



The Church of Scotland

The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale

Weekly Bulletin

18th June 2026

VACANCY LIST

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Reminders

Property Attestation – Urgent request for submission

Approximately 40% of congregations have still to submit their documents for attestation. Can you please ensure these documents are submitted as soon as possible, and if you are having difficulties, please contact the presbytery office, who will be happy to provide support.

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.

Session Clerk Forums

As we approach the end of this session, we are keen to hear from our office bearers about their experiences, and how presbytery can best respond to the needs of local churches. Therefore, Lorna Laughland has set up four session clerk forums to allow you the opportunity to share with her and hopefully build contacts with other session clerks. Catherine Barclay and Jenny Wilson, our presbytery administrators, hope to join some of the sessions so you will be able to put faces to names. The evening session is very popular, so if you can make one of the daytime sessions, it might be best to join those.



- Friday 19th June 10am - 11.30am
- Monday 22nd June 2pm - 3.30pm
- Wednesday 24th June 10am - 11.30am

Please register using this link and completing your details and selecting which session you would like to attend. These will be held on Zoom.

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Celebrations

Over the next few weekends, churches throughout the presbytery are marking significant anniversaries. Congratulations to each of them. If you can join the respective celebrations, you would be made most welcome.



Bellshill Central Parish Church is celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone with a service on Friday 19th June – all welcome!

Overtown Parish Church are celebrating 150 years in the community of Overtown, Waterloo and Gowkthrapple with a service on Sunday 21st June – all welcome!



GREENGAIRS PARISH CHURCH



Greengairs Parish Church

Worship began in the original building on 18th June 1876 until sadly it was closed in July 1989 due to the gable wall being unsafe. The new building held the first service on 16th July 1992. If either of our buildings hold a memory for you, baptism, marriage or any memory you hold dear we would love you to join us on Sunday 21st June 2026 at 11.30am.

150 YEARS

18th June 1876 - 18th June 2026

You're Invited!

150TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Celebrating 150 years of the
South Wishaw Parish Church Building
A proud past. A strong community.
A bright future. ♥



 **LIVE MUSIC**

 **FREE BBQ**

 **HISTORIC EXHIBITION**

 **BOUNCY CASTLE**

 **FACE PAINTING**

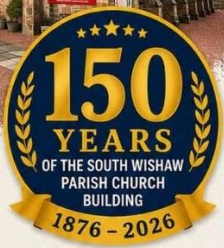
 **LOCATION:**
SOUTH WISHAW PARISH CHURCH
EAST ACADEMY ST,
WISHAW, ML2 8BG

 **DATE:**
SATURDAY 4TH JULY

 **TIME:**
12:00 – 2:00 PM

Bring your family, bring your friends – everyone is welcome! ♥

LET'S CELEBRATE 150 YEARS TOGETHER! ♥
COMMUNITY • FRIENDS • FOOD • FUN



South Wishaw Parish Church are celebrating their 150th Anniversary with an open day on Saturday 4th July and a service on Sunday 5th July – all welcome!

 **South Wishaw Parish Church**




150TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

All welcome!

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND OUR COMMUNITY

FAITH • COMMUNITY • HISTORY • TOGETHER

11AM SUNDAY 5TH JULY

— Come and be part of this special celebration! —

Past ♦ Present ♦ Future

Events

Braehead House Open Day

As churches across the presbytery celebrate spring and the beginning of summer with various events. Braehead House, the Christian healing and retreat centre in beautiful South Lanarkshire, is holding an open day on Saturday, the 20th June.



An evening with the Evangelical Alliance and CofS Ministries

The Evangelical Alliance invite you to a special gathering in partnership for those in ordained ministry within the Church of Scotland. This will take place on **Wednesday 23 September at Letham St Marks Church in Perth**. The Moderator of the General Assembly, Gordon Kennedy, will be there and will share from God's word during the gathering.

The purpose of the gathering is for mutual encouragement, fellowship, prayer and worship. We will also take some time to reflect together on how the Evangelical Alliance might be able to serve those in ministry within the Church of Scotland in the coming years.

Arrival and coffee will be from 9:30am, with the programme running from 10am until 2pm, which includes lunch. For catering purposes, [please sign in via this link](#), letting us know of any allergies or dietary requirements before the 18th September.



Spiritual Care Forum conference of NHS Lanarkshire – Save the Date!

One of the Interfaith and Ecumenical spaces in the life of the presbytery is the annual Spiritual Care Forum conference of NHS Lanarkshire. It is a great day for all active within any aspect of spiritual care. It would great if you could save the date.

East Kilbride Integration Network (Ekin) Football Tournament Saturday 20th June 1pm – 7pm

- You are invited to enter a football team to play in a 7-a-side football tournament that includes Ekin's own New Migrant team. This team was created to combat the lack of physical, mental and social activity for people seeking asylum placed locally. They would love to welcome you into a space of welcome, support and connection. Please contact ASAP ekintegration@outlook.com to register your team.
- Ekin would be delighted if members of your community would come along to spectate, enjoy some food, make new friends and have a lovely day out. Please email ekintegration@outlook.com ASAP if you would like to attend the event to provide approximate numbers of attendees for catering purposes.



Flyer with more info attached.

Can you help?

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.

Resources

Disability Awareness Sunday

Through the Roof have asked us to share a link to a free resource pack to support Disability Awareness Sunday. The date for Disability Awareness Sunday is 27th September, but churches can use this material on any Sunday at all.

The theme this year is 'One body, many parts', based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, showing that we are **all** part of the body of Christ, the Church.

They have two short videos available for churches featuring Triona Brading, a young autistic Christian, giving a greater understanding of autism and neurodiversity and how we all have an essential part to play in the body of Christ.

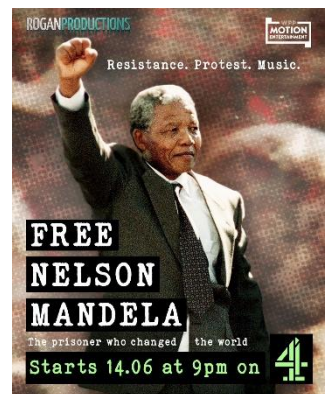
A free pack is available here: [Disability Awareness Sunday - Through the Roof](#) including the videos, Bible reading, prayers, activity ideas, suggested hymns and songs, and notes for speakers.

One to watch?

We have been asked to highlight an inspirational series on the life of Nelson Mandela, one of the most outstanding Christians of the 20th/21st centuries. Perhaps asking congregations if they could place the blurb in their weekly information sheets, or on their websites or FB pages? Although the first programme aired on the 14th, the series will continue each Sunday evening for a while.

Resistance. Protest. Music.

This landmark series tells the story of Nelson Mandela's journey from activist to revolutionary prisoner and the extraordinary highs and lows of the people-powered movement that fought for his freedom.



This series tells the story of Nelson Mandela and the global fight to free him. It recounts Mandela's journey from activist to revolutionary, from prisoner to global symbol, and how he led South Africa to democracy from a prison cell. The image of Mandela walking free from prison after 27 years is one of the most iconic in history. It took a fierce political struggle and cultural battle to bring about his freedom, producing a global people-powered movement and an explosion of musical activism. With access to those who fought for his freedom and the people at the heart of the anti-apartheid movement, including some of the world's biggest music stars and hours of previously unseen material, this three-part series captures the extraordinary highs and lows of the biggest campaign to free a single prisoner in history. Three words that changed the world: Free Nelson Mandela.