



# SALM MAGAZINE

ST ANDREWS LECKIE CHURCH

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# Sunday Services

If you are able, please come and join us in church.

## Morning Service

Our Service starts at 11am, doors open at 10:40am.

please try to arrive at least five minutes early, as we start on time for the live stream (morning only).

## Evening Service

Our evening service starts at 6:30pm doors open at 6:10pm

Alternatively you can watch our morning services online through our livestream on our website: [standrewsleckie.co.uk](http://standrewsleckie.co.uk)

## Morning Online Prayer Meetings

Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri: 8.30am-9am

Thursday 8.00am-9am pray for revival

We gather to pray for God to move by His Spirit, bringing His kingdom near and people to know Jesus.

**For the new google meet link**

email [office@standrewsleckie.co.uk](mailto:office@standrewsleckie.co.uk) or  
[Nancy@standrewsleckie.co.uk](mailto:Nancy@standrewsleckie.co.uk)

# MESSAGE

## FROM OUR MINISTER

God of Daniel

I have always loved reading stories. As a child I loved entering the world of Sinbad the Sailor and King Solomon's mines, of perilous voyages and exotic adventures in the pursuit of treasure. I will never tire of going through the wardrobe into Narnia in pursuit of Aslan or joining Gandalf the White as he heralds a great victory of light over darkness.

It is no surprise that I love reading the book of Daniel. Here is a book that is big enough to capture our imagination. I love reading anything that stirs up my faith in God who is Mighty and Glorious. Daniel tells stories of our God who is utterly other, who is not of this world, yet loves it, who rules over our world and yet comes down to be near to us. He is the God who sends angels to shut the mouths of lions and who shows up when His faithful people are thrown into a fiery furnace; He speaks through dreams and reveals mysteries. He is the true and living God, who can do more than we can ask for or even imagine.

May we know the God of Daniel, the God of the Scriptures. This is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who healed the sick, calmed the storms and drove out demons. May we know him who is mighty to save and so full of mercy and kindness, who calls us and sends us out to be part of his mission. May he capture our imaginations and our hearts.

May that faith remain strong when life is hard and the path that we walk on is marked by suffering. Especially in these times would you know "the Spirit of glory and of God rest on you" (1 Peter 4:14).

On Sunday mornings Malcolm is preaching through the book of Daniel. If you have not done so already, come and join us!



*Malcolm Jefferson*

# THE PRAYER TEAM

We had a wonderful blessed **24-7 style prayer** event in mid January around the theme Whole body worship. Sessions were well attended and many experienced God's presence as they prayed.

During these times we transform the sanctuary into small areas with writing, photos, Bible verses, sometimes a simple task to do and as you sit in these places and begin to speak to God we find He comes very close. If you haven't tried this I hugely encourage you to do so. It's not just for some people, it's for everyone.

Looking ahead our next **24-7 style prayer** event will be at Easter, starting on Good Friday, **3rd April** in the afternoon and finishing with children's activities and a free coffee morning on Easter Saturday.

Please volunteer to be a steward for an hour or to help with the coffee morning.

## Dates following our prayer rhythm

Wednesday **25th February** 9am prayer room 10am prayer walk

Wednesday **25th March** 9am prayer room 10am prayer walk

## Prayer after each Service

We offer prayer after every Service. We'd love more people to come along to this. It's completely confidential. Our Loving Heavenly Father wants us to bring our requests to Him.

The first Sunday of each month there will also be a team of children and young people available to pray for us.

## Google Meet morning prayers

These morning prayer times are so blessed. We read a Bible passage together then individuals pray as they feel led. God is building us into a community who pray relying on Him. We'd love you to join us any morning.

Email Nancy or Jacqueline in the office for the link.

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[office@standrewsleckie.co.uk](mailto:office@standrewsleckie.co.uk)

*Nancy Thomson*

# HOW YOU FOUND YOUR FAITH

Sara Brown tells us her story of how she found her faith.

My parents became Christians before they got married, so they went to church with me when I was a baby. We were in a Baptist Church in the West Midlands, with a multicultural feel, lots of missionaries, and a strong sense of community. Some people liked to dance in the church services and we had 'hunger lunches' where you eat a cheaper meal and donate some money to help those who don't have food. Many families from the church lived near us and we could play outside in the street. Me and my little sister joined the Brownies and called every adult we knew 'Aunty' or 'Uncle'!

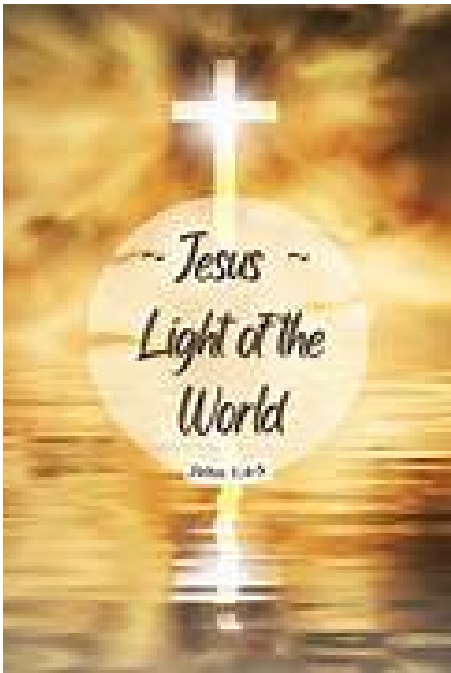
We weren't that well-off compared to others maybe, but 'Mary Poppins' AKA Aunty Margaret used to take us for treats to McDonalds or Toys Rus which my parents found too expensive. We also went to her church sometimes which had traditional hymns and was much more reserved.

I went to a kids worship event one time; I think I was seven. I felt the presence of God—the Holy Spirit as we worshipped. I knew lots about God from church, but then I felt that he was real and so I asked my mum about praying to become a Christian when I got home.

When I was about 9 we moved away from there, to Market Harborough, where my grandma lived. It felt that we had gone back in time, with all the rural life and the old Victorian school. Church was OK, but there were very few Christians near my age. I really struggled to make new friends and to feel I fitted in with my 'brummie' accent. Throughout my teens, faith was a struggle because I was very lonely but my faith also grew because I had to ask God for help a lot; I was quiet and shy at school and loud, opinionated and moody at home.

My first year after school I did an art foundation course at De Montfort in Leicester— it was good, but I decided to take a gap year before I did my degree and ended up in London working for a Pentecostal church for one year. This is when I felt called by God to train as a youth and kids' worker, so I headed for Bible College.

I think my early experiences of church and faith have stayed with me. I've known the absolute heartbreak of feeling you are the only Christian at school or the only young person in church. I was so fortunate to be part of an amazing Christian community as a child; and that has given me a strong vision of what this looks like; it's something I would want every child and teen to experience.



## JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD The Empty Cross

I am the Light of the World, Jesus said.  
On the cross I was crucified, hanging there until I  
was dead.

They buried me in a cave; the entrance was  
sealed with a stone.

It was dark, but I wasn't alone because Father  
God you were there.

Resurrection was coming; I had things to do and  
places to go.

For the sins of the world I took your place.  
Yes, for you and the whole human race.

Listen for my voice; I'm calling out to you.

If you hear me, don't turn away.

Confess your sins to me today; I will forgive you,  
cleanse you, make your life new.

This is the gift I offer to you.

I am the living Lord Jesus, no longer dead.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life and the  
Light of the World, Jesus said.

A beautiful poem  
by Wilma Barrett



Sunday 5 April 2026 at 7:30pm – 9:15pm  
Usher Hall Edinburgh



Our community café is more than a place for tea and coffee — it's a space of welcome, friendship, and care. Each week, people come through the doors looking for conversation, connection, and sometimes quiet support.

As a church family, this is a simple but powerful way for us to love our neighbours in practical ways. You don't need special skills or a big commitment. Just come along, have a drink, bring some friends, no obligation to serve on the team, just sit with someone, and be present. A small act of kindness or a friendly chat can make a real difference.

We would love to see more of our church family supporting the café, even occasionally. Together, we can continue building a place of warmth, compassion, and hope in our community.

# A Sunday School Series



**GOOD NEWS**

from Mark

**JESUS IS HERE!**

## *C*HILDRENS UPDATE

Sunday Club have recently been working through a series from Faith in Kids called 'Jesus is Here'. This is a 6-week block that focuses on who Jesus is and why He came. We follow the gospel as Jesus heals, forgives and even quiets a raging storm. Where Jesus goes, good news follows!

Here are the sessions we have covered, and the life changing news we hope to share with the children:

Title	Verses	Truth that changes me	Faith in kids looks like
 <b>Jesus Arrives</b>	Mark 1:9-15	Good news! Jesus, the son of god ,has come to earth.	Children who are excited to discover more about Jesus, the Son of God.
 <b>Jesus Heals</b>	Mark 1:40-45	Good news! Jesus is willing and able to heal and help.	Children who take their problems to Jesus, knowing that he cares and has the power to help.
 <b>Jesus Forgives</b>	Mark 2:1-12	Good news! Jesus has the power to forgive sin.	Children who are amazed and thankful for the forgiveness Jesus offers.
 <b>Jesus Calls</b>	Mark 2:13-17	Good news! Jesus calls sinners like us to follow him.	Children who are excited to hear Jesus`s call and are ready to follow him.
 <b>Jesus Rules</b>	Mark 4:35-41	Good news! Jesus rules over all creation, we are safe with him.	Children who feel safe because they know Jesus is in charge.
 <b>See Jesus</b>	Mark 8:22-29	Good news! God has sent us Jesus, the Christ.	Children who clearly see who Jesus is.

How easy would it have been for the friends of the paralysed man to carry him around on a mat?

Our children tried it out!



We have been so blessed in Sunday Club recently by even more children joining us! We have close to 20 children each week, but would still love more! I especially love that we have children who come unaccompanied, who are not from Christian families, but who walk to and from church themselves each week.

I long for them to come to know Jesus for themselves and then share the good news with their families at home! Please do pray for these children, and for all our children, to know Jesus in a deeper and more personal way, and to experience how amazingly awesome He is! And do invite children to come join us any time (obviously with their parents' permission!)

## SU GROUP AT KINGSLAND PRIMARY

I shared in the last PSALM about how Nancy, Una and I run the Scripture Union group at Kingsland Primary School – named by the children as 'Friday Bible Brunch Club'.

In the last PSALM I asked for people to look for any old children's Bibles they might have on shelves at home. Thank you so much to everyone who gave me a Bible or two, and we are delighted to now have enough to use each week in our group. The children are hungry for God's word, and have been so enthusiastic at looking for passages and stories, reading verses and becoming familiar with the Bibles. The first week we showed them a Bible one of the girls gasped out loud and held the Bible like it was the most precious treasure (it is!), saying "I can't believe I'm holding a real Bible!"

Now, another request! The majority of the group are not from Christian homes, and don't have access to Bibles at home. We would dearly love to gift these children a new Bible for them to keep at home. If anyone would like to donate towards this, then we would be very grateful! We can buy a bulk order from Eden for around £16 per Bible. Please do let me know if that's something you feel you could support.

Thank you!



Some of Friday Bible Brunch Club with the Bibles you kindly donated. (We can't show their faces for Safeguarding reasons!)

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRAYER GROUP

Our children and young people's prayer ministry group would love to pray for you! We are going to be praying on the first Sunday of every month, after the morning service. Please do come forwards for prayer for any reason or just to be blessed. The children and young people will pray for you in the prayer room (vestry) as it is quieter. It's a lovely peaceful space to receive prayer.

If you have something you'd like prayer for that might not be suited to the children's group, then please also remember the adults will still be offering prayer ministry by the pulpit each week too.



Peebles and District Christian Aid Group has begun planning for Christian Aid Week, which is running from the 10th – 16th May 2026. We will be having our usual fundraising activities.

There will be a house-to-house fundraiser starting on Sunday the 10th, coffee mornings on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th, plus the ever popular plant stall on Saturday.

We will have our sponsored walk on Saturday 2nd May and this year we are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 8th May at St Andrews Leckie Church.

Other activities may be added as our planning progresses. Last year we raised a brilliant £8450 and it would be wonderful if we could match that figure this year. But we need your help!

Here are some advance requests for volunteers.

The plant stall on May 16th may seem a long time away, but we should be planning for it now. I know it has maybe not been the weather for gardening but we can still think about which plants can be divided in the spring, or sowing seeds if we have the space indoors.

We will be relying on home grown cuttings and seedlings, so would like as many as possible to be donated. Please contact John Hutchinson for more information on [01721 720885](tel:01721720885), [07914 724552](tel:07914724552) or at [jhutchinson0444@btinternet.com](mailto:jhutchinson0444@btinternet.com).

Last year we covered the whole town with the house-to-house fundraiser, and we would hope to do this again this year. Volunteers are needed to distribute the envelopes. It is not a difficult task.

We deliver the envelopes but don't need to collect them again as people are asked to drop the filled envelopes at their nearest collection point. The fundraiser brings in over half of our total during the week, so if you could help with this important task, please contact Fiona Lumb on [07872 838764](tel:07872838764) or at [fiona.lumb@icloud.com](mailto:fiona.lumb@icloud.com).

If you feel you could help in any way with these tasks, we would be most grateful, not to mention the gratitude of the needy people our donations go to support. For more information contact Nancy Hutchinson on [01721 720885](tel:01721720885), [07512 859861](tel:07512859861) or at [nancy.hutchinson@btinternet.com](mailto:nancy.hutchinson@btinternet.com).

# A THANKYOU FROM HELEN FOX



Thanks to everyone who took some marmalade and made a donation to work with **children and young people**. The total value of the donations was a wonderful **£90**.

If you are able to, please can you return your empty Jars to the kitchen, this will enable me to make more delicious jam.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 4pm**

Tickets from  
The Eastgate  
£5/£10

**THE KING OF KINGS**

**Invite friends to the cinema  
this Easter**

Support kids and parents to watch the film by making it really popular!

If we fill the cinema we are more likely to get Christian content films in the future.

Support The Eastgate Theatre- they are great!

Immerse yourself in the story of Jesus at Easter Weekend- it's on Saturday at 4pm!

Invite friends to hear about Jesus - just invite them to join you at the cinema!

KENNETH BRANagh    LINA THORMAN    MARK HAMILL    FERGUS BRIDGEMAN    ROMAN GREEN    ROBERT DAVIS    ROBERT WHITAKER    BEN KEMMLEY    OSCAR ISAAC

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Our fun filled Easter Holiday club  
is back for 2026

For primary 1 to 6  
St Andrews Leckie Church  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
10am –12:30pm  
Book online @leckie.church



# EASTER WEEKEND

**3rd April** Good Friday service and prayer  
Prayer space open from 2–9pm  
Good Friday service at 6pm

**4th April  
10-12am** Come and Join us for a fun filled Morning of easter crafts, egg decorating, egg hunts and more. maybe even a visit from the lambs.  
We will also have a coffee morning on in the church hall.

**4th April  
4pm** The Eastgate theatre are putting on an Easter film for us, The king of Kings, bring your family, friends, neighbours.  
Tickets are on sale at the Eastgate.

**5th April** Service at the Sware – Meet at St Andrews Leckie car park at **8:15** to walk to the sware for the service at **9am** with Colin Sinclair. We will be serving breakfast back at the church hall at **10:15**.



Some of the fun we had last year.

# YOUTH UPDATE

Hi everyone, it's Kevin here with an update on all the things that the youth ministry have been getting up to in the last few months. We have recently started a new Christian Union group at the high school after meeting with the young people to ask them what they want from a christian group at the school. The group is focusing on fellowship by allowing a welcoming space for Christians and those interested in exploring faith to meet, play games and ask the hard questions. The past few weeks we have had around five or six young people attend which is a positive start but we are always thinking of new ways to try to encourage others we know of and invite new people along.

We have started the Christianity explored Vox course which is aimed at young people and explores the significance of Jesus through four videos. Big thanks to the Haslam's for hosting us in their home while we do this series.

As part of Vox we share food and play games before watching the video .It has been great to see the deepening bonds and relationships that have come as a result. Though we have only had five young people commit to attending this course we are encouraged by the depth of discussion that it has drawn out and we are excited to see what else God will do through it as we continue to meet together.



The Boys Brigade continues to go strong despite having lost some members of our oldest section due to other sporting commitments. It remains an important part of our work reaching the local community.



I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank you all again from a personal perspective. It is crazy to think that I am half way through my first year of my degree and whilst it hasn't been without its challenges I am confident that God is at work in my life through the studies and my placement with you at St Andrews Leckie. I am deeply grateful for all your support, prayers and feedback as I continue to learn and grow in this role. I am looking forward to the future and seeing what God will do through me and the church in Peebles.



*Kevin Jack*

# MAGNITUDE

# FESTIVAL 2026

18-22 JULY 2026 AT LENDRICK MUIR



Magnitude is a five-day annual Christian youth festival for young people aged 11-18. Based in the breath-taking Lendrick Muir, near Kinross, it is a week like no other: a space to encounter God, enjoy community and experience nature together.

They exist to see a generation of young people captivated by the magnitude of who God is and transformed by encountering Him: a movement of young people, thousands strong, who go on to transform their churches, transform their communities, transform their nation and transform the world. We are Magnitude, an invitation to more.

Watch the below link to see more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfAWRiKDxIA>

“ this year was my first year at magnitude and i absolutely loved it, i was already a christian but i wasn't strong in my faith and this week honestly changed everything. i loved all of what you had to offer and i felt so at home in a way i have never felt, thank you. ”

“ It was my first year at Magnitude and I really enjoyed it. It was the best experience and would highly recommend. There is a wide variety of activities. ”



## SPRING FORWARD

A little reminder that the clocks will go forward in March

**1am on March 29th 2026**

Sunset on this day in Scotland will be around 7.49pm, compared to the day before when the sun will set 6.47pm.



### **Gardeners we need your help!**

Please start sowing seeds, making cuttings and dividing perennials **as soon as possible**, so that we have lots of new plants for the Christian Aid Plant Sale!

House plants are also welcome.  
Please include a label for each plant.

If you need more info, please contact  
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# SAVE THE ATE

## March 2026

3rd March

First Tuesday Friends

29th March

Palm Sunday /clocks change

## April 2026

1st April

Reflections on Holy week at St josephs

3rd April

Good Friday Service and prayer Event

4th April

Easter Saturday Family Morning

4th April

Easter Film at The Eastgate Theatre

5th April

Easter Sunday Sware Service

5th April

Resurrection at the Usher Hall (No evening service)

14th – 17th April

Holiday Club

## May 2026

10–16th May

Christian Aid week

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