



# Weekly Bulletin

## 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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### VACANCY LIST

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## Reminders

### **2025 Annual Report and Accounts and SG7 and SG11 Safeguarding forms**

The deadline for submitting your 2025 annual report and accounts, and copies of your SG7 and SG11 safeguarding forms has now passed. Many thanks to those congregations who have submitted theirs.

We will be writing directly to those congregations who have not yet been in touch with the Presbytery office regarding these returns.

### **2025 Property Attestation**

Property attestation is now completed for congregations. There are still many congregations who have yet to send in their documents. We will be contacting these churches directly in the coming days, but please do send in your property attestation documents as soon as possible. If you require any help, please speak to Archie Kerr [property@fvandc.org.uk](mailto:property@fvandc.org.uk) or Mhairi MacLeod [mhairi.macleod@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:mhairi.macleod@churchofscotland.org.uk) and they will endeavour to help you.

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## Update from Presbytery

Presbytery met on Saturday 25 April and had a good meeting, with business ranging from Mission Action Plans to the approval of new Unions and noting the sale of several buildings within the Presbytery.

The creation of a new Presbytery website is within sight with the approval of the contract being finalised prior to commencement. The Business Committee are looking at ways to support ministry wellbeing in the coming months. Presbytery congratulated and thanked Rev Alistair May as he demits Motherwell: Kirk at the Cross to take up the role of Principal Clerk at the Church of Scotland Offices in Edinburgh.

The Presbytery Clerk highlighted that it is a requirement of Church Law (Act VI 2004) that all Kirk Session meetings should be moderated by the Minister or Interim Moderator except in exceptional

cases, whereby these are moderated with the prior knowledge and written permission of the Minister or Interim Moderator and notification given to the Presbytery Clerk. Where a decision is taken of which the Minister or Interim Moderator had no prior notice, this decision does not come into effect until the Minister or Interim Moderator agrees in writing or it is ratified at the next meeting where the Minister or Interim Moderator is present.

Presbytery thanked host churches, volunteers and Session Clerks for their support during Attestation, whilst noting that a small number of congregations still require to have their books attested. Kirk Sessions who have not been in contact with the Committee are requested to respond and ensure their books are presented for attestation.

An Extract Minute regarding the Presbytery Action Plans is attached separately to the Bulletin and the Mission Action Committee will circulate the official Congregational Action Plan documents very soon, so that churches can start working through their action plans.

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## Training Dates - Safeguarding

Please see booking details below for upcoming safeguarding training dates. As always, we aim to provide a mix of online and in-person trainings, with in-person training covering a geographical spread of the presbytery each time we plan locations for training.

If none of these dates suit, you may find training dates offered by other presbyteries here [Training | The Church of Scotland](#)

- **Trustee Online Tue 12 May 7pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-1987906529944?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Intro Falkirk Grahamston Thu 14 May 7pm**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introductory-safeguarding-training-falkirk-grahamston-tickets-1987907536956?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Intro Stonehouse St Ninian's Mon 18 May 7pm**  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introductory-safeguarding-training-st-ninians-tickets-1987908322305?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Trustee EK Moncreiff Wed 3 Jun 7.30pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-moncreiff-tickets-1987909075558?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Intro Online Mon 8 Jun 7pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introductory-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-1987910051477?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Adv Online Wed 10 Jun 7pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advanced-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-1987910764610?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Trustee Upper Braes Wed 17 Jun 7pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-upper-braes-tickets-1987911320272?aff=oddtcreator>

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## Events

### Christian Aid Week

As you know, **Christian Aid Week** is right around the corner, **May 10-16, 2026**.

Christian Aid Week is seven days to make a difference against global poverty. It's a celebration of the movement, standing in solidarity with our global neighbours and championing people who deserve a full and dignified life, free from poverty and injustice.

There will be lots of events happening in churches and communities throughout Forth Valley and Clydesdale. **One such event is the Melodies of May Spring Concert on Friday, 15 May at 7:30pm in Bellshill Central Parish Church.**

