



Holy Trinity



St Andrew's



Kilmaveonaig



All Saints'

The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge



**HOLY TRINITY, Pitlochry
KILMAVEONAIG, Blair Atholl
ST ANDREW'S, Strathtay
& ALL SAINTS', Kinloch Rannoch
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**



Rector - The Reverend Canon Liz Baker

February & March 2023



Rector's Reflection A New Year and a New Baby.

There is something wonderful about a new year and a new life. A New Year is a fresh start, a new beginning, the future a time of endless possibilities, now none of us know how this year of our Lord 2023 will end, but we do know that through the seasons, the scriptures will tell us their story once again, this year in the words of Matthew, that the festivals will occur in their due time and we will pray and worship together.

Many things will happen in the world, some frightening, some wonderful. Robin and I had wonderful news on 13th January when our Grandson Lucas Andrew Sansum 8lb 6 oz was born down in Milton Keynes'



But as we look at the world I can't help wondering what this little boy, as I write this less than 2 weeks old, will see and do in his lifetime. I am transported back to the very first baptism I ever did, when looking for inspiration on numerous websites I found this line 'a child is God's promise that the world will go on', and we can all take comfort in that thought, for if the world seems at times 'weary, worn and sad', new life is constantly born and as the year begins to turn and the days lengthen we look to the promise, through the pain of life, to the resurrection of life and of Christ that comes to us in the spring.

Blessing to you all

Liz Baker January 2023

POETRY AND CONTEMPLATION

This poem by John Greenleaf Whittier who wrote 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' popped up on a facebook page the other day. I have been sorting several funerals in the past two weeks and two of them chose 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind' as part of the Services, we sang it at my Mother in Laws funeral in September, written by a Quaker it is a much loved and much used hymn.

This poem by that Quaker is a reflection on a Quaker Meeting and what it means, on the listening in silence to the 'still small voice' of that which we call God. The thoughts in the poem, the trust in the will of God is something that, I over the years have taken to heart from being a member of the Society of Friends and being married to a Quaker. I cannot express how deeply it has influenced my spirituality, and my love of silence, and the power of the contemplative soul. It helps me in my ministry to in the words of George Fox 'walk cheerfully over the world, seeking that of God in everyone'

I hope you enjoy the poem

Liz Baker January 2023

"First Day Thoughts" By John Greenleaf Whittier

In calm and cool and silence, once again
I find my old accustomed place among
My brethren, where, perchance, no human tongue
Shall utter words; where never hymn is sung,
Nor deep-toned organ blown, nor censer swung,
Nor dim light falling through the pictured pane!
There, syllabled by silence, let me hear
The still small voice which reached the prophet's ear;
Read in my heart a still diviner law
Than Israel's leader on his tables saw!
There let me strive with each besetting sin,
Recall my wandering fancies, and restrain
The sore disquiet of a restless brain;
And, as the path of duty is made plain,
May grace be given that I may walk therein,
Not like the hireling, for his selfish gain,
With backward glances and reluctant tread,
Making a merit of his coward dread,
But, cheerful, in the light around me thrown,
Walking as one to pleasant service led;
Doing God's will as if it were my own,
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength alone!

EVENTS AND SERVICES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

2nd February 10.30am at St Andrews Strathtay, Holy Communion for Candlemas

22nd February 10.30am at Holy Trinity Pitlochry, Holy Communion with Ashing for Ash Wednesday.

LENT COURSE (TBC)

REGULAR SERVICES

Holy Trinity Church

Holy Trinity is open daily during daylight hours

Sunday services – Normally 9.30am Holy Communion or All Age Communion

Thursday Services – 10.00am Morning Prayer

Kilmaveonaig (St Adamnan's Church)

Kilmaveonaig is open daily throughout the year

Sundays at 11.15am – First Sunday All Age Communion third Sundays, Holy Communion. Second and fourth Sundays Matins/ Morning Prayer or Communion by Extension

St Andrew's, Church, Strathtay

Sundays at 11.15am - First Sundays Mattins, second and fourth Sundays Holy Communion; third Sundays Service of the Word/ Communion by Extension; fifth Sundays Joint Service Church of Scotland.

All Saints, Kinloch Rannoch

5th February 9.30am Holy Communion

5th March 9.30am Holy Communion





Some photographs of
Christmas From Holy
Trinity





Update from the HPLC climate change group

A Happy New Year to everyone! The climate group hasn't met since the last newsletter came out so there's not much new to tell you. But our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th Feb (7pm at Val & Agnes' house) if anyone would like to join us, we'd love to see you.

The main things we've been working on since our last meeting are: reviewing a whole lot of guidance and information that's available on the Church of England website, to see if we can learn anything: our eco tips leaflet, which should be out soon: and thinking about different heating options, exploring the option of 'heating the people' rather than the heating the buildings.

Some Local news:

The Pitlochry Community Garden Share: this links people with gardens they can't work, with people who can. Volunteers work in the gardens to produce fruit and vegetables to share with each other and the wider community through the community larder at the Atholl Centre. Last year, a team of volunteer fruit pickers also picked the fruit from trees whose owners weren't able to pick it. They made apples available around the centre of Pitlochry for anyone to help themselves, and delivered 4 tons of apples to Wasted Degrees, to be turned into cider! The garden share is looking for more volunteers, if anyone is interested.

The Sprout, Community Eco-hub for Pitlochry and Aberfeldy area, had 45 members by December –the hope is that it will become an umbrella community organisation for other environmental groups in the area.

Pitlochry and Aberfeldy now have regular monthly **Repair Cafes** – so if you're interested in helping out, or have items that you want repaired, they can be contacted on: aberfeldyrepaircafe@gmail.com (meeting at Glen Lyon Coffee Roasters, Aberfeldy Business Park) and <https://www.facebook.com/PitlochryRepairCafe> (meeting at the Moulin Hall).

Climate Cafes will be meeting in 2023 in: the Birks Cinema Aberfeldy, 6pm on the 4th Monday of each month: and in Pitlochry library during the second week of each month, on Tuesday (at 1pm) and Thursday (at 7pm.).

In Pitlochry, the **Environment and Sustainability Group**, supporting theme 5 of the Community Action Plan, will be working on the Community Renewable Energy project. They will be meeting in Pitlochry library at 7pm on: 19th January, 16th February, 16th March, 20th April, 18th May and 22nd June.

Lent 2023:

Christian eco groups are suggesting that one of the ways that we might want to keep lent this year is by doing something extra or differently to support the environment. For example:

- Plant and tend a herb or flower as a reminder of our responsibility to steward God's earth.
- Try and eat at least one meal a week without meat or using local, sustainably farmed meat or game
- Think about what you can do to encourage biodiversity in your own garden – keep an area of your garden unmowed, plant flowers that will attract bees, install bird or bat boxes
- Learn something about threatened species and habitats, and what you can do to help support and protect them: The A Rocha UK Target 25 project has great information about 25 key areas that we can learn about: [Target 25 - A Rocha UK](#)
- Use some of the ideas from our HPLC eco tips leaflet (see right), which should be available in all four of our churches soon.

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TOP ENERGY SAVING TIPS THAT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY

With energy bills rising here are some simple ideas to save you energy, save money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon footprint at the same time

Finally, a prayer for the environment from a prayer book produced by Caritas New Zealand (Aotearoa):

Climate Change

Your creative love, O God, brought forth our world,
once a garden where humans
could taste and see the goodness of the earth.
But our eyes have been blinded
to the beauty of Creation,
to the knowledge that it is Gift,
one given so that all humans may live and flourish.
Our indifference changes the world;
even mighty glaciers weep now.
Our disregard for our sisters and brothers
threatens the very skies above us.
Our passivity begins to choke us, and
the excess of our lifestyles blot out the sun.
Call us to renewal, to stewardship;
call us to solidarity to the earth and all its creatures.
Give us new vision to see the fragile beauty that remains to us;
give us new spiritual energy to become active
in loving the world through our daily life;
give us new voices to speak out for environmental solidarity.
Bless us again with the gift
of being a joyful community;
bless us with a love of your Creation
and we will glimpse your Eden once again.

(Jane Deren/Education for Justice)



Some of the best places to see Snowdrops in Scotland

Where better to see snowdrops in all their fabulous glory than against a backdrop of gorgeous Scottish countryside? Scotland's snowdrop displays last throughout February and March so now is the ideal time.

Cambo Estate, St Andrews, Fife

Combine a woodland walk on the 70-acre Cambo Estate, which is home to the national collection of snowdrops.

Open 10am to 5pm. Adults £5.50, children free.

West Plean House, near Stirling

Visitors can stroll into the Walled Garden and take a walk through the newly developed Azalea and Rhododendron plantings. There are also woodland walks with snowdrops and a panoramic view over seven counties. West Plean House also offers accommodation, and an excellent home produced and locally sourced breakfast, for those wishing to stay longer.

Open: 13:00 – 16:00

Cost: Adults £4, children free.

10 Pilmuir Road West, Forres

In early spring you might expect to see around 150 named snowdrops, some of which are very rare, at this beautiful small town garden. The garden is also managed without any use of artificial fertilisers or chemicals and the owner encourages hedgehogs, toads and wild birds to control the slugs.

Viewing is by appointment only on 01309 674634. Cost £3



The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh

Founded in the 17th century as a physic garden, the botanic garden now it extends to four gardens each boasting a rich living collection of plants.

During the Scottish Snowdrop Festival guided tours will showcase the Royal Botanic Garden's collection of specialist snowdrops.

Tours run until March 8, between 10am and 6pm. Tickets cost £5.

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Service Times:

Holy Trinity 9.30am
St Andrews 11.15am
Kilmaveonaig 11.15am
All Saints – 9.30am 1st Sunday of month

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services
Thursdays - 10.30am Morning Prayer – from Holy Trinity

Events

Holy Trinity Serenity Garden Group – Tuesdays 11.00am am and Open Church with Coffee and Conversation. All welcome

St Andrew's House Group – Last Wednesday of the month contact Ms. Lesley Whitwood 01887 840416 for details

Sundays and other Festivals

February		March	
Thursday 2	Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	Sunday 5	Lent 2
Sunday 5	Epiphany 5	Sunday 12	Lent 3
Sunday 12	Epiphany 6	Sunday 19	Lent 4
Sunday 19	Last Sunday after Epiphany	Monday 20	St Joseph
Wednesday 22	Ash Wednesday	Saturday 25	The Annunciation
Sunday 26	First Sunday in Lent	Sunday 26	Lent 5