

June 2025 Notices

SERVICE TIMES FOR JUNE

Croy Church at 10 am - The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin at 12 noon

June 2025:

Sunday 1st - Preacher - Rev Ed Andrews

Monday 2nd - Monthly Afternoon Tea in The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin from 3-4pm.

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th: Bible Study at Daviot Church from 7.15-9pm.
(Please note slightly later start time.)

Fridays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Crafts, Coffee and Chat at Daviot church - 10.30am - 12 noon.

Sunday 8th - Preacher - Vivian Roden

Tuesday 10th - Gaelic Service in Daviot Church at 7.30pm. Rev Neil MacLean (retired minister), Elder at Ferintosh and Resolis Free Church of Scotland.

Sunday 15th - Combined Service at Daviot Church at 11.00am. (Elder led - Father's Day.)
Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 22nd - Preacher - Rev David Whillis

Sunday 29th - Joyce Mitchell - (Foodbank Sunday)

EVERYONE WARMLY WELCOME AT ALL OR ANY OF OUR SERVICES OR EVENTS



Christian Aid - Thank You

With £255 raised from the Croy end of the parish and £430 raised from the Tomatin end of the parish, a total of £685 was raised by the congregation.

THANK YOU.



Thursday 5th & 19th: Cawdor Knit & Natter group meet at Cawdor Bowling Club at 2.00pm. Everybody welcome to bring ANY Craft or just to come along for a cuppa and chat. Donation for heating, tea and biscuits - £3.

REGULARS

Bible discussion group meet at Daviot Church 7.15pm on Wednesday Evenings.

Every Thursday morning at 10:30am in The Strathdearn Hub - Prayer Meeting.

Every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.noon - Coffee & Crafts at Daviot Church.

Dear Churches Supporting Highland Foodbank.

I'd like to thank everyone within your congregation who has been able to donate to Highland Foodbank in recent months.....your donations have really helped boost our stocks. This kindness has meant so much to the people who have been referred to food bank, and it's literally been the difference between eating and not. It's been interesting to see a rise in the first quarter of 2025 of people who have never before had a referral to a food bank. We'd be really grateful for donations of anything from the list below. *Lorna Dempster, Foodbank Manager.*

BLYTHSWOOD FOODBANK ITEMS - JUNE

Please help Foodbank by donating the items we are short of in June 2025

UHT milk • Tins of ham • Tins of mince/ravioli • Jars of pasta sauce
Tins of corned beef • Long life juice/diluting • Deodorant/shampoo • Bags for life new or used

The 2025 General Assembly has come to a close and Church of Scotland members have been urged to go out into the world and make disciples.

Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly, said God's love surpassed knowledge and is "wide and long and high and deep". Mrs Frew said: "Remembering Jesus' words, I am with you always - no matter where you are, no matter what you're doing, no matter how you're feeling, I am with you always. "Sometimes it can feel really hard. For most of us, our whole Christian life has been lived out against the backdrop of decline - it can feel so dispiriting. This past week has been challenging but it has also been inspiring."

"The involvement of our youth delegates, young adults involved and invested. The singing, the sharing of bread and wine, the conversations enjoyed, the friendships made. The contributions of so many people – honest, raw, questioning, encouraging. I have always taken great encouragement from these words of Eddie Askew from his book *A Silence and a Shouting*. He's reflecting on our call to be faithful in planting seeds. "Remember that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Social care in Scotland is under unprecedented pressure, but debates about funding overlook its core purpose: delivering compassionate care to those in need.

That was the message of the convener of the Church of Scotland's Social Care Council and chair of the board of CrossReach, the Church of Scotland's social care arm, Dr Mike Cantlay, to the General Assembly. "Everyone realises that across Scotland, social care is under unprecedented pressure. National and local government are closing provision or curtailing funding, whilst every day, providers of services are going out of business and leaving the sector," he said. "The debate has moved from governance in the form of a National Care Service to funding. But for me, the debate is in danger of missing the point. Social care is neither about structure nor funding, important as these are. "Fundamentally, social care is about love: the ability to offer loving, compassionate care to those in acute need. And we forget that core purpose at our peril." Last year CrossReach delivered £62 million of loving social care across Scotland, providing perinatal counselling, caring for the severely disabled, counselling families in crisis, supporting those in recovery from addiction, providing accommodation for the homeless, homes for people with dementia, and more. "Quite simply, we take our lead from the Gospel. We are called to love extravagantly, and care, deeply. And so, we do."

The General Assembly has commended the Guild's extraordinary work, as it emerged that it has raised £553,318 for its six project partnerships.

Described as a labour of love, members have been true to the principles laid down when the organisation was established in 1887 and stood alongside the most marginalised people in society at home and abroad.

Christina Paterson, National Convener of the Guild, said: "I am delighted to be able to share with the Assembly that, over the past three years, the Guild has raised an amazing £553,318 for our six project partnerships. "This has provided a strong foundation for these life-changing projects. "September 2024 saw the Guild embarking on a new three-year strategy – 'Let us Build a House', this first year our theme being 'Sure Foundations.' "The sure foundations laid down for the Guild in 1887 have furnished us with the confidence and ability to raise awareness of and address many contentious issues, to stand with the oppressed and marginalised, to rise to the challenges of an ever-evolving society and to embrace changes necessary for our continued existence.

Mrs Paterson said: "The Guild's level of engagement within communities is extensive and continues to be at the core of many voluntary groups, churches and local initiatives."

"The Guild – ordinary people doing extraordinary things all to the glory of God, whose we are and whom we serve."