



Trinity Parish Church

Reg. Charity No. SC001020

Service times: Chapelton 9.30am,
Glassford 10.00am & Strathaven 11.00am

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Mr Robin Jack (Elder)
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Mrs Julie Robertson



Welcome to Worship

15 March 2026

We are delighted to welcome everyone worshipping with us this morning - especially if you are new or visiting our Congregation.

WELCOME

Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1-13;
Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41

Please come round to the
hall after the
service for tea, coffee and
fellowship

PREACHING: Julie will be at Chapelton and Strathaven and Valerie will be Glassford

MINUTE FOR MISSION THIS WEEK: Messy Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday Schools take place following the children's address

AN ACTIVITY FOR OUR YOUNGER ONES: How would you like to colour in the picture on the front page. There are crayons in a basket at the front door of the Church.



DATES:

PREACHING ROTA:

22nd MARCH:

Shaw will be at Chapelton and Strathaven and Julie will be at Glassford

19th March:

Boys Brigade family quiz night

24th March:

Guild meeting

25th March:

Memory Club

28th March:

Evening with Gary Brough

29th March:

Palm Sunday toasts and Scavenger Hunt

10th - 16th May:

Christian Aid week

WORSHIP LEADER & YOUTH WORKER:

Julie Robertson,
07544 249324
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NEWS/UPDATES:



BOYS BRIGADE FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT: Why not try to beat our boys in the BB Scottish Regional Masterteam Quiz? In Strathaven on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 6.30 p.m. Cost is £5 per person inclusive of tea/coffee/soft drink and home baking with all proceeds going towards the Norway camp fund for our BB Company. Donations of any home baking and tombola prizes would be appreciated.

GUILD: The final meeting of this session will be held on Tuesday 24th March in Strathaven at 2.00 pm. This is the annual business meeting and an opportunity to share ideas for next session and to join the committee. Help is also needed to operate the hymn machine—please speak to Ishbel Anderson if you can assist. The meeting will begin with musical bingo featuring music from the 1950s and 60s. An outing to Peebles has been arranged for Tuesday 12th May. The accessible coach will leave Station Road, Strathaven at 10.30 am and depart Peebles at 4.00 pm. The cost is £10 (non-refundable) and is open to members and non-members. Please give names and payment to Morag McKay. Transport to Guild meetings is available on the Community bus. To book a seat, contact Marjorie Lamb on 07872 050305.

MEMORY CLUB: Our next meeting will be Wednesday 25th March from 1.30pm to 3.15pm.

MALAWI: An evening with Gary Brough the Presbytery's Mission Partner (due to step down from that role this spring) on Saturday 28th March at 7.00pm in Chapelton. Gary visited us 18 months ago just after Shaw had returned from his trip to Malawi and shared some of the things they had shared during that visit. This will be a good opportunity to ask Gary about how a Twinning relationship between a Church in Scotland and a village in Africa works out in practice. Please come along and learn more about the Church's work in Malawi.

PALM SUNDAY CHEESE TOASTIES INVITATION: Everyone is warmly invited to join us for cheese toasties after the church service on Palm Sunday, 29th March, from 12:00 pm in the Large Hall, Strathaven. Come along for a relaxed time of fellowship, conversation, and freshly made toasties. All are welcome — we hope to see you there!

PALM SUNDAY SCAVENGER HUNT: Join us for a Palm Sunday Scavenger Hunt on Sunday 29th March! The hunt will leave from the Strathaven Large Hall at 1:00 pm. Before setting off, grab a cheese toastie for some sustenance and get ready for a fun afternoon of exploring and teamwork. All participants should return to the hall by 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome — come along and join the adventure!

WEBSITE: You can now find the Sunday intimations sheet on the church website. It will change every Thursday. It contains a lot of information about what is happening in the church. This also applies to the New Connections. The website is www.strathaventinity.co.uk

BIBLE READERS: The reading rota from January to June 2026 has been distributed. Please consider volunteering and contact Ruth (church secretary) to be added to the list.



NEWS/UPDATES:

CHRISTIAN AID: Christian Aid Week is being held from 10 -16th May this year. To take forward plans for fund raising, some volunteers (from all 3 buildings) are needed to help with planning and arrangements. If you would like to be involved or have any suggestions or ideas, please contact the church office at strathaventrinity@gmail.com or Caroline Leggate (tel 07968256319 or email leggates1996@gmail.com).

This year the cryptic Quiz to raise funds for Christian Aid is based on answers being a sport or a game. The quiz will be available from Sunday 22nd March - in Strathaven from Ishbel Anderson, in Chapelton from Caroline Leggate and from Margaret Macdonald in Glassford. As in previous years there will be a small prize for the winning entry and this will be drawn on Sunday 17th May after the service in the hall in Strathaven.

MEMORY TREE: Please see the article in this months New Connection regarding the Memory Tree. If you wish to order engraved leaves, please return the completed order form to the office. Additional order forms are available at the entrance to each church.

LOAVES AND FISHES: In this current time of difficulty for so many families, please continue to support Loaves and Fishes by donating food items on a Sunday morning. The charity supports families in East Kilbride and Strathaven and is so appreciative of our donations. They are specifically looking for the following items: Pasta, pasta sauce, pot noodles, micro-wave rice and coffee and bags. **WE ARE NOT COLLECTING EGG BOXES ANY MORE.**



PASTORAL CARE: If you know anyone in your district who would benefit from a visit, please email the office at strathaventrinity@gmail.com to add them to the list.

CITIZENS ADVICE: is available on **Tuesdays from 9:45am - 1pm** in the vestry at Trinity. We can offer help and advice on a wide range of issues. If you would like an appointment, please call 07592-995152 and leave a message.

KEEP FIT: Class meets regularly on **Mondays** in the small downstairs hall of our Strathaven buildings, from **7-8pm**. Exercises are designed to maintain fitness, so not dynamic. We do a lot of laughing so the hour goes quickly. All to the beat of some great 60s music classics.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP: The men's group meets in the small upstairs hall on **Wednesday mornings between 10.30am until 12 noon** for coffee/tea biscuits and a chat. Come and go for part or all of the time as suits you.

LIFTS TO CHURCH: If you or anyone you know is needing a lift to church, please email the office at strathaventrinity@gmail.com.

BIGGER PICTURE for Academy pupils is on **Mondays and Fridays at lunchtime**. Academy pupils are welcome to come along to the church hall for a hot chocolate and biscuits (and a toastie, if they wish) while eating their lunch, or watching cartoons on the big screen. Please let as many as possible know about the hall being open – it's a dry and warm place to have lunch. If anyone would like to volunteer to help on a Monday and/or Friday, please come along or speak to Cillia or the minister.

TRINITY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: in Glassford Church Hall meets on Thursdays 3-4pm. All primary aged children welcome.

TRINITY TODDLERS: meets 10m -11.30am Mondays in Strathaven and Wednesdays in Chapelton.



BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY: Anyone wishing for more information about joining Trinity (which includes Chapelton, Glassford and Strathaven) should speak to the minister for more information. Membership classes will be starting soon.



CHURCH WEBSITE: Please check out our website at www.strathaventrinity.co.uk

Our website provides a great opportunity to spread the word about activities and events happening with the wider community. So, if you would like to add information or pictures to the website, please contact:

Donald Cunningham at Don.westcoast@mac.com or
Ishbel Anderson at ishbelanderson2012@gmail.com

SMARTIES: Please remember to fill your empty Smarties tubes with 20 pences to help us fund the training of a nurse at the Women's Christian Hospital in Multan, Pakistan. Alternatively please contact the office if you wish to make a direct donation.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 9.15 - 11.45am, during term time.
Email address: strathaventrinity@gmail.com



INTIMATIONS: All intimations for the next week should be forwarded to Ruth in the office by Tuesday evening each week please.
Email: strathaventrinity@gmail.com

LIVE STREAMING: Our Strathaven services are live-streamed (and available as a recording later). It is only the chancel area and first two pews that are in sight of the camera. Parents, in particular, should be aware that if they do not wish their child to be visible 'on-line' then they should ensure they sit a couple of pews from the front.

Lectionary Readings 22nd March:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Please complete below if you are new or are interested in 'joining' this congregation; and to inform the Minister of any illnesses (at home or in hospital):

Name:

Address: