

EAST PERTSHIRE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
St. Ninian's, Alyth, St. Catharine's, Blairgowrie
St. Anne's, Coupar Angus; St. Michael and All Angels, Ballintuim

2nd MARCH, 2025

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

BURNS EXTRAVAGANZA held on 15th FEBRUARY at BLAIRGOWRIE HIGH SCHOOL

The Churches Social Group would like to thank all those who helped in any way to ensure that this event was such a great success. Over 40 from our congregations attended the evening with Jennifer Sommerville giving the reply to the "Toast to the Lassies", Douglas Wares delivering "The Immortal Memory" and Peter Hamilton most ably carrying out his role as MC. A traditional Burns Nicht meal was served followed by songs, recitations and dancing performed by Blair High School pupils. There was even time for attendees to "take the floor" when the evening was rounded off by the school's Ceilidh Band playing a variety of Scottish Dance tunes.

A very generous raffle also resulted in church funds benefitting to the tune of £150 so sincere thanks to those who donated so generously (David Cuthill)

On October 24th, 2024 **BISHOP IAN** attended an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE JOINT**

LIASON COMMITTEE. This committee represents the four linked churches and mainly manages the Rector's stipend and the Rectory. On this occasion, however, we discussed wide-ranging matters, including the future of our churches, the content of services, and recruiting and retaining the membership. We had a lively discussion!

Rev. Kim has asked me to place the minutes of this meeting in the black folder at the rear of St. Anne's Church, along with other vestry minutes. If anyone would like to have a copy, please contact me at Geoffrey.bridge@talk21.com (Geoffrey Bridge – Secretary to the JLC of ABC Churches)

"SAINTS ALIVE" - The Magazine of ABC Churches

Could we please urgently address the future of Saints Alive? We need to identify a Representative from each of the four churches and, most importantly, a person to serve as a central point of contact. This individual would gather articles and encourage, persuade, or gently coerce potential authors to contribute. Additionally, this person should possess some editorial skills to manage the content and assemble the magazine. The layout and design will be handled by an external agency. The printing is likely to be outsourced as well. Please contact me by the end of the month at the following email address if you are interested in helping keep the magazine alive. Email: Geoffrey.bridge@talk21.com

'TAKE TIME JUST TO BE'

Come to the MU Provincial Retreat, Tues.-Thurs. 8-10th April, 2025.

Theme : **Arts, Health & Spirituality** – a Trinity for Physical and Mental Well-being.

At St. Mary's Monastery, Hatton Road, Kinnoull, Perth. Leader **Revd. Lara Dose**

Rector of Holy Trinity, Dunfermline. Cost £235 per person full board.

For more information and online application form <https://muscotland.org.uk/Retreat.htm>

Further details from Margaret Linley.

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross, that, in the world to come, we may see him as he is; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen

Readings

Exodus 34 : 29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3 : 12-4.2

Luke 9 : 28-36 (37-43a)

Services

9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Catharine's

11.15 a.m. – Service of the Word – St. Anne's

11.15 a.m. - Eucharist – St. Ninian's

ASH WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH

10.30 a.m. – Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes – St. Catharine's

COLLECT

O Lord, watch over your household with constant love: that, supported by you alone, we may always stand firm in your protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen

Readings

Joel 2 : 1-2, 12-17 OR Isaiah 58 : 1-12

Psalm 51 : 1-17

2 Corinthians 5 : 20b-6:10

Matthew 6 : 1-6, 16-21

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Usual non-working day FRIDAY

Organist at St. Catharine's and St. Anne's Austin Wilkie

St. Catharine's Centre Coordinator: Julie Sinclair. Normal hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1.30-5.30 p.m. T. 01250 874583.

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Items for Pew Leaflet to Mrs. Margaret Linley by 5pm on Wednesday

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St. Ninian's SC 005907, St. Michael's SC 009176

We welcome visitors and newcomers to our Churches. If you are new to the area and/or Church and would like the church to have your contact details, please add your details below and give this to one of the Sidesmen

Note: All data is stored and used in compliance with GDPR

Name/s.....

Address.....

Email address

For **St. Catharine's**, please hand to Mrs. Sarah Gammell or email your details to

For **St. Anne's**, please hand to Mrs. Andrina Flatt or email your details to
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For St. Ninian's, please hand to Mrs. Carol Renwick or email your details to
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SUNDAY, 9th MARCH, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Services

9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Catharine's

11.15 a.m. –Eucharist – St. Anne's & St. Ninian's – ST. ANNE'S

Readings

Deuteronomy 26 : 1-11

Psalm 91 : 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10 : 8b-13

Luke 4 : 1-13

MEDITATION GROUP meets on Tuesday, 4th March at 10.45 a.m. at the home of Douglas Mowat (Littlewood, Littlewood Gardens, Blairgowrie)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 7th March – 11.00 a.m. – St. Ninian's

7.00 p.m. – St. Stephens, Blairgowrie

BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) the next meeting is 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th March at the home of Margaret Linley (Ivy Cottage, Whitelea Road, Burrelton)

FUND RAISING EVENT

After the great success of last year, David and Shuna Colville have very kindly agreed to hold the St. Anne's Tea Party again this year on a date to be confirmed in early August.

On the same day, and also at Blawearie, we are going to hold a fundraising sponsored walk, but with a difference. It is called the **Doddery Daunder**, and while all members of the congregation are very welcome to join in, you have to be 65 and over to earn the title of Official Doddery Daunderer. Daunderers will be completely free to choose their own distance to walk, or simply donate, so a light hearted approach to some genuine fund raising,. With the help of a small committee, Andrew is organising the walk, and details and what rules there will be, will be released over the next few months.

BLAIRGOWRIE INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ in partnership with local Soroptimist International Members warmly invites you for tea and cake in celebration of **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** on Sunday, 9th March 3-5 p.,m. in St. Catharine's Hall, George Street, Blairgowrie PH10 6EY Everyone is welcome