

News from St. Fillan's October 2022



We are slowly getting back to normal, we had our first St Fillan's **coffee morning** for nearly 3 years and the **Sale of Work** will be on 19th November.

The **minister** is still off on long term sick. We are enjoying **Services** being led by a variety of retired ministers, lay readers and our own worship group.

There will be a **communion service** on Sunday 16th October led by Rev Chris Shreeve – all welcome.

After discussion it was agreed that services on the **last Sunday in the month** will no longer be held in the Church Hall, but will be held in the church, **tea and coffee** will be available, the first one was a great success. The service on **Remembrance Sunday** will be held in the hall.

Also it was agreed that **evening services** on the first Sunday in the month will be suspended due to the dark nights until at least spring 2023.

The second draft of the Fife Presbytery proposed changes (including the **proposed closure of St Fillan's** church) were passed at Presbytery, our objections were made known.

Historic Churches Working Group is to look at the churches facing closure and are grade 'A' listed, they will visit St Fillan's later this month and talk about how the church can be used more. It will take about a year for them to reach a decision. We are hopeful that we will be reprieved.

As part of the changes, St Fillan's is to be in a **Cluster/ Area/ Grouping** with Dalgety, Inverkeithing, North Queensferry and Rosyth churches. Meetings are continuing to take place between treasurers, property conveners etc.

Next year will be the **church's 900th anniversary**, it may be the oldest church in Scotland! Plans are underway on how to celebrate it, they include the church hosting Radio 4's Any Questions, a service led by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and a Big Sing by John Bell of the Iona community.

St Fillan's now has a **Facebook page** which gives up-to-date news on the church, this is in addition to the website <https://www.stfillanschurch.org.uk/>

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