

Strathnairn and Strathdearn Church of Scotland

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SERVICE TIMES FOR NOVEMBER

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

Novemberr 2025:

Sunday 2nd: Preacher - Rev Ed Andrews.

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

Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th: 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

Thursdays: 6th, 13, 20th and 27th: Prayer Meeting in The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin at 10.30am.

Thursdays: 6th, 13, 20th and 27th: Bible Study at Daviot Church at 2.pm. (Note change of day and time.)

Fridays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th: Crafts, Coffee and Chat at Daviot church - 10.30am - 12noon.

Sunday 9th: Remembrance Sunday Services all held outside at the War Memorials.

No services in Croy Church or The Hub, Tomatin today. Acts of Remembrance taking place at 10.45am at Cawdor War Memorial, Croy War Memorial and Daviot War Memorial.

Service taking place at 3pm at the Strathdearn War Memorial, Tomatin.

Monday 10th: Croy Guild meet in Croy Church at 2pm. Speaker Hilary Cameron. All Welcome.

Tuesday 11th: Gaelic Medium Service at 7pm in Daviot Church.

Wednesday 12th: Guild meet at Daviot Church at 2pm. Leprosy Mission. All welcome.

Sunday 16th: Preacher - Rev Ed Andrews..

**Saturday 22nd: Provisional date for the induction of Rev Ruth Kennedy
Induction to be at 12 noon in Croy Church, thereafter to Croy Hall for refreshments.**

Sunday 23rd: Preacher - Rev Ruth Kennedy.

Sunday 30th: Elder led service at 11.00am in Daviot Church. Followed by a bring and share lunch.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 7th December - Messy Church at The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin from 2 - 4pm
All Welcome - Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

REGULARS

Bible discussion group meet at Daviot Church at 2pm on Thursdays.

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.



Donation Receipt

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Donations of used or new 'bags for life' would also be very welcome and much appreciated.

Many thanks for your support!

Can you help by donating an item or two from the list below?

- TINS OF MINCE/MEATBALLS - TINS OF PEACHES**
- PEARS - PACKETS OF OATCAKES/CRACKERS**
- TINS OF CUSTARD - UHT MILK - TINS OF HAM -**
- WASHING UP LIQUID - TOILET ROLLS**

Date 07-10-25
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Rev Janet MacKellar, Presbytery Moderator, 2025/26

Rev Janet MacKellar was born in Dunoon on the Cowal Peninsula and brought up in the small village of Strone. I was brought up in the Church, my father, a Master Mariner was Session Clerk. At 10 years of age, when the parish minister asked the class what we wanted to be when we grew up, I replied 'a Minister', to which he laughed saying that there were no woman ministers, and I thought my plan was over. However, God had other ideas, and over time, I was ordained as an Elder at 25, was set apart as a Reader, worked for the Board of Parish Education, and was ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament (OLM) in 2019. I became Moderator of Argyll Presbytery in 2022.

In my day job, I am CEO of a local charity 'HELP', who provide support for young people who are either homeless, in threat of homelessness or coming out of care, I am a fellow of the Institute of Management, and after 25 years, I will retire in October 2025. I am a proud Mum, Step Mum, and Granny and I was privileged to be wife and soul mate to Gordon. I am delighted to be Moderator of Cleir Eilean I, the Church of Scotland, in the Highlands and Hebrides. What a privilege to serve God in such a wonderful place and with such wonderful people. I look forward to this year ahead and wish you all God's blessing as we travel together.

Reproduced from The Weekly Word A Weekly Newsletter from Clèir Eilean Ì - By REV DOROTHY WALLACE Pastoral Support
"As a prisoner for the Lord, then I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:1-2)

Loving each other. It must be one of the most difficult commands we are given by the Lord. It is quite easy to love our spouses or partners usually. It is quite easy, to love our families, our parents, children and so on- usually. As with our friends and those who worship with us week by week, or who govern our three courts, in our Presbyterian tradition. Or it usually is easy. It should be easy.

While we are made in His image, we are imperfect humans compared with God's perfection, so no, it is not always easy. We often have to try hard, to keep loving those we encounter. That is often far from easy. But whoever claimed following Christ was easy? It was never easy for the early converts, the ones who spread the Good News as far and wide as they could, across the lands accessible to them. For those who remained in 1st Century Palestine, facing persecution and death, that was not easy. The love we can offer our fellow humankind will never be as abundant as the love God showers upon us, we can only try our best to emulate the love we are offered. When we love one another, it makes that other great command, forgiveness, a little softer to practise. It makes it easier to put any past ill feelings, any slights we have experienced, behind us and move on, in love. As we move forward as a presbytery, when we meet all together online, or in person, as we meet in smaller committees or groups, we keep the words from Ephesians to the forefront of our minds and firmly in our hearts. To be humble and gentle, to practise patience and bear one another in love. Yours in Christ, Dorothy Wallace, Presbytery Pastoral Support Team.



God the father

A young woman brought her fiance home to meet her parents. After dinner, her father asked the young man into his study for a chat. "So, what are your plans?" The Father said. "I'm a theology scholar," the young man replied. "Admirable," the father said, "but what will you do to provide a nice home for my daughter?" "I will study and God will provide," the young man explained. "And how will you afford to raise children?" The Father asked. "God will provide," said the young man. The men left the study and the mother asked her husband, "How did it go?" "Very well; I like him. He has no money or employment plans," the father said. "But on the other hand, he thinks I'm God."