

News from St. Fillan's October 2023



It has been agreed by all five churches and Presbytery, that all five churches; St Fillan's Aberdour, Dalgety, Inverkeithing, North Queensferry and Rosyth churches will join to form **Fife: Forthview-Parish Church**. This will come into effect on 1st January 2024. We do not know exactly what it will entail but we can move forward in faith.

All five churches will remain as places of worship, at least initially. All five kirk sessions will be combined into one. The funds will be combined into one bank account (funds can still be restricted to an individual church). The union will create one charity. The group will be able to call three ministers – we will share one with Dalgety church, they will work as a team and will be on renewable tenure after 7 years. Depending on the needs of the ministers, St Fillan's manse will be retained.

Our **900th anniversary celebrations** have continued to be a great success with a variety of events. Some of the recent highlights were the Festival Songs of Praise, Aberdour Players performing Everyman, the Inchcolm Pilgrimage and the Doors Open Days. The next event is the **East Fife Male Voice Choir** on Friday 27th October at 7pm.

There is a **Christian Aid Concert** at Dalgety church on Saturday 21st October at 2pm.

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 22nd October – all are welcome.

The annual **Sale of Work** is on 18th November.

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.

One of the things that visitors comment on are the **flowers in the church**. If you would like to join the rota. maybe on a date to commemorate a special occasion, please see Catherine Duncan. All you need to do it put some flowers in a vase - fancy arrangements are not required.

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/>