



Weekly Bulletin

28th May 2026

VACANCY LIST

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Reminders

Representative Elders 2026-2027

Although the deadline for submitting the details of your Presbytery Elder is 30th June 2026, we would very much appreciate an early response to allow the Nominations Committee time to populate the committees where required, and to ensure the correct Elders are invited to the June meeting of Presbytery. If you are aware of issues in appointing an Elder, please do let the Presbytery office know.

Mission Action Plan Webinars

By now you should all have received an email from the Mission Action Committee with the Mission Action Plan template and helpful guidance documents. There will be two Mission Action Plan webinars taking place in June:

Tuesday 2 June, 7.00pm to 8.00pm: Webinar Session (Evening)

Thursday 4 June, 10.00am to 11.00am: Webinar Session (Morning)

Here is the: [Sign-up link](#)

Both Webinars will be covering the same ground and therefore either session can be attended. It is not anticipated that the Webinar will be recorded, however, the Mission Action Committee would like to invite anyone in the Kirk Session who would like to attend the Webinar to sign up for it, ensuring that at least some members of the Kirk Session can attend and feedback to the wider team.

Training Dates - Safeguarding

There are still places available on the following courses. If none of these dates suit, you may find training dates offered by other presbyteries here [Training | The Church of Scotland](#)

- **Trustee EK Moncreiff Wed 3rd Jun 7.30pm -**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-moncreiff-tickets-1987909075558?aff=oddttdcreator>

- **Adv Online Tues 9th Jun 7pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advanced-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-1987910764610?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Trustee Upper Braes Wed 17th Jun 7pm** - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-upper-braes-tickets-1987911320272?aff=oddtcreator>

Celebrations

Calderbank Church Marks 170 Years

Calderbank Church is preparing to celebrate 170 years of worship and witness in the village with a special weekend of events in early June, including a Garden Party and a service led by the Moderator of the General Assembly.



Celebrations will begin with a Garden Party on Saturday 6th June from 1-3pm, followed by an anniversary service on Sunday 7th June at 10.30 am. The Moderator, the Rt Revd Gordon Kennedy, is due to preach at the service.

The Garden Party is being organised as a community event, with food and a range of stalls to mark the milestone anniversary. Calderbank rose to prominence during the early Industrial Revolution, drawing workers from many areas, and the church has been part of village life ever since. The building was originally constructed as a Methodist church in 1856, became a Church of Scotland base by 1870 and was granted its own parish in 1885.

A commemorative booklet, *170 years of Faith, Fellowship and Community*, will also be available during the celebrations. The Rt Revd Gordon Kennedy and his wife are also expected to attend the Garden Party, with organisers hoping for good weather for the weekend events.

Events

World Day of Prayer Gathering

This year's WDP Gathering will take place at North Church, 70 Springfield Road, Stirling FK7 7QW on Saturday 13th June, 11am – 3.30pm. Coffee/tea will be available from 10.30am. There will be no charge for the day although there will be an opportunity to make a donation towards the cost of lunch on the day for those who feel they can afford to. For catering purposes, please let them know if you plan to attend, along with any dietary requirements.

Worship Night - Carstairs Parish Church

Please join us for an evening of praise and worship on Sunday 14th June at 7pm in Carstairs Parish Church. We will be joined by a speaker from Glasgow Street Pastors who will share the work they do on the Streets of Glasgow. There will be a retiral offering in aid of the Street Pastor. Bring your friends along with you. If you haven't been before, please be assured of a very warm welcome. There will be a time of fellowship over tea/coffee and cake.



Venue

Scottish World Day of Prayer 2027 Venues

Scottish World Day of Prayer Committee would be grateful if a church in Motherwell area and Wishaw area could host World Day of Prayer service on or around Friday 5th March 2027. As 2027 is centennial year of International WDP it would be great to have as many services as possible, especially in areas that have not been able to do so recently.

Please contact Margaret Muir, Vice Convener Scottish WDP Committee by email: margaretmuir@hotmail.co.uk or at Presbytery meeting on Saturday 20th June 2026 at the latest as materials for the service need to be ordered by 30th June, 2026.

Job Opportunity

Parish Assistant

The Newhouse Cluster (Holytown linked with New Stevenston Wrangholm, Kirk O'Shotts and Newarthill & Carfin Parish Churches) Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

Part time (18.75 hours per week)

Fixed Term (18 months)

Salary: £30,274 - £34,224 per annum pro rata

Ref: M20/26

Could you be part of something different? We have an exciting opportunity for a motivated

and enthusiastic individual to use their gifts, skills, and experience to make a difference to the lives of the people in our parishes and communities.

We are seeking a committed Parish Assistant to support the Interim Minister in pastoral care, worship, and community engagement.

The successful candidate will have strong pastoral and interpersonal skills, experience of worship, an understanding of wellbeing and chaplaincy, and the ability to work both collaboratively and on their own initiative.

For a full job descriptions and details on how to apply, please click [here](#).

Closing date for applications: Monday, 8 June 2026 at 12 noon.