

CONNECT



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held weekly.
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All are welcome!

**Aberlady
& Gullane
Parish Church**



Dear Friends, *...that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace...The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. (2nd Corinthians 13:11-12 and 14)*

Coming from the Message translation of the Bible, these are the final words from Paul's 2nd letter to the church in Corinth. I thought they were very appropriate to share with you in this, my last letter to you all. Goodbyes and sign offs are never very easy to make and Douglas, your Connect editor, is being very patient waiting for me to send this to him way beyond the deadline that was set. As you already know, I am planning on retiring in April. Retirement, I find, is all about knowing when the deadline is and I went over the expected deadline when I came to be your minister in Nov 2023. I felt blessed when you called me to be your minister and you gave me the opportunity to move back to this part of the world of which I have such happy memories from my childhood. I have even more happy memories to take away with me now and, as before, I will leave a part of my heart here. Your beautiful manse has been a very comfortable home and has been much appreciated by me and all the members of my family and friends who have visited and who also now take away happy memories of this place.

I thank you all for the support that you have given me and the kind words of appreciation. I felt from the first moment I heard of the vacancy here that my calling was Spirit led, and I believe that can be seen in all the many positive things that have happened while I have been here. We have made many changes through these past few years, just some of which are: service times, joint services, all age worship services. We have a new logo, a new website and a new vision: "To become a church family that delights in welcoming and bringing people of different ages, cultures, colours, ethnicity, sex and gender, together to joyfully worship and serve our Lord." Both church buildings are now registered for the solemnisation of same-sex weddings.

From Jan 2025 to Jan 2026 we have welcomed eighteen new members, eleven of whom stood to profess their faith, and another two people want to join by profession of faith and another three are thinking about joining.

We've brought together our plans for the renovation of Gullane Church and Church Centre and for a new A/V system, lighting and toilet to be installed at Aberlady Church. We have had a community audit carried out and from the results we have developed some plans for mission which were necessary for our building plans for our application to Presbytery and the General Trustees.

We heard the good news in Jan that all our plans have been approved and the General Trustees have also agreed to contribute £150,000, which along with the money we have already in our accounts, means we will only need to raise approx. £18,000. We also heard in December the very good news that you will have permission to call a full-time minister when I retire.

My thanks to all our very hard-working elders, Treasurer and Session Clerks for all their dedication, hard work, forward planning, positivity, willingness and acceptance of change and to all of you who are reading this as well. A special thanks also to our organists who have had to learn many new hymns and who enhance our worship with their beautiful playing and the AV teams who have risen to all the challenges. It has been a joy to share these past years with you all.

God bless you all,

from **Rev Lis.**

ABERLADY PLANT SALE



Saturday, 9th May 2025 • 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

ABERLADY COMMUNITY HALL

£1 ENTRY • £3.50 CREAM TEA TICKETS



PLANT STALLS • CAKE & CANDY • RAFFLE

ALL WELCOME

The **Annual Plant Sale** will take place on **Saturday 9 May** in **Aberlady Community Hall**. As this happens near Christian Aid Week in May, Kirk Session has agreed to donate 10% of the profit to Christian Aid.

Please get your plants ready! Put the date in your diary! Come along and buy some new plants at very good prices!

Kirk Stables and Gullane Church Centre: there is some availability during the week for groups to meet both during the day and in the evening. It is also possible to hire them for family events e.g children's parties. The charges are reasonable. Please spread the word. Further information on the website or from Morag Black on agpcsecretary@outlook.com or 01875 870777.

EASTER CHOCOLATE: take a look at meaningfulchocolate.co.uk for fairtrade Easter eggs that include an illustrated story book of the story of Easter. We got one last year. The booklet is lovely and the chocolate tastes great! **DMcM.**



**Palm Sunday
29 March**

**0945 All Age Worship Service in
Gullane Church.**

**Good Friday
3 April**

**1930 Tenebrae Service in Aberlady
Church.**

**Easter Sunday
5 April.**

**0800 Service on Aberlady Sea Green.
0945 Service in Gullane Church.**

Retiral of Rev Elisabeth Stenhouse

As Lis, our minister, has announced her intention to retire in early April, it is the intention of the Kirk Session to present her with a parting gift from the Session and congregation. Lis has worked very hard for us, has increased our membership and has been instrumental in securing permission to do our renovations and secured a grant from the General Trustees. Should you wish to contribute, your donation should be given to **Kaye Macaskill** at Aberlady and **Morag Black** at Gullane or by bank transfer stating **Gift-Lis Stenhouse**, Envelopes will be available at both churches for cash. Donations can be handed in anytime from now but no later than **Monday 23 March**. This will be handed over at a social occasion to which all are welcome. Details later.

Church Finances-Treasurer's update

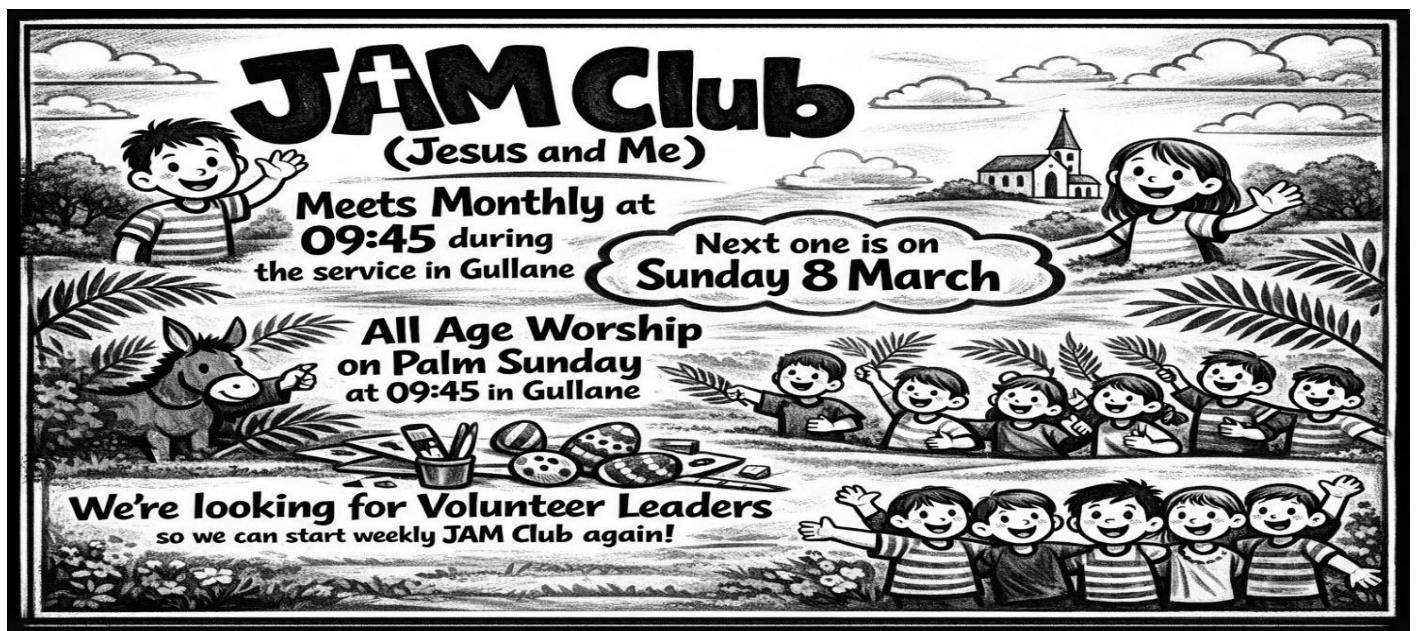
The Church financial year runs from January to December. I am working on the 2025 accounts and when completed they will be approved by the Kirk Session and the auditor. An Annual Stated meeting will hopefully be held later in the spring at which you will have the opportunity to have the accounts explained. This is an information meeting as members of the Kirk Session are responsible for their approval. 2025 has been a busy year with planning for the upgrades at both churches and some maintenance and repairs at both Aberlady and Gullane. Heating and lighting costs were high but less than 2024. I am pleased to report that we have a reasonable surplus at the end of the year.

As the plans for improvement at both churches proceed, we shall be fundraising and we have set up a restricted fund for this purpose.

I am grateful for your continued support in your giving through offerings. Please continue to do so. You can do so by Standing Order or cash. For further information, please speak to Morag Black or me at church or by phone.

The bank is now charging us for cash and cheque transactions although we are a charity. Transactions by bank transfer are preferable whenever possible.

Kaye Macaskill (Treasurer)



Session News

When Barry White retired as Session Clerk at the end of 2025, I agreed to carry out the duties of Session Clerk on an interim basis until Lis retires in April.

I am certain that the next two years will prove to be exceptionally busy for Session members. Presbytery's announcement granting permission to appoint a full-time minister arrived just a few weeks before the General Trustees agreed that our plans to upgrade our church buildings should go ahead. Doubtless, members of the congregation will wish to be kept well informed of the progress being made on both vacancy and buildings matters. However, the purpose of this article is to focus on where we are, and the tasks that lie ahead, as we take forward the vacancy process.

The Vacancy

Presbytery start the process of filling a vacancy by appointing a Vacancy Procedure Committee, consisting of five persons which includes at least one minister and at least one elder. The Committee has a quorum of three for its meetings. It is the responsibility of the Vacancy Procedure Committee to appoint an Interim Moderator for the charge (Aberlady and Gullane) and intimate its decision to us. The Interim Moderator appointed to assist us fill our vacancy is Dr John Arthur, an elder in Fogo Kirk, south of Duns. Although our minister doesn't retire until April, Lis kindly permitted the Interim Moderator to work with Session on any matters relating to the vacancy. This approach represents something of a trailblazer by the Church of Scotland in that, up to now, the process of filling a vacancy has started from the date the charge becomes vacant. Lis's decision to permit the Interim Moderator to work with Session has allowed us to start lengthy vacancy procedures much earlier than anticipated which should, in turn, reduce the length of time we are without a minister.

The Interim Moderator will preside at all Session and congregational meetings in connection with the vacancy. Dr Arthur, in consultation with the Kirk Session, will arrange pulpit supply, act as assessor to the Nominating Committee, and provide guidance as needed. In essence, our Interim Moderator will have the same duties and responsibilities as if he were the parish minister

While actions to fill the vacancy get underway in Presbytery, we also require to kick-start activity at local level. The first task is to ensure the Electoral Register is up to date. The Register, maintained and kept up-to-date by Barry White, is a list of those who will be eligible to vote when the time comes to elect a Nominating Committee, and subsequently in the election of a new minister. To assist eligibility, an edict is read on two successive Sundays, affording the opportunity for regular worshippers at Aberlady and Gullane who are members of another congregation, to arrange for a Certificate of Transference. It also affords opportunity for regular worshippers who are not members of our or any other congregation to add their name to the Register as an "adherent".

Early in the vacancy process, the Kirk Session is required to prepare a profile of the congregation and parish. This is a written report which, for us, outlines the story of Aberlady and Gullane Church, analyses its purpose and vision for the future, and paints a picture of what congregational life is like in relation to worship, fellowship, service and mission. The profile also sets out the nature of the working relationship amongst office bearers, and between the office bearers and the minister. Finance, any Presbytery Plan implications and communication strategies are also included in the profile. Once the profile is completed, a draft is submitted to the Presbytery Advisory Committee, who then arrange to meet with the Kirk Session to discuss its content.

The next stage in the process is the appointment of a Nominating Committee. This process starts with a Notice, read to the congregation on two Sundays, stating that a meeting will be held at the close of a forthcoming morning service for the purpose of appointing a Nominating Committee. The task of the Nominating Committee is to nominate one person to be the new minister. Those elected to serve on the Committee must be on the Electoral Roll, and those proposed for membership must have indicated a willingness to serve. Presbytery informs the congregation how many members must be appointed and this information has not yet been made available.

Agreeing to be put forward for membership of the Nominating Committee is a decision which should not be taken lightly. Once elected, there is a requirement to attend preliminary meetings at which decisions will be taken on how the committee will go about its work. This will include such details as advertising, information for candidates, closing date for applications, timetable for interviews, and procedures for interviewing and hearing candidates. Once CVs have been studied and candidates shortlisted, members of Committee will undertake visits to hear candidates preach in their church. It may be that these churches are some distance away from our parish.

Once the Nomination Committee reaches the point when it can make a nomination, the nominee then conducts public worship, and a ballot of the congregation then follows.

Although this article represents a condensed version of the vacancy process, it will be self-evident that it is time consuming. However, the time spent should be seen as a time of challenge. With a clear 'vision' of what our congregation is, where it is going and what it hopes to do, the task of finding the right minister should be made all the easier.

Jim Donaldson
Session Clerk

Look at the Birds

Since putting up our bird feeding station, our life here in Gullane has been greatly enriched. We find ourselves looking out at the birds every day. Bill will call out to me: '*The bird café is open!*' and I'll hurry to the window. For bird enthusiasts - we have a flock of around twenty-two goldfinches, a few greenfinches, chaffinches, the odd robin and blackbird and many, many wood pigeons and collared doves. Looking at the birds brings us joy and contentment.



In Matthew chapter 6 verses 26-27 Jesus says:

'Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?'

Who of us can say they never worry? Isn't worry unavoidable, part of the human condition, pretty much inevitable? Worry is generally a future oriented pattern of thought. What might happen if...? Worry always brings negative emotions in its trail. Constant worry can lead to chronic anxiety. Jesus tells us that worrying is fruitless. That's not to say there's something wrong with future planning, but sometimes worry can paralyse us into inactivity rather than action towards solving the problem on our minds. Dutch holocaust survivor Corrie Ten Boom said it succinctly: '*Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.*'

Jesus isn't ignoring the fact that the future can be challenging. We're not told to live in unreality singing along with Bobby McFerrin: '*Don't worry, be happy*'. He is highlighting the truth that in God's Kingdom worry actually equals a lack of trust in our heavenly Father. Worry is a way in which we seek to try to control our lives and our future, which in reality none of us can do. What then, should we do when worries start to land in our minds?

Later in the chapter Jesus says:

'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

The old King James version reads: '*sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*' Jesus's solution is for us to lay out our issues daily before the Lord, keeping things current and handing over the burden of worry to him. In other words – trusting Him. I really need to be reminded of this way of life often, even whilst looking at the birds. When we went away on holiday for a week, we actually worried about the birds. How would they fare without our sunflower hearts? We bought extra large feeders to keep them going. They were empty when we returned. The birds didn't ration their supply or '*store away in barns*'. They weren't worried about tomorrow and it turns out that they survived quite happily. One way or another their heavenly Father fed them.

Shiona Nisbet

End 2025 with 2025: FINAL UPDATE



A massive well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to the winter appeal. Your generosity has helped raise 20,648kg of food and £22,772 for East Lothian Foodbank. But more than the numbers, what really matters is somewhere in your community right now, someone's life is a little bit easier because you chose to help.

♥ Heartfelt thanks to everyone who gives so much to us, not just now but through the year. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Volunteers uplift donations for the Foodbank from Gullane and Aberlady Churches, Aberlady Community Hall, Gullane Dentists, Gullane Library and Gullane COOP during opening hours. There is also a collection point at North Berwick Tesco. All donations are taken to the warehouse in Tranent where they are sorted and made into 3-day emergency food parcels. Parcels are delivered throughout East Lothian.

Please give donations of tinned soup, baked beans, meat, fish, vegetables and fruit. Also tea and coffee, pasta and rice, long life milk and fruit juice, sweets and treats. We also take toiletries and pet food.

For more information see the website www.eastlothianfoodbank.org.uk

Wednesday Coffee.

Our regular Coffee Catch Up is well supported but it would be lovely to welcome more of our congregation and friends on a Wednesday morning to enjoy fellowship and a chat.

Over the Christmas period we welcomed the Haddington Singers, Fergus played the piano with Anne leading the singing. The number in the choir has increased and their singing was joyous. There were also a couple of recitations which were really funny. The Wednesday coffee morning members joined the choir in the church and enjoyed a medley of Christmas carols and favourite Christmas songs. The choir, some of whom have disabilities, enjoy singing to an audience and the acoustics in church add an extra something. This was followed by fellowship with a delightful spread of savoury and sweet treats provided by Alison, one of our Wednesday regulars.

There was also a Bill “session”, this was a fun filled session of songs, jokes and stories. We have invited Bill back so look out for the date in the intimations.

Going forward we hope further entertainment can be arranged for Wednesday mornings. It would be great to have more support from the congregation when we have these extra events.

Volunteers needed for coffee rotas:

Our coffee catch up and fellowship, after regular Sunday services in Gullane, are an essential part of our Outreach and a focus for us as a church as we move forward with the development plans for the church buildings.

Unfortunately, due to illness and other commitments several of our volunteers have had to take a step back. We particularly need help on a Wednesday and a few more volunteers for a Sunday would mean less shifts on the rota for all our current volunteers.

Please contact me if you could cover the odd shift. Our outreach work depends on volunteers.



Muriel Calder.

GONE FISHING.

Jesus is standing on the seashore of Lake Gennesaret (Galilee) preaching and teaching. The crowd is growing so much that Jesus has to find another place to teach from because the beach space is getting smaller. He sees two boats and gets into one of them, asking the owner to '*put out a little from the land*'. Peter promptly does so and Jesus sits in the boat and continues teaching. I wonder whether the boat is bobbing up and down in the water as he speaks?

Jesus finishes teaching and encourages Peter to '*put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch*'. Peter questions this second instruction because it goes against everything he knows about fishing. '*Master we toiled all night and took nothing*' is his response. Peter knows all about fish and their feeding habits and knows that night-time fishing is the norm. (I sometimes wonder whether, at this point, Peter was muttering under his breath, '*I am a professional and I don't need any advice from an amateur*').

In spite of this, Peter obeyed, and what do you know, a huge number of fish made their way into Peter's net, so much so that it began to break, resulting in Peter asking his mates to help out. The end result was two boat loads of fish, headed for market. (There's more to the story and you can read about it in Luke chapter 5). Peter, of course, became a disciple and apostle of Jesus and a significant leader in the church. Our New Testament contains two letters penned by him.

Large doors swing on small hinges.

I find it significant that Peter's faith story and his discipleship journey with Jesus began with him simply doing what Jesus asked him to do. '*Put out a little from the land*.' It's not rocket science and with Jesus, it seems that a small step of obedience goes a long, long way, further than what we might think. Jesus' second instruction was not so easy for Peter '*put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch*' and it demanded a bit more faith, but Jesus didn't start with the second instruction, he began with the first one. Like the rest of us, Peter learned one step at a time.

I wonder what Jesus might be encouraging us to do? Perhaps something so simple that we might ignore or dismiss it from our minds? Perhaps something not so simple, something which might make demands, the equivalent of '*put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch*'.

I think we all receive 'nudges' from God and it's then up to us what we do next. It might be as simple as phoning someone or sending a card or inviting them for a cuppa or telling someone that we are praying for them.

After a long, fruitless night shift, Peter obeyed the initial nudge from the Lord and as a result became a disciple. I'm pretty sure it marked the end of his fishing business, but Jesus had another kind of fishing in mind...

Bill Nisbet.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON DROP-IN

ALL WELCOME TO POP IN AND JOIN
US FOR A CHAT, CARD OR BOARD
GAMES, BOOK / MAGAZINE SWAPS

THURSDAYS, 2-4PM

ABERLADY VILLAGE HALL
(SMALL HALL AT THE BACK)

CONTACT LIZ FORSYTH ON 07880337695 OR AT
ELIZABETHMFORSYTH@BTINTERNET.COM.





Aberlady Church Flower Volunteers.

We are very grateful to those who contribute a floral display each month in Aberlady Church. A vase of flowers placed on the font at the front of the Church definitely lifts our spirits. Increasingly, however, there are a few months where no volunteer is available. We would welcome anyone who feels that they would like to contribute to the Church community in this way by being a flower arranger. We have volunteers who are not Church members but like to use their creative skills by making a simple flower display each Sunday for one month in the year.

We have no volunteers for May, July, August and September this year.

Please contact Liz Forsyth if you would like to know more about what is required.
elizabethmforsyth@btinternet.com 07880337695

Farewell to Fergus

On Sunday 28 December at our joint service, the final service of the year, at Aberlady Church, we said our goodbyes to Fergus Malcolm who had served on our organist team for twenty-three years. He was previously a music teacher and Principal Teacher of Music at Knox Academy, Haddington. There he led a well-respected team who brought love of music to many pupils through choirs, orchestra and other groups and some of whom went on to further studies in music and even careers. He also organised classical concerts in Haddington. He was a well-respected musician locally before he came to us, in about 2002, I think after retiring from school, and became an important member of our organist team. He served us loyally and with accomplishment over the next twenty-three, treating us to a variety of introits and closing pieces over the years. He sometimes accompanied our "choirs", small or bigger on special occasions. We all enjoyed his excellent playing. In the latter part of last year, he decided it was time to take a rest. During Covid he had even done some composing. We agreed we needed to thank him formally. This took place on 28 December when Anne, his long-term colleague, and Fergus, played a duet during the service. Fergus received a generous cheque from the collection held during December and his wife Marion and Anne both received beautiful bouquets. We concluded with tea and coffee at the Stables after the service.

The congregation expressed their great gratitude and offered their best wishes for the future to Marion and Fergus. We shall miss you.



Kaye Macaskill.

As it happened, as I got off the bus on Sunday, I met a neighbour who asked where I was going. I replied *I am going to Church why not come with me?* He smiled and thanked me and said in his younger days he had attended Church Sunday School and Youth Group but had lost the habit.

I wonder how many people lost the habit during Covid?

We were fortunate here to have an excellent team who kept in touch by phone. But the years move on.

Not all members are able to get to Church or are able to access online services as I am, but I listen to BBC Radio Scotland on a Sunday Morning 0700-0730 and enjoy sharing Worship with various congregations.

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I wonder what significance the number 79476 would have for you, or the name Jane Haining. I came across her name many years ago listening to a talk at the Women's Guild and my daughter came across a memorial to her in Bucharest and was surprised that I had heard of her.

More recently I saw a report which featured our Moderator Rosie Frew dedicating a memorial stone to her (a Stolperstein or Stumbling block) set into the paving stones outside St Stephen's Church in Stockbridge in Edinburgh.

This was the area that Jane grew up in, having been born in Dunscore in Dumfriesshire, before she served as a Church of Scotland missionary in Bucharest.



In the Hitler era she saved and protected many Jewish children before being betrayed and dying eventually in a concentration camp. The number quoted was hers and I believe she is the only Scot so remembered.

As we approach Easter and remember that Supreme Sacrifice it is also good to reflect on the many sacrifices made in the name of Christ.

**June Campbell.**

**“The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak, night after night they make Him known.”**

**Psalm 19:1-2**

East Lothian has the advantage of having wonderful night skies (when the clouds have parted) and although there is light pollution we are a Bortle 4 area for this. An inner city setting would be an 8/9 with 9 being the brightest. So take the opportunity over the next few months whilst we still have dark skies to look up and enjoy them.

During February there are a number of things to look out for:

- A full moon on February 1<sup>st</sup> – this one known as the Snow Moon . Many of the names given to the full moon are from the Indigenous peoples of the north American continent and reflect the changing seasons.
- The planet Jupiter is very bright at the moment and can be seen in the southern sky all night moving from east to west. It's hard to miss once you've found it.
- Also visible rising in the east travelling over the night in the south and setting in the early morning is the constellation of Orion – probably my favourite constellation and the Pleiades or Seven Sisters.
- Looking upwards and north you will see the Plough as it moves overhead. Part of the greater constellation of Ursa Major or The Great Bear it is a very easily identifiable group of stars.
- And of course – if we are lucky – there is the possibility of the Aurora flaring. We are in the latter half of the sun's 11 year cycle of activity so passed the peak of it but there are still regular episodes of it flaring. The possibility of auroral displays are now easy to watch for with a number of phone apps which will alert you. Don't however expect to go and see colour with the naked eye. The occasions where it's that bright are few and far between but modern mobile phones will take a great picture. Look north,/northeast and take a photo. If it's there you'll get anything from a green glow to pillars and rays in reds and purples.



So please take the opportunity before the days lengthen to wrap up well, go out and look up. It's magical!

**Fran Goodman.**

## **Gladden Village** **Heritage stories for social health accessed from home.**

For many people the social benefits of being out and about can be restricted. Reasons can range from caring responsibilities to transport limitations, social anxiety or depression to cost of living impacts, vulnerable immune systems to disabilities or geographical remoteness.

Gladden Village, founded in January 2023, is a fictional online village created to utilise heritage stories as a trellis for supporting sense of connection and community and providing opportunities to contribute to 'village life', remotely. Becoming a villager is free and is open to anyone, anywhere, aged 18 and over, who feels they would enjoy and/or could benefit from this unique offering. You can be a Gladden villager if you happen to live in a remote part of Canada, are in a croft in the Scottish Highlands, or reside in a city centre. Gladden villagers are international and intergenerational.



### **Gladden Village**

Gladden Village has a Coffeehouse, Reading Room, Post Office and the Mart.

As a Gladden villager you receive a very warm welcome, monthly invites to come along, from the comfort of your home via Zoom, to the Coffeehouse and the Mart, bi-annual issues of

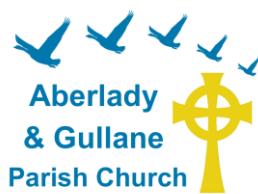
the Gladden Gazette and access to Gladden Reading Room, with its book, poetry and listening recommendations, 24/7.

In 2026, Gladden Coffeehouse will offer 'visits' to the International Spy Museum in Washington D.C and to Wells Cathedral and Vicar's Close, as well as poetry and book nights and the opportunity for villagers to share their Unsung Heritage Heroes and Heroines, human and non-human.

Gladden Mart focuses on farming and rural life heritage stories. This Spring, the Mart programme includes hearing about the 'Milking It' project, which compares the heritage of milk production the UK and Kenya and, on another evening, discovering a little about the 'Edinburgh Four', the first female vets who graduated from the Royal Dick School of Veterinary Studies.

If you would like to become a Gladden Villager and receive village news and invites to the Coffeehouse and Mart sessions, which take place fortnightly on Wednesdays, simply email [gladdenvillage@gmail.com](mailto:gladdenvillage@gmail.com) or check out [Home \(gladdenvillage.org\)](http://gladdenvillage.org)

**Ruthanne Baxter.**



## Congregational Roll **Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church**



### Funeral Services

Florence Scott, 19 November 2025  
Anne Torkington, 16 January 2026  
Peter Lithgow, 27 January 2026

### Baptisms

Ellie Walker, 23 November 2025  
Ronald Ross, 28 December 2025

### New Members

Anne Bradley, 27 October 2025  
Cameron Hodgson, 20 November 2025  
Michael Slater, 23 November 2025  
Joanna Keiller, 23 November 2025  
Alison Walker, 23 November 2025  
Ellie Walker, 23 November 2025  
Ronald Ross, 28 December 2025  
David Matheson, 28 December 2025  
Elaine Carnie, 26 January 2026

### New Elder

Douglas McMillan, 25 January 2026

## DIRECTORY

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## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) are life-saving pieces of equipment, when they are readily available, fully functioning and used appropriately. In the event of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, it is important to start cardiac massage as quickly as possible, as chances of survival decreases by 10% for every minute the heart has stopped functioning. You can make a difference with this and help save a life – training is available and it is not difficult!



Together in Health charity have placed new additional external public access defibrillators (PADs) in places in Gullane and at Gullane Bents.

Together with NB Community First Responders, Together in Health will be running two hands on CPR and defibrillator awareness sessions with Q&A, in the Gullane Church Centre on **Saturday 21 February**. The first session will start at 0900 and the second at 1030. To book a place please **contact Joy Grey** on 07971 163565. We look forward to hearing from you.



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|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February           | 0945 Joint Service of Holy Communion at Gullane led by Lis, followed by planning for the next All Age Worship. |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March               | 1115 Joint Service at Aberlady led by the Worship Team.                                                        |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March               | 1500 World Day of Prayer at St Andrew Blackadder.                                                              |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March               | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March              | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March              | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| <b>Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | 0945 All Age Worship Service at Gullane.                                                                       |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March              | 1930 Service at St Baldred's Church.                                                                           |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March             | 1930 Service at Abbey Church.                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April            | 1930 Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea.                                                                      |
| <b>Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>   | 1930 Tenebrae Service at Aberlady.                                                                             |
| <b>Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> | 0800 Service at Aberlady Sea Green, led by Barry White.<br>0945 Service at Gullane Church, by Lis.             |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April              | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April              | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April              | 0945 Joint Service at Gullane.                                                                                 |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                 | 1115 Joint Service at Aberlady, led by the Worship Team.                                                       |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May               | 1000-1215 Plant Sale – Aberlady Community Hall                                                                 |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                | 0945 Service at Gullane.<br>1115 Service at Aberlady.                                                          |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                | 0945 Service at Gullane. 1115 Aberlady.                                                                        |