



Trinity Parish Church

Reg. Charity No. SC001020

Service times: Chapelton 9.30am & Strathaven 11.00am

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20th September
2026

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



Lectionary
Readings:

Exodus 16:2-15;
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Jonah 3:10-4:11;
Psalm 145:1-8;
Philippians 1:21-30;
Matthew 20:1-16



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



SCAN ME FOR THE WEBSITE

DATES:

22nd September:

- Guild
- Kirk Session in Strathaven

23rd September:

Memory Club

26th September:

Heart for Art exhibition in Chapelton

3rd October:

- Heart for Art exhibition in Strathaven
- Messy Church in Chapelton

4th October:

Harvest Thanksgiving service

9th October:

Concert by Studio 32 – Songs from the Musicals

YOUTH WORKER:

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NEWS/UPDATES:

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Heart for Art

A reminder for Minute for Mission: please could you send your M4M talk to the church secretary during the course of the week prior to your slot so that it can be distributed to the other church to be read out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School 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.



SCAM WARNING: The Church of Scotland has been made aware of fake websites promoting a Church of Scotland fundraising lottery, including websites pretending to represent individual churches. These sites can look very professional but are not connected to the Church of Scotland.

One warning sign is a web address spelling *Scotland* with two 'c's. Please note: The Church of Scotland does not run a fundraising lottery. If you have concerns, please contact the Church's Law Department at LAWDEPT@churchofscotland.org.uk. Anyone who has given money to this scam should contact Police Scotland.

GUILD: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 2.00 pm in the large hall in Strathaven. We look forward to hearing from Siné Macdonald from Kilbryde Hospice who will let us know about Compassionate Communities.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning members – men and women. If you need transport, please contact Marjorie Lamb on 07872050305 to reserve a seat on the Avondale Community bus.

On Friday 9th October our annual concert will be held and we look forward to an entertaining evening when Studio 32 will perform Songs from the Musicals. Tickets are on sale now from committee members, church office and Craig's in the Common Green.

KIRK SESSION MEETING: The Kirk Session meeting will be held in Strathaven on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30 pm.

MEMORY CLUB: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd Sept we welcome the Bunk house Country and Western Club who will entertain us with some line dancing.

Please put in your diaries the flower festival and art exhibition at Chapelton on **26th September** and the art exhibition in **Strathaven on 3rd October** which will showcase the beautiful work that our artists have produced. More information can be found in the September edition of New Connections.

MESSY CHURCH: Messy Church meets monthly in Chapelton on the 1st Saturday of the Month from 10:30-12:30. Next meeting is **Saturday 3rd October**.

NEWS/UPDATES:

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.

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



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.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Is at 10am every Sunday before the Strathaven service.

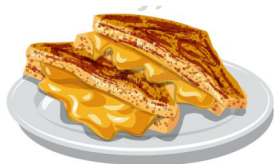
LADIES CRAFTING: Takes place on Wednesdays 1:30pm – 3:30pm in Chapelton

LADIES BADMINTON: Takes place every Wednesday morning in Strathaven 10am to 12 noon.

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.

EVENING BADMINTON: Hopes to restart this month! Takes place Wednesday evenings 7:30pm – 9:00pm in Strathaven. Contact the office for more information if you wish to join.

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.



BIGGER PICTURE for Academy pupils is on **Mondays and Fridays at lunchtime**. come along to the church hall for a hot chocolate and a toastie while eating their lunch. 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: Meets weekly in Glassford Church Hall on Thursday afternoons and in Chapelton hall on Monday afternoons. Both sessions will be from 3-4pm. All primary school 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 and Strathaven) should speak to the minister for more information.



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 27th September:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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: