

# Edenshead Parish Church Newsletter - February 2024

Dear Friends,

I write this on the last day of January and we're told there's another storm coming. The gospel proverbs in Mark and Luke describe a storm over Lake Galilee in which the disciples were caught by surprise and panicked; In common with a lot of people in trouble they cried out and asked (God) why. The people around Muchty & Strath who've suffered recent storm damage know too keenly the effects of a storm in our lives. Our homes are absolutely visceral to the security and comfort of our human condition - something which two million people in Gaza know all about.

How many times have human beings - whether people of faith or none cried to the heavens saying 'Where was God when this disaster struck in my life? We don't need a meteorological disaster to know what terror and want feel like. These come in other ways; the death of a dear one, devastating illness, unemployment, financial ruin, mental ill health, betrayal, disappointment and more. I am not surprised when some people report losing their faith. Psychological trauma is devastating.

I believe as a *Church family* we can offer resilience for when storms hit our people, our community. A culture of condemnation and blame is rife in modern society which have their time and place. But a church family understands (not easily, because we work hard to understand) that the power we call God, the force which created everything, exists in a far bigger picture frame: There is no storm on earth or in heaven that puts us beyond the love and reach of such loving creativity, forgiveness, healing and hope.

Your Interim Moderator,

**Jane**

Rev Jane Barron

## **Easter Worship around Eden Tay Cluster**

**28 Maundy Thursday** - Choice of three venues and times

2.30pm Kettle Church with Communion

7.00pm Falkland with Communion – Edenshead invited

7.00pm Lindores (Newburgh Church) with Communion

**29 Good Friday**

9am Service in Falkland Palace Royal Chapel

Followed by a Pilgrims' Walk

**Saturday 24 February**

**Pancakes and Cream**

**Coffee Morning**

**Church Hall,**

**Auchtermuchty**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Sales Table & Raffle**

**Strathmiglo Church**

**Memories Exhibition**

**Saturday 16 &**

**Sunday 17 March**

**Open 1 -4pm**

**Free entry and**

**Tea/coffee available**

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All Edenshead services are recorded on video and can be seen on our YouTube channel – Edenshead Church. Or you can find them on the church website.

## **Cluster Update**

In the last newsletter it seemed as if we were making good progress with agreeing the Basis of Union which sets out the detail of how the new Eden Tay Parish Church would come into being.

Recently progress has been rather slow because every time a change is made, each of the five Kirk Sessions has to meet to discuss and send the decision back.

Hopefully in the coming months, the Basis of Union can proceed to full approval, and we can finally become Eden Tay Parish Church. It has taken much longer than we thought to get to this point, but perhaps some things are worth waiting for...

As a cluster, more joint worship and activities will be planned so that we continue to get to know each other better. That can only be a good thing so do join in when you can.

Elders will continue to meet together, and the Session Clerks, Treasurers and Property teams will meet in their work groups to discuss how to bring each part of five different churches into a cohesive single Kirk Session.

As well as the "mechanics" of pulling it all together, most importantly we will begin the process of drawing up a Parish Profile. This is the first step in advertising to find a new minister for the new parish.

## **Strathmiglo Church**

The sale of Strathmiglo Church has now reached the point where it will very soon be on the market. The draft Brochure has been drawn up by the offices at Church of Scotland in Edinburgh and once it is all finalised, it will "go live" on the Church of Scotland website. Worship will continue in the building until such time as a sale is agreed.

There are lots of memories surrounding this part of Strathmiglo's history and it is hoped to have some events to celebrate this. The first is planned for the weekend of 16 and 17 March with the church open both afternoons. If you would like to share memories or photos or stories, please contact Joan Arnott on 01337 860285.

<b>February</b>		
Sun 4	10.30am	Worship – Strathmiglo Church Led by Liz Robertson.
	2.00pm	Worship at Strathview Care Home - All welcome
Sun 11	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church Led by Ian Macaulay
Sun 18	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church Led by Elspeth Smith
Sat 24	10-12	Pancakes and Cream Coffee Morning
Sun 25	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church Led by Kay & Rod McCall
Mon 26	7.00pm	Kirk Session meeting in Session House Auchtermuchty.
<b>March</b>		
Sun 3	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church A Joint Cluster event with all our neighbours.
	2.00pm	Worship at Strathview Care Home with Ian Macaulay - All welcome
Sun 10	10.30am	Worship – Auchtermuchty Church Led by Kay & Rod McCall
Sat 16 Sun 17	1-4pm	Strathmiglo Church Open Days – Exhibition of Memories - events and people over the years of Strathmiglo Church. Refreshments available.
Sun 17	10.30am	Worship – Strathmiglo Church Led by Liz Robertson.
Sun 24	10.30am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> – Worship led by Worship Group
Fri 29	7.00pm	<b>Good Friday</b> – Strathmiglo Church
Sun 31	7.00am	<b>Easter Sunrise</b> service at Pitmedden car park followed by breakfast in the church hall.
	10.30am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Worship – Auchtermuchty Church. Led by Kay and Rod McCall
<b>April</b>		
Sun 7	10.30am	Worship – Strathmiglo Church
Sun 14	10.30am	Joint Cluster Worship at Newburgh Church

***All Services are followed by a time of fellowship with tea/coffee.  
Transport is always available by contacting Liz Slattery.***