King's College Conference Centre

St Martin in the Fields, London

Autumn Lecture Series 2024 – Inspiration: The Influences That Have Shaped My Life

St Martin-in-the-Fields' Autumn Lecture Series 2024 brings together a group of inspirational speakers to share their own sources of inspiration. What are the influences that form our identity, our faith, our beliefs, our creativity and the values by which we live? What are the things in our own lives that mark us, change us, challenge us and make us who we are? Leading figures from the world of politics, art, culture, history, media and faith talk about the formative influences of their lives and challenge us to reflect upon our own sources of inspiration and the values for which we live or long. The series takes place at St Martin-in-the-Fields with a live audience in the church. The lectures are also live-streamed. The suggested price for tickets is £10 to cover our costs, but **free** tickets are also available so as not to exclude anyone who would like to come. All are welcome. Click on the underscored text for further information about each of the speakers, and to book for the online talk.

Inspiration: Living with the Gods

Monday 4 November at 7pm - Speaker: [Neil MacGregor](#)

Inspiration: An African History of Africa

Monday 11 November at 7pm - Speaker: [Zeinab Badawi](#)

Inspiration: People and Ideas

Monday 18 November at 7pm - Speaker: [Zadie Smith](#)

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St Leonard's in the Fields Newsletter – December / January

The final date for receipt of articles etc for the December / January edition of your Newsletter is **Thursday, 21st November**.

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

