



Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Parish Church

Summer 2024

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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.

JULY

- Sunday 7 July-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 14 July-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 21 July-Worship Group
- Sunday 28 July-Reverend Sheila Craggs

AUGUST

- Sunday 4 August-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 11 August-Worship Group
- Sunday 18 August-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 25 August-Reverend Sheila Craggs

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 1 September-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 8 September-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 15 September-Reverend Sheila Craggs
- Sunday 22 September-Worship Group
- Sunday 29 September-Worship Group

THE INTERIM MODERATOR



I have been your Interim Moderator since June 2020 which was during the COVID 19 Pandemic. I did online services throughout that difficult time but only a few members were able to connect to the Zoom meeting.

Once the Church was reopened for services it was decided to just use Fintray Church as the main place of worship. To begin with the numbers were small but over the months and years the numbers coming have grown which is wonderful. Each Sunday we have around twenty to twenty-five people and many stay and have a cup of tea after the service and enjoy a chat with other folk.

We have had lots of good Session Meetings where the welfare of the church and its congregation were discussed. In 2022 we celebrated the 200th Anniversary of Fintray Church and there was a wonderful turnout of people came and marvelled at the lovely stained-glass cross which was created to recognise such a fantastic achievement.

We have not been sitting doing nothing but have had Bible Studies for Advent and Christmas and a study on Prayer. We have had Afternoon teas and hope to have future events in the coming months which we hope will be well attended.

I have been involved in Baptisms, Weddings and sadly Funerals as well as weekly worship every Sunday in Fintray supported by a wonderful Worship Group.

Fintray Church is a very friendly church with an amazing family feel. Visitors have been welcomed and made to feel at home and many have come back to share in our worship.

We may be deemed to close but we are still very active and hope to see more people coming back to the church. We meet every Sunday at 11am so we look forward to seeing old and new faces coming to see us in the future.

God bless you all.

Rev Sheila Craggs

THE KIRK SESSION



The Kirk Session of Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Parish Church is far from a club that meets to discuss top secret topics that cannot be shared.

It is the Kirk Sessions duty to be stewards of our Church, making decisions on your behalf for the life of our Church.

We are all unpaid volunteers abiding by the Church of Scotland laws laid down in Edinburgh (that in itself can be at times difficult) which we do to the best of our ability.

There are seven active elders and also, we have retired elders too who have served God tirelessly over the decades.

As you know we have been told we must close the doors of Hatton of Fintray Church building in November 2027, but until then we, the Kirk Session, will work to move forward with exciting ideas. It is not our intention to sit back with a gloomy attitude waiting for the doors to be closed for good.

As our ideas take shape we will post them on the Church Website, Fintray Fowk Facebook and also in future Church newsletters.

Our aim is to do as much good in the community for the community. First up is a Candlelit Supper to be held in Hatton of Fintray Village Hall on 14 September 2024. Jill and Colin Cruickshank (Reverend Sheila's daughter and son-in-law and family) have kindly offered to undertake all the catering for this special event.

Look out for the posters going up shortly and don't miss the opportunity to get your tickets when they become available.

Lord God, we know that You are the one
 who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead,
 and from whom all blessings
 ultimately flow. Give us courage we pray.
 Help us not to lose heart,
 but rather to be renewed day by day.

EVENTS



FINTRAY KINELLAR KEITHHALL PARISH
CHURCH
HATTON OF FINTRAY VILLAGE HALL

Candlelit Supper

Saturday 14 September 2024
6:30 for 7.00 pm

Tickets : £25.00 pp

BYOB

*Tickets available from Lorraine (Tel: 01358
511624) or after Church Service*

PRESBYTERY REPORT



Hi I'm Jeanette Smart.

I became the Fintray, Kinellar, Keithhall (FKK) Presbytery Elder in 2023 to represent FKK at the Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles. This new Presbytery was formed on the 1 January 2023 with the union of the Presbyteries of Aberdeen, Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine, Moray Deeside, Orkney and Shetland.

From island, coastal, rural and urban areas this is a diverse Presbytery united by faith and mission serving Christ in our communities.

The Presbytery is a Court of the Church of Scotland that has the largest representation of Elders. It can bring about real change in congregational life and mission. I'm pleased to say it is a privilege to serve in such a great Church community and alongside our Elders.

I am learning every day supported and, with so many emails from Presbytery, at times I can feel overwhelmed.

The FKK Elders and Minister help me in any challenges I may have .

I look forward to another year of building relationships within the Presbytery with prayer and a desire to reflect Gods love to the world around us.

More information on the new Presbytery can be found at www.nenipresbytery.org.uk .

I attended the last Presbytery meeting on Saturday 15 June 2024 held at Trinity Church, Westhill with Reverend Sheila for the induction of the new Presbytery Moderator Rev Shuna Dicks, Minister at Cults Parish Church. We all wish her well.

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.



Lorraine Forbes, Session Clerk

I am Session Clerk for Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Parish Church.

A Keithhall quine – born and brought up in Keithhall and proud of it. I joined the church and was married in Keithhall Church, my two children Claire and Graeme were baptised in Keithhall Church.

Sadly my husband Sandy died in 2005 – he was very much a Fintray lad – so I can honestly say this is my Church – albeit Keithhall was closed and Kinellar became difficult to manage before being taken over by Skene Church (for whatever reason the powers that be decided).

I moved to Ellon in August last year and I am thoroughly enjoying the area with its shops, buses etc. The neighbours are friendly and Reverend Sheila Craggs stays quite near – its lovely being able to pop down to the shops or drop in past for a fly cup!

If you have a question or a problem that I can help with please get in touch – I may not be able to solve it but I will give it my best shot.

WORSHIP GROUP




The Worship Group within FKK Church give Reverend Sheila a well-deserved break every month, by taking the Sunday Service.

Our services are a bit of an eclectic mix and have covered a vast area of topics over the years, where we've sought out some diverse ways of illustrating sermon points; very often utilising film, books and music with 'Barbie', 'The Midnight Garden' and The Proclaimers being some of recent examples.

Always expect the unexpected at our Worship Group services where modern worship songs are the norm, alongside prayers, poetry, laughs and generally some chaos!

So, if you fancy something a wee bit different then come along and join us at a service!



God, guide us today and every day,
as we seek to do Your will in
this ever-changing world.
Open our eyes to the great variety of
of blessings and opportunities that
You have poured out on us.
Make us aware of the potential
in all things through You.

CHRISTIAN AID EVENT



On the 18th May we held our afternoon tea. The event was to raise funds for Christian Aid. There was no charge for the afternoon tea, but donations amounted to £545. Not bad for 2 hours work!

However, this was the third year we have held such an event. Two years ago it was held to celebrate our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and received £370 in donations which went to a local food bank. Last year we celebrated the King's Coronation and was delighted when £575 was given in donations which was for Christian Aid.

We intend to hold these afternoon teas for Christian Aid annually so keep looking out for the dates on our website and help us support a very worthwhile cause.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us already in these events.



USEFUL CONTACTS

In case you need to contact us these might be useful.

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NEXT NEWSLETTER

We hope you have enjoyed our Summer Newsletter. The Autumn Newsletter will be available in October 2024.

We welcome any articles from our congregation and community. If you have an article then please email it, with any photos, to:-

- fintraykkchurch@outlook.com

OR

- Newsletter Editor at tecraggs@outlook.com

to arrive not later than 30 September 2024.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

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