

# Fife: Eden Tay Parish

Church Newsletter 3 – April 2025

*Introducing Rev Dr Sarah Whittle – our Locum Minister from 1<sup>st</sup> May.*

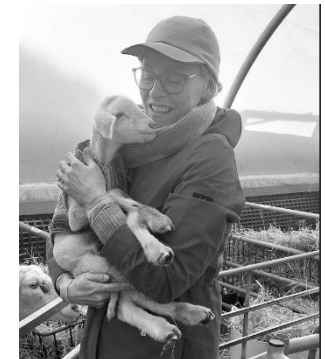
As we celebrate the joy of Easter, the resurrection of Christ brings a message of hope and renewal. I am delighted to be joining you as your locum minister during this transition. Though I hail from Manchester, this beautiful Fife landscape has been my home for twelve years, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve here.

My background in education and mental health has shaped my understanding of ministry, emphasising the importance of both spiritual and emotional flourishing. In addition, I am finishing a wildlife and conservation course with SRUC, Elmwood. Just this week, I have been learning navigation in the Lomonds, testing pollution levels through pond dipping, and transplanting dune grasses. So, I hope we can get outdoors!

Easter reminds us that even in moments of darkness, new life is possible. The journey ahead may hold uncertainty, and that is never easy. But we can journey with grace and faith. I am passionate about the gifted body of Christ – the idea that each of us possesses unique talents and abilities that contribute to the wholeness of our community. I hope, in the coming months, we can explore and celebrate these gifts, so that everyone feels valued and empowered to participate in the life of our church.

I am eager to listen to your stories, share in your joys and sorrows, and explore how we can strengthen our bonds as a community. My prayer is that we can create a space of welcome, where everyone feels supported, as we journey into the future. May the hope of Easter fill your hearts and guide our steps as we move forward together.

Grace and peace, Sarah



Fife: Eden Tay Pattern of Worship for April - August 2025				
All services begin at 10.30am				
Red = worship team; Blue = Valerie Walker, Community Chaplain;				
All services in black - from May will be led by Rev Sarah Whittle				
Date	Shared Worship			
<b>April</b>				
6	<b>Muchty Hall</b>			
13		Kettle	<i>Freuchie</i>	<i>Abdie</i>
20 <b>Easter</b>	<b>Falkland</b>	See separate notice for Holy Week dates		
27		Muchty Hall	<i>Falkland</i>	<i>Newburgh</i>
<b>May</b>				
4	<b>Freuchie</b>			
11		<i>Kettle</i>	Freuchie	<i>Abdie</i>
18	<b>Abdie</b>			
25		<i>Muchty</i>	Falkland	<i>Newburgh</i>
<b>June</b>				
1	<b>Kettle</b>			
8		<i>Kettle</i>	Freuchie	<i>Abdie</i>
15	<b>Falkland</b>			
22	<b>Songs of Praise Service – Strathmiglo Community Hall</b>			
29		<i>Muchty</i>	Falkland	<i>Newburgh</i>
<b>July</b>	<i>During July and August all services will be shared worship</i>			
6	<b>Muchty</b>			
13	<b>Freuchie</b>			
20	<b>Newburgh</b>			
27	<b>Kettle</b>			
<b>August</b>				
3	<b>Muchty</b>			
10	<b>Falkland</b>			
17	<b>Freuchie</b>			
24	<b>Abdie</b>			
31	<b>Kettle</b>			

Please keep this page handy so that you will know where to worship.  
If you require transport, please ask – we may be able to arrange this.

*NB – This schedule has yet to be approved by Kirk Session and may be subject to change – check website [www.fife-edentaychurch.co.uk](http://www.fife-edentaychurch.co.uk)*

## Progress report on the task of finding a full-time Minister for Fife: Eden Tay Parish....

Since October last year, many of the processes required to effectively become one parish have now been completed and folks are beginning to get used to the new ways.

With worship schedule worked out, finances in passably good order and other boxes ticked, permission was granted for Fife Eden Tay Parish to call a Minister. The Parish Profile was approved at the March Kirk Session meeting and at the shared worship service held in Kettle Church on 23 March, the members of the Nominating Committee were elected by the congregation.

There are now nine members ready to begin the task of advertising for applicants, selecting potential candidates, interviewing and finally bringing to the congregation their choice.

It is a hugely important task which must, necessarily, be carried out solely within the small group of nine people. The Interim Moderator made it very clear that questions must not be asked because answers will not be given!

What we can all do, is to pray for the Nominating Committee as they set out to find the best Minister for this very special new parish.

### Fife Guilds Together Mini Gathering 'A New Beginning'

Tuesday 29 April,

Cupar Parish Centre, KY15 5EQ

10.30am for 11am – 3pm

Bring your own lunch.

Launch of the new Fife Guilds Together and election of Office Bearers

Also featuring Guild Projects –

Build my Church – Bulgaria; Operation Hope – Egypt;

Bibles for Bairns; Finding the light in every child

### Sunday 4 May – Lunch at Freuchie Following Shared Worship

A Fundraising Lunch will be served following worship with proceeds going to Christian Aid. Please come along and help raise funds.

**Church website – [www.fife-edentaychurch.co.uk](http://www.fife-edentaychurch.co.uk)**

## Holy Week Worship

<b>April 16 6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy week Reflections with Elspeth Smith Kettle Church Hall</b>
<b>April 17 7pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Newburgh Church with Communion</b>
<b>April 18 7pm</b>	<b>Good Friday Auchtermuchty Church Hall</b>
<b>April 20 7am</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Sunrise service - West Lomond followed by Breakfast in Muchty Hall</b>
<b>7am</b>	<b>Waterside service in Newburgh followed by Breakfast in Church Hall</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Falkland Church – Shared Worship led by Elspeth Smith and others followed by Tea/Coffee</b>



**Thursday 8 May**

**Eden Tay Church Guild**

An afternoon outing by coach to

visit Callendar House & Garden, Falkirk

Followed by High Tea at Grange Manor Hotel, Falkirk

Leaving Freuchie Church at 12.30pm and

Leaving Auchtermuchty (outside Cycle Tavern) at 12.50pm

Fully inclusive Price £30.00

All welcome to attend - contact Brenda Graham on

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