

August 2025 Notices

SERVICE TIMES FOR AUGUST

Croy Church at 10.00am - The Strathearn Hub, Tomatin at 12 noon

August 2025:

Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th: Crafts, Coffee and Chat at Daviot church.

Sunday 3rd: - Preacher - Rev Ed Andrews.

Monday 4th: - Monthly Afternoon Tea in The Strathearn Hub, Tomatin from 3-4pm.

Sunday 10th: - Preacher - David Willis. Joint Service at 11.00am at Daviot Church.

After the service there will be a Kirk Session Meeting to attest the Accounts.

Annual Stated Meeting at 12.45pm. Afterwards we will have a bring and share lunch.

Tuesday 12th: Wellbeing Group at Cawdor Church at 2pm. Start with a prayer and a guiding passage from the Bible before having tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat afterwards. All Welcome.

Sunday 17th: - Preacher - Rev Ed Andrews.

Wednesdays: 20th and 27th: Bible Study at Daviot Church at 7.15pm.

Sunday 24th: - Preacher - Joyce Mitchell.

Sunday 31st: - Elder led service at 11.00am at Daviot Church when we will be celebrating Sea Sunday with a Service prepared by the Sailors' Society. Please contact Vivian vroden@btinternet.com or Tel: 01808 511355 if you would like to take part in this Service – and you don't have to be an Elder to take part – contributions from others will be equally welcomed! (Foodbank Sunday)

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

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER 2025:

Monday 1st September (11am-3pm) A Christian Retreat at Dalarossie led by Rev Robert Brookes. Places are limited so please contact Vivian vroden@btinternet.com or Tel: 01808 511355 soon if you would like to come. This will be a time to relax in this sacred old church, leaving the cares of everyday life behind ... We therefore ask that all mobile phones are switched off to allow everyone to enjoy, uninterrupted, the option of taking part in Prayer, Bible Reading and Contemplation, Music, a time of going outside (weather permitting) to walk, or sit, or sketch, or to just be, enjoying the beauty of the Glen.... Before going back into the Church for a time of fellowship and feedback, or more sitting quietly time ... ending with the celebration of Holy Communion for those who wish to partake. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Saturday 6th September at 2pm: A Thanksgiving Songs of Praise Service at Dalarossie Church giving thanks for the next chapter in church's life, and seeking God's blessing upon its continuing use.

Saturday 20th September - Dalarossie Open Day - 10am-2pm.

REGULARS

Bible discussion group meet at Daviot Church - Summer Break - Resumes 20th August.

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

Every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.noon - Coffee & Crafts at Daviot Church. Resumes 1st August.

**A short Bible Study
focused on the concept of God's provision.**

Philippians 4:19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

Main Idea: God promises to provide for his followers, not necessarily everything we want, but everything we need to fulfill His purposes.

Explanation:

"My God will meet all your needs":

This is a powerful statement of God's faithfulness. It assures believers that their needs will be taken care of.

"According to the riches of his glory":

God's provision is not limited or meager. It is abundant and generous, reflecting His glorious nature.

"In Christ Jesus":

This highlights that God's provision is linked to our relationship with Jesus. It's through Him that we receive the fullness of God's blessings.

Questions:

What are some ways you've experienced God's provision in your life?

What does it mean to trust that God will meet your needs even when you can't see how?

How can focusing on God's glory help us shift our perspective on provision?

What are some practical steps we can take to align our needs with God's purposes?

Application:

Take time this month to reflect on God's provision in your life and thank Him for His faithfulness. Consider how you can be more generous with what God has given you, reflecting His glory to others.

Can We Really be Like Jesus?

(1 John 2:3-6)

When thinking about the earthy life of Jesus Christ, it is nothing short of extraordinary. From His humble birth in a manger, to His ministry to the multitudes, we are fascinated by His composure, compassion and character. He reached out to the rich and the poor, the popular and unpopular, without partiality. Having the full measure of the Holy Spirit, He performed amazing healing miracles including bringing the dead back to life. Yes, when we consider the life of Jesus, it is remarkable.

Thus, the perceived dilemma of 1 John 2:3-6. "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. Whoever says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in them. By this we know that we are in Him. Whoever says they abide in Him ought themselves also to walk just as He walked." Walk (live) just as Jesus walked? How is that possible? Why would God ask us to do the impossible? The truth is, He never would.

Not only does this passage encourage us to be like Jesus, but there are others as well. Matthew 11:29, John 13:15, and 1 Peter 2:21 all tell us to exemplify the life of Christ. We do this by being humble, compassionate, giving, sacrificial, and possessing the servant's attitude. We may not be able to heal the sick, raise the dead or walk on water, but we can take on the character of the Christ and thus be like Jesus!

Endings and Beginnings

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland bids a fond farewell to the magazine of our Church.

As you read this we are approaching the beginning of the new school year with the host of new things that accompany it for all pupils - new teachers, new uniform, perhaps a new school, met with both excitement and anticipation and first day nerves. Take some time to pray for your local schools, staff and pupils at this time of new beginnings. For Life and Work this is a difficult time of endings and new beginnings. The end of the print magazine as we know it and moving on, in time, to something new. We all have our memories. For me they start in my early childhood, delivering the magazine each month with my Mum, walking round her district, catching up with people who always took such an interest in a young family. Then later, being asked to contribute in different ways as a minister and a convener. I remember the excitement of my congregation any time they were featured. And most recently as Moderator-Designate, being interviewed by Lynne McNeil before the General Assembly - though we did go off subject rather a lot as we talked about our families and Taylor Swift concerts and all sorts! What are your memories? Particular articles or news items? Favourite contributors? Having a letter published or a picture included? Winning the crossword competition? Heading straight to the Registers page to see who's moving, who's retiring, who's got a long service certificate? Take some time to thank God for all those who have edited and contributed to the magazine over the years. Those who've promoted it. Those who have delivered it faithfully month by month. Pray for the current staff team at this upsetting time - Lynne, Thomas and Dianne. Pray for wisdom and guidance as new beginnings are considered by the Assembly Trustees and the Faith Action Plan Leadership Team. "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from." Thank you, Life and Work.

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BLYTHSWOOD HIGHLAND FOODBANK - THANK YOU

On behalf of Blythwood I'd like to thank Strathnairn and Strathdearn Church for the recent kind donation of £100, along with the generous donations of food. This is very much appreciated. *Lorna Dempster, Foodbank Manager.*
(£50 Croy, £50 Tomatin.)

