



# Strathnairn and Strathdearn Church of Scotland

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## SERVICE TIMES FOR MAY

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

### May 2026:

**Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th:** Crafts, Coffee and Chat at Daviot church - 10.30am - 12noon.

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

**Wednesday 6th, 13, 20th & 27th:** Bible Study at Daviot Church at 7pm.

**Thursdays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th:** Prayer Meeting in The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin at 10.30am.

**Thursdays 7th and 21st:** Crafts & Knitting at Cawdor Bowling Club from 2-4pm.

### **Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May: Christian Aid Week.**

*Christian Aid Week is a powerful expression of what can happen when compassion leads to action.*

*It's our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households to stand alongside people living in poverty around the world.*

*For one week each year, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together.*

*Together, those actions make change possible.*

**Monday 11th May:** Leadership Team meeting - Daviot Church at 7pm.

**Tuesday 12th May:** Gaelic Service - Daviot Church at 7.30pm (Rev Norman MacIver.)

**Thursdays 14th and 28th:** Whist at Cawdor Bowling Club from 2-4pm.

**Sunday 24th:** Pentecost Evening (Watch for details.)

**Tuesday 26th:** Prayer Gathering at Daviot Church at 7.30pm

**Sunday 31st:** Elder led service in Daviot Church at 11am. Bring and Share Lunch afterwards.

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



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Our parish website can be found at:

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

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**Strathnairn and Strathdearn Parish Church**

### ***Bitesize Hope May 2026, Sing Hosanna!***

Have you carved out a moment to look outside at the flowers and trees, the fields filling up or be outside in nature, hearing the sounds this month? May often brings a burst of life up from the ground, out of creation, it all begins to sing, or bleat, or share its' pollen causing some to sneeze. It is like this bursting out of life is creations voice singing. If we were to sing of the new life Jesus gives us that bursts out of us, we might sing 'hosanna'!

This is a word that people have used to talk or sing to God with for thousands of generations. In 2026, typically it is used as a shout of praise – singing or stating what amazing works God has done and how incredible Jesus is. Wonderful things to do, but that isn't the original meaning of the word. Hosanna was always an expression of worship of God but the Hebrew origin is 'oh save now or 'please save'! There is intense emotion attached to it. You can catch that in Psalm 118, here is v24-26

24 This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success.

26 Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The joyful shout of hosanna derives from the joyful experience that Jesus saves us from all that is not good and darkness. Being saved by Jesus gives us purpose, belonging, eternity with God, it gives us joy and all the promises of God. It gives us the love of God alive in our life which really does bring about the bursting out of new life!

Jesus shine on us, we sing Hosanna!

### **The Moderator of the General Assembly is inviting church members to support Christian Aid in the work they do to support the most vulnerable and marginalised people in the world.**

Rt Rev Rosie Frew said she hoped they would show extravagant love, her theme for the year, and donate money to the international development charity, which believes that when hope is unstoppable, change is possible.

For 80 years, Christian Aid has been dedicated to creating a world where people can live full lives, free from poverty.

Together with the Church of Scotland and 40 other sponsoring denominations, it works with local partners in more than 25 countries to fund emergency responses to humanitarian disasters and long-term development work that empowers local communities.

"My earliest memory of Christian Aid comes from 1974, just over 50 years ago, when I was in first year at Williamwood Junior Secondary School on the south side of Glasgow.

"Through the school, I took part in a 20-mile sponsored walk for Christian Aid which, from memory, began in a church hall in Shawlands.

"It was a mile to Pollok Country Park, we then did three, six-mile circuits of the park, back to the hall, and then a walk to my grandparent's house, another mile along the road for tea. "Not bad for a 12-year-old.

"I've supported Christian Aid over the years since in different ways.

Earlier this month, Christian Aid held a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, London to mark 80 years of standing with communities around the world.

Meanwhile, the war in Gaza has demonstrated how urgently people in Israel and Palestine need a just peace.

Christian Aid continues to support relief efforts and to advocate and pray for people in the region.

**Christian Aid Week - 10-16 May 2026 - 7 days to make a difference.  
This Christian Aid Week, what will you do?**