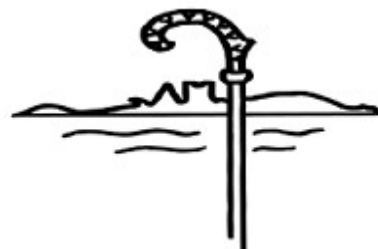


News from St. Fillan's

June 2023



Our **900th anniversary celebrations** have continued to be a great success with a variety of events. Some of the recent highlights were a talk by Simon Taylor entitled 'Who was St Fillan?', another was a service of celebration led by Rev Iain Greenshields the Moderator of the Church of Scotland. Some of the up coming highlights will be; the Festival **Songs of Praise** is to be held in St Fillan's this year on 6th August, the **Aberdour Players** performing in the church on 25th & 26th August and the **Inchcolm Pilgrimage** on 3rd September, sailing from Aberdour on the Maid of the Forth – it is also Inchcolm Abbey's 900th Anniversary.

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 18th June – all are welcome.

The **Historic Churches Working Group**, who looked at the 'A' listed churches under threat of closure, including St Fillan's will be reporting to Fife Presbytery on 17th June.

As part of the **Fife Presbytery Mission Plan**, St Fillan's is to be joined with Dalgety, Inverkeithing, North Queensferry and Rosyth churches. This will involve a new way of working but it presents new opportunities. One of the 'difficult' decisions was deciding a name, they have chosen "Forthview Parish". A draft Basis of Union and Team Ministry have been drawn up and will have to be agreed by all five churches. St Fillan's will be looking at this in more detail and voting, probably at a Sunday Service in August. Only members and adherents of St Fillan's who are present on the day will be allowed to vote. Once agreed, the five churches (the new Forthview Parish) will be able to call 3 full time equivalent Ministries which could include Minister(s) of Word & Sacrament and optionally a Deacon, a Reader or a Youth Worker as part of an Area Team Ministry.

Our monthly **Coffee & Scones** has been a success, it is held on the first Thursday of each month in the Church Hall between 10:30am and 12:00 noon.

The **Christian Aid** coffee morning was a great success, it raised £1,730.

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/>