

Pathhead Parish Church

Summer Newsletter 2025

A Letter From The Manse

Dear Friends

I write this summer article in the middle of May, just prior to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, where important decisions are made to shape the future of our denomination in the face of ongoing numerical and financial decline. This year, I will have the responsibility of being a commissioner to the Assembly, representing our church and Presbytery.



There is no denying that this is a time of uncertainty for the National Kirk. But amid the challenges, there are real reasons for hope and encouragement. One such encouragement comes from our own congregation. Thanks to your incredible generosity during our recent Giving Day, I am delighted to share that we are now on track to remain “in the black” financially for the rest of the year - provided our regular giving continues at its current level. What a wonderful testament to the faith, commitment, and shared responsibility of our church family!

This is a powerful reminder of the importance of Christian stewardship. Stewardship isn't just about financial support, though that is essential, it's also about how we give our time, our energy, and our unique God-given gifts in service of the Kingdom.

Whether you serve in quiet ways behind the scenes or take a leading role in worship or outreach, your contribution is deeply valued and helps keep the life of our church vibrant and active.



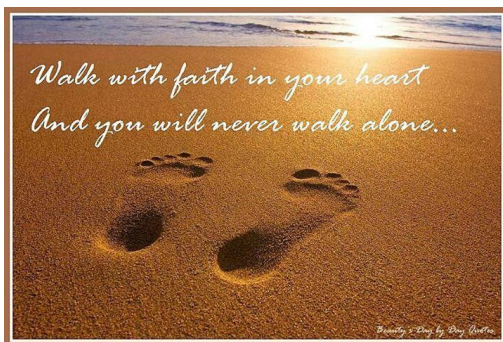
Following the General Assembly, whatever decisions are made at national level for the good of the local church, let us hold our representatives and leaders in prayer, that they may be guided by wisdom, compassion, and courage.

Let us also pray for our own congregation, that we may continue to walk in faith, trusting that God is at work in and through us, even in uncertain times.

May this summer be bright not only in sunshine but in spirit. The trials and tribulations of life can feel a little lighter when we face them with a sunny outlook and the assurance of God's presence. And what greater light do we have than the Gospel itself - Good News for everyone, in every season.

Your friend and Minister

Andrew Donald



Family Register

Jesus said, 'Because I live, you will live also'

Deaths

Mrs Elsie Weir, Auchtermairnie Care Home – 18th March 2025

Mrs Isabelle Povey, 11 Craigfoot Walk, Kirkcaldy – 25th May 2025

Mrs Tracey Graham – 28th May 2025



Added to the Roll – by Certificate of Transference

Mr Ian Ogilvie and Mrs Jessie Ogilvie

Donations for flowers

March

09/03 Mr & Mrs A Hugh
16/03 Flower Box
23/03 Mrs P Collins
30/03 Mrs C Durie

April

06/04 Mrs K Walker
13/04 Mr & Mrs R Jackson
Mr & Mrs Deans
20/04 Mrs M Taylor
27/04 Flower Box

May

18/05 Mrs R Davie
25/05 Flower Box



Thank you to all who kindly donate for flowers and to those who deliver them.

Sheila White

Scottish Night

On Friday 28th March, we held another very successful Scottish Night in the large hall. Those who came along enjoyed an evening of varied entertainment, all with a Scottish flavour. Light refreshments of oatcakes, cheese and chutney and shortbread biscuits was served, along with sparkling juice, tea and coffee.

The evening began with some rousing, toe tapping music from the pipes and drums of Kirkcaldy and District Pipe Band.



Two talented members of our congregation, Gordon Cox and Gordon Suttie, provided us with music on the keyboard and accordion.



Two sets of dancers from The Joy Aitken School of Dance, demonstrated their skills and abilities.



Some of the dances were performed to modern music rather than traditional Scottish music.



Mr David Galloway entertained the audience with some amusing Scottish poems and we ended the evening with Richard Michael leading us on a trip round Scotland with a medley of Scottish songs.

Everyone agreed it was a great evening of entertainment and I'm sure that there will be demand for a Scottish Evening 2026!



Thanks to all who contributed to the retiring offering for Christian Aid's work supporting the Myanmar Earthquake. The total raised was £440.50

Warm Spaces

Back at the end of January, we began to run an event on Wednesdays from 11 am – 3 pm. People could come along for a short time or join us for a longer visit and enjoy the company of others. Tea, coffee and cake was freely available to anyone coming along. We also offered magazines and board games but it became apparent that apart from dominoes, just sitting chatting was what folk enjoyed. It was our intention to run this venture until the end of March but it proved popular and so with the help of willing volunteers, we kept it going until the end of May.



The 'Warm Space for Everyone' has now ended but those who came along regularly have told us that they would be happy for something to start up again after the summer. The Kirk Session will discuss this and if there are enough people to help run a group, then we will start meeting again in the autumn.



We have recently had a defibrillator installed at the Harriet Street entrance to the church halls.

Online training on how to use the defibrillator can be

found at bhf.org.uk/revivr and is available to anyone.



Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 14th June. Preparations are well under way and this year the police are coming along with one of their vehicles.



Pathhead Parish Church

Harriet Street

Saturday 14th June 2025 – 2 pm

Entry: Adults £1 Children Free

Win a boxful of picnic goodies



Games

Ice cream

Tombola

Cake and Candy

Books and Jigsaws

Refreshment

Police vehicle

Soft Goods Bottle Stall



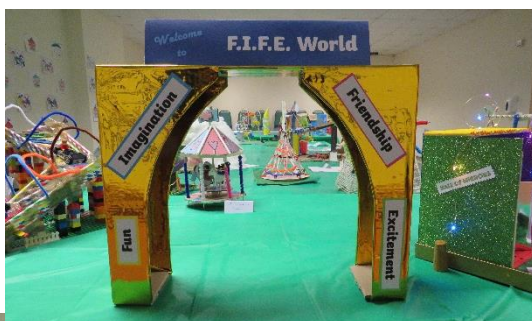
And lots more!!!! Come along and join the fun.

If you are able, please come along and bring your family and friends. This is a fun event for not only the Church family but for the community. All money that we raise on the day helps with the upkeep of the building and enables us to continue serving the community.

Girlguiding Fife STEM Showcase



The St Clair hall was recently filled with models of fairground rides as Girlguiding Fife held their STEM showcase. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and all the participants had to use their skills in these areas to make their model fairgrounds or fairground rides. Winners from around the county had to bring their models to be judged on the day. Winners were then selected from the different sections of Guiding before an overall winner was chosen. There was a winner from each age range within Girlguiding, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and even The Trefoil Guild. 120 girls and members attended, coming from all over Fife. There were 21 finalists and the judges had a difficult job with so many very different models.



A Giving Day Thank You

A big thank you goes to all who responded to our Giving Day appeal.

The response was encouraging, with £1,221 received in one-off donations and the total of all regular offerings at the end of May up by 10% compared with the same period in 2024. The generosity of everyone is to be commended and we appreciate each and every contribution, no matter how large or small. The boost in income will hopefully help to offset this year's expenditure and reduce last year's deficit.

However, while it is hoped we can at least break even this year, we must not become complacent, and remember it's not just about the money itself but how we can use it to fulfil the mission and purpose of our church, to continue being an open, welcoming church for our members and the wider community and to serve God.

With our gratitude,

Moyra Kelly
Treasurer



In September, we will once again be taking part in the Doors Open event. This year the event will take place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2025. **Please check the Church website for details**
pathheadchurch@btconnect.com

Charity Quiz Night



On Friday 23rd May, 18 teams battled it out to become champions at our Charity Quiz Night. One of the people who came regularly to our Warm Space for Everyone is on the waiting list to be given a guide dog and so it was decided that we would raise funds for Guide Dogs Scotland.

On the evening, a couple of dogs were brought along, one of which was a puppy in training.



Congratulations to the winning team 'Relatively Speaking' and well done to everyone who took part. £440.10 has been sent to Guide Dogs Scotland.

News from the Guild Summer 2025



The Guild members here at Pathhead Guild are enjoying a rest for the Summer. As part of our summer season we met on Monday 12th May for afternoon tea and a time of fun and fellowship together was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our next get together over the summer will be our fish and chip night on Monday 16th June at 6.30pm in the Church café.

Many of you will remember the hit song of the day back in 1963 sung by Cliff Richards,

‘We’re all going on a summer holiday, no more working for a week or two, fun and laughter on our summer holiday, no more worries for me or you, for a week or two.

We’re going where the sun shines brightly, we’re going where the sea is blue, we’ve seen it in the movies, Let’s see if it’s true.’

Cliff Richards had to learn to drive the London double Decker bus before going out to film in Greece. I was told he learned to drive the big red bus in 30 minutes then he flew out to Greece to make the film. You may be going off on holiday this year if it’s flying, cruising, camping, glamping or touring the Scottish Highlands or even staying at home. The Guild wish you all a calm and peaceful summer. It’s nice to get away even for a day trip. With present traffic problems and delays, we often feel we need another holiday when we arrive home from our journey. As we go on our journey to our holiday destination this year may we remind ourselves God never takes a holiday, it is possible to talk to Him, at all times, as He is always present in our lives, around us and dwelling in each one of us.

Alison Davidson

Guild Convener.

Be happy.

Not because everything
is good, but because
you can see the good in
everything.

