



# Strathnairn and Strathdearn Church of Scotland

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## SERVICE TIMES FOR MARCH

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

### March 2026:

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

**Thursdays: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th:** Prayer Meeting in The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin at 10.30am.

**Thursday 5th, 12th 19th 26th:** Lenten Bible Study at Daviot Church at 2pm.

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

**Friday 6th:** World Day of Prayer at 2pm in Daviot Church.

**Monday 9th:** Strathnairn Guild meet at 2pm in Croy Church.

Speaker - Kaye Skinner. Topic - A Walk Through Life as a District Nurse.

**Monday 9th:** We continue our leadership evenings to action the teams and to hold a space for fuller discussion on our teams and discipleship in leadership at 7.30pm at Daviot Church

**Tuesday 10th:** Gaelic medium service at Daviot Church at 7.30pm. (Rev Neil Maclean)

**Wednesday 11th:** Guild meet at Daviot Church at 2pm. Crafts - Bring and Buy Stall.

**Saturday 14th:** Book and Blether at Daviot Church from 10am-1pm.

**Friday 20th:** Quiz Night: Croy Hall at 7.30pm. Maximum four to a team, £7.50 per person/£30 per table. To book a table please Tel: 01667 493979. (Refreshments)

**Monday 23rd:** Kirk Session meet at 7pm in Daviot Church.

**Tuesday 24th:** Prayer Gathering at 7pm in Daviot Church.

**Sunday 29th:** Elder led Service at Daviot Church at 11.00am. Followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

**Sunday 29th:** New Wells: Palm Sunday 29 th March, 7-9pm, Daviot Church. An evening full of new worship songs for us all to learn together. Come and go when you or your kids need to and bring an acoustic instrument if you can play by ear!

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



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**<http://www.strathsnairnanddearn.co.uk/>**

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**Strathnairn and Strathdearn Parish Church**

### ***Bitesize Hope in Lent***

Probably like many gardens, the manse garden has in part turned white with snowdrops. Beautiful small flowers that dance in the early spring sunshine and defy the snow and frosts. They always seem a chirpy little flower and ones I enjoy stopping to look at. I find myself slowing down and smiling. Perhaps you know what I mean? I did the same when our sons were younger and were thoroughly engrossed in a game or with lego. Simple things of life bringing joy and reason to thank God.

Lent is a period of time running from 18<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> April, just before Easter and it helps us develop a good practice of faith of moving slower and considering depths as we prepare for Easter. Stopping to think and explore the enormous depths of the love Jesus has for us in dying on the cross for us. Pausing to take in the incredible grace of the Father to look to bring us back to Him. Stilling our minds to encounter the power of the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus to life and that is alive in us and our world today.

The stopping, pausing, stilling enabling us to look deeper into Jesus, what life with Him is like, or might be like. It's why we are taking a slow walk through one chapter in the Bible over lent, Romans 12.

*Be still, and know that I am God."* — Psalm 46:10

Don't you find the longer you look at those snowdrops, or the hills, the rivers, the more you see? The more beauty and interesting facets we notice? When we still ourselves, pausing in Jesus, the more beauty, love, grace and power we begin to perceive and that permeates our lives, our communities too. Linger a little longer to wonder on and about Jesus this Lent, discover how Jesus can transform lives not just in spring like snowdrops but every season, all the time.

I'd love to hear what you discover and experience!

## **HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES**

**Maunday Thursday 2nd April: Communion, 7.30pm at Daviot Church.**

**Family friendly communion during Holy Week to prepare our hearts for Good Friday.**

**Good Friday 3rd April: Joint Service, 7pm, The Barn Church, Culloden House Avenue, Culloden, IV2 7AB.**

**All are welcome for a special Good Friday service with our friends at the Barn, Culloden and Ardersier Church.**

**Our Good Friday gathering is a Tennebrae service which is a simple, contemplative service involving scripture, candles, and silence led by Ruth and Rev Pamela Kennedy.**

**Easter Sunday 5th April: Early Service 7.30am at Croy School car park.**

**Church Service at 10.00am.**

**Service at Tomatin at 12 noon.**

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - SCOTTISH COMMITTEE - Friday 6th March 2026 - "I will give you rest: come"**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. A service is held annually on or near the first Friday in March.

The service for 2026 was written by a group of ecumenical Nigerian Christian women. Nigeria is located on the western coast of Africa – the climate varies from equatorial in the south, tropical in the central regions and arid in the north. Nigeria has a population of over 211 million with over 250 ethnic groups; the three largest are the Hausa-Fulani, Yoruba and Igbo. Christianity is a major religious influence.

The writers of this service call us to find rest in God. The women explore different kinds of burden to help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine compassion for those who are weary. Three women share their stories speaking to us about the suffering of widows, the shadow of religious persecution and the burdens of poverty which can bring despair. Their experiences show us how God provides rest through support from their community and their faith and hope in God.

The World Day of Prayer is for everyone - men, women and young people.

A warm welcome awaits you at your local service, and you are invited to share your faith, joy and hopes.