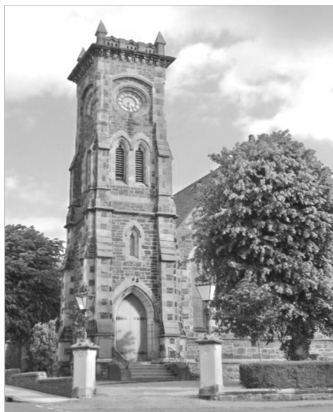
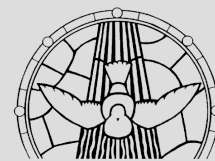




Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland November 2025 Journal



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Holding Steady in Times of Change

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

As autumn colours our fields and the Tay glistens under a softer sun, we find ourselves once again in a season of transition, both in nature and in the life of the Church. Across Fife Presbytery, congregations are discerning new futures together. The recent votes by Balmerino & Wormit and Creich, Flisk & Kilmany to form a union, with the intention of subsequently joining with Newport-on-Tay, marks a new chapter in our shared story of faith. Change is rarely easy, yet it is often the place where God's grace does its quietest and deepest work. In this reflection, I will explore four areas of life that reveal the spirit of change in the Church, in our personal faith, in the world around us, and in the enduring presence of Christ who remains our anchor through it all.

1. Communion in a Changing Church

On Sunday 26th October, we gathered around the Lord's Table for our October Holy Communion. What a fitting time for this sacrament, a reminder that while our church structures may change, Christ's invitation remains constant. The bread may come from different ovens, the cup may be shared in different sanctuaries, but the meaning remains the same: *Christ still invites. Christ still feeds. Christ still unites.* Long before there was a Church of Scotland, there was a table in an upper room. Around it sat anxious disciples, sensing their world was about to be turned upside down. It was there that Jesus took the bread, broke it, and said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Through that simple act, he gave his followers a rhythm of grace strong enough to carry the Church through centuries of change. When we share Communion, we are reminded that the future of the Church is not solely in our hands; it rests in the faithfulness of the One who calls us to the table, again and again.

2. Is the Church Dying or Being Reborn?

Many have asked, sometimes with heavy hearts, "Is the Church dying?" Congregations are merging, buildings are closing, and attendance is not what it once was. But perhaps what we are witnessing is not death but pruning — the necessary cutting back that allows new life to emerge. Jesus said, *"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit"* (John 12:24). Renewal always involves loss, but loss is never the final word in God's story. In the Presbytery of Fife, these structural changes may challenge us, but they also open doors for cooperation, shared witness, and fresh expressions of community. Perhaps this is how God is calling us back from the comfort of maintenance to the adventure of mission.

3. The World Beyond Our Shores

Change is not just something the Church wrestles with, it is the rhythm of the world we live in. In my home country of Cameroon, presidential elections were held on 12th October 2025. At 92 years old, Paul Biya, who has ruled since 1982, was once again declared the winner. If he serves another full term of 7 years, as the constitution allows, he would have led the country for 50 years and would be 99, nearly 100 years old. How can a nation emerge into its future when its present is locked in the grip of the past? No wonder so many in the Cameroonian diaspora are also crying out for change. But you can't kill a snake with a long stick.

This hunger for transformation isn't unique to Cameroon. From the ruins of Gaza to the resistance in Ukraine, from frustrated streets to quiet corners of our own communities, the world groans for justice, peace, and renewal. And yet—still—the Church gathers. Still, we break bread. Still, we pray. In doing so, we bear witness to a different kingdom, one not built on control or fear, but on love. Every small act of compassion, every table shared, every voice lifted in prayer declares this truth: Christ's kingdom is already among us.

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OUR CHURCH'S VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a church which inspires people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Minister's Letter continued...

4. Holding Steady in Christ

So, what does it mean to hold steady in times of change? It means anchoring our hearts not in buildings or traditions, but in Christ himself — the One who holds all things together. It means trusting that the God who has guided us thus far will not abandon us now. As we move forward into this new season of partnership and shared ministry, may we do so with open hands and steady hearts. Let us remember that the Church does not belong to us; it belongs to the Lord who called it into being. The world will keep changing. Governments will rise and fall. Congregations will merge and adapt. But the love that drew us to the Table will never fade. In every age, in every transition, Christ stands at the centre, whispering the same invitation: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"*.

May that promise steady us for the days ahead, and may the peace of Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever, guard our hearts and guide our steps.

Rev. Dr. Amos B. Chewachong (PhD)

Monthly Prayer Requests

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful, and thankful." Colossians 4:2

We loved Claire's 'Finger Prayer' on Sunday 19th October. How often do we adults learn from the children's address?

As in The Lord's Prayer we can ask for God's will for all mankind.

We can ask God, who and what to pray for. When we ask God, he will bring someone to mind. Pray for that person.

It is important, as Ephesians 5:20 reminds us, *"to give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Another verse is Colossians 3:17

There is great joy promised when we pray. Luke 11:28.

We give thanks to God, for the many in our Church working to bring our very welcome weekly service.

A request:-

It would be wonderful to hear from anyone willing to share answered prayer.

If you are able, speak to an elder or any member of the Prayer Group.

Every blessing, in Jesus name.

Newport Church Prayer Group

Ann Barona, Nancy Pong, Neil Merrylees, Diane Miller, Jane Campbell,
Catherine Johnston, Katie Cameron and Alison Heywood



Our Church Prayer Room is a lovely quiet space available for reflection and prayer.
It is available whenever the Church is open and you are encouraged to make use of it.

Why not drop in before the Church Service for a quiet moment?
Some may wish to pray out loud but there is no pressure to do so.
Not sure where it is - just ask!

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Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday, 9th November 2025, our service will start at the earlier time of **10:50am** to allow for the 2 minute silence at 11am.

All are welcome to join us in the Church and/or at the War Memorial for a service there at approx. 12.05pm.



As we join together in our Act of Remembrance, everyone is welcome to continue our fellowship over tea and coffee following the service – especially those who attend the War Memorial for the laying of the wreaths.

All contributions to the coffee fund on that day will be added to the church collection for Poppyscotland.



Joint Service

Our final Joint Service for 2025 will take place in our Church on **Sunday 16th November at 10:15am**. Please note the earlier start time.

We look forward to welcoming our neighbours from Balmerino & Wormit and Creich, Flisk & Kilmany to our service that day.

Following the service we will have tea/coffee in the hall when we can continue our fellowship.

All are welcome.

If you are local please consider walking to church, or car sharing, to leave parking spaces for others.



Thoughts for Autumn



There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Autumn is my favourite season. I marvel at the richness of the colours of the trees and am transported back to my childhood.

It was as I was walking through Tayfield Estate, (kicking up the leaves, searching for conkers and looking for Squirrel Nutkin and Mrs Tiggywinkle like my five-year-old self), that I began to think of the similarity of the trees to our church family.

The trees in all their different varieties and stages of growth create the splendour of the forest. I value trees as a blessing from God.

Just like the trees we are a diverse, unique and colourful congregation. Each in a different season of our lives. Individually and collectively, we are a living image of God's gift to both us and the world.

As the trees begin to shed their leaves in preparation for the darker days of winter, the bright, rich burning colours of orange, red and yellow are gone. Whilst the trees look like they are resting, underground their roots are stretching out and touching each other, providing nurture and growth.

The darker days and wintry nights of the next season often limit our ability to get out and connect with each other. This is especially the case for those of us in our autumn years. As the seasons change, let's work together to protect and nurture our family. Reach out to those you haven't seen for a while. Give them a phone to check in, pop in to see them or simply remember them in your prayers.

The words from this well-known children's hymn sum this up perfectly:

*"Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world is darkness; so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine."*

As John 8:12 tells us "Jesus is the Light of the World". During the autumn and winter seasons let us stay rooted in our faith and act as a beacon of light in the world.

Kirsteen Cruickshanks

Review of Church Roll

As mentioned in the October Journal, our Church keeps a roll of its members, who have joined by profession of faith, or by transfer of certificate, or by resolution of the Kirk Session; and also of adherents who, although not members, regularly attend worship.

We are required to review our rolls annually to ensure that they accurately record those who are taking part in the worship, mission, and service of the church. However, we continue to retain those who are unable to attend worship through ill-health or infirmity. But it is equally worthwhile for each of us to reflect on our own commitment to the work of Christ's church through our dedication of time, talents, and money, and also through the bonds that hold the family of God together. If you are not yet a member and would consider becoming one, please speak to the Minister or your Elder, and we can discuss the next steps.

The process of reviewing the roll also involves removing the names of those we have lost contact with over the years. Members have full voting rights on congregational matters, whereas adherents can only vote on certain matters. As the church reflects on and discusses the Union of the churches in our corner of Fife, it is important that those who are the living stones come together in the name of the Lord God, whom the writer of Hebrews calls "the builder of everything".

So please make this time of review a time also to review your relationship to the church, and if you would consider membership, please get in touch.

Graham Johnston
Session Clerk

New Communicants Classes

If anyone is interested in attending a short series of classes leading to joining the church by Profession of Faith, please contact our minister on ACHewachong@churchofscotland.org.uk or newportcos@btinternet.com as soon as possible. Classes are planned to start at the end of November.

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Remembrance Day

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Editorial

In Journal circles, November is usually a quiet month. November 2024 found me looking for items to fill our usual 8 page journal. This year however, everyone wants to be included and I have had to extend this edition to 12 pages! This comes with both excitement and difficulty. Difficulty because although there is more to be included there is still never quite enough to fill ALL the pages, but excitement because I get to write a wee editorial!

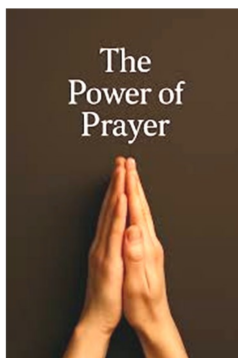
At the beginning of October we had a whole Cluster Psalm Service. This was an amazing service where we all came to worship together. To be part of a large congregation (over 160 people!) and a big choir was just brilliant! I had the privilege of leading the Children's Talk and to see a good number of young ones is a blessing that I think we could take for granted. Children are the church of the future and we, as Newport Church of Scotland, are one of an ever-decreasing number of churches who have children.

Two weeks later, it was my turn on behalf of the Worship Team to lead the service while our minister was on holiday with the family. My theme for the service was Prayer and as part of the Children's Talk I taught the 5 Finger Prayer which helps us when we don't know what to say or who to pray for, so I thought I would just put a reminder here!

- When your hands are together in a praying position, the closest finger to you is the thumb. Since it is the closest to you, the thumb reminds you to pray for those that are closest to you. Pray for your family and friends.
- The next finger is called your index finger; it is used for pointing. Let this finger remind you to pray for those that point you in the right direction. Pray for your teachers at school, your Sunday Club teachers, and the minister.
- The next finger is the tallest finger. This finger reminds us to pray for our leaders. Pray for the King, leaders in our government and those who are leaders in our local community.
- The fourth finger is the called the ring finger. Did you know that this is the weakest of all the fingers? Just ask anyone who plays the piano and they will tell you that is true. Let this finger remind you to pray for those who are sick or who need a helping hand.
- The last finger is the smallest finger. The Bible says, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought." Let the little finger remind you to pray for yourself.

We have so much in our lives to be thankful of and sometimes we overlook the little things. As we start to approach the end of the year, I would like to encourage you to stop and appreciate the small things in life. Pray about them, thank God for them, and make prayer a regular part of your day, because lots of little things combine to become something bigger, much bigger than we can ever imagine.

God Bless
Claire Owen, Journal Editor



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*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4*

Holy Communion



If you were unable to attend Communion or forgot your card on the day, and still have your Communion Card, please bring it to church and put it in the offering plate or give it to your church elder to return on your behalf.

Thank You!

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers received on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. To receive this lovely bouquet was a complete surprise but very much appreciated. Thank you again.

Ian and Liz Boath



Many thanks for the lovely bouquet of flowers, delivered by the ever-cheerful Eleanor Owen, for the occasion of my 92nd birthday. Truly appreciated.

Mrs Jessie M Leslie



Thank you for the beautiful flowers I received following our sad loss.

Margaret Storrier

I would just like to say thank you for the lovely bunch of flowers I received when I was poorly after tripping and falling at home. They certainly cheered me up.

Pat Foulis



Thank you for the beautiful flowers that Claire and Eleanor brought over to us and for the lovely chat we had.

Iain and Avril Waugh



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We are blessed with the seasons and the beauty each season brings. The sunsets are quite spectacular at the moment. Some early morning rainbows too. As I write I'm awaiting the arrival of my bus pass! Also looking forward to celebrating my big birthday with friends and family. Then off to Tenerife for some rest and relaxation. Truly blessed.

As we approach Christmas, please pick up a Leprosy Mission catalogue from manna or the church pews. Ordering through manna earns us commission on each order but orders should be in by Sunday 9th November. We also have a lovely selection of Christmas cards and Fairtrade gifts in manna for you to choose from.

We welcome two new volunteers in Danni and Amber adding to our manna team. Ross continues his placement with us until mid-December and we are very grateful to him working along side us learning new skills.

We give thank to God for manna and all the blessings it gives to our community.
God bless

Diane Miller



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Morag Rowley (Assistant Manager) (01382) 541157 & moragrowley.4@gmail.com

We were delighted to surprise Diane, our manager, who celebrated her 60th birthday on Thursday 16th October. Secretly the night before, manna was suitably decorated with banners and balloons.

On the big day Alison, Andrea and I greeted Diane in the morning with a rendition of Happy Birthday.

These lovely gifts from the manna family helped her celebrate - flowers, "Malbec" wine, a Beefeater voucher, a gift voucher for The Olive Escape, Euros for her upcoming trip to Tenerife and a birthday cake made by our own Jane J.

She has marked her milestone birthday with a few events including a spa day and silent disco.

We wish her well for the forthcoming year and hope she and husband, Gordon, have a relaxing holiday in Tenerife.

Morag Rowley



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Daily Reflections

Our minister, Rev Dr Amos Chewachong, is continuing his series of daily reflections. These are uploaded to the church website (www.notchurch.co.uk/index.php/reflections/).



Please remember to get in touch with any questions, comments, suggestions or items for future editions.



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The Guild Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

Wednesday Afternoon Club

This runs from 1.30pm to 3pm each Wednesday in the Agnes Duncan Room.

These are continuing through the winter. Attendance is generally small with five or six guests (but sometimes more!) each week. All are welcome to come for the refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) often with some home baking, and company (with plenty of opportunity to chat). Thank you to Margaret Wright who coordinates everything and to Anne and Brian Griffiths who help almost every week.

If you would like to help, please do get in touch with Margaret Wright: Tel (01382) 543007.

Fundraising for Ukraine

We are delighted that the Sunflower cards with Catherine Johnston's design and postcards with a design by Jan Winch are still on sale through manna. Please choose them to send your thank you notes, best wishes or just because they are lovely!

All the money we raise from them is transferred to the Newport and Zolotarevo Twinning Association (NAZTA) to support our friends in western Ukraine. Throughout the year we have collected over £400 for this.

Vigil for Peace (in Ukraine and other conflict areas):

Every Thursday evening at 7pm on the Church Green and on Zoom

We continue each week to pray for peace and to bear witness to the ongoing suffering of people affected by conflict wherever that may be. Please do join us on Thursdays outside the Church, starting promptly at 7pm and lasting 5-10 minutes.

If you don't feel able to come in person, why not join on Zoom. Please ask Neil Merrylees or Claire Owen for the link (it's the same every week).

National Guild

For anyone wanting to know more about the National Guild have a look at the pages on the Church of Scotland website: <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/the-guild>



Ways to support your Guild

If you have any suggestions about other projects we can start or get involved in please do let us know. Why not think about joining us? (Contact Catherine Merrylees or any Guild member for more information).

The Guild Team

Community Chest



We are continuing to collect foodstuff for our Community Chest Appeal to support three different appeals during the year - the Rio's foodstuff collection (for inclusion in their lunch provision programme or for distribution in conjunction with the local foodbank), the Tay Bridgehead Foodbank, and St Salvador's Food Cupboard in Dundee.

During November we will be supporting The Rio. Suggested donations include (but are not limited to) pasta, tins of fruit, beans, UHT milk, toiletries, household products (washing up liquid, laundry detergent, etc.), sanitary goods, diluting juice.

There continues to be a great response to this appeal and as the cost of living is still high, the need of some people may well be greater, so please consider supporting this if you can.

A large container is available each Sunday to receive foodstuff, toiletries, etc. and any donations, no matter how small, are gratefully received.

Many thanks for your support.



Safeguarding

This is a reminder that all elders and volunteers require to attend safeguarding training. All training must be redone at least every 5 years (preferably sooner), and you redo the highest level that you have previously done when appointed in your role: so someone who is a volunteer and trustee would only have to redo the Trustee Training, and a coordinator/panel member would redo the Advanced Training. For details of upcoming courses, or to check if you need to do training, please contact me.

Lesley Gray, Safeguarding Co-ordinator (lesley.gray@talk21.com)

Sunday Club Update

Teaching in October and November

We enjoyed preparing and singing our song based on Psalm 34:10 ("The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing") for the Festival of Psalms on 5th October. Many thanks to Claire and Eleanor Owen for helping us to learn the song and the actions. We also welcomed children from the other churches taking part in the service and did some autumn crafts focused on thankfulness.



We had 2 Funday Sundays for October half-term. We are very grateful to all members of the church family who regularly help with Funday Sundays. This is an opportunity to share an activity with the children, with some ideas being board games, origami or other craft activities, baking, a sport or a scavenger hunt. It's really positive for the children to have the opportunity to meet different adults in the church family. If you would be willing to help support this year's Funday Sundays, please let Fiona Hutchinson know (email: fionah2208@gmail.com).

The last Sunday in October was Godly Play led by Jane Campbell. At the heart of Godly Play is God's Word in the form of a special story during which a calm, reflective atmosphere is promoted. This is followed by a "feast" of fruit, biscuits and juice, which is served and shared. The children then choose for themselves ways to respond by participating in a variety of crafts.

In November we will be marking Remembrance Sunday, as well as continuing with our series looking at biblical characters, with Joshua and then Joseph the Carpenter as we begin to prepare for Advent and Christmas.



Update on Sunday Club Sponsorship through World Vision

As you know, we have committed to sponsoring a child through World Vision. Subair is 9 years old and lives in Mozambique. The children keep up-to-date with his progress through frequent reports received from World Vision.

For further information about World Vision and its work, do have a look at their website: www.worldvision.org.uk

Fundraising

We continue to fundraise through the regular weekly offerings of the children and donations from members of the congregation and other friends. We will also be holding some bake sales this year.

Emma Wisher

On behalf of the Sunday Club Team

Youth Update

The Youth have started the session by reading 1 Peter, and have been making the most of the good weather we have been having lately by taking our lessons out around the church grounds. We read about the church being made of living stones, and we played Jenga and had a shot at dry stone dyking. We discovered that it's easier to build a wall where all the bricks are the same shape, but Jesus challenges us to build a church where all are not only included, but play their part in supporting others. We had a race using wooden team skis, and we discovered that those who did best were the ones who listened to their team mates. We read about being eager to serve instead of lording it over others. We celebrated our own wee harvest festival the Sunday after the main service, and we harvested some grapes from the church's grape vine. We looked at how a grape vine is pruned to produce the best crop, and we read John chapter 15, where Jesus describes himself in the metaphor as the vine, and his Father as the Gardener.

Sunday evenings in manna will resume fortnightly after the autumn school holidays.

Thanks to all the youth who have been so faithful in coming to grow their understanding and trust in Jesus. To see them is to understand what the writer means by 'living stones'.

Graham Johnston

Steven Stewart

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Autumn Reflections

My favourite season is Autumn. I love watching the leaves turn colour from bright green to a mixture of golds, browns and oranges, and watching them fly away in the wind. The temperature drops, but I enjoy wearing my cosy jumpers, sipping a warm drink, and curling up on the sofa with a wool blanket. If it rains heavily outside, I don't mind.

There is something about Autumn that invites us to stop in our tracks: the year is gradually drawing to a close, and in turn, encourages us to reflect on the past year, and nature itself also reminds us of change. The trees shed their leaves, rest for the winter, and the growth begins again in Spring.



Most recently, I have reflected on healing, in many forms. In my last article, I briefly discussed the topic of grief and the comforts in aiding the healing journey. However, I realise that it is not always a quick or straightforward process. Just like the trees, we sometimes go through seasons of shedding: letting go of what is no longer needed, even when it is painful to do so. Healing often requires rest, patience, and trusting that, eventually, new growth will come.

Some of you may have noticed that I haven't been on the organ bench for a while, owing to an injury to my finger. I tried everything for it to heal: ibuprofen gel, warm baths, splinting, holistic medicines, even witch doctor stuff. Finally, after ten months, the GP said 'We can't do anything for you. I'm afraid the only option is to rest'.

At first, I found this incredibly frustrating. Rest felt like doing nothing - like giving up. I wanted to play, and to carry on doing what I feel is quite natural. But as the days are shorter and the evenings darker and colder, I realised that perhaps this is a lesson in stillness. Healing, whether physical or emotional, can't be rushed. I don't need to look far: I gave birth last year!

This is now week four of resting. If I'm being honest, I haven't seen much improvement in my finger, other than it doesn't click as violently as it used to. It seems ridiculous that something as small as an injury to a finger has become a big problem: if I had a broken ankle, or even a broken leg, that is certainly less of a problem when it comes to organ playing.

A lot of scenarios played on my mind earlier in the year: is my performance career over? Will it ever heal? Do I need surgery? Catastrophizing is pointless. Although the situation is testing my patience, the solution is simple: if you rest, it will heal.

I would like to thank Eleanor Owen and Lewis Thomson for covering while my finger recovers. It's always a joy to hear them play and we're incredibly lucky to have them with us.

Thank you for your support too, especially your kind comments about the Joint Service on 5th October.

Hannah Chan

Festival of Psalms



I am sure that I am not alone in feeling blessed to having participated in the recent Festival of Psalms. Whether you were there in person, on Zoom, listening to the download or reading about it in the Journal you will no doubt have found it an enriching, thoughtful and moving service.

A special thanks should go to all of those who organised the 'hosting' of the first, and hopefully the start of many more, all cluster services. Here's hoping that we don't have to wait another 375 years until the next one!

Kirsteen Cruickshanks

Many, many thanks to all who helped to organise our Cluster Service on 5th October, it was excellent! I'm sure it will be remembered for a long time.

Muriel McCabe

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise."

Psalm 95:1-2

Christmas Light Night

Newport's Christmas Light Night will take place on Thursday 27th November. Various events are planned around the village. Please check weekly intimations and Church website www.notchurch.co.uk for more details when they are available.



Christmas Greetings

If you would like a festive message to the Church family included in the next edition of the Journal, please email newportcos@btinternet.com by Sunday 23rd November 2025 or speak to Claire Owen.



Hamper Raffle & Quiz Sheet

Thursday 27 November
5 - 7.30 pm
manna cafe
Cupar Road
Newport on Tay



HOUSEPLANT SALE

Newport & Wormit In Bloom

Rotary Christmas Fair

Saturday 29 November

10 - 4 Blyth Hall, Blyth Street
Newport on Tay

Entry Adults £3
Concessions £2



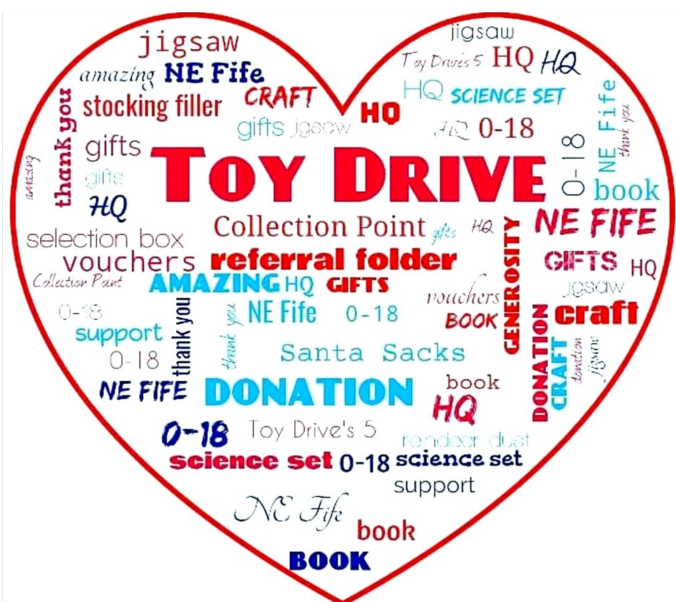
Christmas Gifts

As has become our practice in recent years, we are again collecting new and unopened gifts which will be gifted to children less fortunate this Christmas in the North East Fife area.

Gifts donated up to 7th December will be donated to the Toy Drive. Any gifts received after this will be donated to Tay FM's Mission Christmas Appeal.



If you are able to buy an extra gift for a child/young person up to the age of 18 then these can be brought to the church and put in one of the donation boxes at the doors. Gifts should be unwrapped. If you are unable to buy a gift but would still like to contribute, then money can be given to Claire Owen or put in an envelope marked on the outside with 'Christmas Gift' and placed in the offering plate.



Suggested Gift Ideas :-

- 0-3 YEARS** - Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Books, Play Mats
- 3-5 YEARS** - Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items, Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils
- 5-7 YEARS** - Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping Ropes, Make Your Own Photo Frame, Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games
- 7-9 YEARS** - Footballs, Board Games, Stationery Sets, Remote Control Toys
- 9-12 YEARS** - Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish
- 12-18 YEARS** - Toiletries, Jewellery, Electrical items (Straighteners, Mini-speakers), Aftershave and Perfumes, Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes, Duvet Sets

For more information please contact Claire Owen.

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Friday 6.15 - 7.15pm
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For more details -
Tel : Philip Owen (01382 543034)
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Web : www.boys-brigade.org.uk

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Prayer Requests

If anyone has a prayer request for the church Prayer Team, and cannot easily access the prayer slips and prayer boxes in the church and manna, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Heywood on 07719 367 347 or email alisonbob@btinternet.com and she will pass the request on straight away to the Prayer Team WhatsApp group.

Pastoral Care Group

This is a small, recently formed group with a twofold aim. The intention is to act as a friendly link between the church and those who can no longer attend in person by visiting them on a regular basis. We would also offer pastoral support to anyone experiencing some temporary difficulties. In all these contacts any information will be treated with confidentiality.

If you would like to talk to one of us, or think you know of someone who might like to do so, please contact Margaret Imlay on 07840 231 659.

Request Card

- Would you like to receive a visit or a telephone call from the Minister, your District Elder or a member of the Pastoral Care Team?
- Would you like to inform the minister of someone in need of a visit or a call?
- Are you interested in becoming a member of our church?
- Are you keen to arrange a baptism or wedding in our church?

....if so, please fill in one of the 'Request Cards' entering details on the reverse, before posting it in the yellow box provided and you will be contacted soon.

Request Cards can be found on the side of the yellow post box, which is located on the small table beside the font as you leave the church by the link corridor.

Newport-on-Tay Church of Scotland

Request Card

I would like ... (please tick)

To receive a visit or speak on the phone with the Minister ☒

To receive a visit or speak on the phone with my District Elder ☐

To receive a visit or speak on the phone with a member of the Pastoral Care Team ☐

To inform of someone in need of a visit or in need of a phone call ☐

To explore joining the church ☐

To ask about a baptism or a wedding ☐

Please fill in the details overleaf → and post this card in the yellow box.

Calendar of Worship

Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 11am Service of Celebration

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : C Owen

Welcome : A Barona

Flowers : J MacCallum **Delivery** : E Owen

Coffee : P Broadbent, M Cuthbertson, K Farquhar + J Cuthbertson

Crèche : J Taylor

Sunday Club : S Kent, S McCowan

Young Persons' Elder : G Johnston

Sunday 9th November 2025 at 10:50am Remembrance Sunday

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : F Robertson **Reader** : C Owen

Welcome : C Johnston

Flowers : L Mulford **Delivery** : M Rowley

Coffee : A Barona, K Cruickshanks, Elaine Thomson + D Macleod

Crèche : F Harris

Sunday Club : A Gray

Young Persons' Elder : J Johnston

Sunday 16th November 2025 at 10:15am Joint Cluster Service

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : P Owen

Welcome : K Cruickshanks

Flowers : M Shiels **Delivery** : J Campbell

Coffee : F Durward, A Heywood, M Rowley + F Ritchie

Crèche : D Miller

Sunday Club : J Wylie, S McCowan

Young Persons' Elder : S Johnston

Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 11am

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : D Miller **Reader** : N Pong

Welcome : L Robertson

Flowers : J Campbell **Delivery** : S McCowan

Coffee : P Laurence, S Myles, Elizabeth Thomson + W Imlay

Crèche : J Johnston

Sunday Club : S Kent, E Wisher

Young Persons' Elder : D Macleod

Sunday 30th November 2025 at 11am First Sunday in Advent

Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Beadle : E Thomson **Reader** : J Campbell

Welcome : F Harris

Flowers : M Cuthbertson **Delivery** : J Johnston

Coffee : A Gray, L Robertson, A Waugh + P Owen

Crèche : F Harris

Sunday Club : All teachers, Nativity Preparation

Young Persons' Elder : C McCowan

Sunday 30th November 2025 at 6:30pm

Communion Service led by Rev Dr A Chewachong

Sunday 7th December 2025 at 11am Second Sunday in Advent

Service led by Mr P Owen

Beadle : A Barona **Reader** : F Ritchie

Welcome : D Miller

Flowers : A Wilman **Delivery** : M Shiels

Coffee : F Harris, M Shiels, M Wright + C McCowan

Crèche : J Taylor

Sunday Club : All teachers, Nativity Preparation

Young Persons' Elder : N Merrylees

Next Edition

If you would like anything included in our Winter edition of the Church Journal (covering December and January) please email

newportcos@btinternet.com

or have it in the hands of Claire Owen

by **Sunday 23rd November 2025.**

Mailing List

If you would like to join our mailing list to receive a weekly email with the intimations, details of upcoming events and the Order of Service and Zoom link for the Sunday service, or if you would like to receive this Journal as a PDF, please email

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