



# DUNBLANE CATHEDRAL

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MAGAZINE

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# LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

The opening words of Liam Fraser's book, *Mission in Contemporary Scotland* have a sombre tone: "The summer is over, and we have not been saved. For though we are still standing, we stand at the end of an age, one that will never rise again. The bowl lies broken, the golden cord is snapped, and the aged church peers through the blinds into a world grown dark, and strange and forbidding."

Some may argue that Dr Fraser echoes his namesake in the television series, *Dad's Army*, Fraser the lugubrious Scottish funeral Director, with his catchphrase, "Doomed, doomed, we're a' doomed!" Whether or not you agree, it is hard to argue that these are not hugely challenging times of mainstream western churches, including the Church of Scotland. We have heard the story of falling numbers, too few ministers, too many buildings to maintain and too little money with which to maintain them.

When I was inducted to Dunblane Cathedral, almost ten years ago, there were two full-time ministers in post, and there was no talk of union with any neighbouring congregations, although a linkage with Kilmadock Church in Doune had been discussed some quarter of a century earlier. Within two years of coming to Dunblane, I was asked to convene a committee to revise the existing Presbytery Mission Plan, with the knowledge that the allocation

of ministers to the Presbytery of Stirling, as it still was back then, would drop from 34 to around 20. Clearly, tough decisions were going to have to be made, not simply in this area, but throughout the whole Church of Scotland.

It was only in 2023 that the Presbytery Mission Plans for all the constituent presbyteries within the new Presbytery of Perth were finally approved, and now the slow process of their implementation began. The overall plan for this area should be known to most of you – a proposed union of the congregations and Kirk Sessions of Dunblane Cathedral, Kilmadock and Kincardine in Menteith, with one full-time Minister of Word and Sacrament and one Ordained Local Minister (part-time and not in receipt of a stipend).

I am happy to report that although I suspect the status quo might have been the preference of many, discussions between representatives of the Presbytery and all three Kirk Sessions have been positive and

amicable and a Draft Basis of Union has now been drawn up. It is as follows:

*The congregation of Dunblane Cathedral Church of Scotland (SC004454) and the congregation of Kilmadock Parish Church of Scotland, Doune (SC012031) and the congregation of Kincardine in Menteith Church of Scotland, Blair Drummond (SC000802) shall be united on 2 May 2024, or from a date to be determined by Presbytery, on the following terms and conditions:*

1. **Name:** The name of the united charge shall be *Dunblane Cathedral, Kilmadock and Blair Drummond Church of Scotland* and the charity number SC0004454 will be retained.
2. **Transference of Property and Funds:** The property and funds belonging to or held on behalf of each congregation shall belong to or be held on behalf of the united charge and any transference necessary shall be duly effected.
3. **Places of Worship:**
  - The churches at present used and occupied by the congregations of *Dunblane Cathedral* and of *Kilmadock* shall be the places of worship of the united charge. Services shall be conducted in both churches each Sunday at times to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Session.
  - The church at present used by the congregation of *Kincardine-in-Menteith* shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed of subject to the titles on which it is held, subject to the approval of the Presbytery and, if necessary, the General Trustees or the General Assembly.

- The free proceeds of any such sale or let shall be held and applied for fabric purposes in connection with the properties of the congregation.
  - Until the sale, let or disposal of the *Kincardine-in-Menteith* church is completed, which shall be as soon as is practicable, it shall be used as an additional place of worship of the united congregation on at least one Sunday each month, on dates and times to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Session.
4. **Territorial Responsibility:** The bounds to be served by the united charge shall be designated as the bounds of the parishes of *Dunblane Cathedral, Kilmadock* and *Kincardine-in-Menteith*, or as the Presbytery shall determine.
  5. **Kirk Session:** The elders of all three Kirk Sessions shall form, with the minister, the Kirk Session of the united charge.
  6. **Congregational Management:** The temporal affairs of the united congregation shall be administered by the Kirk Session of the said congregation.
  7. **Minister:** The Rev Colin Renwick, currently minister at *Dunblane Cathedral*, shall be the minister of the united charge.
  8. **Manse:** The manse of the congregation of *Dunblane Cathedral* shall be the manse of the united charge.





9. *Ministerial Support: The stipend of the charge shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the National Stipend Scheme.*

10. *Power to Readjust: While these articles and terms shall form the Basis of Union for the three congregations now uniting, the united charge shall be free, like other congregations, to adjust arrangements under the authority of Presbytery as need may arise.*

Although couched in the rather formal language of the Church of Scotland, the terms of the proposed union should be fairly clear. There will continue to be a weekly service in Dunblane Cathedral and at Kilmadock in Doune, and once a month at Kincardine in Menteith Church until such time as that building shall be sold. Instead of three Kirk Sessions, as is currently the case, there will be only one Kirk Session for the new charge of Dunblane Cathedral, Kilmadock and Blair Drummond Church of Scotland.

Each Kirk Session and each congregation will be given the opportunity to vote on the proposed basis of union, and Kilmadock and Kincardine in Menteith will be given the opportunity to vote on whether or not they will accept me as their minister. Dunblane Cathedral had the opportunity to vote for me ten years ago when I preached here as sole nominee.

The Dunblane Cathedral Kirk Session will meet to vote on the draft basis of union on Sunday 11 February 2024 and the whole congregation will be asked to do likewise, following morning worship on Sunday 3 March

2024. The voting will be by secret ballot and in person only and all members and recognised adherents are eligible to vote. You are encouraged to be present and to vote.

If all three Kirk Sessions and congregations vote for the proposed union, the three congregations will formally be united on 2 May 2024 with a formal service of union to take place at an agreed date.

Some may well be asking, "What will change?" There will, after all, still be a service in Dunblane Cathedral every Sunday. Dunblane Cathedral is, by a fair margin, the largest of the three congregations with the greater financial resources. Will the Cathedral congregation really notice the difference, especially when the union is with congregations in different communities?

I think my answer would be that if we, in Dunblane Cathedral don't notice any great difference, it is likely that this new union isn't working as it should. Whilst it is not likely that this union will mean any great influx of people into Dunblane Cathedral, it is important that those from all three congregations get to know one another as one united congregation, and that will take a determined effort on the part of all. It should also present all the constituent congregations with the opportunity to review, openly and critically, what they have done in the past (which all

congregations should be doing anyway) in order that together, we can plan future mission and service within our varied communities. Dunblane Cathedral may have the greater numbers and the larger income, but it doesn't mean that we have the monopoly of wisdom or insight. Kilmadock, for example, could have much to teach us about developing the capacity of our members for leadership in worship. Kincardine in Menteith, which has given strong support to the local farming community in the past, could have much to share with us in developing what they have called "Faith in Farming".

Am I daunted at what this union holds for us as a congregation and for me as a minister? Yes, I am. I have noticed a marked change in workload since Dorothy Anderson's retirement in 2021, and I have yet to find out how it will change with this new union. Furthermore, any minister I know who has journeyed with congregations through unions in the past, tells me that it can be challenging and hard work.

Am I excited at what the union holds for us as a congregation and for me as a minister? Yes, I am. I am looking forward to getting to know new people. I am looking forward to discovering more about how Kilmadock Church has developed the capacity of its members in leading worship, and as a country lad, I am looking forward to discovering how the newly united charge might engage further with the farming community within the Parish of Kincardine in Menteith.

I shall have to learn how to delegate more. I shall have to learn how to say, "no" a little more often and trust that not every meeting requires the minister to be present. I am looking forward to a long-awaited restructuring of Kirk Session and Committees in a way that, I hope and pray, recognises, draws upon and encourages the gifts of people from all three communities.

Liam Fraser's book on Mission in Contemporary Scotland, begins with a sombre and rather ominous note as a wake-up call to those of us in the Church of Scotland. However, he finishes with a positive and practical note. In his final chapter, he asks, "What next?" – a question I and others shall doubtless be asking over the next few months, and indeed through my last year or two as minister at Dunblane Cathedral, Kilmadock and Blair Drummond Church of Scotland. Dr Fraser's suggestions are ones to which would be wise to turn:

1. Pray
2. Meet with others
3. Learn
4. Seek further support
5. Consult
6. Pilot
7. Refine
8. Thank God for the opportunity to try to make this world a better place and to show something of his love and glory to others.

*Colin C. Renwick*



# SERVICES: LENT-PENTECOST 2024

## Wednesday 14 February

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

6.30pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Cathedral

## Sunday 18 February: First Sunday of Lent

10.30am Morning Worship

## Wednesday 21 February

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 25 February: Second Sunday of Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Cathedral Kids

6.30pm Shared Communion Service in St Blane's Church

## Wednesday 28 February

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 3 March: Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Cathedral Kids

## Wednesday 6 March

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 10 March: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am Morning Worship, Junior Choir and Cathedral Kids

## Wednesday 13 March

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 17 March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.30am Morning Worship with Cathedral Kids and the BB Band

## Wednesday 20 March

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 24 March: Palm Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship with Cathedral Kids

6.30pm Choral Evensong Services for Holy Week

## Monday 25 March

7.30pm Venue to be confirmed

## Tuesday 26 March

7.30pm Venue to be confirmed

## Wednesday 27 March

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

7.30pm Venue to be confirmed

## Thursday 28 March: Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Service of Holy Communion in Dunblane Cathedral

## Friday 29 March: Good Friday

12 noon Reflection on the Cross in Dunblane Cathedral

## Saturday 30 March: Easter Eve

7.30pm Music and Reflection in Dunblane Cathedral

## Sunday 31 March: Easter Day

6.30am Sunrise Service on Dumyat (please assemble at Cathedral Hall at 6am)

7.30am Dawn Service in the Rock Garden by the Faery Bridge

8.00am Shared Breakfast in the Cathedral Hall

10.30am Worship for Easter Day in Dunblane Cathedral

6.30pm Shared celebration of Easter (Venue to be confirmed)

## Wednesday 3 April

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 7 April: Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

## Wednesday 10 April

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 14 April: Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

## Wednesday 17 April

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 21 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship and Cathedral Kids

## Wednesday 24 April

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Lamb Room

## Sunday 28 April

10.30am Morning Worship and Cathedral Kids

## Wednesday 1 May

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Cathedral

## Sunday 5 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Morning Worship

## Wednesday 8 May

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Cathedral

## Sunday 12 May: Sunday after Ascension Day

10.30am Morning Worship and Cathedral Kids

## Wednesday 15 May

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Cathedral

## Sunday 19 May: Pentecost

10.30am Morning Worship and Cathedral Kids

## Wednesday 22 May

11.00am Midweek Service and Prayer for Ukraine and Gaza in the Cathedral

## Sunday 26 May: Trinity Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship and Cathedral Kids

6.30pm Service of Music and Reflection for Trinity Sunday



## CATHEDRAL ADMINISTRATOR

It is some time now, since Dunblane Cathedral had a paid administrator. In recent times, Ronald Wright has looked after hall bookings, Chris Wilson has produced orders of Service and Alistair Brunton has dealt with accounts for weddings and hall lets. Gratitude is due to all three for all their time and hard work.

The Kirk Session has agreed that the time has come to consider the appointment of a new administrator. In the meantime, they have agreed to the appointment of Eilidh Renwick as Acting Administrator for a 3-6 month period as she assesses what the role of Administrator might now entail, especially in the light of the proposed union of three congregations. Eilidh, who will be doing this in a voluntary capacity, will be working in the Cathedral Office in the Halls from 9am-12pm, Wednesday-Friday.

## PIONEER MINISTER TO THE UNDER 40S

Following the appointment of Rev Ruth Kennedy as Minister to Sanctuary First and Director of Digital Ministries within the Church of Scotland, the Kirk Sessions of St Blane's and Dunblane Cathedral reflected on the work that Ruth had initiated in her year as Pioneer Minister with the under 40s within Dunblane, and were of the opinion that this work should be continued and developed, if possible.

An application for Funding was made on behalf of both Kirk Sessions to the Church of Scotland Seeds for Growth Fund in order that another Pioneer minister/worker with the under 40s be appointed. It was confirmed in December that this application has been successful with a grant of £100,000 being offered over a three-year period to fund such an appointment. It is hoped that the appointment process may begin within the next few weeks.

# LIFE AND WORK

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## February 2024 Presbytery Focus: Perth

In 2024 Life and Work magazine is featuring a monthly Presbytery Focus. It launched with Lothian and Borders in the January issue and the second presbytery in the series is Perth featuring in the February issue available now.

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# CATHEDRAL KIDS



The Nativity was a great success, well done to the children, their families and the congregation for their support. In December we also had a super family Christmas party, with a flying visit from Santa!

We had planted bulbs last term which the children gave to some appreciative members of the congregation after church.

We meet each week at 10.20am in the Cathedral Halls. We go into church for the first part of the service and then go out and have some fun, songs, games and learn about the God's work.

We celebrate Easter Sunday, 31 March with fun and games. We are then on holiday for the first two Sundays in April, starting back on 21 April.

### Family breakfast - Sunday 25 February, 9.45am

The Family breakfast at the end of January was lovely with food, friends and fun. Everyone is welcome and a simple breakfast is provided.

This will be a regular event, with the next one on Sunday 25 February at 9.45am in the Helen Lamb room. Our March Family breakfast is on Palm Sunday 24 March.



## THE GUILD

The Guild is now in the second half of our session for 2023 - 2024. We greatly appreciate the newly upgraded hall and kitchen. Dates for your diary include:

### Monday 12 February

"Home for Good" a project which tries to find homes for children

### Saturday 17 February

The Guild Coffee Morning, all your help would be greatly appreciated

### Monday 26 February

At 2pm Trish Archibald will talk about her trip to the Holy Land

### Monday 11 March

The Guild will be hosting a Celebration Afternoon Tea. This has been a special year for us as we celebrated 90 years for the Guild here in the Cathedral. We now turn our attention to the future and the role of the Guild within our congregation. The Guild has always supported the church in the past and with your help the future also. A warm welcome always awaits anyone who would like to join us.

### The Guild Project Partnership Scheme

The Guild Project Partnership Scheme allows our Guild to engage with a vast variety of issues to raise funds for diverse causes in the charitable sector. £311,965 has been raised in just the past two years and our January meeting heard great results from one of the six Projects, Vine Trust. Below is an excerpt from their current publication. All are welcome to attend our meetings.



# THINKING ALLOWED

Before Covid, we were half way through our lecture series on the theme of "Conflict and Reconciliation". We are so pleased that we are now able to resume with the following:

- 11 February, 7pm  
**Talk by Rev. Dr. Donald MacEwan**  
Reconciling all Things: Climate Change and Christ
- 24 March, 3pm  
**Talk by the Very Rev. Dr. John Chalmers**  
The Journey from Schism to Unity in our church
- 21 April, 3pm  
**Talk by Rt Hon. Lord Robertson of Port Ellen**  
Conflict and Reconciliation.

We are also planning **Reflections for Lent** on the following dates:

- 20 February
- 5 March
- 19 March

At 7pm in the Cathedral Halls



## Table Talks

Lastly, we are resuming our Table Talks. These are occasions when someone from our congregation gives us a short talk after Sunday morning service. As well as coffee after church we hope to serve a light lunch. It's a great opportunity to get to know people.

- The first Table Talk will take place on 25th February after morning service  
**Dr. Hilda Dunsmore**

All events in the Cathedral Halls

We do hope you will join us

Everyone is welcome and entry is free.

# DUNBLANE CATHEDRAL HANDBELL ENSEMBLES

**Craft Fair, Saturday 23 March in Dunblane's Victoria Halls, 10.30am-4.00pm**

Craft workers from around Scotland will be selling a range of craftworks. There will also be refreshments available all day as well as handbell performances on the hour, every hour. This event is in support of Dunblane Cathedral Handbell Ensembles.



## The Cathedral Handbell Ringers

welcomed seven new ringers into their groups in January. On Sunday 3 March handbell musicians will contribute to the music of worship in the Cathedral Sunday morning service. Also in March ringers from Dunblane will take part in the Scottish Ringer Rally being held in Wick, Caithness. And in April, members of the Cathedral handbell group will take part in the annual event of the national handbell society, in Swanwick, Derbyshire.



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Thank you!



## CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who contributed and came along for tea and coffee. Also, thanks to all who contributed after the morning. The total amount raised was a fantastic £1,030. These funds are being sent to Christian Aid and will be used immediately. One example is Aline Nibogora in Burundi, who escaped extreme poverty with the help of Christian Aid funded training, now she is farming nutritious food to feed her family.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (12 - 18 May 2024)** in Dunblane is rapidly approaching. The house-to-house envelope drop-off and the Café and Shop will run again this year.

If you would like to help in any way, please get in touch with Millie Christie, Jean Rutherford or Ros Wilson. Volunteers are needed for the envelope drop-off, preparing soup, sweets, and baking for the café, and helping at the café and shop.

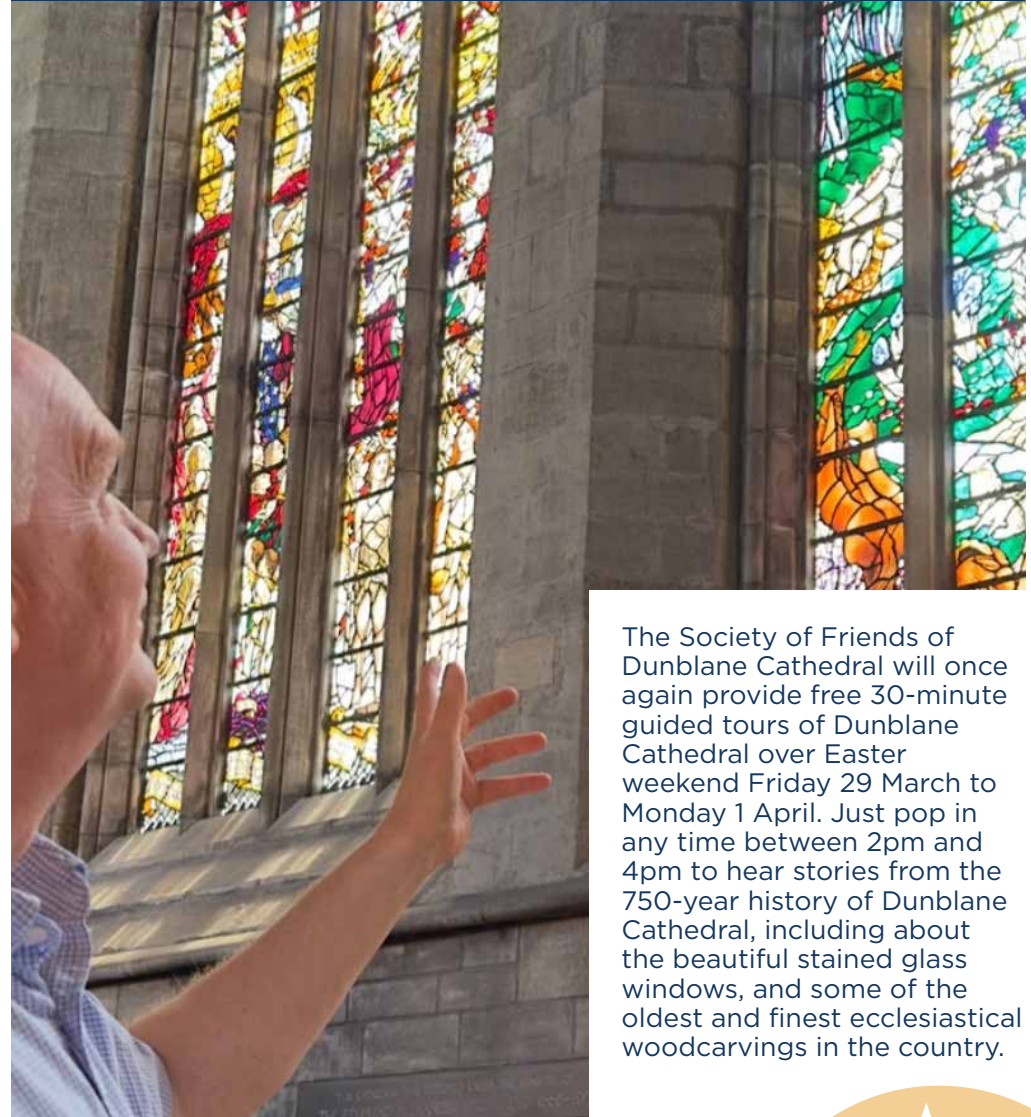
## DUNBLANE COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB



Prior to COVID, the Dunblane Community Lunch Club had been running for many years. We were fortunate to have many volunteers helping in the kitchen to serve lunch and drivers to bring folk to the halls.

Many of the volunteers have since retired or are no longer able to assist. We would like to restart the lunch club, but without helpers in the kitchen and more importantly drivers, we will not be able to restart. If you can help for a couple of hours once a week, between 12.00pm and 2.00pm, please contact Ros Wilson on 07837 047900.

## GUIDED TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL



The Society of Friends of Dunblane Cathedral will once again provide free 30-minute guided tours of Dunblane Cathedral over Easter weekend Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April. Just pop in any time between 2pm and 4pm to hear stories from the 750-year history of Dunblane Cathedral, including about the beautiful stained glass windows, and some of the oldest and finest ecclesiastical woodcarvings in the country.





We would like to ask everyone in the Cathedral community to support the BB by collecting the blue tokens at Tesco in Dunblane (and Callander) this term and depositing them in the collection container with our name on it in the store. If we have the biggest total of tokens on 31 March we stand to receive a funding grant of £1,500. You can collect these tokens every time you shop but you may have to remind the checkout staff that you want them!

We have been taking part in all the BB national competitions this year, including badminton, table tennis, chess, FIFA, five-a-side football and the Masterteam quiz. Our team comprising Max, Alex, Thomas and Murray made it to the Scottish final on 3 February, after this magazine edition went to press. Our under-14 five-a-side team is also in the Scottish semi-final round on 10 February.

Anchor Boys (P1-P3) and Junior Section (P4-P6) are keen to recruit new members, particularly in the P4 age group for Junior Section, which meets on Friday evenings 6.15-7.45pm in the Cathedral Halls. We are also actively recruiting adults who would like to volunteer regularly with our P7-S6 boys on Friday evenings. This is our biggest section and works best when we can work with the boys in small groups so the more adults we have, the better. Please contact Fraser Boyd for a chat about the roles.

We are a little late in doing this, but thank you to everyone who contributed to our big Christmas food bank collection. 652kg of goods were amassed on the night for Startup Stirling's food bank.

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# MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL SPRING 2024

## EVENING WORSHIP AT 6.30PM

In addition to our regular participation in Morning Worship, the Cathedral Choir will sing a few extra Services this Spring, augmented by a few extra singers. There will also be evening choral services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, with Haydn's string quartet The Seven Last Words also being performed on the latter day.

### Sunday 4 February

Music for Candlemass by Harris, Noon, Handel and Jackson

### Sunday 24 March

Music for Palm Sunday by Weelkes, Ayleward, Noble and Purcell

### Sunday 26 May

Music for Pentecost and Trinity



Sunday 5 May at 3pm

## LIBRICINI: FLIGHTS OF ANGELS

Libricini was formed in 2009 to discover and perform choral repertoire composed or arranged for women's voices. Accomplished and versatile, they sing a wide range of genres, both a cappella and accompanied, and have performed in Norwich, North Norfolk, York, North Yorkshire, Derbyshire and in Évron Basilica in north-west France. This is their first (hopefully of many) visits to Scotland, and their programme will include music by Tavener, Schubert, Holst and others. They will be conducted by Ulrike Wutscher and accompanied by Kevin Duggan

Friday 31 May at 7.30pm

## SOUTH WALES MALE VOICE CHOIR/ CŌR MEIBION DE CYMRU

CMDC is one of the foremost male choirs in the principality. The Choir is proud of its reputation for harmonic singing from a wide repertoire, including Welsh tunes, show songs, selections from opera and popular melodies. Formed in 1982, the Choir brings together men from many areas across South Wales. There is also a contingent of members from Bristol, Wantage and Southampton. Choristers travel weekly to four practice groups at different locations, each with its own conductor and accompanist. The whole choir rehearses every 2 - 3 weeks under the direction of Musical Director Rhiannon Williams. They have performed in a wide variety of venues in the UK and internationally.



## CONCERTS (NOT INCLUDING ARTS GUILD EVENTS)

Sunday 28 April, 7.30pm in Holy Rude, Stirling

### JS BACH: MASS IN B MINOR

This year the Rosenethe Singers will celebrate their 60th anniversary, and part of the celebrations will comprise this monumental Mass for 5 soloists, choir and orchestra. Completed a year before Bach's death and including movements from as early as 1724, the orchestra contains an extended woodwind section, much ceremonial brass writing and a choir which divides into up to eight parts. It contains some of Bach's most sublime music.

This will be a busy season for the Rosenethe Singers - in addition to this concert they will join Helensburgh Choral Society for a performance of Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony in Glasgow City Halls on **Sunday 18 February**, and also give a concert in Inverpefferay Library on **Sunday 9 June** at 3pm.

Sunday 2 June - Sunday 30 June at 3pm

## ORGAN MATINEES

There are many former organ scholars of Dunblane Cathedral who have gone on to achieve great things, and we are delighted to welcome some of them back to perform on the wonderful Flentrop organ. Plans are already well advanced for our summer Music at Midday series, with visiting players from France, Germany, USA and Canada.

Concert with Westminster College Choir (USA) **Sunday 19 May** at 3pm.

Performers for matinees featuring former organ scholars. All are Sundays at 3pm:

- **2 June** Adam Wilson
- **9 June** Steven McIntyre
- **16 June** Mark Browne
- **23 June** David Hardie
- **30 June** Chris Bragg



## CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR

At present this group comprises around 10 singers, and it would be great to double that number!

We rehearse every Thursday during termtime in the St. Andrews Room from 6.30 until 7.30pm. We are a friendly group which sings a wide repertoire and has a lot of fun. Last December we sang Carols in St. Modoc's in Doune, Wardside in Muthill as well as the Cathedral. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us, it's a great opportunity to make new friends and learn all about singing, as well as performing in our wonderful Cathedral. We sing one service a month, and will give a concert and have a day out in June.

## CATHEDRAL ADULT CHOIR

We sing an ever expanding variety of choral music, and clear-voiced singers in all parts are welcome! New recruits normally turn up for a few rehearsals before an informal audition. If you are serious about singing, and are considering a musical career, there are a few scholarships available. These include a contribution towards singing lessons and a lot of exciting choral opportunities, including singing exciting and challenging repertoire. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursdays in the St. Andrews Room from 7.30 until 9.30pm.



## CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER 2023-24

### BAPTISM

14 January 2024 Sam McCormack-Glass

### FUNERALS

7 November Shena Young

11 November Jessie Brown

29 November Ann Dunbar (Boyd)

9 December John Clunie

12 December George Finlay

15 December Clifford Cowie

15 December Gilbert (Gibby) Ferrier

31 December Dr William Blair,

5 January 2024 Thomas Morrison  
Dalrymple (Morris) Miller

18 January 2024 John Connell

22 January 2024 Gillian Ross

## PASTORAL CARE GROUP

If you, or anyone you know, are housebound, frail, or simply feeling lonely and would welcome a visitor, or need assistance with transport, the Pastoral Care Volunteers may be able to help.

Please call **07719 949320** - where you can leave a message.

If you do need a lift to the Service, whether regularly or just occasionally, this can be arranged. To arrange help, please contact the Pastoral Care Coordinator using the number above. If you are calling on behalf of someone else, please check with them first to ensure that they would welcome the contact.

Apologies!

We made an error in our last magazine. **The amount The Guild raised was actually £540,000.** Well done to all involved.



# UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to those who donated at the Retiring Collections for our Remembrance Day and Christmas Services. The amounts collected were:

	Total Donations	Of which Donations were Gift Aided	Tax Charities will be able to Reclaim on the Gift Aided Donations
<b>Erskine Hospital</b>			
Remembrance Day	£593		
Remembrance Day Online	£20	£20	£5
<b>Erskine Hospital Total</b>	<b>£613</b>	<b>£20</b>	<b>£5</b>
<b>Hearing Dogs for Deaf People</b>			
Nativity Service	£338	£235	£59
Nativity Service Online	£30	£30	£8
<b>Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Total</b>	<b>£368</b>	<b>£265</b>	<b>£66</b>
<b>thegkexperience</b>			
Lessons and Carols Service	£634	£362	£90
<b>thegkexperience Total</b>	<b>£634</b>	<b>£362</b>	<b>£90</b>

- **The Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**  
Charity was chosen by Cathedral Kids.
- **The Erskine Hospital**  
Has cared for Armed Forces veterans since 1916.
- **TheGKexperience**  
Charity was chosen by the Choir. It offers young people the chance to be part of shaping superb experiences in the community, and a context which improves wellbeing, builds long term supportive relationships, encourages growth and change, fosters leadership, develops resilience and makes aspirations a reality.



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In response to the Love of God, the congregation seeks to serve the community in every aspect of its life and to promote the Christian values of concern for others, forgiveness, reconciliation, truth and integrity, acknowledging that we ourselves do not always live up to these values.

