the presbytery of forth valley & clydesdale

Weekly Bulletin

19th November 2026

VACANCY LIST

Vacancies | The Church of Scotland

Local Vacancies

Take a look at our local charges looking for a minister:

Kirkmuirhill Parish Church Home Page
Calderglen Parish Church Calderglen Parish Church
South Calder Parish Church South Calder Parish Church

Vacancy – Assistant Clerk

The Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale is looking for an Assistant Clerk! Do pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested. Please note that the closing date for applications are Wednesday 25th November at 12noon:

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Session Clerk Conversations



Join Lorna and Scott for our Session Clerk Conversations focussing on Action Plans. There are two dates left to choose from, Monday 23rd November 1pm or Thursday 26th November 7pm.

Please register using this link Session Clerk Conversations – Fill in form

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Grant Funding Opportunity

New Cherish Scotland Grants available – deadline 19 January 2027
Thanks to an extension of the successful Cherish programme in Scotland, granted by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to help places of worship in Scotland remain open and in good repair, the National Churches Trust is delighted to have £100,000 to award to churches of any Christian denomination in Scotland for urgent repairs or project development work.

There are grants of up to £10,000 available and the deadline for applications is 10am, Tuesday 19 January 2027. This is likely to be a one-off grants round, with decisions made in March 2027. To find out more, including eligibility criteria or connecting with one of our Scotland Support Officers who can help offer guidance with your application, go to nationalchurchestrust.org/grants

Junior Church Raises Money for Christian Aid

In the lead up to Christmas - when the children's thoughts turn to lists and what gifts they would like to receive – the Junior Church at Motherwell North & Craigneuk have been thinking about giving to other children.

They decided to raise money to buy gifts from Christian Aid - they hoped to raise money to buy two "A space to learn and play" gifts which provide art sessions for children in Gaza - giving them "much needed respite from the trauma of war and the chance to just be children again".



The Junior Church organised a lunch after Sunday worship last week, serving rolls and sausage that the older young people made. They also sold handmade Christmas decorations. On the day, they raised £801, only £29 short of buying five of the gifts. A donor stepped in to donate the balance and five of the arts gifts have now been purchased.

Hopefully the Motherwell North & Craigneuk Junior Church fundraising story will encourage others to remember Christian Aid at this time.

Service of Hope and Remembrance
at Grahamston United in Falkirk
Sunday 22 November 3pm

A gentle opportunity to pause, remember those who have died, reflect on precious memories and find comfort and hope. Everyone is welcome.

Fundraising Concerts

Larkhall New are welcoming the Caledonian Fiddle Orchestra as an enjoyable evening of music and as a fundraising concert.

This takes place on Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. All very welcome.





Parkview Church Grangemouth welcome the Cooperation Band for a Christmas Concert on Sunday 6th December at 3pm featuring the Parkview Church Choir.

Tickets are £10. All very welcome.

St. Andrew's Church Blantyre

Christmas Concert with the Arietta Ladies Choir is on Friday 4th December at 7pm.



Come along for an excellent evening of song with enjoyable refreshments of tea/coffee and homebaking afterwards.
Arietta is a female voice choir of over 30 voices who are based in Hamilton Scotland and have been singing together since 2014.

Tickets cost £6 and are available from the Church Membershp Group or they can be purchased at the door on the night. It would be lovely to see you at St. Andrew's Church, Church Street, Blantyre, G72 0NY to enjoy a great evening of live entertainment.



World Aids Day Concert
Hamilton: St John's Parish Church

Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 7.30pm

We will be raising funds for Christian Aid

St Jonn's Parish Church, Hamilton are having a World Aids Day concert featuring the Heart and Soul Swing Band and in aid of Christian Aid. Entry is free and all are very welcome!

Hamilton: St John's Parish Church of Scotland, Registered Scottish Charity No SC008779



Join us for a joyful celebration filled with beautiful music, Christmas favourites and a warm festive atmosphere.

Christmas Concert

Burnbank Ministry Centre
(formerly Gilmour & Whitehill Church)

An evening of festive music and seasonal cheer hosted by the Lyndale Club with members of Hamilton Operatic and Dramatic Club under the musical direction of David Black

Free event - donations for programme optional
Everyone is warmly welcome.
We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!
Refreshments will be served in the hall after concert.

Hillbank Parish Church

The Lyndale Club are the hosts on Wednesday 2nd December when Hamilton Operatic and Dramatic Club Concert Party will lead our Christmas Concert Evening.

There is no set entrance cost. However, it would be lovely to receive donations for a Sing-a-long Programme.

Tea/Coffee will be served afterwards with a selection of Festive Sweet Treats.

Please accept our invitation which comes with the guarantee of leaving with a smile on your face and a song in your heart!