

# ***Newsletter***

***Crown Church, Inverness***

**February 2025: No. 807**

**Parish Minister: Rev Douglas Robertson**



## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

We have two Sunday Morning Services and Douglas is continuing to broadcast the service on Sunday mornings at 11.00 am. To watch these and previous recordings please go to the Crown Church Facebook page (a Facebook account is not required to see the service).

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| <b>Sunday 2nd February</b>  | Morning Worship at 9.30 am and 11.00am followed by special prayers                   |
| <b>Sunday 9th February</b>  | Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am  |
| <b>Sunday 16th February</b> | Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am  |
| <b>Sunday 23rd February</b> | Morning Worship at 9.30am and 11.00am  |
| <b>Sunday 3rd March</b>     | The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 9.30am and 11.00am followed by special prayers |

**“ If you love me, you will keep my commandments”**

**John 14 :15**

## **The Union with Old High St Stephens**

As many of you will know, the congregation approved the document entitled "*Basis of Parish Grouping*" at a meeting immediately after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January. A vote was taken and the document was approved unanimously.

This document encapsulates the agreement between our 2 churches to jointly run the new parish until such time as full union is achieved.

The Presbytery have indicated that the union itself is to be perfected by the end of this year (December 31st).

As a consequence, there continue to be meetings taking place between those involved in the Kirk Session committees of both churches. We are discussing the detailed arrangements which it will be necessary to agree before the new, unified, church comes into being at the beginning of 2026.

The 2 Kirk Sessions have already met but we have a further joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> February. We expect the process of union to accelerate from there.

I will provide further information about the progress of union as matters continue to develop.

Look out for further articles in the newsletter but also updates on the Crown Church website and in the Friday intimations.

**Bob Forrest**  
**Session Clerk**



# SNAC

Saturday Night At Crown

Saturday 1st February

5-7pm

Families, join us fur a  
wee Taste o' Scotland  
(haggis an' stovies)

Nae church  
connection? Nane  
needit !

## Scottish Afternoon Tea



Grateful thanks to all who came along to enjoy the entertainment and afternoon tea which was run as a fundraiser for the new extension, automatic entrance doors and access ramp. And also thanks for the wonderful selection of donations to our sales table. The event raised £825.

**Eileen Ardern**

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

A big 'thank you' to all who donated money for church flowers during 2024, and also to the team who arranged them each week in church.

The Flower List for 2025 is now up in the back corridor. If you would like to donate money to have flowers in church on a specific Sunday, please add your name on the relevant date. There is a team of flower arrangers, but you can arrange them yourself if you wish. The office will be in touch with you nearer the chosen date to discuss flowers and colours.

Thank you

**Ruby Coe**



## Daily Bible Readings for February

### **Sunday, February 2, 2025, Luke 6:1-16 Healing on the Sabbath**

Monday, February 3, 2025, Luke 6:17-26 Jesus Teaches and Heals

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Luke 6:27-30 Love for Enemies - Part I

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Luke 6:31-38 Love for Enemies - Part II

Thursday, February 6, 2025, Luke 6:39-42 Love for Enemies - Part III

Friday, February 7, 2025, Luke 6:43-49 A Tree and Its Fruit

Saturday, February 8, 2025, Luke 8:1-3 Women Follow Jesus

### **Sunday, February 9, 2025, Luke 7:1-17 Raising the Widow's Son**

Monday, February 10, 2025, Luke 8:4-21 Jesus Speaks in (More) Parables

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Luke 8:22-39 Jesus Calms a Storm and Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Luke 8:40-56 Jairus' Plea and a Woman Restored

Thursday, February 13, 2025, Luke 9:1-9 Jesus Sends Out Disciples

Friday, February 14, 2025, Luke 9:10-17 Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Saturday, February 15, 2025, Luke 9:18-27 Peter's Confession

### **Sunday, February 16, 2025, Luke 7:18-35 More than a Prophet**

Monday, February 17, 2025, Psalm 146:5-10 Psalm

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Luke 3:1-6 John the Baptist

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, Luke 3:7-9 John the Baptist

Thursday, February 20, 2025, Luke 3:10-14 John the Baptist

Friday, February 21, 2025, Luke 3:15-17 John the Baptist

Saturday, February 22, 2025, Luke 3:18-20 John the Baptist

### **Sunday, February 23, 2025, Luke 7:36-50 Forgiven at Jesus' Feet**

Monday, February 24, 2025, Psalm 103:1-6 Psalm

Tuesday, February 25, 2025, Luke 7:36-38 The Weeping Woman

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Luke 7:39 Simon's Judgment

Thursday, February 27, 2025, Luke 7:40-43 The Greater Debt

Friday, February 28, 2025, Luke 7:44-47 Showing Great Love

Saturday, March 1, 2025, Luke 7:48-50 Your Sins Are Forgiven

**Sunday, March 2, 2025, Luke 9:28-45 Transfiguration**

Monday, March 3, 2025, Luke 9:46-48 Who Is Greatest

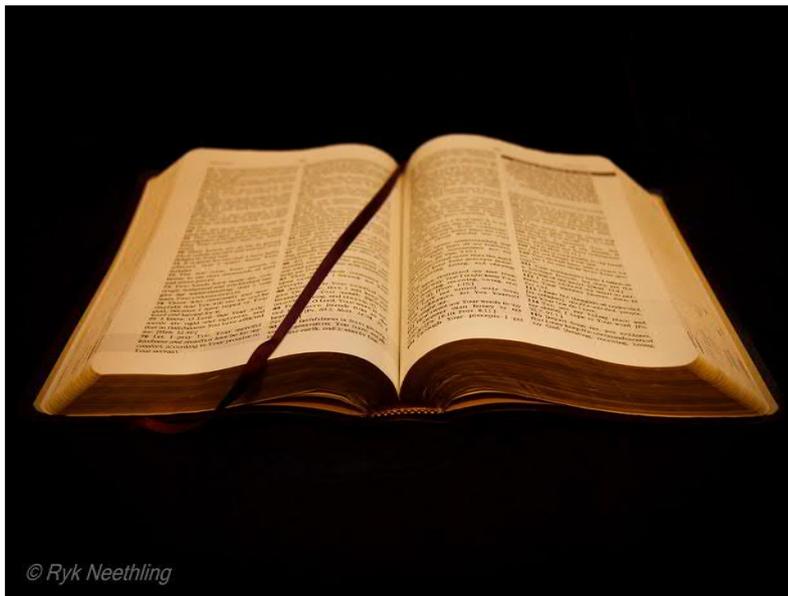
Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Luke 9:49-50 Whoever Is Not Against You Is For You

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, Luke 9:51-62 The Challenge of Following (Ash Wednesday)

Thursday, March 6, 2025, Luke 10:1-12 Mission of the Seventy

Friday, March 7, 2025, Luke 10:13-16 Woes to Unrepentant Cities

Saturday, March 8, 2025, Luke 10:17-24 Seventy Return and Jesus Rejoices



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# THE LAUNCHPAD BIG BOOKSALE

It's that time of year again! Have a clear-out of your bookshelves and help us to raise funds by donating books to us. You can drop off books to the Midmills Corridor on Weds 19th/Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10am-3pm, or on Friday 21st from 6.30-8pm.

We can collect if required –leave details in the church office before Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>.

Then come back to top up your reading pile

## SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

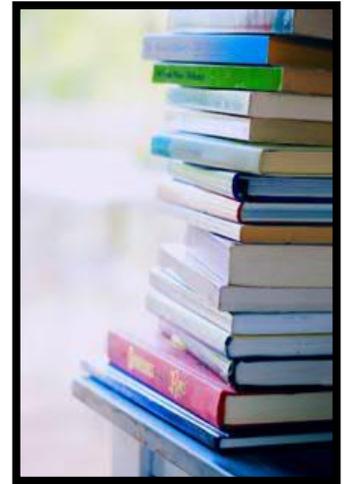
10.30am-3.30pm

Books for adults and children, fiction and non fiction.

£1 paperback /£2 hardback. Cash or card.

Teas and coffees available.

Car parking in Crown School



## Knitting and Craft Group

We have a lovely band of ladies regularly attending our Knitting and Craft Group. New members welcome.

During 2024 we have donated in total £400.00 from our weekly tea/coffee monies and taking part in the September Church 125 Anniversary celebrations, to both outside charities and our own Church fund raising. We have supported the Oxygen Works Inverness, Crown Church 2020, Young Crown and The Crocus Charity via Craig Cannon whose wife Ellie helps with our Mother and Toddler Group. Craig is running in the London Marathon in April on behalf of The Crocus Charity.

We meet every Monday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00 pm and enjoy both chatty times and quiet moments as we get on with our chosen task. We are thankful that we can put our handwork skills to the benefit of others.

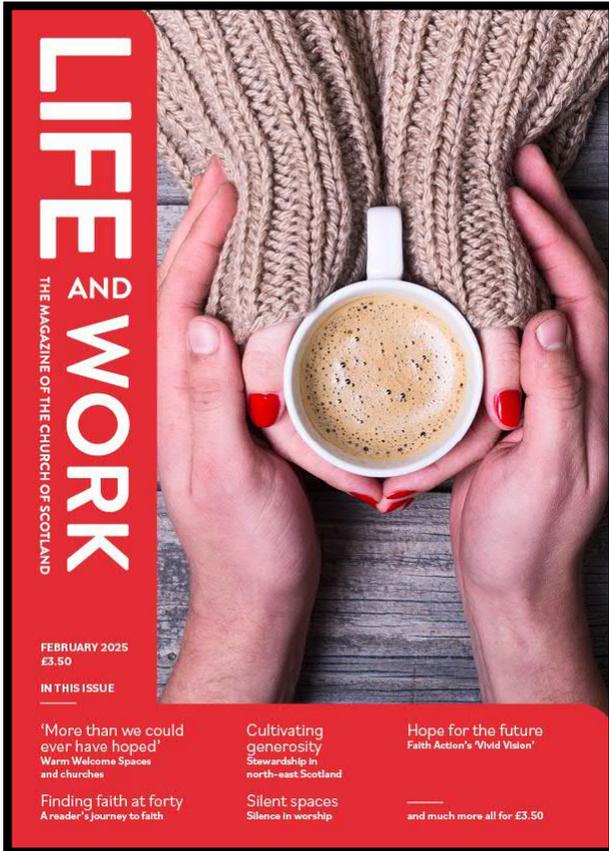
Best wishes from us all.

**Dorothy and Company**



# LIFE AND WORK

FEBRUARY



**'More Than We Could Ever Have Hoped'**  
Churches offering a regular warm space in the depths of winter

**Becoming a Christian at 40**  
A reader's reflection

**Stories of Ordinary People**  
John L Bell talks about his latest book

**Connection and Purpose**  
Continuing the series on Priority Areas work, Neill Shaw highlights how churches can provide a welcoming home for people experiencing hardship.

**Cultivating Generosity**  
Stewardship in north-east Scotland

**Our Presbyteries**  
The series finishes with the Presbytery of Jerusalem

**'You Should Be Very Proud'**

Christian Aid at 80, and the Church of Scotland minister who started it all.

## Regulars

The Moderator reflects on how Christians are called to action

The Rev Ruth Kennedy on digital church

Worship column by the Rev Roddy Hamilton

Reflection by the Rev Dr Richard Frazer

Bible study by the Rev Richard Baxter

My Church: Alan Reddie of Gillespie Memorial Church, Dunfermline

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## **Welcome Team**

<b>February 2nd</b>	Jane Wilson, Jean Smith, Lynn Forbes, Ruby Coe
<b>February 9th</b>	Ruby Coe, Liz and Jimmy Gray, Margot Tuley
<b>February 16th</b>	Ruby Coe, Jimmy Gray, Margot Tuley, Sheena Ferguson
<b>February 23rd</b>	Ruby Coe, Liz and Jimmy Gray, Alison Harbison

## **Readers**

<b>February 2nd</b>	Jean Smith
<b>February 9th</b>	Bob Shanks
<b>February 16th</b>	Alison Harbison
<b>February 23rd</b>	Irene Whyte
<b>March 2nd</b>	Brian Macgill

**As we enjoy our newly refurbished premises, perhaps now more so than ever it is important that we can offer a friendly presence at our doorways. If you feel you could help, even if it is just one Sunday, please do contact Fiona at the Church Office.**

# NEWS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

## Deaths

Mr James Frame, Castle Heather Crescent, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Captain John Fairgrieve, Morvern Road, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Mrs Margaret Henderson, Oakwood Court, 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Mrs Alice Morrison who celebrates her 90th Birthday on the 29th of January 2025

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**Items for the March newsletter by Sunday 23rd February please!**

**\*\*\*Please note our new email address\*\*\***

Please send any articles, photographs or news to :

**newsletter@[crowns-church.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@crowns-church.co.uk)**

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