



Parkview Newsletter

2nd Quarter 2026

Hi Folks,

Sometimes summer holidays aren't all they are made to be? Because sometimes, we can be tired, at a low ebb, no more energy, unable to think! Have you ever felt like giving up? The Apostle Paul would understand that. He had a dynamic ministry, preaching the gospel, far and wide- and yet, it was filled with endless troubles and trials. Read 2 Corinthians 11;25-12;10.

He was put in prison frequently, flogged severely and exposed to death many times by being beaten, whipped and stoned. He was even shipwrecked three times (spending a day and night in the sea).

He wrote in one of his letters about one issue, which he called "his thorn in the flesh." This problem was getting him down, more than anything else. But God's answer to Paul's prayers was; "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

When trials and tribulations, bad circumstances and our frustrating limitations get the better of us, we want God to – "Just Fix Them, and then we'll get better."

But Paul teaches us a better way; "Therefore I will boast gladly about my weaknesses, so that I can know Jesus' power all the better."

Boasting about weakness? Really? It isn't about delighting in our issues, but realizing they are a doorway through which, we can know, depend upon and experience the love and power of God. Because, as Paul discovered, it's worth being weak, if that allows us to get to know Jesus better.

I hope, if you've been feeling low, frustrated, you can know the peace of Christ within you, for "Do not be afraid, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

***God Bless
Alison***

CONGRATULATIONS BETHANY

In mid-May I passed my final appraisal, allowing me to look towards ordination and where God is calling me too next. Many of you have asked what that process looks like. There are now around 40 vacant charges open for applications across Scotland. These vary hugely in size, some are rural and some urban, some are unions and others linkages, some have one church building and others have many. They are a reminder of the breadth and the variety of the Church of Scotland and it is heartening to hear about how different congregations are worshipping and serving Jesus. A church in vacancy has a nominating committee that is in charge of looking for a new minister. A minister (or probationer) seeking a charge reads these as part of prayerfully considering God's call, which leads to applications, interviews, and possibly the nominating committee coming to hear them preach. They then call the successful candidate to preach as "sole nominee", followed by a congregational vote.

Although it's exciting to consider what the future holds, I haven't left yet and am still at Parkview until mid-August. I was amazed to realise recently that it is now two years since I first started with you, at the joint services pre-union. A lot has changed, and will continue to change, but I am excited to hear about where God is leading Parkview as well. As this is the last Quarterly article I will write while I am with you, thank you all for your support I have received over the last two years, it has been a blessing getting to know you all and learn a bit more about what ministry is all about alongside you.

Bethany Pringle

SESSION CLERK

Over the summer months Kirk Session doesn't plan to meet but there are a number of time-critical items still being worked on which we are discussing with Presbytery. A number of these items were shared during the Congregational Conference at the end of May and any feedback would be welcome.

Kirk Session meetings are scheduled for September 7th; November 2nd & December 7th 2026

Also, we are still working our way through our members' details concerning our right to continue storing them. If you have received any of these communications, it is important that we have your response.

Sincere thanks to all who volunteer their efforts.

John Russell

FINANCE IN 2026

Finance in 2026 has finally engaged with the 21st Century. We can now take digital payments and do internet banking. This should make things much more streamlined and easier to process in the future.

The Finance team together with Carol Vause are working hard to conclude the accounts for 2025 and aim to bring these before the Kirk Session and then the congregation in time to submit these to the charities' regulator by their deadline of 30th September 2026.

In the meantime, here are some headline figures from the start of this year. NB, we have not been able to show all of the income and expenditure but this illustrates broadly how we use your collections.

Regular Income 2026

	January	February	March	April	May
Standing Orders	£5,099.87	£4,674.87	£4,964.87	£4,960.87	£4,509.87
FWO	£1,507.00	£1,848.50	£1,951.50	£1,425.00	£2,349
Open	£ 336.00	£ 400.30	£ 757.30	£ 629.50	£ 691.00
TOTAL	£6,942.87	£6,923.67	£7,673.67	£7,015.37	£7,549.87

Regular Expenditure 2026

	January	February	March	April	May
Giving to grow *	0	£7,667.70	£7,667.70	£7,667.70	£7,667.70
Insurance	£1,092.15	£1,092.15	£ 713.98	£ 713.98	£ 713.98
Staffing	£ 471.84	£ 471.84	£ 471.84	£ 471.84	£ 471.84
Utilities	£3,033.51	£3,260.43	£2,870.27	£2,034.34	£1,106.24
Cleaners	£ 223.76	£ 191.26	£ 191.26	£ 191.26	£ 200.26
Manse Council Tax#	£ 408.84	0	0	£ 444.61	£ 444.59
TOTAL	£5,230.10	£12,683.38	£11,915.05	£11,523.73	£10,604.61

- Paid over 10 months February to November
- # Paid over 10 months April to Jan

If you are interested in making your collection via Standing Order, making use of Gift Aid if you do not already do so or have a question on anything you've read here, please speak to Kirsty Nicolson or email her on kirsty.nicolson57@gmail.com

Kirsty Nicolson
Church Treasurer

PROPERTY

The Team continues to work together to ensure that regular inspections are carried out in and around the Church and Manse.

Recently, we have had the gas boilers inspected together with the Fire Extinguishers. We have also had the Lightning Protection System inspected to ensure that our building is safe from the risk of Lightning strikes.

We are about to have the electrical PAT testing done and a visit from the organ tuner is scheduled. So Health and Safety is uppermost.

It seems that there is always something that needs attention. If you think about regular repairs around your home, multiply that figure by 10 and that just about covers work at Parkview!

As a team we are usually aware of things that may need attention. However, we always welcome an extra pair of eyes to keep us informed! If you notice anything property related that you think needs attention, then please speak to me and let me know.

Alternatively, there is a black hardback 'Property Issues Book' located on top of the bookcase in the Hall where you can write any concerns in the book.

You can also contact me by email on liz.urbanczyk@gmail.com

As always, if you think you might have skills that could be used in the Property Team, then you will be welcomed with open arms!

Thanks.

Liz Urbanczyk
Property Convenor

Organisations: Scheduled return dates after the Summer Break:-

Parkview Coffee Club	Wednesday	12 August
Choir	Thursday	13 August
Sunday School	Sunday	16 August
Boys Brigade	Friday	28 August
Stitchers	Tuesday	8 September
Guild	Wednesday	16 September
Girls Brigade	TBA	