



Weekly Bulletin

27th August 2026

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The Stewardship Team would like to highlight the following online event to support those congregations who prepare accruals accounts or are potentially moving towards doing so.



The Church of Scotland

Charities SORP 2026: Preparing for Change

A practical webinar on SORP 2026
changes for accruals accounts and
how your congregation can prepare

Stewardship and Finance Team
Thursday 17 September 2026
7:30pm-8:45pm on Zoom



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The new Charities SORP 2026 introduces significant changes to charity accounting and reporting for organisations preparing accruals accounts. (Please note that these changes do not apply to congregations preparing receipts and payments accounts.)

While the SORP introduces a number of technical accounting changes, its most significant message is that charities must do more to explain what they do, the difference they make, and how their resources support their mission. The new framework places greater emphasis on impact reporting, governance, sustainability and telling the charity's story through the Trustees' Annual Report.

The Stewardship Team is hosting a webinar to explore what the new requirements mean for Church of Scotland congregations and the steps trustees can take now to prepare. Emma Marshall, Deputy Treasurer, will be guiding us through a presentation and then taking questions.

What you'll learn

- How SORP 2026 affects your congregation and what the implementation timetable looks like.
- What the new reporting framework means in practice for congregations preparing accruals accounts.
- Which accounting changes trustees and treasurers need to be aware of.
- How to demonstrate the impact of your congregation's work more effectively.
- Ways to recognise the contribution of volunteers and other non-financial resources.
- Steps you can take now to make the transition smoother.

We will also explore how stronger reporting can support stewardship, strengthen funding applications and help congregations communicate their mission more effectively.

The session is primarily aimed at treasurers, session clerks and other trustees in congregations where accruals accounts are produced, but is open to anyone else with an interest in the topic.

Please register to attend here: [Charity SORP 2026 Webinar Registration - Eventbrite](#)

A recording of the webinar will be made available on YouTube shortly after the live event. All registered participants will receive that link and any related handouts.

If you need to get in touch with the stewardship team about this event or for stewardship related support, please email us at stewardship@churchofscotland.org.uk.

For the wider Stewardship and Finance Department, including the congregational finance team, please use the email address sfadmin@churchofscotland.org.uk.

Thank you for the time and care you commit to this work. It really is appreciated.

Kind regards
The Stewardship Team

Representative Elder Training

There are still some places available to those who are fairly new Representative Elders (or those that might like a refresh on what the role of the Rep Elder is!) Come and meet other fairly new Representative Elders and learn more over a cuppa.



The Presbytery Clerk, Rev Fiona Crawford, is leading this relaxed training session. It will be an opportunity to learn more about what Rep Elders do within Presbytery, the role they play in being a communication link between our churches and what is happening across Presbytery and also to ask questions.

This will take place on **Tuesday 8th September at 7pm** in the Presbytery Office. If you would like to book in to this training session, please book using the following link:

[Register for Representative Elder Training](#)

Please do sign up as soon as possible – we look forward to seeing you.

Property Roadshow!

Date for your diary – the Presbytery Property Stewardship Committee are holding two **Property Roadshows on 9th and 12th September 2026** for anyone who is involved in looking after the fabric of ecclesiastical buildings.

Invitations have been sent out to all churches so please do book your space. Over 40 people have booked in already – but it would be great to see as many of our churches represented as possible.



Please contact the Presbytery Buildings Officer, Mhairi MacLeod, for further information:
mhairi.macleod@churchofscotland.org.uk

Safeguarding Forums and Training Opportunities



Safeguarding Coordinator Forums

There are two opportunities for coordinators to meet online next week, please register using this link [Safeguarding Coordinator Conversation – Fill in form](#)

Safeguarding Training

There are several Safeguarding Trainings planned for the coming months. There is a focus on trustee safeguarding training currently, with two in-person introductory trainings. Please share and use the link below to book you space.

Trustee Training Dates:

- **Saturday 29 August** 10am Hamilton New (Trustee) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-hamilton-new-tickets-1992341749806?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Saturday 12 September** 10.30am Bo'ness (Trustee) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-boness-tickets-1992341908280?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Wednesday 30 September** 7pm Online (Trustee) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trustee-safeguarding-training-online-tickets-1998413812509?aff=oddtcreator>

Safeguarding Introductory Training Dates:

- **Monday 21 September** 7pm Upper Braes (Intro) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introductory-safeguarding-training-upper-braes-tickets-1998413467477?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Monday 2 November** 7pm EK Mossneuk (Intro) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introductory-safeguarding-training-east-kilbride-tickets-1998413994052?aff=oddtcreator>

Spiritual Care Forum



Some people have highlighted to us that the QR code doesn't seem to be working to sign up to this event on 16th September. The link below should work:

[Link to Register for Spiritual Care Forum](#)

Registration closes on 2nd September so there are still a few days left to register for what I am sure will be a very interesting and worthwhile conference.

The Michael Brawley Big Band - St Andrews Church Blantyre

St. Andrew's Church Blantyre is holding a charity event on **Friday 4th September at 7pm.**

Come along for an enjoyable evening of swing and varied musical genres performed by the fantastic Michael Brawley Big Band. The band is a non-profit making swing band which has raised in excess of £60,000 for well-meaning and worthy charities which have recently included:-

- Les Hoey Dream Maker Foundation
- The Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre
- St. Andrew's Hospice
- Glasgow Children's Charity



Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Church Membership Group or they can be purchased at the door on the night. Light refreshments will be included during the interval.

It would be lovely to see you at St. Andrew's Church, Church Street, Blantyre, G72 0NY to enjoy a great evening of live music and entertainment.

All God's Creatures

Grahamston United Church in Falkirk is having a short Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for our pets at 3pm on Sunday 6th September.

Come along if you are able – everyone is welcome.

Grahamston United Church
Bute Street, Falkirk FK2 7DH
SCO 16991

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Join us at 3pm on Sunday 6th of September.
Just come yourself or bring your pet and your memories. Everyone is welcome.

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Jonathan Veira Live!

The highly-acclaimed **LIVE** nationwide tour

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An uplifting, musical celebration – full of life, love and laughter!

"West End quality... the whole place was buzzing. Don't miss this amazing, amusing, moving and wonderfully exhilarating show!" ★★★★★

Saturday, 12th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Carluke and Law Church of Scotland
Station Road, Carluke, ML8 5AA

Adults: £15.00, Under 16s: £5.00
Tickets and enquiries: 07846 954663
office@carlukeandlawchurch.com

You are warmly invited to join us in Carluke and Law Church on **Saturday 12 September** for an evening with Jonathan Veira.

Jonathan is a well-known and very talented singer and musician with an amazing voice who sings in a broad range of styles.

At the start of the Covid lockdown he started streaming as "JV - Live from the Steinway Room". On the first night he played and sang alone and hundreds of people watched. Many of them have continued to join him each week on a Sunday evening as he sings a variety of songs - ballads, jazz standards, blues, spirituals, opera and of course Gospel songs.

If you would like to join us on 12 September 2026, tickets are available by phoning **07846 954663** or by sending an email to **office@carlukeandlawchurch.com**.
Adults £15; under-16s £5

Dalserf Community and Youth Choirs



If you enjoy singing there are opportunities to sing with Dalserf Community Choir which meet weekly on a Tuesday at Dalserf Parish Church.

If you know any children who are in P4 – P7 there is also a Youth Choir which rehearse at the Rorison Memorial Church in Dalserf on a Tuesday afternoon from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Do share this information for anyone nearby who would love to sing with other people, make friends and enjoy learning new songs!

