

# Fife: Eden Tay Parish Church

Newsletter 4 – July 2025

## Fife: Eden Tay Pattern of Worship for July to September 2025

All shared services will be led by  
**Locum Minister Rev Dr Sarah Whittle**  
 Worship begins at 10.30am and is followed by a time of  
 fellowship with a cup of tea/coffee  
 If you need help with transport, please ask and we will try to arrange this.

Date	Shared Worship
<b>July</b>	
6	<b>Muchty</b>
13	<b>Freuchie</b>
20	<b>Newburgh</b>
27	<b>Kettle</b>

Date	Shared Worship
<b>August</b>	
3	<b>Muchty</b>
10	<b>Falkland</b>
17	<b>Freuchie</b>
24	<b>Abdie</b>
31	<b>Kettle</b>

September	Shared			
7	<b>Falkland</b>			
14		Kettle	Freuchie	Abdie
21	<b>Muchty</b>			
28		Muchty	Falkland	Newburgh
<b>October</b>				
5	<b>Freuchie</b>			
12		Kettle	Freuchie	Abdie
19	<b>Newburgh</b>			
26		Muchty	Falkland	Newburgh

Black - Locum Minister; Red - Worship Team; Blue - Pioneer Ecumenical Chaplain

### In addition to the worship plan above there will also be...

July 13 – Baptism at Abdie Church

July 27 - Ecumenical Worship at URC in Newburgh at 11am

### Celtic Communion - Wednesdays at 10.30am

July 16th - Newburgh Church

August 20th - Abdie Church

September 24th - Newburgh Church

October 29th - Abdie Church

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Newburgh Church

Dear Friends,

Our Fife countryside in summer is a tapestry of vibrant greens and golden hues, a wonderful sight, promising a bountiful harvest as we wish for sunshine and nourishing rain in just the right amounts!

"The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows are clothed with flocks; the valleys are wrapped with grain. They shout and sing together for joy." Psalm 65:12-13

As the summer months unfold, I wish each of you a truly refreshing time. May you find ample opportunities for rest, joy, and connection with family and friends.

Around the parish, I'm reminded daily of the incredible gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon Jesus' early followers. The Spirit was a gift from God empowering them for service and knitting them together to form the very Body of Christ in the world. It's a wonderful image for our own church family, each of us uniquely gifted and essential.

I am particularly grateful for the unwavering dedication of our pastoral carers, musicians, and worship leaders, administrators, and those who offer hospitality. They have all shown remarkable commitment and worked incredibly hard to keep our services vibrant and our community connected. Their efforts truly embody that spirit of loving service.

I know many of you are keenly aware that the process of calling a new minister for our parish is well underway. Please continue to hold this in your prayers, trusting in God's perfect timing and guidance for the right person to lead us forward.

Every blessing,  
 Sarah

## News from the Interim Moderator

Greetings Everyone!

Here is a short update on the things I've been involved in.

As you can see the pattern of worship is different over the summer with a single shared service each Sunday in July and August. The Kirk Session agreed that the members of the worship teams have worked very hard and fully deserve some time off. We return to the usual pattern again in September.

The work of the Nominating Committee which is tasked with finding a minister for Eden Tay is of course confidential. However, it is fair to say that the closing date for applications was the 6 June, and we are confident now that God is calling a suitable candidate to be our new minister. So, a lot of work for the members of the Nominating Committee right now and exciting times ahead!

Fife Presbytery is reviewing the Presbytery Mission Plan which was approved in 2022. All Kirk Sessions were asked to complete a questionnaire to help them with this task and we have sent in the return for Eden Tay.

It has been a busy few months since I last wrote but I'm delighted with the progress we are making to becoming one parish. While change is never easy and can be emotional and difficult for many of us, it can also bring new opportunities and stimulate growth both in our personal faith journey and in our church life.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing break over the summer.

Ewan.

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**FET Church Choir** will sing at most shared worship services. It is good to have a church choir again. New members very welcome, so if you enjoy singing, the choir practices with organist Bill Paterson (07562 144780) at Freuchie Church Hall on a Friday at 2pm.

## Up coming events.....

**Last Friday of each month – Freuchie Church Hall from 2-4pm** Afternoon Tea is served - July 25, August 29, September 26 etc. Why not make this a regular date in your diary. Entry by donation for church funds.

**Second Saturday each month – Falkland Church from 11am-1pm**

Organ recitals with Bill Paterson. Drop by to hear him playing this fantastic organ.

**Saturday July 19 – Auchtermuchty Church Hall from 10 – 12** Strawberries and Cream Coffee Morning. Sales table, Raffle Tombola etc. Entry by donation for church funds.

**From 9 - 31 August – Auchtermuchty Church - Muchty Heritage Exhibition** Open each Saturday and Sunday from 10 -4, and each Tuesday from 6 -8pm. Entry to the exhibition is free. Interesting displays with a wealth of local history and even a graveyard tour to follow! See the website at [www.muchtyheritage.org.uk](http://www.muchtyheritage.org.uk) Refreshments provided by the church team.

**Friday September 26 – Newburgh Church at 7pm**

Parish Cabaret Style evening 'Acts of God III' Entry £10 includes nibbles and a glass of wine. These events are always good fun!

**Tuesday 18 November – Freuchie Church at 7pm.**

The very popular Rock Choir returns to entertain once again. Funds raised help pay for the Christmas Lights.

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With our new parish being so far-reaching, it is important to keep in touch with all our members. It would be really helpful to have email addresses to make sure everyone can get all the latest news. If you have email, simply send a quick email to [edentaysessionclerk1@gmail.com](mailto:edentaysessionclerk1@gmail.com) You don't have to say much (unless you want to of course!) your name will suffice, and then we have it ready to easily share news with you. Thank you