



# Trinity Parish Church

Reg. Charity No. SC001020

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

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**WORSHIP TEAM:**

Mr Robin Jack (Elder)

Mrs Valerie

Maclean (Elder)

Mrs Julie Robertson



**26 April 2026**

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

**WELCOME!**

**Lectionary Readings:**

Acts 2:42-47;  
Psalm 23;  
1 Peter 2:19-25;  
John 10:1-10

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



## DATES:

### Today:

Service of Union

### Preaching Rota -

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> May:

Shaw will be at all three churches

### New Hymn - 3 May:

Come, now is the time to worship -

<https://youtu.be/USQn4lUmS20?si=Uwm1Wq6uOJOv8puQ>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> May:

- Chapelton Breakfast (Christian Aid)
- Pizza and Praise

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

Christian Aid week

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

Glassford Communion

### 12 May:

Guild outing

### 17<sup>th</sup> May:

Glassford soup brunch (Christian Aid)

## WORSHIP LEADER & YOUTH WORKER:

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## NEWS/UPDATES:

### PREACHING:

Robin will be at Chapelton, Shaw will be at Strathaven and Valerie will be in Glassford

### MINUTE FOR MISSION THIS WEEK: Christian Aid

### NEW HYMN: My Jesus, My Saviour

### SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School resumes today in all three churches and takes place following the children's address.

### AN ACTIVITY FOR OUR YOUNGER ONES:

There are crayons in a basket at the front door of the Church if you would like to colour in the picture on the front.

### WEBSITE: Please hover your camera over the QR code.

This will take you directly to our 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](http://www.strathaventrinity.co.uk)



### TODAY—SERVICE OF UNION:

At 3pm this afternoon Shaw, assisted by Norman, is leading the service of union of Cairnryffe Parish Church and Douglas Valley Parish Church forming Clydesdale Trinity Parish Church of Scotland.

This will take place in St Brides Church Building, Douglas ML11 0RB and is open to anyone who may wish to attend.

### SAFEGUARDING:

Some individuals remain registered with PVG but are no longer volunteering in the Church. Please note it is illegal to stay registered with Disclosure Scotland if you are not undertaking a regulated role. If you no longer work with children or protected adults, you must inform Disclosure Scotland and complete an SG22 form for Church of Scotland Safeguarding.

Please contact Ruby Davidson for the form or further information.



### CHRISTIAN AID:

Christian Aid Week is being held from 10 - 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:strathaventrinity@gmail.com) or Caroline Leggate (tel 07968256319 or email [leggates1996@gmail.com](mailto:leggates1996@gmail.com)).

Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed with the **May edition of New Connections**. During May, please return your envelopes to the church as soon as possible by either putting them in the CA buckets which will be placed at the front of each church, or giving them to the office or put them through the letterbox at the manse (behind the storm door).

## NEWS/UPDATES:

### Christian Aid fund raising activities:

- Cryptic quiz: Available from Ishbel Anderson, in Chapelton from Caroline Leggate and from Margaret Macdonald in Glassford.
- Boys Brigade quiz sheets will be available from **today**. £1 donation to enter
- Chapelton will be hosting a breakfast on **3<sup>rd</sup> May** after the service
- Glassford will be having a soup brunch on **17<sup>th</sup> May** after the service

If you would like to make a direct donation, please use the church account: Strathaven: Trinity Parish Church, Bank of Scotland, 800975, 00766031 and put Christian Aid as reference.

**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:** 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. To order plaques, please contact the office.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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



**FAIRTRADE:** Glassford stall will be open on the following dates: 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.

**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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> May:**

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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: