

# Strathnairn and Strathdearn Church of Scotland

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## December 2024 Notices

### SERVICE TIMES FOR DECEMBER

**Croy Church at 10.00am - The Strathdearn hub, Tomatin at 12 noon**

#### DECEMBER 2024:

**Sunday 1st:** Preacher - Vivian Roden

**Monday 2nd** - Monthly Afternoon Tea in The Strathdearn Hub, Tomatin from 3-4pm.

**Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th** - Bible discussion group meet from 2-4pm in Daviot Church (weekly).

**Saturday 7th:** Messy Church Christmas Fun Afternoon from 2-4pm at The Hub, Tomatin  
(Children must be accompanied by an adult.) All welcome.

**Sunday 8th:** Preacher - Rev Dewald Louw

**Monday 9th** - Strathnairn & Strathdearn Guild (Croy) meet at Croy Church at 2pm.  
Speaker: Janice Wilby. Topic - Adopt a Child. All Welcome.

**Wednesday 11th:** Guild meet at Tomatin at 2.30pm. CHRISTMAS IN HOUSE  
(Please bring along a plate of food to share and if you can, something for a homeless person.)

**Sunday 15th:** Preacher - Rev David Willis

#### Wednesday 18th

### **Strathnairn Music Initiative**

Presents a Festive Evening of Winter/Christmas Songs  
followed by Community Carol Singing  
Daviot Church at 7.30pm

*Donations in support of Munlochy Animal Aid and the Salvation Army.*

**Thursday 19th:** Carol Service at Cawdor Church at 7.00pm

**Sunday 22nd:** Preacher - Rev Ed Andrews

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Tuesday 24th:** Early Service at The Hub, Tomatin at 6.00pm (Vivian)

**Tuesday 24th:** Watchnight Service at Croy Church at 11.15pm (Rev Ed Andrews)

**Sunday 29th:** Joint service at Daviot Church at 11.00am conducted by Elders  
(NO SERVICES IN CROY or TOMATIN on this Sunday)

**EVERYONE WARMLY WELCOME AT ALL OR ANY OF OUR SERVICES OR EVENTS**

#### REGULARS

Bible discussion group meet at Daviot Church 2.00pm on Thursday afternoons.

Every Thursday morning at 10:30am in The Strathdearn Hub - Prayer Meeting.

Every Friday morning from 10.30am to 12.noon - Coffee & Crafts at Daviot Church.

Our parish website can be found at:

<http://www.strathsnairnanddearn.co.uk/>

For recorded services at Croy go to YouTube and search for Croy Church where you will find the latest recorded service.

### THANK YOU - BLYTHSWOOD CARE

On behalf of Blythswood Care I'd like to thank the parishes of Strathnairn and Strathdearn for the extremely kind and generous donations to Highland Foodbank this Harvest. The total amount given was 83kgs of food and £210 in cash. This donation will go a long way in enabling us to continue to provide emergency food to people in our communities who are struggling. *Lorna Dempster, Foodbank Manager.*

Christmas is the Feast of God's sending us a Saviour: God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life". We call our celebration of the Incarnation of God in a Baby today "Good News" because our Divine Saviour has been born. As our Saviour, Jesus liberated us from slavery to sin and atoned for our sins by his suffering, death, and Resurrection. Every Christmas reminds us that we need a Saviour every day, to free us from unjust, impure, and uncharitable tendencies. Christmas 2024 also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Saviour and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in the New Year.

### Session Members' Names & Posts Held within the Session

**Moderator** is the Minister of the Kirk [or an Interim Moderator.]

The Session cannot sit unless attended by the Moderator who constitutes the proceedings as this is equivalent to a court of law where all things are recorded and minuted.

**Session Clerk:** Mrs Vivian Roden

**Treasurer:** Mr Philip MacKenzie

**Fabric Convener:** Mr George McConachie

**Safeguarding:** Mrs Margaret Saunders

**Health & Safety:** Mr George Morrison [An Elder but not on the Session, but reports to session]

**Presbytery Elder:** Dr Russell Lees [Attends all Presbytery meetings and reports back to keep the Session informed of changes and decisions etc]

Mr James Simpson

Mrs Kathleen Matheson

Mrs Ilene McLean

Mrs Sandra Edward

Mrs Agnes Strachan

Mrs Jane Crowe

Mrs Fiona Lewthwaite

Mrs Janet Pope

## PRESBYTERY BULLETIN

Is an online notice board that is updated and edited frequently to keep us informed about what is happening in the life of our Presbytery.

To access the Presbytery Bulletin go to:  
<https://cei.presbytery.org.uk>

At the top of the page, go to One Stop Shop where you will find all relevant resources for mission and ministry.

### VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Thank you to all who volunteer for duty at a Sunday service, (setting-up, door, Bible, reading, collection, cleaning, tea making, etc.). The help you provide to the worship leader is much appreciated and reduces the need for others to constantly ask for volunteers. If you feel you can help with any of these duties there are rotas available for you to put your name on. Thank you again for making it easier for the service to run smoothly.