



A very warm welcome to our new minister  
Rev Douglas Monaghan and his wife Eunice



Douglas's Induction - Douglas is second from the right



Douglas and Eunice



A big thank you to Rev Lorna Tunstall  
who has been our Interim Moderator  
for the second half of the vacancy



## LETTER FROM OUR NEW MINISTER, REV DOUGLAS MONAGHAN

Dear Friends

Firstly, let me thank you all for welcoming me into your congregation with such warmth and friendship, it has been great meeting so many of you and I look forward to getting to know you all more over the coming months.

For those who don't know me yet, I was born in Paisley (which makes me a lifelong fan of St. Mirren) and grew up in Dumfries. For a while, I was interested in studying Divinity at University, but I was worried it wouldn't lead to a suitable job (a fear I still have) so went to study Law at Dundee University. While at University, I met my wife Eunice, who was also studying law. After graduating with my law degree and Diploma in Legal Practice, I did my legal traineeship in Dumfries practicing criminal defence law. During this time, I married, then began work as a criminal defence solicitor in Stranraer where I worked for seven years. Our four children, David, Ross, and twins Euan and Megan were born during this time.

In 2001 I joined the Procurator Fiscal Service as a Procurator Fiscal Depute based in Aberdeen. After three years there, I was moved to cover the Banff office and was mainly based there with occasional excursions to Peterhead and Elgin. I had the sense that I was meant to be doing something else with my life but was not sure what. I began to think about what I could do. Ordained ministry was not an option I had in mind. To me, ministers were a very strange breed and I couldn't see myself as one at all. Yet God continued to pester me towards this vocation. After a few years of resisting, (I made Moses look enthusiastic about following the call), I began to think about ordained ministry and the few close confidants I mentioned this to did not laugh out loud. This was confirmation enough to begin investigations with the Church of Scotland.

I had intended to go to a church enquirers conference, but the Australian government intervened at this time by offering a three-year visa to go to Australia. We decided to take it up to have a bit of an adventure. After being assured the Church of Scotland would recognise the Uniting Church in Australia as a sister church, we set off for a new life in Adelaide and I began to investigate my call to ministry. After three years I was not yet ordained and had not completed my Bachelor of Ministry Degree. The Church of Scotland advised that I would need to be ordained and have my degree before I could consider coming back. We extended our visa and then became citizens to allow this to happen. I was also told it would be beneficial to have some experience as a minister behind me before returning and so I began ministry there. As my children were entering the final years of High School, we decided to remain in Australia for them to finish their education and then, of course, Covid hit. My three years in Australia lasted for thirteen!

I was very fortunate that the Church of Scotland allowed me to interview for a Familiarisation ministry placement over the internet and was delighted to be accepted. I was extremely fortunate to be placed at Letham St. Marks Church in Perth under the supervision of Rev Jim Stewart for my familiarisation period. After I was accepted as a fit and proper person to be a minister in the Church of Scotland, I hit the snag of no church being able to call a minister due to the restructuring of the parishes and Presbyteries. I was able to get an assistant minister position at the Steeple church in Dundee until I received the call to come to Monifieth South Angus.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the congregation here and there are plenty of exciting projects in the works not least the renovation of Murroes church hall. I am happy to meet up for a cuppa and

a chat. I do have two absolutes though, I am never “too busy” and there is no such thing as “bothering the minister”. I believe I am called by a congregation to minister to a community. Feel free to contact me, my vestry door is open, my email is monitored, and my phone is usually charged.

Blessings, Douglas

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## **CONGREGATIONAL ROLL**

### **ADMISSION**

#### **By Resolution of Kirk Session**

Mr. Andrew H. Voegeli, Monifieth (District 29 Jane McArtney)

### **DEMISSION**

#### **By Certificate of Transference**

Mr. William S. & Mrs. Margaret Arbuckle, Monikie (District 82 Vacant )

Mrs. Sarah Gray, Monikie (District 88 Vacant)

### **DEATHS**     ***‘I am the resurrection and the life....’said Jesus.***

7<sup>th</sup> June     Mrs. Susan MacLean, Broughty Ferry (District 88 Vacant)

14<sup>th</sup> June    Mr. James Nicoll, Monifieth (District 60 Vacant)

23<sup>rd</sup> July    Mrs. Moira Jenkin, Monifieth (District 5 Cathy Bowman)

**Ron Grace   Roll Keeper**

## **A BIG THANKYOU FROM CAROLINE**

Dear Friends

Many thanks for your kindness in presenting me with a book token and flowers at my last service before the induction of your minister, Douglas. It has been a pleasure to be involved again in the church in Monifieth and no doubt you will see me again on various occasions. God moves in mysterious ways, for it was my role as Interim Moderator at Monikie & Newbigging and Murroes & Tealing that brought me back into things at Monifieth. This past year or so has had its ups and downs – which is only to be expected in a union of congregations – but I’d rather focus on the “ups”. For me, these include the midweek services at Murroes, Messy Church in Monifieth and seeing friendships grow between members of what were two separate parishes. Having so many friends among you, I “won’t be a stranger”!

I wish you and Douglas every blessing as you continue to worship and work together.

Rev. Caroline Taylor

## SERVICES

All Sunday Services are at 11.00 except on Remembrance Sunday ,10<sup>th</sup> November ,when the service starts at 10.45\*.

Weekday services in Murroes Hall - Wednesday evening services at 18.30 continue until week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October when we revert to the winter timetable and services are at 14.00

SUNDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Murroes
SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Murroes
SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> September	TBA Rev Douglas Monaghan	Murroes
SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> September	TBA	
SUNDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> September at <b><u>MURROES</u></b>	Rev Douglas Monaghan	MURROES
WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	NO SERVICE	
SUNDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> October		Murroes
SUNDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> October		Murroes
SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
WEDNESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		Murroes
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
MONDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> October		Murroes
SUNDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> November		Murroes
SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> November *at 10.45*	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> November		Murroes
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
MONDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> November		Murroes
SUNDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> November		Murroes
SUNDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Rev Douglas Monaghan	Monifieth
MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		Murroes

## READERS' ROTA

<b>SEP 1</b>	Jane McArtney	<b>OCT 6</b>	Ian Clapperton	<b>NOV 3</b>	Ron Jack
8	Colin Coull	13	Ron Grace	10	John Hutton
15	Barbara Burns	20	Morag Clapperton	17	Lesley McFarlane
22	Gillian Anderson	27	Ethel Melville	24	Bob Sutherland
29(Murroes)	Peter Howie				

## MONIFIETH SOUTH ANGUS WEEKLY DIARY – What's on

Sunday	11.00	Sunday Worship (except the fifth Sunday of the month which is in Murroes Church Hall)	Sanctuary
Monday	11:45 14.00 19.15 19.00	Monday Lunches Afternoon service in Murroes (from 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Church of Scotland Guild - first and third Mondays Ladies Group – second and fourth Mondays	Ratray Hall Murroes Ratray Hall Ratray Hall
Tuesday	18:00 19.30	BB Pipe Band Practice Strathspey and Reel rehearsal	Ratray Hall Sanctuary
Wednesday	07.00 10.00 13.00 14.00 18:00  18.30	Morning Prayers Community Playdate Murroes Guild Craft group (first Monday of the month) Songs and Memories (SAM) High 5 Club  Midweek Service (until 23 <sup>rd</sup> October)	Murroes Sanctuary Murroes Sanctuary Sanctuary and Ratray Hall Murroes
Thursday	10.00  12:00 14.30 18:00 7.30	Food for All  Angus Breast Buddies Service at South Grange Care Home – last Thursday of month Girls' Brigade Badminton	High Street in front of the Church Ratray Hall South Grange CH Ratray Hall Sanctuary
Friday	13:00 18:00 20.00	Angus Council Friday After School Club BB Anchor & Junior Sections Company Section	Ratray Hall Ratray Hall Sanctuary and Ratray Hall
Saturday			

## FOOD FOR ALL

Our team continue to distribute food items to the community in front of the church every Thursday morning from 10am. We can deliver items to anyone who is housebound within the Monifieth area. If you would like to use this service, we are happy to add you to our list. Please contact us via the church telephone, 01382 537806 and leave a message.

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYERS**

These take place on Wednesday mornings from 07.00 to 08.00 in Murroes Hall Chapel. All are welcome!

We take it in turns – but no-one who comes should feel obliged to join in audibly. Prayer can be silent and there is something lovely – and quite unusual – about silence. We read a few passages from the Bible and prayers from books.

We speak to the Lord about a variety of things, from conflict in the Middle East to the people in our congregation and parish. We thank God for his intervention in our individual lives and we pray for guidance.

You can arrive at the Chapel during the hour if that suits you better or stay just for a little while. We'd love to see you. We hope to be in the Chapel every Wednesday morning.

If you have someone or something you would like included in the prayers, please let us know.

## **MESSY CHURCH @MSAC**

As it says on the Messy Church website:

***'It's church, but not as you know it.'***

***Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.'***

Our Messy Church includes creative fun activities, music, storytelling, games and refreshments. As the name suggests some of the activities are messy so don't come in your best clothes! One requirement of Messy Church events is that at least one parent or carer remains with their child at all times. There are no age restrictions but the activities are more likely to appeal to primary age children. Young people of all ages are welcome, however.

The dates for our Messy Church Events for the rest of 2024 are:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest theme

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Celebrating Autumn

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Advent – preparing for Christmas

All will take place in the Monifieth Church Building on the High Street at 2.00 to 3.30.

In addition, we hope to have a school holiday drop-in club in Murroes Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Details of these dates will be confirmed nearer the time.

## **THANK YOU TO REV LORNA TUNSTALL**

Since last January when Lorna became Interim Moderator we have been blessed by her thoughtful and knowledgeable leadership, and her warmth, friendliness and sense of humour. She has been instrumental in guiding the Nominations Committee over the many hurdles that have to be jumped in appointing a new minister, as well leading Kirk Session and undertaking pastoral visiting. We have enjoyed getting to know her and we thank her and wish her well as she moves into the next phase of her ministry.

## **CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD**

### **Theme - Let us Build a House. Year 1 - Sure Foundations.**

We hope all the members of the two Guilds had a peaceful and safe summer break and we invite all present and prospective members of both Monday and Wednesday Groups to a "Welcome back to the Guild" Coffee morning from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 7th September in the Rattray Hall.

The first meeting of the new session for the Monday Guild will be held in the Rattray Hall at 7.15pm. on September 9th and the first speaker will be Rev. Tim Thorpe.

#### Dates to note for the Monday Guild.

Sept. 9th.	'Keep taking the tablets.'	Rev. Tim Thorpe.
Sept. 23rd.	Seated Yoga.	Ms. Lindsey Scott.
Oct. 14th.	'Social Prescribing.'	Mr. Scott Duncan.
Oct. 28th.	'The Uphill Trust.'	Ms. Liddy Laird.
Nov. 11th.	The R.N.L.I.	Mr. Peter Hay.
Dec. 9th.	Christmas Meal.	

#### Dates to note for the Wednesday Guild

The first meeting of the new session for the Wednesday Guild will be held in the Murroes Hall at 1pm on September 18th and the first speaker will be Mr. Stuart Johnston & Lucy.

Sept. 18th.	People's Friend 155 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.	Mr. Stuart Johnston & Lucy.
Oct. 16th.	Broughty Ferry's Unsung Heroes	Mr. Charlie Webster
Nov. 20th.	Police Dog Handler and Trainer.	Mr. Graham Hunter&Murphy
Dec.	Christmas Meal.	TBA

#### Murroes Guild Craft Group.

This group will meet at 1pm in Murroes Church Hall, on the following dates, to knit and stuff teddies for the ambulance service etc.

2024:- October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November, 6th December, TBA.

2025:- February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, April, 2nd. May7th

Hopefully this will give both Guilds some extra time to get together and socialise in this worthwhile cause and have a cup of tea with one another.

Also, for anyone interested, there is a Mini Guild Gathering in St. Andrew's Church, Arbroath on 19th October.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our meetings. If any of the topics mentioned above interest you - please feel free to join us whether you are a member of the Guild or not. All are welcome.

**Anne Jack, Ethel Melville**

## **HIGH5 CLUB**

This is a youth club for young people with autism or social communication difficulties. The HIGH5 club is just like any other youth club but takes into account the specific needs of young people. We meet on Wednesday evenings during school term time in Monifieth South Angus Parish Church on Monifieth High Street from 6.30-8.30pm. It is open for people outwith Monifieth and caters for P7 upwards. It is run by volunteers, all PVG checked, and it is a place where young people can come together in an inclusive environment to have fun, make friends and learn from each other. As routine is important for young people with autism we set up activities in a similar way each week. There is a craft table, food/baking activity, games or just chill and chat. There is no charge.

If you wish any more info contact Lesley McFarlane on [high5club@mpcos.org.uk](mailto:high5club@mpcos.org.uk)

**Lesley McFarlane Tel: 534960**

## **SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING –**

### **Bake and Book**

A big thank you to everyone that helped in any way. We raised a total of £6075 this year thanks to a lot of work by all the helpers, bakers, pancake team and sellers- all important!

### **Forthcoming events**

FILM NIGHT Saturday 7th September, 6pm at Murroes Church Hall. FILM: - is THE KING and I

AFTERNOON TEA Saturday 21st September 2-4pm at Murroes Church Hall.

Tickets-£8each, £4 5-12year olds

LOCHGELLY BRASS BAND Saturday 26th October 7pm. Tickets £10 from Lesley 07999792155

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 9th November 10-1pm. Entry free, tea/coffee available.

Usual stalls-baking, bottle, chocolate tombola, gifts, Christmas, crafts, jigsaws, books, toys

Donations welcome nearer the time

**Lesley McFarlane 534960**

This letter from Starter Packs was received by Lesley after the Bake and Book:

*I just wanted to pass on the thanks of everyone at Starter Packs for the donation of all the excess items from the Bake and Book sales in Monifieth South Angus Church. All of these items will help us to meet the needs of those who have been given the tenancy of a flat after being homeless, but who don't have the funds to equip it themselves.*

*Thanks again for everything,*

*Dave Inglis,*

*Vice Chairman,*

*Dundee Starter Packs*



## **BOWLING CLUB**

The indoor Bowling Club will recommence on Tuesday 8 October and meet every Tuesday and Friday afternoon in the sanctuary until the end of March, with a short break over Christmas and New Year.

If anyone would like some gentle exercise, pleasant company and a cup of tea or coffee, all for the price of £1 per session, please come and join us. We're always pleased to meet new friends. We start at 1.15pm and are finished by 3.30pm.

**Moira Anthony**

## **BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL**

September already! Perhaps even more surprising is the fact that plans are already afoot for this year's Shoebox Christmas Appeal. Last year our area collected 2,292 boxes which were sent to Kosovo, where they were received with great excitement. This year I'm delighted to say that our boxes will be going to Ukraine. Imagine the pleasure they'll bring to those unfortunate people who are still enduring a seemingly unending war.

Once again, our collection point is the Baptist Church Hall, St Vincent Street, Broughty Ferry. Our volunteers will be there from Monday 4 November through to Thursday 7 November. 10am till 5pm.

All the usual items are welcome, and I hope to soon have a supply of leaflets available in the vestibule. They can also be obtained by 'phoning 01349 830777 or email [info@blythswood.org](mailto:info@blythswood.org). A hand-written list attached to the top of your box is all that is necessary as an official one will be filled out by our volunteers.

Please do all you can to brighten the lives of our unfortunate friends in Ukraine. Many thanks

**Moira Anthony**

## **BADMINTON CLUB**

The Badminton Club starts again for the winter season on Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm, in the Church.

The club is open to anyone over the age of 16 and all are welcome. The club is run on a social basis with the emphasis being on having some fun.

Further information can be had from Malcolm Bell telephone 07754159386.

## **MONDAY LUNCHESES**

Monday Lunches is a joint venture between the Church and Monifieth Befrienders. Every Monday a team of volunteers serve homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches, followed by tea and biscuits, to anyone who wishes to come. This takes place in the Rattray Hall between 11.45 and 1.45.

## PASTORAL VISITORS

We now have a group of Pastoral Visitors able to make visits to members of the congregation as required. The team cover both our previous congregations and are therefore able to visit throughout the new parish. If you would like a visit or know of someone who would benefit from a visit, please fill in a card which you will find on the table in the church and Murroes Church Hall or speak to any member of Session who will pass on the information to Ron Grace or Valerie Jamieson and the necessary arrangements will be made

## FLOWER GROUP

We are indebted to the following for provision of flowers in the church.

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
B. Coull	C. Croll	I. Fyfe
B. Burns	J. Hay	M. Elder
H. Hood	A. Buchan	J. McArtney
M. Simpson	C. Croll	Y Grant

Flower arrangers –

October	Pauline McLennan & Morag Clapperton
November	Pat Matchett & Linda Duff
December	Moira Gee, Pauline MacLennan & Phyllis Evans

If you are interested in joining our group of arrangers and deliverers, please speak to me in church or call 01382 534566.

Thank you  
**Linda Duff**

## SAM (Songs and Memories)

SAM is back! Our weekly community singing get-together started again after our summer break on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm. Always a very popular fixture on the weekly calendar, we look forward to seeing all our regulars back and we hope that there will also be some new faces. It's not a club – just a drop-in. We don't have a membership as such and all are welcome, so if you haven't been before, please feel free to come and join us for a singsong, a 'cuppie' and a chat. You will be made very welcome.

**Jane – 532886 or Valerie - 532772**

## CHURCH NOTICES

If you wish an intimation included in the Sunday notices, please send to [session.clerk@mpcos.org.uk](mailto:session.clerk@mpcos.org.uk) by 12noon Thursday.

If you would like a copy of the weekly Church Notices emailed to you, please pass your details to: [session.clerk@mpcos.org.uk](mailto:session.clerk@mpcos.org.uk)

## **BOYS' BRIGADE NEWS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth Company Summer Camp**

At the start of July, our Company Section attended their annual summer camp in Boat of Garten. The Scottish weather didn't disappoint us, with a mixture of thundery storms and some sunny days. The number of boys attending the camp, this year, was very low but the boys and leaders really enjoyed themselves, with a varied range of activities including visiting Aviemore, Inverness and Loch Morlich, Landmark and the Go-Karting.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth Company restarting the 2024 – 2025 session**

The 1st Monifieth BB enrolment for **Anchor & Junior Sections** has already taken place but we still have plenty spaces in each of the sections for new members. Please get in contact with us if your son is interested in joining. NOTE - Our Anchor Section can enrol boys who are 4 years old, as long as they are in Primary 1 at school. Unfortunately, our recruitment poster and fliers only show P1 and don't mention any age limits.

The Anchor and Junior Sections officially started back in the Monifieth South Angus Church (MSAC), Rattray Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024, with the Anchors meeting at 6.00pm until 7.15pm and our Juniors meeting at 7.00pm until 8.15pm.

Our Company Section had an electronic enrolment, using the Online Brigade Manager system (OBM) rather than face to face, again this year. Any **NEW** boys who wish to register for this section please email [1monifieth@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:1monifieth@boys-brigade.org.uk) or contact Mr Andrew Mc Artney on 07740 839383 and we will send you details on how to register.

The Company Section restarted on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024, at 8pm in the Monifieth South Angus Church (MSAC), High Street, Monifieth.

If anyone would like more info about any of our sections, please get in contact with us through Facebook or email us at [1monifieth@boys-brigade.org.uk](mailto:1monifieth@boys-brigade.org.uk)

At the moment we are finding it challenging to run our proposed programme of activities and to cover for any leaders who are unavailable due to holidays, work/study commitments, family sickness etc.

**Can you please contact us if you are in a position to offer any help/assistance during the coming session, even if it's just a couple of hours once a month?**

### **Combined 1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth and 44<sup>th</sup> Dundee Pipe Band Section update**

Our combined Pipe Band has restarted the new session, on a Tuesday evening in the Rattray Hall (MSAC). The main part of High Street building (the Sanctuary) is also being used on a Tuesday evening by the Dundee Strathspey Reel Society, for their practice night, which means that we will be having two musical groups using the same buildings on the same evening, which is perhaps a little bit of a challenge, but it seemed to work perfectly well, last session.

Just recently, our combined Pipe Band entertained the golfers and spectators at a very successful Monifieth and District Rotary Charity Golf event held at Monifieth Links. Thankfully,

they got a mainly dry day for the event, which was enjoyed by all who participated. We are always keen to promote our Boys' Brigade, by using our talented Pipe Band, so if anyone knows of any occasions which might go some way to help us raise much needed funds, please contact myself (Archie Peaston) on 01382 532916, or email at [archie.peaston@btinternet.com](mailto:archie.peaston@btinternet.com) or our bands Pipe Major, Mr Douglas Rennie by email at [dougie@broughtybagpipes.co.uk](mailto:dougie@broughtybagpipes.co.uk)

Sincere best wishes, from all the leaders of the BB Company –

**Archie Peaston (Company Captain)**

## **SAFEGUARDING**

We hope everyone has had a lovely summer, despite the variable weather!

As the clubs are starting back after their breaks, we are popping in to sessions to ensure all volunteers know who we are and how to contact us.

If you are not returning to volunteering in our church this autumn, can you please let us know by emailing [Safeguarding@mpcos.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@mpcos.org.uk)

**Tricia Inglis Helen Scott Moira McLaren - Safeguarding Coordinators**

## **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

### **ORDINATION OF REV TIM PODGER AS AN OLM**

Our warmest congratulations go to Tim Podger who was recently ordained as an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) and is now Rev Tim Podger. His ordination took place in August in the newly created Strathmore Parish Church where he is to continue his ministry

[The following piece is adapted from an article on the Church of Scotland website published on 10 August 2024 ]

A service held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August not only marked the creation of Strathmore Parish Church following the union of Ardler, Kettins and Meigle, Eassie, and Newtyle and Glamis churches, but also celebrated the ordination and introduction of Rev Tim Podger as an Ordained Local Minister (OLM).

Tim will be attached to the new charge and is the first of three new OLMs who will be ordained into the Presbytery of Perth over the next few months.

In becoming an OLM, Tim is fulfilling the prediction of a former school chaplain that he would become a member of the clergy, although that teacher had priesthood in the Church of England in mind at the time. Tim did consider training to become a non-stipendiary minister, the Anglican Church's equivalent of OLM, but about to be married and start a new job, the timing was not right.

Instead, he continued on a career in the chemical and oil and gas industry which took him around the world with postings in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the USA and shorter stays in Singapore and elsewhere, as well as the UK.

However, when he and his wife Lynn moved to Scotland in 2006, they made a commitment to putting down roots and not to move further until their two sons had completed school.

That led to their becoming involved with the Church of Scotland, with Tim becoming treasurer and then later an elder at his local church.

### **A sense of call**

Then, when after he was made redundant from his job and opted to take early retirement, a passage from Luke about service he read at Bible study started him thinking about ministry once again, especially as it was quickly followed by an email from the Church of Scotland asking for anyone interested to attend one of its online discernment webinars while in-person events were placed on hold as a result of Covid.



"I felt a sense of call from that passage and three days later I was given something to do about it," Tim said.

Although just missing out on the age deadline to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, he began studying to be an OLM, which is an unpaid and part-time ministry role.



He graduated from the University of the Highlands and Islands' Highland Theological College last summer, before going to his probationary period at Newtyle.

Although his parents, brother and younger son were unable to attend the service, Tim and Lynn were joined by their eldest son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter as well as members of his home congregation and the churches where he carried out his probation and other placements, and other

friends and colleagues, including members of the Perth Presbytery OLM network.

Rev Tim is now looking forward to continuing his work in the new joint parish.

# The Tapas Event - an evening of good food and good fellowship



**Editor's note – please share items of family news for inclusion in the IMPACT – send to [jmcartney@hotmail.com](mailto:jmcartney@hotmail.com)**

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Left; Rev Tim Thorpe and his wife, Kay

Right; Rev Caroline Taylor, no relation of the Revs Marian and Phil Taylor!



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