



Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Parish Church

Spring 2025

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THE INTERIM MODERATOR



At the beginning of this year, I wrote an article for the Blackie Banter wishing all health and happiness for 2025. Here we are entering March and preparing for Easter in April.

When I was Interim Moderator in St Andrew's in Inverurie I was privileged on Good Friday to share a reading and a prayer outside the church and then I carried the cross to St Mary's Church bringing to the end a walk through the town by people from all denominations.

Carrying that cross made me realize what Jesus went through when he carried a much heavier cross on his journey to Golgotha. The weight of his cross must have taken every ounce of strength from him and yet he did not give up because he knew this was necessary to fulfil his father's wishes. Sadly, he paid the price and was hung from that cross giving his life for us but bringing pain and suffering to his family and friends.

During January and February, I have conducted eighteen funerals. I have spent many hours listening to people sharing the story of their loved one who had passed away and the sadness they are feeling. It also gives me a chance to reassure each family that their loved one is at peace and safe in God's kingdom and that the memories they have will hopefully help them come to terms with their loss.

Jesus gave his life for us, and we will once again remember him as we approach Easter in April. We will be celebrating a short service with communion on Maundy Thursday at 7pm and another short service on Good Friday at 7pm both in Fintray Church. Easter Sunday we will rejoice that Jesus is risen and hold a service in Fintray at 11am. All are welcome to come and share this special time.

On the 5th of March we will begin a Lent Study for five weeks at 2pm In Fintray Church Meeting Room. Open to all and you will be made very welcome.

The church is busy, and we have events coming up. Take note and if possible, support us.

Blessings to you all.

Sheila

Interim Moderator

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our regular Sunday services commence at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated. 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.

MARCH

Sunday 2 March-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 9 March-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 16 March-Worship Group

Sunday 23 March-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 30 March-Reverend Sheila Craggs (Baptism of Arlo Mackie)

APRIL

Sunday 6 April-Worship Group

Sunday 13 April-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Thursday 17 April-Maundy Thursday Reverend Sheila Craggs (Communion)

Friday 18 April-Good Friday at 7:00pm Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 20 April-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 27 April-Reverend Sheila Craggs (Communion)

MAY

Sunday 4 May-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 11 May-Worship Group

Sunday 18 May-Reverend Sheila Craggs

Sunday 25 May-Reverend Sheila Craggs

EVENTS

FINTRAY KINELLAR KEITHALL PARISH CHURCH
SOUP AND SWEET
SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025
12:30 TO 2:00 P.M.
HATTON OF FINTRAY VILLAGE HALL



SOUP AND SWEET

Join us at Hatton of Fintray Village Hall after our Sunday service, led by Reverend Sheila Craggs, and enjoy our free soup and sweet.

No obligation to make any donation but if you so wish then any donations will be passed to MARIE CURIE.

We look forward to you joining us!

FINTRAY KINELLAR KEITHALL PARISH CHURCH
VE DAY COMMEMORATION AFTERNOON TEA
SATURDAY 10 MAY 2025
12:00 TO 2:00 P.M.
HATTON OF FINTRAY CHURCH



AFTERNOON TEA

Join us at Hatton of Fintray Church for our commemoration of VE Day and enjoy our free afternoon tea.

No obligation to make any donation but if you so wish then any donations will be passed to CHRISTIAN AID.

We look forward to you joining us!

Make a note in your diary and come along to support our fundraising events for two of our charities as well as commemorating VE Day. We look forward to seeing you all.

Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Kirk Session

CHRISTINGLE



The Christingle service on 24 December 2024 was well attended. Ages ranged from 2 weeks old to a few days away from 80 years old.

The children were all very excited and probably some of the adults were too. The church was buzzing with chatter and children's laughter.

We sang some lovely carols and then it was time for the children to make their Christingles.

Each child was given an orange, a red ribbon, 4 cocktail sticks, some sweets and a candle.

Reverend Sheila then gave the children step by step instructions on how to make their Christingle.

- The orange signifies the world;
- The red ribbon gets put round the middle of the orange to signify the blood of Jesus or Gods love for the world;
- The four cocktail sticks are put into the orange they signify the four seasons or North, South, East and West;
- Then the sweets are placed onto the end of the cocktail sticks and the sweets are to remind us of the fruits of the earth;
- Lastly the candle sits in the top of the orange to light up the world and remind us of Gods Love.

The candles were then lit and the lights in the church were turned off. The church was aglow with candlelight and in that moment you could have heard a pin drop.

The church was certainly filled with God's love.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE COLLECTION-THANK YOU

Inverurie Community Partnership Pantry (ICP) were thrilled to receive the proceeds from the collection plate at Watchnight Service on Christmas Eve 2024.

The £150 donated was used to purchase some much needed tins for the food pantry at No.3 High Street, Inverurie.



The foodbank (operated on a pantry model) is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 3pm. Stocks for the pantry mainly come from supermarket waste. Supermarkets are being hard pushed to reduce their food waste which is adversely affecting the ICP food pantry stocks. ICP are very much reliant now on donations from the community to fill the void left due to reduced supermarket food waste.

FKK have consistently been a huge support to the charity and ICP are deeply indebted to the gratitude and kindness of the FKK congregation. Not only are they thankful for the monetary donations such as the Watchnight Service collection plate but also for the ongoing weekly food donations left in the box at the front door of the church each week.

If you would like to hear more of ICP's work or have any questions, please feel free to email Ingrid at inveruriecommunitypartnership@gmail.com or pop in to see us during our opening times at No. 3 High Street, Inverurie.

On behalf of ICP, please can we thank the FKK community for their ongoing support.

PROPERTY CONVENER

FINTRAY CHURCH LIGHTS UP FOR CHRISTMAS

The addition of the 'Kinellar Cross' at Fintray Church drew much positive feedback over the Christmas season where it's light helped bring positivity and brightness to the darkness of Winter.



It was much admired by worshippers and dog walkers alike! The addition of the Christmas Star in the window above the door also helped capture the essence of the true meaning of Christmas.

Inside the church the newly cleaned and repaired nativity figures, courtesy of Brian Innes at Distinctive Stained Glass, had a new 'home'. A small communion table had been repurposed by Lethenty Cabinetmakers and with the addition of a purpose made base and downlighting created a beautiful setting, which was a real topic of enthusiastic conversation with regulars and visitors who attended the various services over the Christmas period.



INGRID ON HOLIDAY-USA

Our youngest daughter, Kayleigh, graduated from Bath University with a First Class Honours in International Management in 2020. Sadly, covid meant she did not have a graduation ceremony and we had to postpone our planned trip to America to celebrate. In July 2023 we were all able to see her graduation ceremony in the Bath Abbey and September 2024 saw us all able to take her postponed trip to the USA. And what a trip it was!



INGRID ON HOLIDAY

We took the loooonnnng trip from Gatwick to Orlando on September 8th 2024. The Bakers like to “rope drop” each of the Disney parks so, despite jet lag, we were at the Magic Kingdom on the 9th, Hollywood Studios on the 10th, Animal Kingdom on the 11th and Epcot on the 12th at 6:30am! We averaged 25,000 + steps each day and many, many, MANY rides! Having said that though, it was a great few days and you are never too old for the magic of Disney!



INGRID ON HOLIDAY

We swapped the hectic pace of our Disney few days to the equally hectic pace of the city which never sleeps, Las Vegas. We stayed at Caesar's Palace and truly I think the hotel was the size of Kirkwall...almost! There certainly were more people in the Allegiant Stadium where we went to see the artist Pink than there are in Orkney, a whopping 60,000! Her concert was out of this world. Nigel and I had been to Las Vegas before but the girls had never experienced it. Let's just say that if you are not in to gambling (which we aren't) then it is an eye opener! We took the girls to Downtown Vegas to see the less glitzy part of town.



16th September saw my husband, Nigel, pick up a hire car in Vegas to drive us to the Grand Canyon. Talk about chalk and cheese, from the hecticness of Disney and Vegas to the amazing scenery and calm of the Grand Canyon. We stayed in a hotel on the rim of the Canyon such that we were able to walk several yards and take in what can only be described as awesome views, God's hand clearly visible in the beauty and vastness which is the Canyon. We walked along the rim for a day on the 18th and I think I must have 500+ photos it was just so breathtaking. On the morning of the 19th we were able to watch the sunrise over the Canyon before setting off to our next destination, Los Angeles.

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We stayed in an apartment in downtown LA (which thankfully had a washing machine!). Our first day we took a tour of the Hollywood Hills and Beverley Hills where we caught a glimpse of how the other half live with sprawling mansions and visible wealth. So sad to now think much of what we were able to see at that time has been raised to the ground by the recent devastating fires. Our guide knew of a way to get us very close to the famous Hollywood sign which thankfully is still intact. So we were able to get some close up photos with the iconic sign. We finished off our first day with a visit to the Oscars Museum. Great to look back at the Oscar winners over the years. Over the next couple of days we spent time with The Simpsons, Mario Brothers, Harry Potter and the cast of Friends as we took in Universal Studios and Warner Brothers Tour, again clocking up the steps in the process! We had a nice walk down from The Griffith Observatory where we were also able to take in some panoramic views of LA.



21st September saw us on the move again when we flew to San Francisco. We stayed in a hotel near to Fisherman's Wharf and Pier 39 where we tasted authentic clam chowder which is going to take some beating. Almost, I say almost, as good as Cullen Skink! Boy did we pack in the sightseeing in San Francisco. We had a day of seeing many of the sights on the ubiquitous hop on, hop off Big Red Bus tour. The temperature hit 34 degrees so we must have gone through an entire bottle of factor 30 between us but it was so worth it.

INGRID ON HOLIDAY

Especially when we finished the tour off at the famous Golden Gate Bridge. The family even persuaded me to get in a driverless taxi to take us back to the apartment.....never again! Other highlights of our San Francisco days were a visit to Alcatraz, a Napa Valley Vineyard Tour, travelling up and down the hills of the city on trams, and a theatre trip to see the musical *Wicked*. The days just flew by and many happy memories were made. We even took in a fabulous authentic bookstore where there was not a single computer screen in sight.



INGRID ON HOLIDAY

The morning of 28th September saw us pack up our suitcases and head back to Heathrow where we sadly had to say goodbye to our girls, Samantha heading back to her home in Walthamstow, London and Kayleigh was picked up by her partner, Nick, and they went back to Bristol. Nigel and I had a weary wait for our flight back to Aberdeen. We were all exhausted, but our hearts were full with family love and precious memories made. I wouldn't, however, recommend squeezing all we did into only 3 weeks, 3 months maybe, but 3 weeks was a challenge!



AUTUMN 2024 QUIZ ANSWERS

ANAGRAMS OF BISCUITS and CAKES

1. EEFILOOPRRT (1)
2. AABDGILLR (1)
3. AACCDEMRRSTU (2)
4. ACCDEEEGHILLOOSTTV (2)
5. ABDEEFGHINORRRST (2)
6. ACDEILLMNOS (2)
7. AACEKOT (1)
8. AACEEFLMRRW (2)
9. ABBCENNOORRU (2)
10. AACMNOR (1)
11. EEGIILMMNNOTT (2)
12. AABEEKLLRTTW (2)
13. ACEGIINOPRSTV (2)
14. ACCCCCEEHHIILKLOOOPPT (3)
15. ADDEEGIJMNOR (2)
16. AACFJKLP (1)
17. AABDEEHIIILLMNOORRRST (3)
18. ABDEEGGINRR (1)
19. AABERRRRSTTTWY (2)
20. ABCFEFKLRTTU (2)
21. BBCEIIRSTTTUU (2)
22. ABEEHNRTY (1)

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| 1 | PROFITEROLE |
| 2 | GARABALDIE |
| 3 | CUSTARD CREAM |
| 4 | CHOCOLATE DIGESTIVE |
| 5 | SHORTBREAD FINGER |
| 6 | ALMOND SLICE |
| 7 | OATCAKE |
| 8 | CARAMEL WAFER |
| 9 | BOURBON CREAM |
| 10 | MACARON |
| 11 | MELTING MOMENTS |
| 12 | BAKEWELL TART |
| 13 | VICTORIA SPONGE |
| 14 | CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE |
| 15 | JAMMIE DODGER |
| 16 | FLAPJACK |
| 17 | MILLIONAIRE SHORTBREAD |
| 18 | GINGERBREAD |
| 19 | STRAWBERRY TART |
| 20 | BUTTERFLY CAKE |
| 21 | BUTTER BUSCUIT |
| 22 | ABERNETHY |

PLACE NAMES QUIZ

| | First Clue | Your Answer |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| EXAMPLE | Not old | NEW |
| 1 | A small rock | |
| 2 | A percussion instrument | |
| 3 | Shining | |
| 4 | Can be rung | |
| 5 | A unit of atmospheric pressure | |
| 6 | An organ in the body | |
| 7 | Substitute for hair | |
| 8 | A type of food | |
| 9 | Not as bad as flu | |
| 10 | A gentle gallop | |
| 11 | Group of witches | |
| 12 | Not yours | |
| 13 | A previous girl/boy friend | |
| 14 | Not there | |
| 15 | Silent | |
| 16 | A cygnet is a young one | |
| 17 | Essential in table tennis | |
| 18 | He tried Paul | |
| 19 | Part of an apple | |
| 20 | An allowance | |

Can you work out the UK place names revealed by solving these clues.

An example is included to help you along.

Good luck, there are 20 for you to try. The answers sheet will be available in the Church and posted on our Facebook page from 23 March 2025.

PLACE NAMES QUIZ

| | Second Clue | Your Answer |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| EXAMPLE | A stately home | CASTLE |
| 1 | A harbour | |
| 2 | A church | |
| 3 | Not off | |
| 4 | Definitely not slow | |
| 5 | People in a line | |
| 6 | A kitty for sharing | |
| 7 | A heavy weight | |
| 8 | A boxer should never drop this | |
| 9 | A little river | |
| 10 | To inter | |
| 11 | Attempt something | |
| 12 | A top teacher | |
| 13 | Open uncultivated land | |
| 14 | Anna reads the news | |
| 15 | Chips in France | |
| 16 | Between continents | |
| 17 | In a while | |
| 18 | Pull a car | |
| 19 | Near | |
| 20 | Type of meat | |

PLACE NAMES QUIZ

| | Your Place Name Answer |
|----------------|------------------------|
| EXAMPLE | NEWCASTLE |
| 1 | |
| 2 | |
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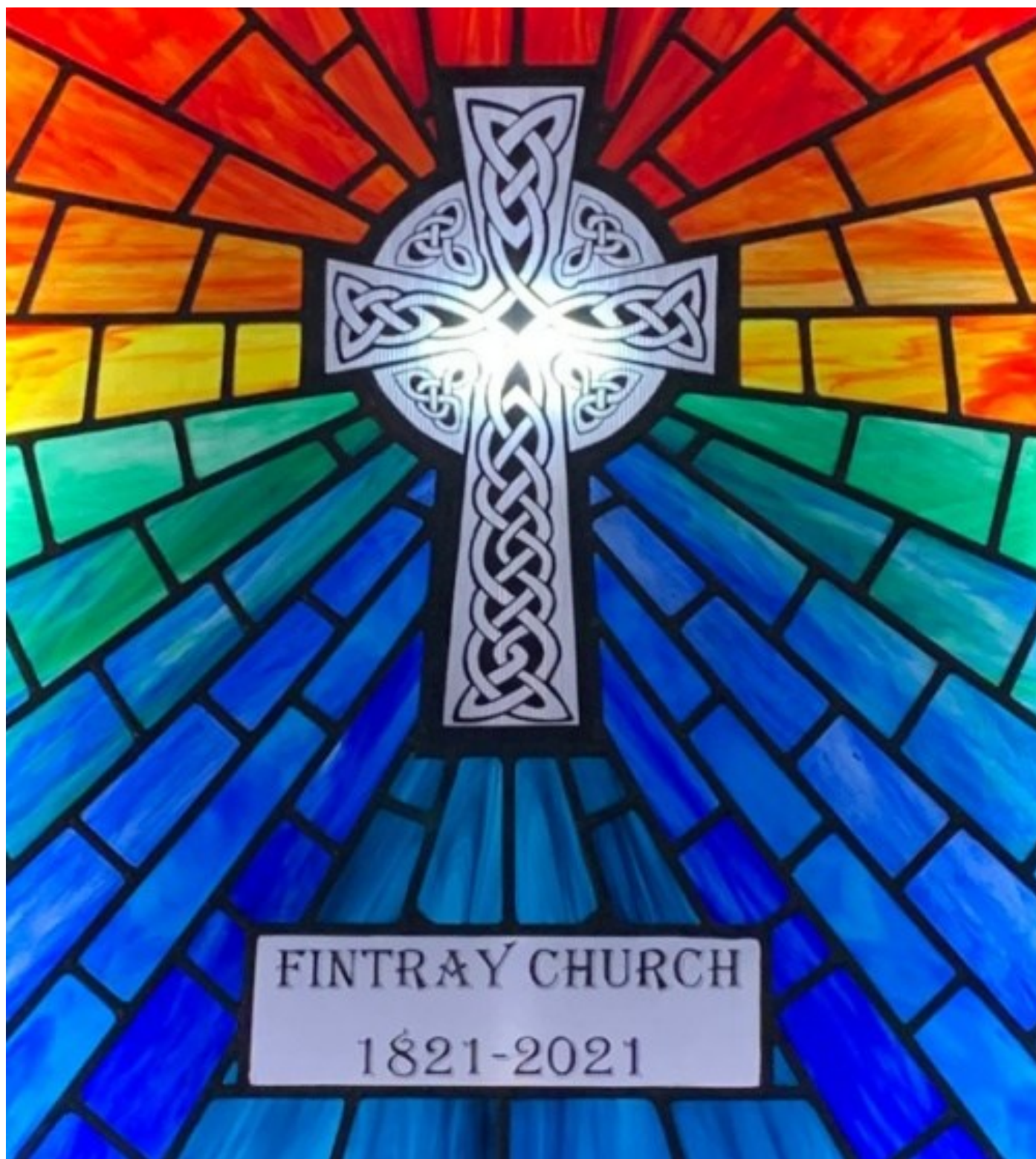
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