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Saline and Blairingone Parish Church

Parish News

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Regular Events

Sundays:

Morning Service – 9.30am
(Sunday Club during Service)

Mondays:

Monday Club – 3.00pm - 4.15pm
The Guild – 7.30pm (alternate
Mondays, September-April)

Tuesdays:

Craft Group – 2.00pm – 4.00pm
(alternate weeks in the Hall)
Highland Dancing – 4.00pm –
5.00pm
Kirk Session – 7.00pm (alternate
months on 2nd Tuesday)
Congregational Board – 7.30pm
(alternate months on 2nd
Tuesday)
Singing Group – 7.30pm, Hall

Wednesdays:

Coffee Morning – 10.00am -
12noon Short Service in Church –

Thursdays:

Study Group – 10.30am
Bandrum Service – 2.00pm
(every 2nd week at Bandrum)
Highland Dancing – 6.30pm-
8.00pm (Session Room)
Brownies – 6.30pm-8.00pm, Hall

Sept - Nov Events

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th

**September – Kelty Kirk Flower
Festival**, 10am to 5pm (Fri/Sat) 1pm
to 5pm (Sun). All welcome.

Sunday 8th to Sunday 15th

September – Guild Week. Members
of the Church Guild will be
conducting the morning service in
Saline on **Sunday 8th September.**

Saturday 14th September – Fete,
11.00am to 2.00pm, Bandrum Care
Home. Various stalls and
entertainment.

Friday 20th September – Italian Night, 7.00pm, Church Hall. Join the fellowship team for an evening of food, fun & fellowship. Tickets £10. BYOB.

Sunday 22nd September – Fairtrade and Traidcraft stall, 10.30am in Church Hall.

Wednesday 25th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10.00am to 12 noon. Coffee, cake and various stalls. All donations welcome.

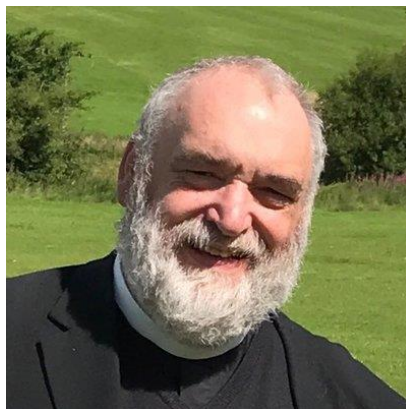
Monday 21st October – Holiday Club. More details to follow.

Sunday 27th October – Sacrament of Holy Communion, 9.30am at Saline Church.

Various dates in October – Autumn Encounters with Iona Community. For more information contact Pat Bennett: pat@iona.org.uk

Saturday 16th November – Ceilidh
Tickets for this popular event, priced £10, will be available nearer the time and will include a light supper. Music from the Crossford Music Group.

Some Words from the Manse



I enjoy watching many sports. But the two which I enjoy most are what you would have to describe as long form. Cycle racing, the tours of Italy France and Spain in particular, and test cricket.

The comment I hear mostly about test cricket is that it is boring. Like watching paint dry. And yet I predict this far out from the event that the winner of the sports personality of the year this year will be Ben Stokes. He played the greatest ever test cricket innings at Headingley this year, to guide his team to a victory in an Ashes test against Australia.

In many ways for those of us who love cricket it was a story full of moral lessons. Two days earlier they were dead and buried, their

performance described as appalling and woeful. Just an hour before the end of the match practically any expert you spoke to would have predicted as 99% certain that the Australians would win.

Take a longer view even more and three years ago there was every chance that Ben Stokes career was over, having been involved in a night club brawl in Bristol. But he was given another chance, and he took it. And he quite simply refused to give up.

I suppose that is why we love sport. The best sports people write real stories with their lives. They are like the heroes of great tales of adventure. And watching them, cheering them on, we become involved in their story.

It is also why the story of Jesus became known as the greatest story ever told. It is not just about the power of a narrative, and adventure, something that interests us. The real power of story is when it involves us.

The huge difference between the heroics of our sporting heroes and heroines is not that we are spectators. It is that we are participants.

You and I are part of the greatest story ever told. A story of grace, of

second chances, of hope, of ultimate victory, of surprises and of adventure.

Rev Alec Shuttleworth

Saline Guild Update



Our theme for 2019-2020 is "Companions on the Road", the second year of our 3 year strategy "One Journey, Many Roads".

The leadership team have done their best to organise the syllabus to reflect this, and we look forward to an interesting and fun time together.

Our opening meeting is on **Monday 2nd September** at the beginning of National Guild Week. Members of the Guild will also help to lead the worship at the church service on **Sunday 7th September**.

On **16th September** we are having an afternoon outing to visit Muthill Church.

The remaining meetings for 2019 are:

30th September – Discussion Topic: looking at the theme

14th October – Inter-faith evening

28th October – Guilds Together: speaker Ethel Marsh

11th November – Speaker on Guild Project: Pauline Roberson, Port Chaplain, Leith

25th November – Fundraising Evening for Guild Projects. Speaker: David Monroe

9th December – Christmas meal at Saline Golf Club

A first year free membership is available for anyone new to the Guild.

Please come and join us and help to keep the Guild vibrant and relevant in these times of change in the Church of Scotland.

Jocelyn Miller, Secretary

Walking Group



The early May walk was from Largo to Elie, a fine stretch of the Fife Coastal Path, though with a challenging descent from Kinraig Battery down to Earlsferry.



Here we are leaving our elevenses spot in Hermitage Wood on the high ground overlooking Stirling University campus and Airthrey Loch on an overcast day for the June walk.



On a bright day in early July we were again heading eastwards along the Coastal Path, this time from Elie to Anstruther.



Forecast lightning on high ground for the North East Fife Ochil area of the later July programmed walk prompted us to stay nearer home where we enjoyed a fine bright day for a circuit from Shiresmill touching Balgownie, Devilla, and Valleyfield Woods, and Culross.



Having walked from the Culross start of the Fife Pilgrim Way in April, we walked from North Queensferry, the alternative start point, to Dunfermline on a fortuitously fine day in mid-August.



Forthcoming Walks:

Saturday 28th September – Loch Leven

8 miles and negligible cumulative ascent (easy)
Saline bus turning circle 9am

12th October – Moncreiffe Hill

5 miles and 250m cumulative ascent
(intermediate)

Depart Saline bus turning circle 9am

Saturday 26th October – Linn of Tummel (Loch Faskally Circuit)

10 miles and 175m cumulative
ascent (intermediate)

Depart Saline bus turning circle 9am

Saturday 9th November – Rumbling Bridge & Crook of Devon

7.5 miles and 120m cumulative
ascent (easy)

Depart Saline bus turning circle 9am

Saturday 23rd November – Cramond Bridge to South Queensferry

6 miles and negligible cumulative
ascent (easy)

Depart Saline bus turning circle 9am

Saturday 7th December – Mystery Walk

8 miles and 100m cumulative ascent
(easy)

Depart Saline bus turning circle 9am

Contact Peter Philp or Stewart Miller
for more details.

Stewart Miller

Fellowship Team Events



Italian Night

The Fellowship Team are hosting an **Italian night** in the Church Hall at 7.00pm on **Friday 20th September**.

Join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Tickets are £10. BYOB.

Ceilidh

Our annual **Ceilidh** will take place on **Saturday 16th November** with music from the Crossford Music Group. Tickets for this popular event, price £10, will be available nearer the time and will include a light supper.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Irene Black

After School Club



The After School Club is planned to resume in September and will meet in the Church Hall (3.00pm-4.15pm) on the following Mondays:

September: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

October: 28th

November: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

The club offers a variety of activities – games, bible stories, craft and café time – and is for all children in P5, P6 and P7.

Cost is 50p per session.

Looking forward to seeing new faces as well as those who have been before.

Lorna Cochrane

Prayers for the Matandakufa family



Ronald Matandakufa has been on placement from Zimbabwe with Saline and Blairingone Church since October 2018 and is now beginning to look for a charge of his own.

We have all enjoyed getting to know Ronald both during his sermons and his time with the children during the service, and at various events. We have appreciated his quiet sense of humour and his calm and thoughtful insights.

Our thoughts and prayers are for Ronald, his wife Petronella and his two beautiful daughters as they search for a charge in Scotland that is suitable them all.

World Mission Update



Challenge Poverty Week (7th-13th October 2019) is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the many ways that church groups are involved in challenging poverty and commit to more action in the future.

Last year 130 organisations took part, delivering over 200 actions as part of the Week.

Is this something that you would be interested in being a part of, or are there activities that you're involved in that you would like to highlight? Contact irene.mackinnon@scpo.scot if you plan to get involved!

Other World Mission dates for the diary:

31st October – 2nd

November: Gathering in Glasgow on Conflict and Faith

15th November: Friends of the Holy Land 10th Anniversary

An Autumn Prayer

Abba, Father, the trees are ablaze with your glory.

The seasons change, but you never do.

You are always beautiful, in the green and freshness of spring as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.

Make me like you.

Let my life reflect your beauty, season after season, as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.

The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.

Help me let go of both blessings and burdens, and surrender them both to your loving care.

Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.

So design my own fallings and failings into whatever design will please you most.

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

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Pease email any articles and photos for the Winter edition (Dec– Feb) to joanna.lawrence77@gmail.com by Friday 22nd November 2019.