



Holy Trinity



St Andrew's



Kilmaveonaig



All Saints'

## The Newsletter of Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

**HOLY TRINITY, Pitlochry  
KILMAVEONAIG, Blair Atholl  
ST ANDREW'S, Strathtay  
& ALL SAINTS', Kinloch Rannoch  
SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCHES**

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# Spring

March, April & May 2025



*Spring has sprung!*

*Photo: SKHS*

## Rector's Reflections Spring 2025

### Golgotha

*Heather Dale ( Canadian Singer)*

I believe that justice is the same thing as the law  
So I conform my opinion to whatever I've been told  
I'll admit that I just shrug, no I don't dwell on it at all  
When I hear how some unfortunate hound got thrown in with the wolves

'Cause deep down I know that the innocent always go free  
That there's someone who's watching  
the watchers -- it doesn't have to be me  
It's easy to trust that things are going as they should  
As long as it's no one I know getting nailed onto the wood

It's no surprise he was arrested, he should have held his peace  
That's what you get for speaking out, in troubled times like these  
He said: "we've gone astray from where we were when this began",  
But I'm sure it'll be fine if we just support the plan

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It takes four crows to pierce the flesh  
Three to pull the insides out  
Two to eat the final scraps  
And one to push the bones about

Songwriters: Heather Dale / Benjamin Deschamps - You can listen to the song on You Tube: [Golgotha Lyrics](https://youtu.be/uK1HyIVURN0?si=UCzvgkSrG0P46xE0)  
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Golgotha, "the place of the skull", and as we enter the season of Lent and look at the upheavals and agonies in our world we may well feel that we are indeed on the road to Golgotha. I have chosen to share this song with you because it sums up so much that is happening in our world today, as well as echoing down 2000 years words that could have been used by the High Priest and Elders in Jerusalem as Jesus was condemned and crucified.

It can make us wonder if humanity can ever escape from our own natures, if we can ever become the people God wants us to be, and I wonder how many of us actually behave in the way this powerful song suggests.

But there is another way, the way of Christ, the Way of the Cross, the blessing at the end of the Eucharist in Lent and Passiontide begins with the words:

*"Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him."*

When Jesus talks about carrying a cross it is in the context of us losing our life for the sake of the gospel.

What does he mean by that? It's not just that we walk the way of hard things, because that's common to all human life, common to all human societies. But it's what we do with that experience. Psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, Viktor Frankl said that, 'when we're no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.' That is what the Lenten blessing means and what our Lenten observance challenges us to do. Maybe that though can enable us to stand against the tides of the world that echo in the song Golgotha.

So this is how we endure. Here is how we carry our own cross. We serve, we surrender our life to the interests of others. We give of ourselves, we lose our life, as Jesus said, and so we gain life.

And so I commend to you the service of others, the habit of serving and doing for others, things that may be costly to us, but in the end through which we will gain our life



## **Resurrection**

But we also follow the way of Resurrection, we follow the Via Lucis, the Way of Light. In this image of Easter Morning by Cara Hochholter we see the moment when Christ rises from the tomb and everything is made new, hope is restored for humanity and for the whole of creation.

The story of Lent and Holy Week comes to fulfilment as life bursts from the tomb and offers us the possibility of being set free.

As April and May advance we will see the resurrection of new life all around, already as I write this the daffodils are beginning to bloom and despite the cold winds spring will not be long delayed.

Each year nature itself re-enacts the miracle of resurrection as a reminder that the Way of the Cross, Via Crucis, is not the end, but the beginning of new life and hope, for you, for me and for our troubled and weary world. So let us as God's people embrace the message of hope this Spring, even as we know the storm clouds of winter hover near.

This Poem by Philip Larkin sums up the message of hope and new life to share this Eastertide, Spring and Summer.

### **The Trees (1974)**

The trees are coming into leaf  
Like something almost being said;  
The recent buds relax and spread,  
Their greenness is a kind of grief.

Is it that they are born again  
And we grow old? No, they die too.  
Their yearly trick of looking new  
Is written down in rings of grain.

Yet still the unresting castles thresh  
In full-grown thickness every May.  
Last year is dead, they seem to say,  
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.

*Poem © From The Complete Poems of Philip Larkin (2012) published by Faber and Faber Ltd*

Wishing you all a blessed and happy Easter.

Liz Baker March 2025



## **DUNKELD AREA COUNCIL MEETING**

**5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**At**

### **ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH STANLEY**

*19 Perth Road, Stanley, Scotland PH1 4NQ*

**10.00 TO 1.00PM**

A meeting of the Dunkeld Area Council has been arranged for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April Columba's. Bring a packed Lunch to share. All are welcome to attend , Area Councils are part of the governance of the diocese, but are also a way to enabling us to get to know each other and share our stories. Those in ministry and Lay Reps are asked (if available) to attend but all are welcome.

If you would like a lift on 5<sup>th</sup> April contact Liz.



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# Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025 for GAZA

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### ***Bishop Ian writes:***

We have been praying and working for the war in Gaza to end, for aid to reach its people, and for the hostages to be released. There is at last a temporary ceasefire, and we pray for it to become permanent.

Now is the time for reconstruction in Gaza. There is a desperate need for the rebuilding of ruined hospitals and communities. USPG is working with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, to support the work of reconstruction and to give medical aid.

Please support my Bishop's Lent Appeal, and through it the USPG Lent Appeal, as generously and sacrificially as you can. Your donation will enable people in Gaza to rebuild hope.

### ***Sawson Aranki-Batato, Programme Developer, Diocese of Jerusalem, writes:***

Your generosity helps hospitals and clinics continue their life-saving mission by:

- Supplying essential medicines and medical equipment
  - Providing emergency care for those injured in the conflict
  - Offering maternal and paediatric care to families in need
  - Supporting staff who work tirelessly in overwhelming conditions
- Every donation not only sustains lives but affirms that compassion knows no borders.

More information and resources at <https://lent.uspg.org.uk/>

**Thank you for your donation to the Lent Appeal 2025.**

**Please send it to your local Scottish Episcopal Church Treasurer or by Bank transfer to:**

Diocese of St Andrews Lent Appeal (SCO17654 )  
Sort Code: 82-68-31  
Account No: 00187750  
using Ref. 'Lent Appeal 2025'.

## **Bishop's Lent Appeal & Lent Lunch**

### **Highland Perthshire Linked Charge LENT LUNCH & RAFFLE AT HOLY TRINITY PITLOCHRY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 12.30PM**

**Cost £5.00 pp**

Come and enjoy a lunch of Soup, Bread and Cake supporting  
The Bishop's Lent Appeal for Gaza.  
Contact Liz to book or for further details.

The Appeal is for the work of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, rebuilding hospitals and clinics which have been destroyed during the war in Gaza. Our own Lent Appeal is joining the appeal launched by USPG, the Anglican Mission Association, for the Diocese and its work in Gaza.



*Flowers at St Andrew's on 21st February, arranged by Mary*

# EASTER SERVICES

## Holy Trinity Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday 8.00pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper, with Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 12.00 – 2.00pm Silent Prayer and Meditation, 2.00 to 3.00pm The Final Hour

Holy Saturday 8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Day 9.30am Sung Eucharist of Easter Day

## St Andrews Holy Week & Easter

Monday 14th April 7pm Evening Service with Church of Scotland

Good Friday 2.00pm The Final Hour

Easter Day at Dawn - The Easter Fire

Easter Day 11.15am Easter Communion

## Kilmaveonaig Holy Week & Easter

Good Friday 7.00pm Service of Prayer & Meditation

Easter Day 11.15am Easter Eucharist

## All Saints Holy Week & Easter

6th April 9.30am Holy Communion – Passion Sunday

Wednesday 16th April 3.00pm Stations of the Cross

## Zoom Services

Holy Week – The Journey to the Cross 10.30am Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday.





## **Isabel Sunderland**

Isabel and Graham joined our congregations almost five years ago, so it was a sad farewell on 6<sup>th</sup> March when we said our goodbyes to Isabel. Her many talents and her enthusiasm for crafting, her sense of fun and enjoyment will be missed by us all. Isabel will be missed by us all and we offer all our love, prayers and support for her family at this time.

A further Obituary will follow in our next newsletter.

Liz Baker March 2025



*Flowers at Holy Trinity on 9th February, arranged by Gina*

## **Andrew Gordon of Lude**

It was with great sadness to the Highland Perthshire Linked Charge and local community that we heard that Andrew Duncan Gordon had died on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, following a stroke. His home was Lude Estate, Blair Atholl, also home to Kilmaveonaig Church.

Andrew was born on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1946, one of six children. He was brought up by his parents Sandy and Helen at Lude and educated firstly at the local school, followed by prep school and finally, Eton. He attended Mons Officer Cadet School for Officer Training and joined the Army Air Corps where he learned to fly and served for eleven years. He met his wife Lavinia while based in Hampshire and they married in 1972. They had four children, Lucy, Duncan and Rosie and the late Patrick who died as an infant, and many grandchildren.

After leaving the military and with a view to taking over the family farm he enrolled at the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester and then became Assistant Factor on the Atholl Estates for the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke, Iain Murray, before taking over the family lands.

Andrew was passionate about flying, joining the TA 653 Squadron at Leuchars where he flew helicopters. He had his own airstrips at his homes in Blair Atholl and Glen Quoich. He firstly flew his father's Tiger Moth, and later a Cessna 185 between his estates and beyond.

He was a pioneering figure in Scotland's hydroelectric industry, known for his innovative projects. With his son Duncan, he developed six hydroelectric schemes on his estate in Glen Quoich, generating enough electricity to power 2,000 houses.

Andrew's contributions to the local community included being Adjutant of the Atholl Highlanders, and Deputy and then Vice-Lieutenant of Perthshire. Also, his work on the Atholl estates and his involvement in supporting Lavinia with 'Music in Blair Atholl', which stages local music events and concerts.

As a farmer, flyer, entrepreneur and innovator, Andrew had a wide circle of friends and was a popular local figure with charm and humour. Over 1000 people attended his funeral, around 900 in person at Kilmaveonaig Church, and many more online.

*SKHS for HPLC with credit to the Times*



### Airman's Prayer

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air . . .  
Up, up the long, delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

*Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee  
No.412 squadron, RCAF died in service 11 December 1941*

## PILGRIMAGE

*Here bygynneth the Book of the tales of Caunterbury*

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,  
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,  
And bathed every veyne in swich licour  
Of which vertu engendred is the flour;  
Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth  
Inspired hath in every holt and heeth  
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne  
Hath in the Ram his halfe cours y-ronne,  
And smale foweles maken melodye,  
That slepen al the nyght with open ye,  
So priketh hem Nature in hir corages,  
Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages,  
And palmeres for to seken straunge strondes,  
To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry londes;  
And specially, from every shires ende  
Of Engeland, to Caunterbury they wende,  
The hooly blisful martir for to seke,  
That hem hath holpen whan that they were seeke.

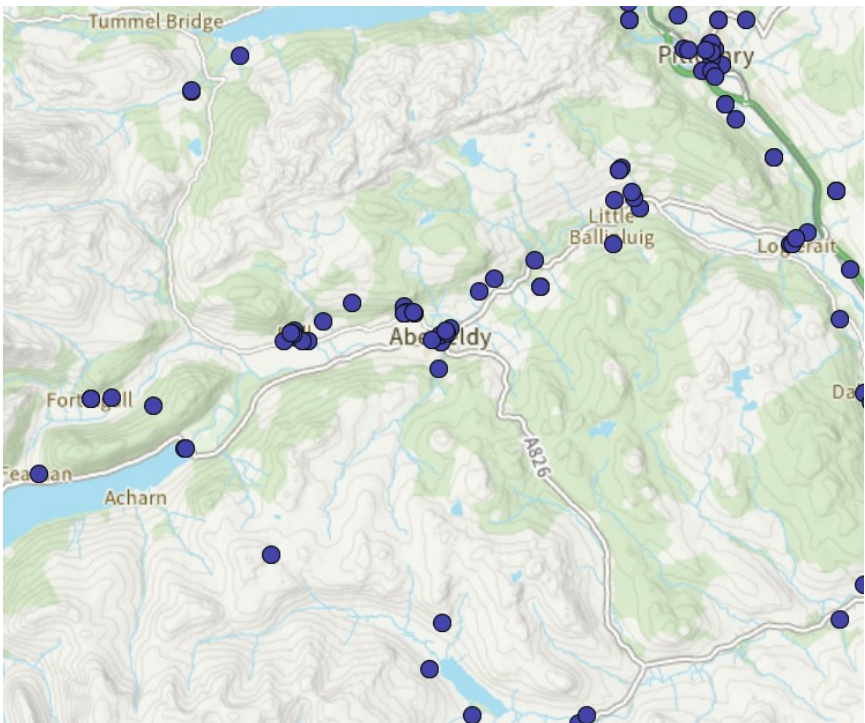
In the opening to Chaucer's Canterbury tales the poet suggests that in the spring people put their mind to going on a pilgrimage.

In medieval times this was really the best kind of travelling holiday when you would meet up with like-minded people and see the sights on the way. The idea has continued to this day and a number of pilgrimage routes have been developed, sometimes on the same track as old ones and sometimes new ones. A route has been set up from Iona which aims to reach St. Andrews following the Fife Pilgrim trail. Together with the Church of Scotland, the congregation at St. Andrew's in Strathtay have floated an idea of setting up a route from Logierait to Forthingall to cover some of the interesting churches and sacred sites on the way. When investigating these possibilities it is amazing to find how many churches and lost sacred sites there are. Even just counting present churches there are a dozen, and add to that the abandoned ones and traces of old chapels and you have over thirty places of interest; some still have buildings, some just memories.

Then you consider Glen Lyon and other sidetracks and you can find traces of worship going way back beyond the Christian era. The Victorians were very keen to put their money into church building to accommodate the number of different branches of the Scottish Church after the Reformation and most of the remaining buildings date from the nineteenth century. Changes in social mobility meant that there was a need to provide worship spaces for the Free Church congregations, the Baptists, the Established Church and all the other variations of the Church of Scotland, as well as the Episcopalians and the Roman Catholics.

As this pilgrimage project develops there will be opportunities to discover all these sacred sites; the team will keep you informed. This interesting site, <https://powis.scot/sites-map/> , gives an outline map of the sites in the area although local knowledge can add quite a few more.

Lesley



## Highland Perthshire Linked Charge

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**by**

**Noon on Monday 26th May**

We cover many of the notices weekly in the pew sheet but the newsletter allows opportunity for interesting and relevant articles, posters for special occasions such as fairs, special lunches, Festivals (Christmas!) and reports etc. Also, In Memoriam obituaries. Most welcome are poems, stories, accounts, historical items linked to the Charge and anything you may feel might interest others.

# Scottish Episcopal Church

## HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE LINKED CHARGE SERVICES

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### Usual Service Times

Holy Trinity 9.30am  
St Andrews 11.15am  
Kilmaveonaig 11.15am  
All Saints – 9.30am 1st Sunday of month

### ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays - 6.00pm Evening Services  
Thursdays - 10.30am Morning Prayer – from Holy Trinity

### Events

**Holy Trinity Serenity Garden Group** – Tuesdays 11.00am and Open Church with Coffee and Conversation. All welcome

**St Andrew's House Group** – Last Wednesday of the month contact Ms. Lesley Whitwood 01887 840416 for details

### Sundays and other Festivals

	<b>March</b>		<b>April</b>		<b>May</b>
Sun 2	Epiphany 8	Sun 6	Lent 5	Thu 1	St Philip & St James
Wed 5	Ash Wednesday	Sun 13	Palm Sunday	Sun 4	Easter 3
Sun 9	Lent 1	Thu 17	Maundy Thursday	Sun 11	Easter 4
Sun 16	Lent 2	Fri 18	Good Friday	Sun 18	Easter 5
Wed 19	St Joseph	Sat 19	Holy Saturday	Sun 25	Easter 6
Sun 23	Lent 3		Easter Vigil	Thu 29	Ascension Day
Sun 30	Lent 4	Sun 20	Easter Day	Sat 31	Visitation of The Blessed Virgin
		Sun 27	Easter 2		
		Mon 28	St Mark Evangelist		