



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**

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# Summer

**June, July & August 2025**



*Photo by Seonaid - Machany Garden*

## **Rector's Reflections Summer 2025 'Othering'**

In last Sunday's (25 May) Sermon I spoke about, the Peace that Christ offers to his Disciples and how as followers of The Way, we are called to spread that peace and serve others. And yet so many in our world today take those words and twist and manoeuvre so they fit particular political agendas. What this means in practice is failing to see the image of God in all people and failing to love our neighbours as ourselves.

There is a term for this (isn't there always) it's known as 'Othering'. Othering is a process whereby a group of people is made to seem fundamentally different, even to the point of making that group seem less than human. This process can trigger instinctive emotional reactions towards members of that group. This affects how people perceive and treat people who are part of the "in-group" versus those in the "out-group". It leads to the stigmatisation of the out-group based on stereotypes and hierarchies, ultimately reinforcing the identity of the in-group and is used in many ways. For example, our country has a long history of the othering of foreigners, and the poem below by Michael Rosen reflects this completely, and shows us how much we rely on 'others' to support and care for us.

### **Island of Strangers by Michael Rosen**

*for Keir Starmer and his 'Island of Strangers' (from The Guardian)*

*– Suggested by Jean Kirby*

I lay in bed  
hardly able to breathe  
but there were people to sedate me,  
pump air into me  
calm me down when I thrashed around  
hold my hand and reassure me  
play me songs my family sent in  
turn me over to help my lungs  
shave me, wash me, feed me  
check my medication  
perform the tracheostomy  
people on this 'island of strangers'  
from China, Jamaica, Brazil, Ireland  
India, USA, Nigeria and Greece.

I sat on the edge of my bed  
and four people came with  
a frame and supported me  
or took me to a gym  
where they taught me how  
to walk between parallel bars  
or kick a balloon  
sat me in a wheel chair  
taught me how to use the exercise bike  
how to walk with a stick  
how to walk without a stick  
people on this 'island of strangers'  
from China, Jamaica, Brazil, Ireland  
India, USA, Nigeria and Greece.

If ever you're in need, as I was,  
may you have an island of strangers like I had.

As Christians we are called by Christ to overcome this mindset, we hear the words to 'love our neighbour' in Holy Communion each week, and our neighbours are all people who are irrevocably, no matter who they may be, made in God's image and despite many differences of race, gender, sexuality and culture are our brothers and sisters. The opposite of 'othering' is 'belonging'. And belonging does not insist that we are all the same. It means we recognise and celebrate our differences, in a society where "we the people" includes all the people.

In simple words let us follow Jesus and chose, like him, how we behave to 'others'.

Remember,

- He identified himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned, and said that what we do or do not do for them is what we do or do not do for him (Mt. 25:31-46)
- He chose to touch those the law declared to be untouchable (Lk. 5:12-13).
- He let his heart and mind be changed about the extent of his ministry and mission by a Syrophoenician woman, a foreigner, an outsider, someone he had called a dog (Mk. 7:24-29).

When we fail to see God's image in all people, when we fail to call out the 'othering' of those who are different, we turn away from 'the light' that no darkness can extinguish, so let us resolve to make a conscious decision to live a life that reflects the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seeking to live according to God's will and truth.

With blessings to you all

Liz Baker May 2025

### **Lay Ministries**

Congratulations to all those, authorised or re-authorised at the Festival of Lay Ministries on 15 May. Authorisations are for 3 years and will be renewed 15 May 2028.

Our newly authorised Eucharistic Ministers are:

#### **From Holy Trinity (includes All Saints)**

Gina Charleson ( re-authorised)

Ann Covell ( re-authorised)

Val Holtom ( re-authorised)

Laura McIvor ( new authorisation)

#### **From St Andrews**

Mary Barclay ( re-authorised)

Tony Taucher ( re-authorised)

Jennifer Valentine ( re-authorised)

Alison Wyllie ( re-authorised)

#### **From Kilmaveonaig**

John Martin ( re-authorised)

Six of the nine in our charge were able to attend and receive their certificates from Bishop Ian, it was a wonderful evening. If anyone is interested in become an authorised Lay Minister, there are 3 roles:

**Lay Worship Leaders** who are authorised to lead Services of the Word (or Matins etc) and Services of Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament. Unlike Lay Readers they are not trained or authorised to preach, or to exercise pastoral ministry, but to lead public worship in their local church. ( Requires PVG )

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**, authorised to assist the celebrant (Priest or Lay Reader) in administering Communion (the chalice). It is a ministry which serves the communion of all with Christ and with each other.  
( Does not require PVG)

**Lay Pastoral Ministers**, authorised to assist the Priest and Lay Reader in pastoral care of the congregations, visiting the sick and take Communion to those unable to come to church. A ministry of care and compassion for people in the name of Christ. ( Requires PVG)

If you are interested in any or all of these roles please get in touch with Liz or Lesley, we are planning training sessions for these roles to begin in the autumn.



Laura McIvor  
Holy Trinity  
One of our new Eucharistic Lay Ministers

With thanks and congratulations to you all

## **Cake, Coffee & Conversation**

Join us at Holy Trinity on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month,  
10.30 am to 12.00 noon  
5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October.  
Funds towards Church re-ordering



## **Church Services in June, July and August**

Normal Service times during these months except:

15 June Trinity Sunday

10.30am – Joint Charge Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

29 June

11.15am – Joint Charge at St Andrews, an ecumenical service with Church of Scotland (Liz away)

3 August

11.15am - Joint Charge Holy Communion at Kilmaveonaig

31 August

10.30am - Joint service at All Saints Saints, Kinloch Rannoch

11.15am - Joint Charge Holy Communion at Strathtay with Church of Scotland (TBC)



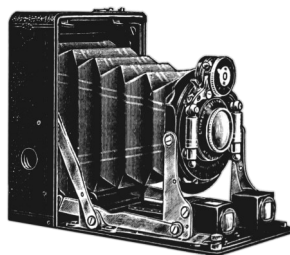
I thought you might find this photo interesting. It was taken sometime between 1857 and 1900.

Photo by George Washington Wilson from a collection housed at the university of Aberdeen.

More Pitlochry views here:

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John Martin



**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, STRATHTAY**  
**GARDEN BARBECUE**

**FOR CHURCH REPAIR FUNDS**

**AT**

**CARN RAINEACH, COSHIEVILLE,  
BY ABERFELDY**

**ON**

**SATURDAY 12 JULY 2025, 12pm-4pm**

**Entrance Fee:**  
**£10**  
**PBAB & A CHAIR**





# Strawberry Tea

at  
Holy Trinity Church  
and in  
The Serenity Garden

13th July 2 - 4pm

*Cakes  
Tombola,  
Children's Activities  
Crafts and Plant Stall  
Strawberry Cream Teas*

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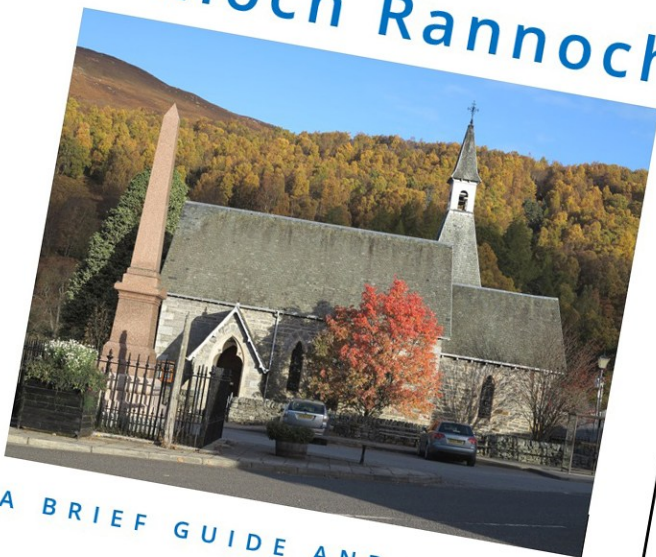
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# All Saints'

Scottish Episcopal Church  
and the McDonald Mausoleum

## Kinloch Rannoch



A BRIEF GUIDE AND HISTORY

Take me  
home for  
£4

## New Guidebook and History of All Saints' Kinloch Rannoch

A new visitors' guidebook has been produced for the charming church of All Saints' in Kinloch Rannoch. The history of the church and the attached McDonald Mausoleum are covered and there are brand-new photographs of the buildings and windows. Few of you will probably ever have seen inside the mausoleum, so you will be able to see what lurks inside! It is actually a very pleasant and roomy interior space and contains some intriguing Delft-like ceramic tiles on the walls depicting biblical scenes.

Copies of the new guidebook will be available inside the church for purchase—you will need to borrow the church key from the Dunalastair hotel reception—or I am sure that Liz or Seònaid will take advance orders. The 14-page, full-colour booklet is just £4. Similar guidebooks are already available for Holy Trinity and Kilmaveonaig, so watch out St Andrew's—you're next!



*A Delft tile, showing a woman washing Jesus's feet in the house of a Pharisee (Luke 7:37).*

The lovely circular west window, also depicting Our Lord as the Good Shepherd, was given by Revd John and Elizabeth Cross in thanksgiving for the years that they spent in Rannoch while living at Dalchosnie. The Latin inscription declares that *in this heavenly place, the people thrive*. The designer is unknown.





## HANDS

On the Monday of Holy Week St. Andrew's hosted a service for our charge and the Church of Scotland group from Aberfeldy , Grandtully, Logierait and Strathtay. We assembled at 6.30 and had time to wander round the church to identify the hands displayed in the stained glass windows from a worksheet. Then at 7 we had a service focusing on the way in which the hands were depicted and the way in which we use our hands.

To care for others:



To bless



To shield from harm:



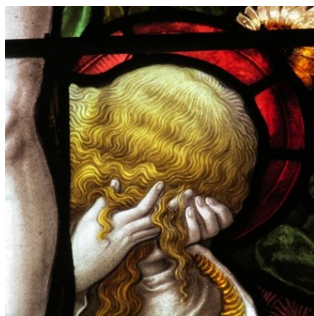
To pray:



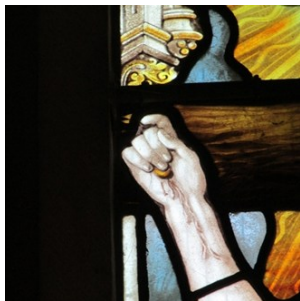
To greet people:



To hide our sorrow:



We saw the suffering hands of Jesus and the caring hands of Mary as she viewed her child.



Hands to rest upon



and hands to hold a light for others



The readings we used were 1 Kings 13:1-6 where King Jeroboam's hands were shrivelled when he tried to have the man of God seized but was healed by the man of God. And Luke 6:6-11 when Jesus healed a man's hand on the Sabbath.

### **Hands**

Christ has no body but ours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but ours,  
Ours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Ours are the hands, ours are the feet,  
Ours are the eyes, we are his body.

St Teresa of Ávila 1515-1582

## A Prayer of Confession

Almighty and ever-faithful God

Jesus used his hands to heal; to lift up; to bless; to show kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides when we could be reaching out in love.

Jesus used his hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with hardship.

Jesus used his hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of the time.

Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us.

Almighty and ever-faithful God

Forgive us for our lack of compassion

Forgive us for our reluctance to reach out our hands to people in real need

Help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in your image and precious to you.

We pray in the name of Jesus who died to pay the price for our sins and to win us our salvation

Amen

*Lesley Whitwood*



**THE MAPLES** by Marie Howe

I asked the stand of maples behind the house, How should I live my  
life?

They said, shhh shhh shhh...

How should I live, I asked, and the leaves seemed to ripple and  
gleam.

A bird called from a branch in its own tongue, And from a branch,  
across the yard, another bird answered.

A squirrel scrambled up a trunk  
then along the length of a branch.

Stand still, I thought,

See how long you can bear that.

Try to stand still, if only for a few moments, drinking light breathing



*Submitted by Lavinia Gordon*



[The Arts Society Tayside](https://theartsocietytayside.org.uk)



**The Arts Society Tayside** is a not-for-profit Society dedicated to providing its members with enjoyable experiences in the arts in the company of people with similar interests. We also offer summer garden outings, specialist interest days and visits.

Over the past ten months our members have enjoyed many interesting talks on a wide variety of topics at Birnam Arts. We attend a one-hour lecture, either as a morning or an afternoon member, usually on the second Monday of every month between September and June. The new season 2025-26 will begin on 8th September,

Please visit our website to see the full programme.  
<https://theartsocietytayside.org.uk>

Would you like to try before committing? Although we are a members-only Society, we offer a complimentary lecture to anyone who would like to try it out before joining us. Please contact us for a complimentary lecture or to become a member: [tastmembership@gmail.com](mailto:tastmembership@gmail.com) or 01350 724232.





**An unpaid carer is anyone who cares for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support. Unpaid carers might care for someone for a few hours each week, or as much as 24 hours a day, seven days a week. <https://carers.org/our-work-in-scotland/our-work-in-scotland#faq-102>**

**Carers Week** is a national week aimed to recognise, reflect, and promote the work that unpaid carers do to support their loved ones. Events will take place within Perth and Kinross, reflecting the local picture but delivered by various agencies throughout the week of **9th-15th June**.

**The theme for Carers Week 2025 is 'Caring About Equality'** to highlight the inequalities faced by unpaid carers, including a greater risk of poverty, social isolation, poor mental and physical health. Far too often, carers of all-ages miss out on opportunities in their education, careers, or personal lives, just because of their caring role. <https://www.carersuk.org/news-and-campaigns/our-campaigns/carers-week/>

**Could you be a carer or do you know someone who is a carer and would benefit from being registered with us?**

If so, please get in touch  
Phone 01738 567076  
email [carershubadmin@pkavs.org.uk](mailto:carershubadmin@pkavs.org.uk)  
website [www.pkavscarershub.org.uk](http://www.pkavscarershub.org.uk)

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Online Newsletter  
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We can take self-referrals, referrals from family members or friends. Other agencies can also make referrals to us on behalf of the person who wants to register as a carer.

## Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

Holy Trinity Church is a Registered Scottish Charity No SC007020  
Kilmaveonaig is a Registered Scottish Charity No SC005481  
St Andrew's is a Registered Scottish Charity No SC017058  
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**by**

**Noon on Tuesday 25 August 2025**

**(Please note that the new deadline week day is a Tuesday!)**

We cover many of the notices weekly in the pew sheet but the newsletter allows opportunity for interesting and relevant articles, posters for special occasions such as fairs, special lunches, Festivals (Christmas!) and reports etc. Also, In Memoriam obituaries. Most welcome are po-

## Scottish Episcopal Church HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE LINKED CHARGE SERVICES

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### Usual 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 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

| June 2025 |                              | July 2025 |                  | August 2025 |                        |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Sun 1     | Easter 7                     | Fri 4     | Independence Day | Sun 3       | Pentecost 8            |
| Sun 8     | Pentecost & Whitsunday       | Sun 6     | Pentecost 4      | Wed 6       | The Transfiguration    |
| Wed 11    | St Barnabas Apostle          | Sun 13    | Pentecost 5      | Sun 10      | Pentecost 9            |
| Sun 15    | Pentecost Trinity Sunday     | Sun 20    | Pentecost 6      | Fri 15      | St Mary, the Virgin    |
| Sun 22    | Pentecost 2                  | Tue 22    | Mary Magdalene   | Sun 17      | Pentecost 10           |
| Tue 24    | Nativity of John The Baptist | Fri 25    | St James Apostle | Sun 24      | Pentecost 11           |
| Sun 29    | Pentecost 3                  | Sun 27    | Pentecost 7      | Mon 25      | St Bartholomew Apostle |
| Mon 30    | St Peter & St Paul           |           |                  | Sun 31      | Pentecost 12           |