

# CHURCH NEWS

News from  
Kingshill Parish Church of Scotland  
Aberdeenshire

Easter 2026

## Dear Friends.....

What a whirlwind the past few months have been! There were the chaos of Christmas and the New Year, and then, right when normalcy was due to return—a bleak midwinter: “snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow.” And then... those three weeks of grey skies and rain. I am reminded of the time a neighbour in Dundee once told me, “If you can’t take a joke, don’t live in Scotland!” But things feel very different now as I write on the last day of February: not a cloud in the sky, birdsong filling the air, and sun-bathed crocuses lining the drive. I think it would be premature to declare we are in spring,

but we are at least nearly there.

Spring, of course, brings new life, and there is, we must hope, something of a springtime on the horizon for our own church. A few weeks ago, a team went down to London to train for Bubble Church, which we are excited to launch on Easter Sunday. This is but one important piece of our wider congregational puzzle to engage younger generations and introduce Jesus to those who have little or no faith background. Bible Alive has resumed once more in the local schools, a Scripture Union group is starting up, and Skene Club continues to attract a good majority of the school’s pupils each Thursday. Our Sunday school group is thriving, and all indications suggest the trend towards faith among the younger generations is only picking up steam. It is, of course, ‘early days’ as they say, but it would not be naïve to hope (and pray!) for a springtime harvest. The Lord is on the march.

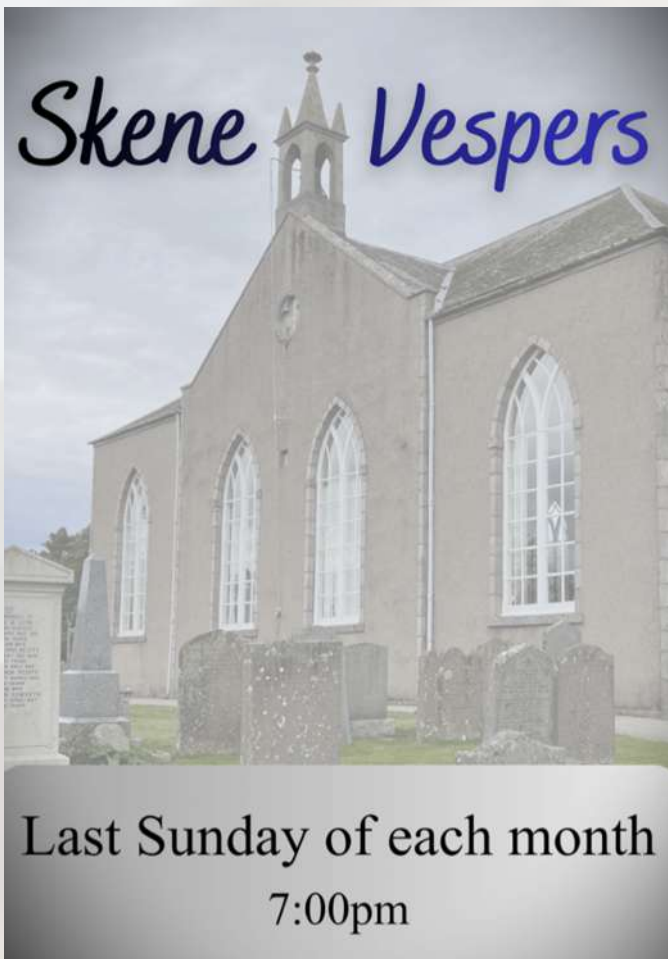
This does not, of course, mean we have an altogether easy time ahead of us. No doubt we will have our work cut out for us, and some adjustments will have to be made. But we move forward in hope and in faith, in the joyful expectation that the days ahead of us are much brighter than what the standard ‘narrative of church decline’ might have led us to expect. For we are, in the end, in the hands of Almighty God, who is both ever-old and ever-new, and whose good news is at once ancient and contemporary, traditional and modern—whose future is as sure as anything that has gone before. Trusting in him, we can be certain we will lack no good thing.

Yours,

*Rev Daniel*

### **Skene Vespers – A Perfect Way to End the Week**

Join us on the final Sunday of each month at 7pm for a quieter, evening service at Skene Kirk. The first two were found to be very enjoyable—“a perfect end to the day and week,” as it was reported by one.



### **Sunday Service Livestream**

The service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel at 10.30am.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ-wWCO2QUvEU8BhPTq\\_xfA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ-wWCO2QUvEU8BhPTq_xfA)

# Messages

## Thinking Christianly

Our monthly seminar series 'Thinking Christianly' kicked off on Saturday 28th February with some excellent discussions on what it means for scripture to be 'inspired'. No firm answers were arrived at—but that is part of the point! Join us at Trinity Church the final Saturday of each month, 10am –12noon. Our next meeting will be on 28th March when we will take a critical look at New Age spirituality and the occult.



## Thinking Christianly

*Responding with the mind to contemporary challenges...*

*reclaiming the intellectual treasures of the church*

- Trinity Church, Westhill (Kingshill Parish)  
Westhill Drive, AB32 6FY
- Last Saturday of each month (beg. Feb)
- 10am – 12.00noon
- Tea, coffee, and nibbles

How do we as Christians respond to:  
Suffering and injustice? Artificial intelligence? The possibility of extra-terrestrial life? The occult?

What does it mean for the Bible to be 'inspired'? Are all religions just different paths up the same mountain? What is all this diversity, equity, and inclusion stuff, and what is the church's role in these discussions?

Join us each month as we explore the big questions of life and relate our Christian faith to our rapidly changing world.

### Season One

- 28 Feb: Biblical Authority and Christian Faith(s)
- 28 Mar: New Age Spirituality and the Occult
- 25 Apr: Artificial Intelligence and Transhumanism
- 30 May: Extra Terrestrial Life and the Cosmos
- 27 June: World Religions

Contact Rev Dr Daniel Spencer for questions or details  
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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Sunday 29 March	10:30am	Trinity	Family Palm Sunday
Monday 30 March	7pm	Skene	
Tuesday 31 March	7pm	Skene	
Wednesday 1 April	7pm	Skene	
Thursday 2 April	7pm	Community Church	Maundy Thursday Communion
Friday 3 April	12:30pm	Trinity	Good Friday
Sunday 5 April	10.15am	Bubble Church	
	11am	Trinity	Family Easter service with teas, coffees, bacon rolls

**Thereafter we will be each Sunday at Trinity at 11am until the summer holidays.**

# Messages

## **SUNDAY SERVICES TO BE CHANGED**

**“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20**

Here is an important announcement concerning the “Sunday Service Schedule” that was discussed at Kirk Session this month.

We have been holding a single Sunday morning service as a temporary arrangement since 2024 when we went into ‘vacancy.’ This meant a ‘month about’ between Skene and Trinity. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February Elders discussed the factors that were important in making our decision on the Sunday Schedule. Three factors came out as most relevant – that would meet the needs and growth of our congregation;

- To worship together;
- To ensure Jigsaw/Grid/Sunday school meet;
- To match the likely ‘Bubble Church’ timings.
- A key negative was any ‘conflict of the venue’ for Bubble Church V Sunday services.

Session discussed these matters, with questions raised and answered on the general plans for Bubble church, on Ministry team capacity, and the capacity of musicians, recording team, and shared use of Trinity with RC congregation.

After further ‘voting’ (like a round robin assessment) it became clear that option E.....

‘Single service, term-time rotation at Trinity, special services and holidays at Skene Kirk’ was viewed as the option most likely to meet our requirements to ensure worship and suited the growth within our congregation. It was decided that this change should take place after the Easter Holidays.

New Schedule “Term time” 19<sup>th</sup> April till 31<sup>st</sup> June inclusive at Trinity

Next “Holiday rotation” at Skene Kirk 5<sup>th</sup> July through till 16<sup>th</sup> August

***Next Communion Service will be at Skene Kirk on Sunday 5th July***

## *A farewell message from Stuart.....*

As this will be my last contribution to our news letter, let me first of all say how much my wife and I have enjoyed our time with you all.

Your welcome and your love has been greatly appreciated by both of us since we arrived.

We are heading back home mainly because I have been offered a new post in Glasgow city at St Paul's church, it's a priority Area church and will require a lot of energy to get things in and around the church moving in God's way again. It will require myself to get involved more with Sunday services and local activities and street pastoral work. There is issues that I can relate to outside of the church which will require a lot of attention however, there is a good spirit and will about the church that will help in our endeavours.

We will be sorry to leave but we hope you can all see that there is a lot of sense in my decision to take up the new mission in Glasgow.

I have learned so much and will always greatly appreciate the opportunity you all gave me.

We wish you all the best for the future and I have no doubt that the team of Dr. Rev Daniel, Fiona and Callum and the new member whom ever that maybe and of course the Grace of God and the Love of Jesus will take Kingshill church into the future with energy and spirit.

Thanks

Yvonne and Stuart

God bless you all.

# A Springtime Service

## **Call to Worship**

There are many who say,  
'If only we might see good times!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, Lord.'  
In peace, Lord, I will lie down and sleep,  
For you alone will make me dwell in safety.

## **Hymn: CH4 110 Glory Be to God the Father**

### **Opening Prayer**

Look upon us, Lord:  
May the darkness of our souls  
vanish before the beams of your brightness.  
Fill us with holy love:  
Open to us the treasures of your wisdom;  
Encourage what you have begun in us,  
And prompt us to ask in prayer  
What your spirit already desires for us.  
Turn your face to us and show us your glory:  
Then shall our longing be satisfied,  
And our life complete.

Our Father, who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn: 533 Will You Come and Follow Me?**

### **Reading: James 5:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. <sup>8</sup> You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. <sup>9</sup> Don't grumble

against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!  
<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

## **Hymn: 509 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult**

### **Prayer for Others**

Loving God,  
We pray for all who are ill  
Ease their pain, calm their restlessness;  
Give them such trust in you  
That they may know  
They are always in your keeping.

Shepherd of our souls,  
Be with all in their dark valleys,  
And give your gentle companionship  
To all who are suffering  
Or who are near to death.  
Comfort with your presence  
All who grieve in loneliness or tears.

Remember the nations of the world.  
Bring an end to all war and strife;  
Break down the barriers of race and creed,  
That all may live  
As members of one family of God.  
Amen.

## **Hymn: 153 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

# Messages



# BUBBLE CHURCH

Coming to Kingshill Parish  
on 5th April 2026

Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fueled, 30 minute kids and families adventure.

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 in  
Trinity Church, Westhill Drive

Find us on instagram or contact Callum  
(developmentworker13@gmail.com) to get updates and to  
book your place.



@kingshillbubblechurch



# Other News



## 1st SKENE BOYS' BRIGADE

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March we will have our Annual Spring Fayre in Trinity Church. Please come along and join us for a coffee morning with the usual stalls and our grand raffle: 10am until 12 noon. Bacon rolls and pancakes will be available.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March we are having a family quiz night at Trinity church. We will be raising funds for a former Queen's badge BB, Leo Peerless who will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of charity. Please come along and support us.

The Anchors have been busy with a Pancake themed evening, a visit to the Gym, and making Bee shelters with the Men's shed / She shed. Anchors and Juniors celebrated Burns' night with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties and the braver boys read some poetry that they had learned for the occasion.

Company section will be hosting the Aberdeen & district BB Battalion for a quiz – fingers crossed for a good



result. They are also due to start a course of bible study with Rev. Daniel – a good chance for everyone to get to know each other.

Juniors and some Company section boys are looking forward to a trip to the Abernethy centre over the May Day weekend where they will take part in lots of outdoor activities and team building games.

Niall MacBeath - Company Captain

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or via our Facebook page: 1st Skene-Westhill Boys' Brigade



## 1st SKENE GIRLS' BRIGADE

We finished off the end of last year with our trip to the Inverurie Panto as usual where we all had a great time, a late night and a bus of very sleepy girls on the way home.

Since we came back in January we have been busy attending divisional competitions and rehearsing for our Annual Divisional Beach Ballroom Display which is on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We are also practising hard for our own Annual Open Night which is in Trinity Church on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm, everybody is welcome. You will see all the physical items the girls have been taking part in during this session and the girls will be receiving their badges and awards too.

We will be finishing up after the Open Night until the new school year in August where all girls can come along and find out what we do on a Monday night and join in the fun and make new friends, they will be made welcome from P1 - S6, we have no waiting list.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself:

Fiona Cumming - Captain

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or call 07792 471199

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## **NEWS FROM MALAWI**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My name is Willan Kalinda, I am the Country Director of Bananabox in Malawi. Last Year in September 2025, I was greatly honoured to travel to Scotland. I was called by the Founder of the Bananabox Trust Organisation in Dundee who suddenly died of Cardiac arrest in November 2025.

However, before he died, I really had a good time in Scotland including at Shed 11 in Dundee where containers were being organised and packed for Malawi with various live changing items ranging from clothes, sports equipment, medical equipment and supplies, school materials, shoes, computers etc.

I write to express a vote of thanks towards your generous support you offer to us. Our data shows you sent boxes of baby knitted clothes. We are so much thankful for the kind heart of giving to the most vulnerable children in Malawi. May the good Lord richly bless you.

May God richly bless you.

*Willan Kalinda*



# Other News



## **KNITTING AT KINGSHILL PARISH CHURCH**

For many years, members of Kingshill Parish Church and the wider community, have knitted amazing items to be sent out to Malawi. First, this was shipped out by a local charity but latterly we had to take the items to Dundee to be transported out to Malawi by the charity, 'The Banana Box Trust'. This required someone to drive the banana boxes down to the depot in Dundee. There, we were charged a goodly sum for each box and often we had thirteen or fourteen boxes per trip. We made the trips three or four times a year. Without fundraising, this was becoming unsustainable.

I have been in discussion with Abernecessities, a local charity of which I am sure you are aware. They would be delighted to work with us and receive our knitted goods. I delivered some examples of the items which you so kindly donated – children's knitted jumpers and cardigans, blankets, knitted teddies/toys etc. They loved them! They do however, have some criteria for certain items, which have been identified through the work they do locally, which I shall outline below.

### Baby Blankets

Double Knitting Wool only is preferred. Pastel and Neutral colours. No lacy patterns or patterns with holes. Size 24-30 inches or larger.

### Knitwear for Babies

Double knitting wool. Soft wool and in pastel or neutral colours. Chest size 16", 18" 20"

The above are items that they require at this time. As you can understand, the items they need can change from time to time. For example, at this time they do not need baby hats as they have a large stock.

If you would like to continue to knit for us or would like to start up supporting us, we would love to welcome you. If you would like more information, please contact Sheila Gray on 07751404140.

Items that you lovingly knit or crochet can be handed in at Trinity Church Westhill during the month of March. There will be a box into which you can pop your articles.

Thank you to all who have previously supported us and welcome to anyone new. We much appreciate all that you do.



***Kingshill Parish Church Eco Group***

## **GUILD NEWS**

What a start to 2026, snow then lots of rain! As we head into March it is nice to see brighter days.

Sadly, due to the snow we had to cancel our January meeting, however we thankfully met up in February and enjoyed a very informative talk about Charlie House.

We have the following meetings to look forward-

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Bibles for Bairns, this is one of the Guilds projects we are supporting.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April- Pet and Companion, an Aberdeen Charity providing pastoral care along with canine therapy.

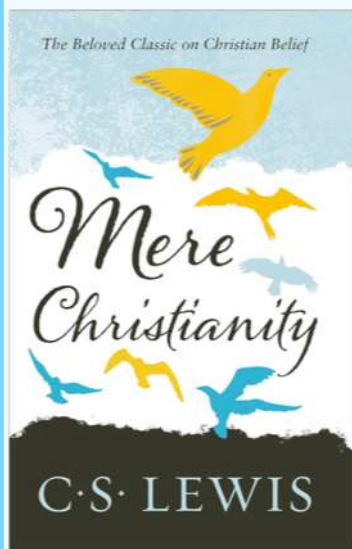
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May- a musical afternoon with Music4U.

We meet at 2pm in Trinity Church. Please come along if any of these meetings are of interest to you, we will be glad to see you.

Blessings,

***Pauline.***

# Notices



## **Bible Study**

Until the summer holidays, the Bible Study group will be reading through and discussing CS Lewis's classic Mere Christianity.

Do come along to Trinity Church each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm to discuss this marvellous work.

Alternatively, I would encourage you to pick up a copy (or audiobook) and read alongside us without coming along to the study.

I have yet to meet an individual who has read the book and not been deeply moved by it!



## **BAPTISMS**

We are pleased to announce the recent baptism of:

**Beatrice Nadine Spencer**



***We remember with thanksgiving those who have died recently, and we offer their relatives our prayerful sympathy:***

Peter Clark	Kingswood Avenue
David White	Stonehaven
Jean Noble	Straik Place
Anne Sinclair	Henderson Drive
George Stout	Rubislaw Park Care Home
Marnie Thom	Brimmond Drive
Margaret Moss	Rubislaw Park Care Home
Margaret MacKenzie	Eastleigh Care Home
Robert Mann	Bellfield Farm
Lillian Thomson	Brimmond Drive
Sally Leiper	Garioch Care Home

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The Kirk Session of Kingshill Parish Church is looking to recruit a Safeguarding Coordinator to be the lead person for safeguarding in the congregation. Current or previous professional or voluntary experience in child and/or adult support and protection would be beneficial but is not mandatory.

A job description for this voluntary role is available through the following link :

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/about-us/departments/safeguarding-service/safeguarding-handbook/chapter-1-safeguarding-values-policy-roles/safeguarding-coordinator-role-responsibilities>

Further information is available from the Session Clerk at the following :

[Sessionclerk.kingshillparish@gmail.com](mailto:Sessionclerk.kingshillparish@gmail.com)

Notes of interest should also be made to the above.

## **DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM**

Now the work at Trinity is almost completed, we have reverted to using the back door again, although the front door will be open for services. There is an entry system, controlled by a buzzer and camera which rings through to the secretary's office.



If you're coming to speak to Eva in the office, ring the doorbell on the keypad. Other user groups will be using white doorbells which will be stuck on the sides of the keypad and these will be marked "Sanctuary", "Back Hall" or "Lounge" so if you are attending a group in one of these areas, please ring that bell and someone will come to let you in.

The front door also has a new lock fitted so the old keys will no longer work and should be handed back to the office for recycling.

Please remember that there will be no-one in the office during afternoons or on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

Eva Will is available from 9.00am to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please get in touch by phone or email.

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