

**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](http://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](mailto:Don.westcoast@mac.com) or Ishbel Anderson at [ishbelanderson2012@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> March:**

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

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:



## Trinity Parish Church

Reg. Charity No. SC001020

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

**Minister: The Very Reverend Dr Shaw J Paterson**  
Email: [spaterson@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:spaterson@churchofscotland.org.uk)

<p><b>Pastoral Assistant:</b> <b>The Rev Norman McKee</b> Email: <a href="mailto:nor-manmckee946@btinternet.com">nor-manmckee946@btinternet.com</a> Tel: 01698 827358</p>	<p><b>WORSHIP TEAM:</b> Mr Robin Jack (Elder) Mrs Valerie Maclean (Elder) Mrs Julie Robertson</p>
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**Welcome to Worship**

**8 March 2026**

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



**Lectionary Readings:**

Exodus 17:1-7;  
Psalm 95;  
Romans 5:1-11;  
John 4:5-42

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

**PREACHING:** Shaw will be at Chapelton and Strathaven and Norman will be at Glassford.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION THIS WEEK:** The Choir

**COMMUNION:** Will be celebrated in Chapelton and Strathaven today. In Strathaven, Communion will only be served downstairs – not in the Gallery.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday Schools take place throughout the service in Chapelton and Strathaven, and after the children's address in Glassford.

**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: 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH:

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

### TODAY - 8<sup>th</sup> March:

- Pizza and Praise
- Stated Annual Meeting

### 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March:

Shaw on holiday

### 10<sup>th</sup> March:

Guild Meeting

### 11<sup>th</sup> March:

Memory Club

### 13<sup>th</sup> March:

Messy Church

### 18<sup>th</sup> March:

Heart for Art

### 28<sup>th</sup> March:

Evening with Gary Brough

### 29<sup>th</sup> March:

Palm Sunday toasties and Scavenger Hunt

### 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May:

Christian Aid week

### WORSHIP LEADER & YOUTH WORKER:

Julie Robertson,  
07544 249324  
jrobertson@churchofscotland.org.uk

## NEWS/UPDATES:

**TODAY - STATED ANNUAL MEETING:** The meeting will be held **today after the service** over a cup of tea or coffee in the large hall. We especially encourage members from the villages to join those already in Strathaven for the meeting which will start at 12.15pm.

The main purpose of the meeting is to receive the accounts for 2025.

**TONIGHT - PIZZA AND PRAISE:** An evening of fellowship, flavour, and faith. 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Strathaven.

**HOLIDAYS:** The minister will be on holiday from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**GUILD:** Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm in Strathaven, with a speaker from the Guild Project, Operation Hope (Egypt). An outing to Peebles is planned for Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May; the accessible coach leaves Station Road, Strathaven at 10.30 am and returns from Peebles at 4.00 pm. Cost is £10 (non-refundable), open to members and non-members — please give names and payment to Morag McKay. For Community Bus transport to meetings, contact Marjorie Lamb on 07872 050305.



**MEMORY CLUB:** March Meetings: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March both at 1.30pm to 3.15pm.

**MESSY CHURCH:** Takes place in Chapelton on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This includes a light meal. If you would like to volunteer to join our Messy Church team, please let Julie know.

**HEART FOR ART:** Next meeting takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm to 3pm.

**MALAWI:** An evening with Gary Brough the Presbytery's Mission Partner (due to step down from that role this spring) on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## NEWS/UPDATES:

**CHRISTIAN AID:** Christian Aid Week is being held from 10 -16 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).

**MEMORY TREE:** Please see the article in this month's 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.

**ADHERENTS AT STRATHAVEN TRINITY:** In the Church of Scotland, an adherent is someone who is not a church member but who regularly attends worship, identifies with the life and work of the congregation, and wishes to be connected to our church community. Adherents may participate and vote in certain congregational meetings. There is no formal ceremony or profession of faith required. Each Kirk Session keeps an Adherents' Roll, and congregations have recently been asked to review and update these records so they reflect everyone who considers this their spiritual home. If you wish to be included, please inform the minister or session clerk.

**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, microwave rice and coffee and bags. **WE ARE NOT COLLECTING EGG BOXES ANY MORE.**

**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.

