



Trinity Parish Church

Reg. Charity No. SC001020

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

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Mrs Valerie
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Mrs Julie Robertson



Welcome to Worship

29 March 2026

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

Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29;
Matthew 21:1-11;
Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 26:14-27:66; Or
Matthew 27:11-54

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

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION THIS WEEK: Citizens Advice

NEW HYMN: You Shall go out with Joy

BAPTISM: This morning we will welcome LANDO PULLICINO McDOWELL who will be baptised during our Strathaven service.

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:

5th April:

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

Today:

- Palm Sunday toasties and Scavenger Hunt

1st & 15th April:

Heart for Art

3rd April:

Good Friday Day of Prayer

8th & 22nd April:

Memory Club

10th - 16th May:

Christian Aid week

12 May:

Guild outing

WORSHIP LEADER & YOUTH WORKER:

Julie Robertson,
07544 249324
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NEWS/UPDATES:

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Subject to confirmation, this year's Holy Week services will be at the following locations at 7.00pm:

Monday - Avendale Church; Tuesday - Trinity (Chapelton Church); Wednesday - Evangelical Church; Thursday - Trinity (Glassford Church) Friday - Trinity (Strathaven Church)

PALM SUNDAY ACTIVITIES: Everyone is warmly invited to join us **TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE** in the **Large Hall, Strathaven** for a time of fellowship and fun. Enjoy freshly made cheese toasties after the church service from **12:00 pm**, then stay for a **Scavenger Hunt** starting at **1:00 pm**. Come along for an afternoon of conversation, exploration, and teamwork, with all participants returning to the hall by **3:00 pm**. All are welcome—we hope to see you there!

RESURRECTION CROSSES: Our Resurrection Crosses will be in the Vestibules of the Churches **TODAY**. On Easter Sunday, please bring with you a flower to put through the mesh on the cross, so that as the congregation arrives it will be transforming into a flower filled cross - our Resurrection Cross. The flowers you bring can be from your garden, from an arrangement at home, or bought for the occasion. They can represent our belief in the Resurrection and can be our way of remembering a loved one, while giving thanks to God for what happened at Easter.

HEART FOR ART GROUP: The group will meet on Wed 1st April and Wed 15th April, both meetings at 1 to 3pm.

At the moment we have availability to welcome one new member.

DAY OF PRAYER: Avendale and Drumclog Church will be hosting a Day of Prayer on Good Friday from 10.30am until 1pm, with prayers, readings and the opportunity to reflect, light a candle or lay your concerns at the foot of the Cross. This is an event for the whole community and if you would like to lead one of the prayers/readings please speak to Shaw.

MEMORY CLUB: The club meets on Wed 8th April when the Home Street Band return to entertain us and on Wed 22nd April when we welcome back the Harpists. Both meetings at 1.30 to 3.15.

For more information on either group please contact Lynda Horn on 07778579504.

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).

GUILD: The final meeting of the session was held on Tuesday 24th March, beginning with a game of musical bingo followed by the Annual Business Meeting. The office bearers continuing from September 2026 are: President – Elizabeth McGowan; Treasurer – Morag McKay; Secretary – Ishbel Anderson; with committee members Alice White, Marjorie Lamb, Helen McNeil, Nancy Fleming and Lalita Mishra. An outing to Peebles has been arranged for **Tuesday 12 May**. More details to follow.

NEWS/UPDATES:



CHRISTIAN AID CONTINUED... 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.

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.strathaventrinity.co.uk

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.**

MEMORY TREE: A reminder regarding our Memory Tree. We would like to put in the order to purchase the tree as soon as possible, should you wish your leaf to appear at the same time as the tree is installed, please contact the secretary as soon as possible to place an order. More information in the last (March) edition of New Connections.

Families and individuals will be able to commemorate a loved one by adding a **copper leaf**, engraved with a short inscription. Each leaf costs **£50.00**, which includes the engraving, and will then be added permanently to the tree. Order forms are available from the office or at the entrance of each church.

OFFERING: In addition to bank transfer, electronic offerings can be made using the link <https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/donate/?cong=171167> or via the QR code



KEEP FIT: Keep Fit is off for the next two weeks. (Holy Week and Easter Monday)

FAIRTRADE: Strathaven stall will be open on Easter Sunday
Glassford stall will be open on the following dates: 12th April, 10th May and 14th June.

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. **We will be off 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd April for school holidays and annual leave.**

TRINITY TODDLERS: meets 10m -11.30am Mondays in Strathaven and Wednesdays in Chapelton. **Toddlers will be off 6th, 8th, 13th and 15th April.**
Holiday club will run on Mondays (6th and 13th) from 10am-12pm. If you can volunteer, please let Julie know.

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 5th April - Easter Sunday:

Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

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: