

LINLITHGOW & AVON VALLEY CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to your November newsletter from Linlithgow and Avon Valley Church of Scotland! Suddenly we're rushing towards Christmas and it's time to plan your trip to the ever-magical Festival of Christmas Trees. We also have you covered for shopping, events and even recycling. Read on and enjoy!

PEWS NEWS

We'd love to see you at any of our regular services of worship. This month, services take place on Sundays at:

Avonbridge 10am (except the second Sunday) in the Church Hall

- 10:30am Agape Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month

St Michael's 10am

- Also available live online and for 1 week on the church [website](#) and on [YouTube](#)
- Quarterly Communion service on Sunday 30th November
- Contemporary evening service in the Kirk Hall on Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm

St Michael's at Springfield 10am

- Services every Sunday except 30th November up to and including 14th December.
- You are invited to enter the school hall by the main door.

St Ninian's Craigmailen 11am

- Also available on [Zoom](#)

Torphichen 11:15am

- Evening services at 7pm on Zoom – click [here](#) from 6:50pm.

CDs of St Michael's Sunday services are also available for those without internet access. Please check in with neighbours and friends to see if they would like a copy and then contact the church office: info@linavonchurch.org.uk

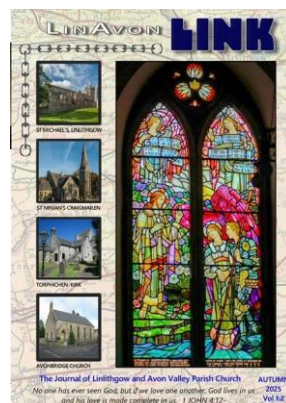


Scotland Demands Better

Can a protest march make for a warm and friendly occasion? That's exactly the atmosphere the Scotland Demands Better anti-poverty march achieved on 25 October in Edinburgh. Ken Mackenzie, Thom Riddell and Rhona Dunphy amongst others were there from our parish to help make the case for politicians to address poverty in the run-up to next year's elections.

Hot off the Press

The new issue of our parish magazine is ready for distribution. You'll notice a big difference this time – colour! Our friends at JMK have printed it in full colour, at no extra cost. In the magazine Tom Costley brings us up to date, there is first sight of our new logo, and you can read about what's going on in Torphichen today – and what was happening there in 1950!



Technicolour Spire...!



Did you know that the spire of St Michael's church can be lit up to just about any colour you want? Thanks to some technical wizardry, a lot of electrical cable, and occasional scary forays to the top of the bell tower, we're able to represent significant events such as the Scottish Poppy 'Light Up Red' appeal and (later in December) for Blue Christmas.



Recycle Your Blister Packs

You can now recycle medicine and vitamin blister packs at most local Boots stores, as explained [here](#). Download the app from the [Recycle at Boots](#) webpage, log your empty packs and then deposit at a participating store.

Both the foil and the plastic are recycled, while you gain 100 Boots Advantage points for every 5 packs deposited. Win-win!





Big Quiz Night

Bring a team, test your general knowledge and support Tear Fund's work to alleviate poverty – all while having a great night out on 22nd November. If possible, pre-book your tickets via the QR code or [here](#), then pay on the night.

Prepared to be Bowled Over

It may or may not be true that Mozart wrote his Eb Trio while playing in a skittles alley (Kegelstatt), but the name has stuck! Check it out on Sunday 23rd at 3pm in St Michael's, along with Rebecca Clarke's haunting Duo and Schumann's 'Fairy Tales' trio.

Occasionally @St.Michael's

A series of recitals by local musicians

In St. Michael's Parish Church,
The Cross, Linlithgow



Sunday 23rd November 3pm

LATHALLAN TRIO

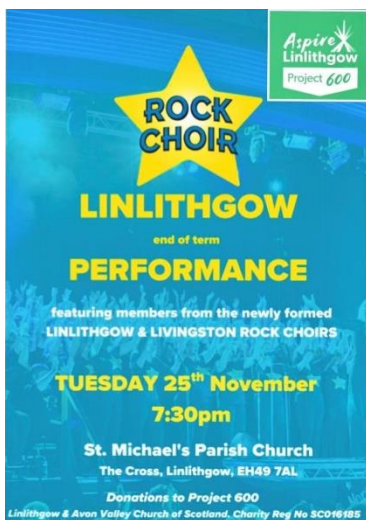
Lesley Bell Clarinet
Alison Hastie Viola
Alan Hastie Piano

W. A. Mozart Trio in Eb K.498, Kegelstatt

R. Clarke Duo: Prelude, Allegro and Pastorale

R. Schumann Trio Op.132, Märchenerzählungen (Fairy Tales)

Admission free, donations invited for upkeep of the church organ



Rockin' All Around the Church

The new Linlithgow Rock Choir can't wait to perform this, their first-ever concert, on Tuesday 25th November in St Michael's. We have a feeling you'll recognise several of the tunes! Entry by donation in support of our Project 600 fundraising campaign.

Wednesday Night Fun

Girls Brigade meet every Wednesday night during term time in Longcroft Halls, Philip Avenue, Linlithgow. Explorers (P1-P3) and Juniors (P4-P7) meet from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and the Brigaders (S1 upwards) meet from 6.30pm – 7.45pm. We have great fun playing games, listening to stories, doing crafts and activities and learning new songs. For further information please contact our Captain [Andrea Smith](#), or come along on a company night.





Advent Arrives

Pop into the Kirk Hall any time between 10am-3pm on Saturday 29th November to rest your feet and enjoy a light bite. Tim Brown also hopes to run a pop-up shop with a huge range of games and jigsaws (all new or checked) - ideal for your Christmas shopping. All in support of our A House for the Town fundraising campaign



**LINLITHGOW &
AVON VALLEY CHURCH
AT ST MICHAEL'S**

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES



FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER | 10AM-7PM
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER | 10AM-7PM
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER | 1PM-6PM
Last admission 1 hour before close

Quiet Hour: 10-11am | Saturday 6th Dec

*Adult: £5. Child: £3. U5: free
 Family: £10 (2 adults, 2 children)*

*Tickets sold at door. Cash & Card payments accepted.
 All profits will be donated to YouthSpace, The Shed, and
 First Responders*

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Men's Meet-up

Join us on Sunday 7th December for the first in a series of regular events for men in & around the church - an afternoon of Formula 1, food & fellowship at Russell Hogan's house! (in Linlithgow).

For more info about this or future events, click [here](#), scan the QR code, or contact [Russell](#), [Graeme Reynolds](#) or [Graeme Shaw](#).

Let us know if you need help with transport.



Men's Meetup – F1 & Fellowship

2025 Finale!
Abu Dhabi Grand Prix LIVE,
7th Dec from 12noon






Pray Every Day

Sunday. Pray that the leaders and volunteers working with our children and young people have the energy and vision to help families throughout the parish feel confident, included and connected.

Monday. Pray for our Nominating Committee to know God's guidance and wisdom as it begins its work in looking for a second minister.

Tuesday. Pray that our Session Clerk Tom Costley will continue to have the wisdom, drive and support needed for all his responsibilities.

Wednesday. Give thanks for the Festival of Christmas Trees, and pray we will make the most of this opportunity as we welcome so many people.

Thursday. Pray for our fundraising teams and for success with various applications for major grant funds.

Friday. There have been many deaths in our congregation recently. Pray for grieving families that they will be well supported and know God's comfort at this time.

Saturday. Pray for those who are ill in our congregation to receive good and effective treatment and be able to recover or experience significant relief of symptoms.

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CHRISTMAS AT AVONBRIDGE

30/11 FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT & COMMUNION
Service at 10am in Avonbridge Church Hall

7/12 AGAPE BREAKFAST & GIFT SERVICE
Join us for Breakfast in Avonbridge Church Hall at 10:30am.
Gifts collected for the Salvation Army

14/12 UNITED SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S, LINLITHGOW
All congregations joining at for an 11am Service. Please contact us if you require transport to Linlithgow

19/12 AVONBRIDGE COMMUNITY CAROLS, CANDLES & CHRISTMAS PIES
In Avonbridge Church Hall at 7pm

21/12 LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE
Led by Organist James White in Avonbridge Church Hall at 10am

24/12 ROUND THE WORLD AT CHRISTMAS
At Torphichen Church at 8:00pm

24/12 CHRISTMAS EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
Welcome in Christmas Day! In Avonbridge Church Hall 11:30pm

28/12 FAMILY SERVICE
Service at 10am in Avonbridge Church Hall

Everyone warmly welcome!

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What's your News!

Thanks for reading our newsletter! Do you have something recent or upcoming to share across our parish? If so, please contact our [newsletter editor](#) by Sunday 7th December (the earlier, the better).



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