

# News from St. Fillan's

## March 2023



Our **900<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations** have been a great success, with the live broadcast of BBC's 'Any Questions?' and the visit by John Bell of the Iona Community. The next event is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - a talk by Simon Taylor entitled 'Who was St Fillan?' with the Aberdour Medieval Singers, then on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 'Sing It' and the Dysart (community development) Silver Band – both held in the church. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland – Iain Greenshields will be leading a service of celebration at St Fillan's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Due to ill health, our **Minister** will demit from the charge of St Fillan's, Aberdour on 31<sup>st</sup> March, we wish Peter and Agata every happiness for their future. **Alan Monk** who has been our interim moderator is to become Interim Moderator of Inverkeithing and North Queensferry, we wish him well. He is to be replaced by Fergus Duncan.

We continue to enjoy the variety in our **Services**. We especially thank our own worship group and Rev Chris Shreeve. Chris will take the **communion service** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – all are welcome.

The **Historic Churches Working Group** visited St Fillan's, they will present their initial report to Presbytery in June. We are hopeful that the proposed closure of St Fillan's will be reversed.

As part of the **Fife Presbytery Mission Plan**, St Fillan's is to be in a **Cluster** with Dalgety, Inverkeithing I/w North Queensferry and Rosyth churches. Discussions are ongoing but there will be challenges ahead. Colin Alston retired from Inverkeithing I/w North Queensferry at the end of January and Brian Dobby and Christine Sime are both due to retire from Rosyth and Dalgety churches soon. Andrea Fraser, minister in training will be ordained as an Associate Minister with responsibilities for Inverkeithing and North Queensferry.

Our monthly **Coffee & Scones** has been a success, it is on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Hall between 10:30am and 12:00 noon. The **Christian Aid** coffee morning will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The St Fillan's **Facebook page** is well used by the community, it gives up-to-date news on the church, this is in addition to the **website**

<https://www.stfillanschurch.org.uk/>