



Holy Trinity



St Andrew's



Kilmaveonaig

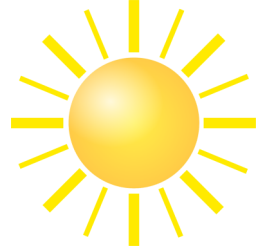


All Saints'

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 2026

June, July & August



Photo: Seonaid Hastie Smith

Lay Reader's Thoughts

So here we are, off on a great adventure! For the foreseeable future we are on our own with occasional help from visiting priests.

That means that we are responsible for making sure everything works on a Sunday but also supporting each other dur-

ing the week. A vacancy can be the time for invigorating the congregations because we feel that we are all important in the ministry of the church.

We are well equipped: we have a vacancy committee of two members from each functioning church, we have a meeting set up with the Dean, we have Vestries with officers in place to deal with anything that occurs. We even have six trained worship leaders, eucharistic ministers and a pastoral minister – and each other. So we have the crew.

As any traveller knows a map is essential (or a satnav). We have our Bible and our liturgy books, we have prepared a profile of our Charge and an expectation of the kind of priest we would like to invite to join us.

We are unlikely to save the world by ourselves - I always find this poem by E.E. Cummings comforting when our congregations are small:



*i am a little church (no great cathedral)
far from the splendor and squalor of hurrying
– i do not worry if briefer days grow briefest,
i am not sorry when sun and rain make April*

*my life is the life of the reaper and the sower;
my prayers are prayers of earth's own clumsily striving
(finding and losing and laughing and crying) children
whose any sadness or joy is my grief or my gladness*

*around me surges a miracle of unceasing
birth and glory and death and resurrection:
over my sleeping self float flaming symbols
of hope, and i wake to a perfect patience of mountains*

*i am a little church (far from the frantic
world with its rapture and anguish) at peace with nature
– i do not worry if longer nights grow longest;
i am not sorry when silence becomes singing*

*winter by spring, i lift my diminutive spire to
merciful Him Whose only now is forever:
standing erect in the deathless truth of His presence
(welcoming humbly His light and proudly His darkness)*

One advantage of being small is that we all know each other and can be aware of needs and frailties so we can be mutually supportive.

So let's enjoy the adventure – we may make mistakes, me especially, but that will help us to grow and be ready for challenges. I am here when anyone needs me.

Lesley Whitwood

Plan of services for the next three months

SOW Service of the Word

will be taken by one of the worship leaders

V Visitor

as long as the diocese can supply one so there is bound to be some flexibility if no-one is available to help.

RS Reserved Sacrament

C of S Church of Scotland

JC Joint Charge

Proper	Date	Lectionary	Holy Trinity 9.30	St Andrews 11.15	Kilmaveonaig 11.15	All Saints 9.30	Zoom
9	Jun-07	Pentecost 2 / Trinity 1	Lesley (RS)	Lesley (RS)	(V)		
10	Jun-14	Pentecost 3 / Trinity 2	(V)	(SOW)	Lesley (RS)		Lesley
11	Jun-21	Pentecost 4 / Trinity 3		Lesley (RS) Joint Charge			
13	Jun-28	Pentecost 5 / Trinity 4	Gina (SOW)	(V)	Lesley (RS)		
14	Jul-05	Pentecost 6 / Trinity 5	Lesley (RS)	Lesley (RS)	(SOW)		
15	Jul-12	Pentecost 7 / Trinity 6	William Hogg	William Hogg	Lesley (RS)		Lesley
16	Jul-19	Pentecost 8 / Trinity 7	Lesley (RS)	Lesley (RS)	(V)		
17	Jul-26	Pentecost 9 / Trinity 8	(SOW)	(SOW)	Lesley (RS)		
18	Aug-02	Pentecost 10 / Trinity 9	Lesley (RS)	Lesley (RS)	(SOW)		
19	Aug-09	Pentecost 11 / Trinity 10	(V)	(V)	Lesley (RS)		Lesley
20	Aug-16	Pentecost 12 / Trinity 11	Lesley (RS)	Lesley (RS)	Denise Herbert		
21	Aug-23	Pentecost 13 / Trinity 12	JC at Kilmaveonaig	JC at Kilmaveonaig	Bishop Joint Charge Confirmation		
22	Aug-30	Pentecost 14 / Trinity 13	Lesley (RS)	With C.of S.	(SOW)		

News from Laura McIvor

(formerly a member of Holy Trinity Church who has returned to live in N Ireland)

On 14th June I will be commissioned as a Diocesan Reader in the Armagh Diocese of the Church of Ireland. I have been studying through Trinity College Dublin for the last 18 months and have successfully completed my course of studies. I have a busy summer schedule of delivering services to churches in my dioceses that currently have no Rector

Please keep me in your prayers for the new pathway that I venture on. I will keep you all updated on my progress along the way.



Here is a photo of me with my 3 girls whilst on a recent placement.

May 2026 Serenity Garden Submitted by Pam Godwin

Almost overnight, the beech trees in the Serenity Garden greened up, the daffodils trumpeted their golden flowers and Spring arrived. Not that it felt like it, April and May were full of cold days and nights and there was a frost as late as 16th May. Undaunted, the volunteers have been busy repairing the compost bins and noticeboard, painting and renewing the fairy doors, books and the games board, weeding the herbaceous borders and clearing the daffodil banks of thousands of little sycamore seedlings.

On the wildlife front, we have had several new visitors. A badger was caught on the night time camera in early April; he snuffled about the wildflower area, tried to push down the bird feeders and then trundled off rather grumpily and so far hasn't returned. The star visitor however has been a white squirrel which has been caught on the wildlife camera several times. It would appear that this is a native red squirrel with a condition called leucism - similar

to albinism but which allows the squirrel to retain its dark eye colour and vision.

White squirrels are extremely rare and we are very lucky to have seen our ghostly friend so many times.



Although we regularly wash and disinfect the bird feeders, we have decided to follow RSPB guidelines and stop feeding the birds until autumn. This is to help address the decline in some of our much-loved garden birds due to a disease called trichomoniasis, which is a highly contagious disease that can spread where birds gather in large numbers such as at bird feeders.



Finally, the Serenity Garden has received a beautiful gift from Liz Baker. Liz and Robin presented the volunteers with a beautiful slate on which is inscribed a poem by Kenneth Steven about the garden: -

*"Let there be the garden (Bitheadh e 'na gharadh)
unopened to the light
the rose collecting her warmth
the silence to expose to the sun
and the step we are bringing inside to calm
our noise and our doubt
the noise of our talk altogether to reduce
and to be inside quietness for a time
to learn what the quietness means and heals
bringing it back outside finally
and little pieces to break for the ones
who did not hear or who did not put a hold on
the gift which was ours"*

In the next few weeks, the volunteers will be deciding where to erect and display the poem so that it can be enjoyed by all.

The Quiet Pool

There is within each of us
a quiet clear pool of living water
fed by the one deep Source
and inseparable from it.
but so often hidden by a tangle of activity
that we may not know of its existence.

We can spend the proverbial forty years
wandering in strange deserts,
sinking unrewarding wells
and moving on, driven by our thirst,
but when we stop still long enough
to look inside ourselves, really look beyond
our ideas about water
and what and where it should be,
we discover it was with us all the time,
that quiet clear pool which is ageless,
the meaning of our existence
and the answer to all wanderings.

And as we drink,
we know what Jesus meant
when he said
we'd never be thirsty again.

(from Aotearoa Psalms)

*Submitted by Ann Covell
Photo River Garry July 2024
Seonaid Hastie Smith*



Farewell to Liz Baker and her husband, Robin after eleven years of ministry to The Joint Charge of Highland Perthshire. After her final Service on Sunday 26 April, during which she also baptised her granddaughter, we held a 'thank you' lunch with all our congregations at Holy Trinity, Pitlochry, when church members from Kilmaveonaig and St Andrews also joined us. There were presentations, including a handsome cheque. Liz and Robin have moved over the hill to Blairgowrie, to be nearer family, and we wish them good health and happiness in Liz's retirement. Their travel plans and grandparent duties will certainly keep them busy but we also know that members of the clergy are seldom allowed to fully retire from their vocation.



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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 poems, stories, accounts, historical items linked to the Charge and anything you may feel might interest others.

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Usual Service Times

Holy Trinity 9.30am

St Andrews 11.15am

Kilmaveonaig 11.15am

All Saints – No regular service during the vacancy

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services

Events

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

Whole Charge House Group in Aberfeldy – Last Wednesday
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Whole Charge Book Group - Last Tuesday of every month
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