



Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Parish Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Our regular Sunday services commence at 11:00 a.m. Services are led by our Interim Moderator or our very lively Worship Group led by Roddy McInnes.

Refreshments are served after the service to which everyone is most welcome to join in.

NOVEMBER

- Sunday 3 November-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 10 November-Remembrance Day Reverend Sheila Craggs
 - 10:50 a.m. Service begins at Hatton of Fintray Church
 - 11:30 a.m. at Hatton of Fintray War Memorial
 - 12:00 noon at Kinellar War Memorial
- Sunday 17 November-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 24 November-Reverend Sheila Craggs

DECEMBER

- Sunday 1 December-Worship Group
- Sunday 8 December-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 15 December-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 22 December-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Tuesday 24 December Christingle Service 4:00 p.m. Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Tuesday 24 December-Watchnight Service 11:30 p.m. Roddy MacInnes
- Wednesday 25 December-Christmas Day Family Service
- Sunday 29 December-Reverend Sheila Craggs

THE INTERIM MODERATOR



I cannot believe that we are in October and thinking about the busy time that lies ahead. I have just returned from a wonderful holiday in Portugal, so I am ready to face the many different services to come over the next few months.

You will see that we had a successful Candlelit Supper in the village hall, and it was very much enjoyed by those who were there.

We will celebrate Harvest and Communion this month and next month we will be thinking about Remembrance Sunday on 10th November held in Fintray Church at 10.50 a.m. which will include the laying of the wreath under the Keithhall memorial window. We will then go down to Fintray War Memorial to lay the next wreath and finally go on to Kinellar Cemetery to lay the final wreath.

At the beginning of December, we will be focussing on Advent leading up to the Christmas Services in Fintray Church. I will also be holding an Advent Study Group from Wednesday 20th November at 2:00 p.m. in the Church meeting room for four Wednesdays and this group is open to anyone wishing to prepare for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas.

Hatton of Fintray School will be coming for their end of term service which is always a wonderful morning with the children and staff. We will be having a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and hope many families will come along and make Christingles and share in the service.

God bless you all.

Rev Sheila Craggs

Lord God, You are the creator.
You spoke and brought all things into existence.
We give You thanks for the beauty
of autumn days and for the provision
of Your harvest.
You also made each and every one of us,
creating us uniquely.
Thank You for all the different gifts
You have given us so we can all play a part
in the building of Your Church
here on earth, as the body of Christ.

THE INTERIM MODERATOR



In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
 In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.*

SESSION CLERK ON HOLIDAY



One of the many joys of being Session Clerk is that you meet and work closely with the minister and her good man.

This year I was very privileged to be invited to accompany Tom and Sheila on their annual holiday to Portugal – and what a joy it was.

The first place we visited was a chapel called the Chapel of Saint Lawrence of Almancil – from the outside very normal (as in normal for Portugal!)

but inside - wow! Beautiful blue and white tiles adorned the entire walls and ceiling depicting the life of Saint Lawrence who was roasted on a spit for handing out money to the poor. The Roman Emperor thought that pain would make Saint Lawrence renounce his faith, but Saint Lawrence called out to his torturers to turn him over as he was cooked on one side. An angel of the Lord came down and took away his pain. The chapel inside was amazing, so beautiful.

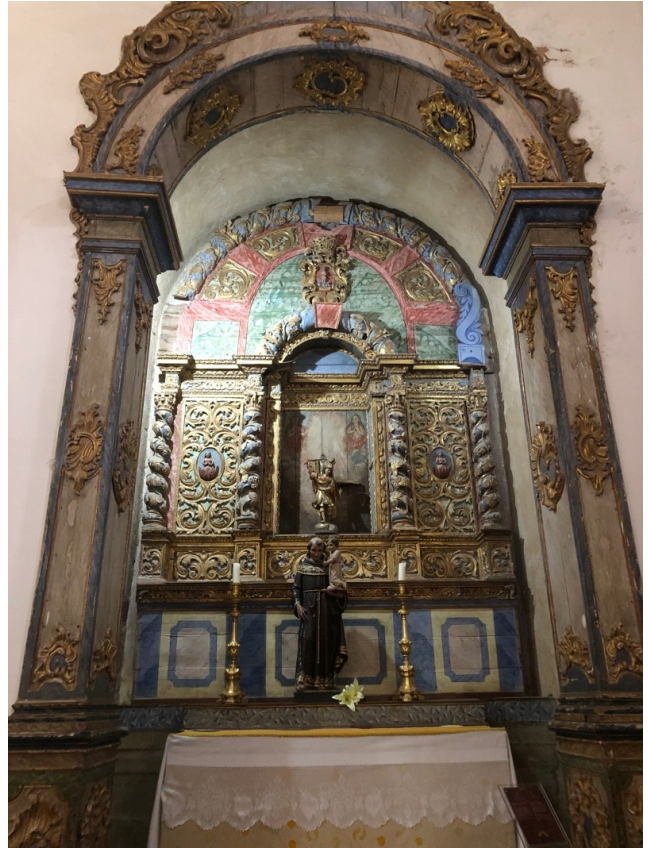


Now if you are thinking we spent our days looking for and enjoying churches and chapels you will be very surprised to learn that my quest every morning was to fuel myself for the day ahead consuming a latte and a Pastel de Nata, then I was set for the day!

SESSION CLERK ON HOLIDAY

We set off another day to Silves to walk round the fort at the top of quite a steep street, we stopped halfway to visit the cathedral. I thought the chapel at Almancil was beautiful but the Cathedral at Silves truly touched my heart. It was breathtaking – not in an ostentatious way but in a spiritual way.

After our visit to the Cathedral we had to fortify ourselves once again with lunch and off we set to the top where the views were amazing overlooking Silves and the panoramic views surrounding. We could see the storks nesting down below us and standing on the ramparts we overlooked the archaeological dig that is continuing in the inside grounds of the fort. Artifacts are coming out of the earth that have not seen the light of day since the 13th century – amazing!



SESSION CLERK ON HOLIDAY



Another very enjoyable trip was to the vineyard that once belonged to Sir Cliff Richard – wine tasting was on the menu that day – poor Tom was the designated driver but Sheila and I managed to pick up the slack (It's a hard life but someone needs to do it!!) – we learned about the different wines and of course we had to taste them – it would have been rude not to.



Plenty to eat, plenty to drink but most of all great company to be with – visiting Quinta do Lago, Vale de Lobo, Villamoura, Lagos, Guia and Albufeira to name a few. I had such a great time with the sun beating down and the warmth in my heart what more do you need from a holiday.

Lorraine

KEITHHALL ORGAN PIPES

Way back in 2020, just before the big lockdown we were approached by an artist who was commissioned by the Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The Session had previously tried to sell the organ in its entirety but to no avail, so when the Kirk Session were approached we thought this a great idea and a very worthwhile cause so it was decided to gift the pipes to this project.

Pat received an email just days before we went into lockdown to say that a young lady was driving all the way up in a hire van to Keithhall Church. Pat and I met here in the dark, we helped her take the pipes out of their cradles and carefully she loaded the many pipes into the van – she set off (having stayed the night at Thainstone) back down the road to London. The following day we were in full lockdown!

Time passed and we duly received an email to say that the organ pipes had been placed in the new sensory building.



KEITHHALL ORGAN PIPES

The commission was to design an ‘acoustic chandelier’ using 12 fully functioning organ pipes. This work responds to people’s movement in the staircase; as you climb and descend the stairs sensors are triggered which activates the pipes to gently play. The notes chosen for the pipes drive from Pythagorean harmonics which were identified by the ancient Greek philosopher for their therapeutic qualities.

The installation is called “Pythagoras Stairs” by Oliver Beer and was funded by the Valentine’s Party.

What a great feeling to have contributed to such a wonderful art installation doing good to those who truly need our help and yes we added a little bit to their story!

The GOSH Sight and Sound Centre opened in June 2021 supported by Premier Inn will transform the experience and care of children and young people from across the UK. Patients and over 100 clinicians have moved from outdated existing facilities into the bespoke, multi-disciplinary Centre designed especially for these children’s sensory needs.

A first-of-its-kind for children in the UK, the Centre features state-of-the-art sound-proofed booths for hearing tests, an eye imaging suite, a dispensing opticians and other testing facilities. There is also a sensory garden with plants that children can see, touch, smell and hear, and bespoke and engaging artworks especially commissioned for children with sensory loss.

Children with sensory loss have unique needs, and thanks to this new facility, our expert teams can treat them in surroundings that will enhance their overall experience of coming to GOSH, taking away some of the challenges or worries they faced in our older spaces.

Lord God, fill us with the love of Christ,
to love our neighbours.
Give us hearts of compassion
to stir us to act on their behalf
and give from what we have to provide
for their needs.

We pray for an end to poverty and deprivation,
for a time when people
will not just live, but thrive.

PROPERTY CONVENER



In order to devote more time to family matters, after many years of dedicated service as Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Property Convener, Pat Lawie has stepped down.

From the Kirk Session and all our congregation we extend our heartfelt thanks for the diligent work to maintain our properties in good condition and fit for our Worship and community events.

We all wish you and family well Pat.



Roddy MacInnes has agreed to take on the role with effect from 8 October 2024 (see Useful Contacts page for details).

Our thanks to you both for your dedication and commitment to the well being of Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Parish Church.



We lift up before God, the young,
the vulnerable in every community,
all in positions of trust.
Remembering all who tend earth and animal,
sustaining our existence through food,
and those who nourish our emotional lives,
in friendship, family, companionship,
laughter and joy.
We give thanks.

MEET THE TEAM

In the Newsletter we will be including information about our Elders and Volunteers.

We hope you will enjoy reading about the folk who contribute to the smooth running of our church.

Pat Lawie-Treasurer

I am in my 27th year of being the Treasurer and Gift Aid Convenor for Fintray Klnellar Keithhall Church. (No one else wants to take up the roll.)



I was born and brought up in Aberdeen but have stayed in Blackburn for over 42 years.

What changes there have been in those 42 years!

My husband Bert and I have been married for 58 years this December and have 2 children.

Our Son stays down south but our Daughter Gillian stays quite local and we see her regularly. She helps with our church charity events.

I have been part of the Worship Group since 2006 and thoroughly enjoy being part of it

I have told you these things, so that
in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart, I have overcome the world.
John 16:33



KINELLAR CROSS COMES TO FINTRAY

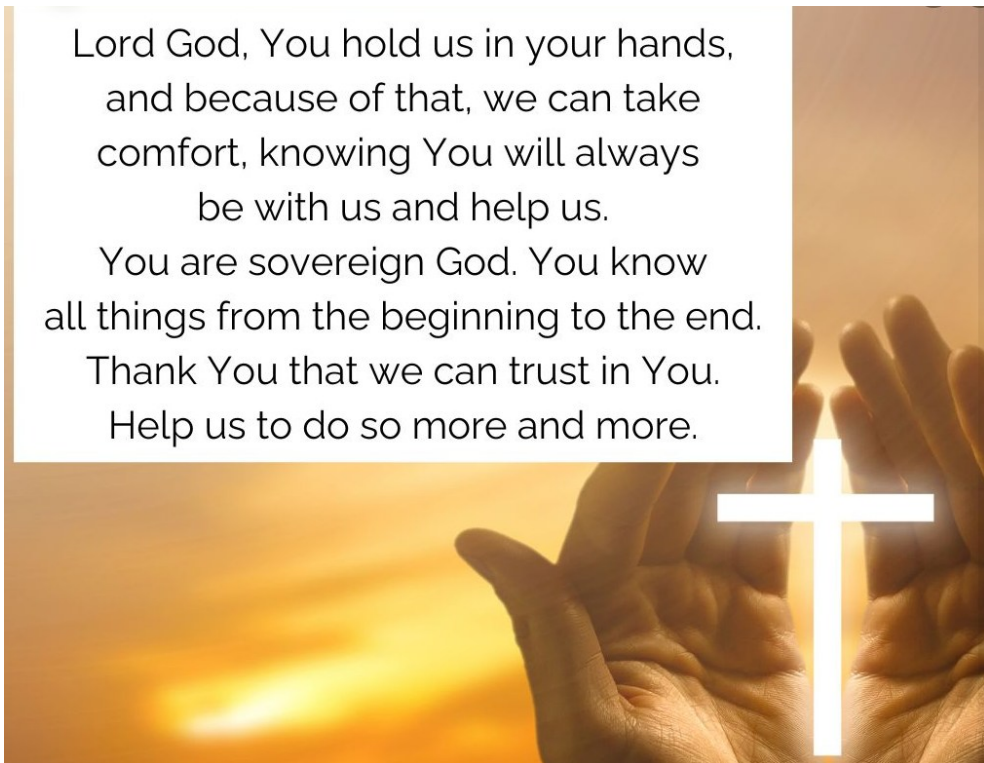


There is a new feature at Fintray Church where the Kinellar Cross now sits proudly. The cross was previously located in the Kirkhill Suite at Kinellar Community Hall when this was used for church services.

The craftsmen at Lethenty Cabinetmakers stripped and oiled the cross to allow it to be placed outdoors which will help allow the building to continue to be identified as a vibrant church in the heart of the community.

The cross now joins the Keithhall stained glass war memorial window as a reminder of the constituent parts of Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church.

Lord God, You hold us in your hands,
and because of that, we can take
comfort, knowing You will always
be with us and help us.
You are sovereign God. You know
all things from the beginning to the end.
Thank You that we can trust in You.
Help us to do so more and more.



CANDLELIT SUPPER

Candlelit Supper, Fintray Village Hall, Saturday 14th September, 2024

Wow! We walked through the doors at Fintray Hall it was decorated with beautiful fairy lights, tables were also lovely with flowers and candlelit decorations and the hall was buzzing with chatter and laughter that just set the tone for a wonderful evening.

Food was excellent, I don't think there was a plate that wasn't cleared of food after each course. All credit to the chef and his assistants who provided us all with such a lovely meal and also a resounding thank you to all the waitress who served the meals with much flair and expertise.

Reverend Sheila's two granddaughters (Giulietta and Aurelia) provided the entertainment, they thrilled the diners throughout the night with not only some very slick and skilful dance routines but also music and song. How they managed to complete their various costume changes so quickly for each dance was just magic.

What a night, it was so enjoyable. The team who arranged and organised the evening should be very proud as the evening was simply brilliant.



CANDLELIT SUPPER

Our thanks to all those who worked tirelessly decorating the hall, in the kitchen, front of house, providing and running the raffle, tidying the hall after the event:-

Colin Cruickshank

Jill Cruickshank

Eilidh Mackie

Nick Mackie

Lara Anderson

Allison Burnett

Lesley Gauld

Pat and Gillian Lawie

Trudi Bicocchi



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6. ACDE ILLMNOS (2)
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9. ABBC EMNOORRU (2)
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YOUR ANAGRAM ANSWERS

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