MOTHERS' UNION PROVINCIAL RETREAT 2027
Tuesday 13th April – Thursday 15th April at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull, Perth. The theme will be "Exploring with Jonah" leader Rt. Rev. Dr. NicholaS Bundock (Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway). Cost £260 full board per person. Open to all not just Mothers' Union members. Further details can be obtained from Margaret Linley.

THE LANGUAGE OF PRAYER

Met a man today. Man I had seen many times before. Just sitting. With his legs crossed, hands knotted together, head hanging, hat down and collar up.
A daily fixture on the stone bench across from the children's fountain on the town green. Asleep, I think. But his lips are moving – very carefully moving. An ordinary average-middle kind of man. Size, age, clothes, condition – all ordinary average middle. From one to two each day he sat – undisturbed by dogs, children, buses, laughter, rain or cold. He sat. Saying something to himself, maybe. Daily.

So I asked him. One day I had to ask him. Asked him was he alright (which meant,"what's going on")

And you know what he said? Said he was praying. Praying. Not that praying is so strange, but he said he was praying the alphabet. Just reciting the alphabet over and over for an hour each day, leaving it to Almighty God to arrange the letters into the proper words of a proper prayer. What was missing in words, he said, he made up for in fervour He figures God could handle it and would understand.

Robert Fulghum

EAST PERTHSHIRE EPISCOPAL CHURCHES
St.Ninian's, Alyth, St. Catharine's, Blairgowrie
St. Anne's, Coupar Angus; St. Michael and All Angels, Ballintuim

1ST NOVEMBER, 2026
PENTECOST 23
ALL SAINTS
MONDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER – ALL SOULS DAY

Collect
Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: grant that we may attain, with all your saints, the whole measure of the fullness of Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen

Readings

Revelation	**7 : 9-17**
Psalm	**34 : 1-10, 22**
1 John	**3 : 1-3**
Matthew	**5 : 1-12**

Services
9.30 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Catharine's
11.15 a.m. – Service of the Word - St. Anne's
11,15 a.m. – Eucharist – St. Ninian's

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

ST. CATHARINE'S Sunday, 15th November after the Service, Please let Sarah Gammell have any reports by Monday, 9th November either in writing or send to sarah@thegammells.com

ST. ANNE'S Sunday, 22nd November in the hall after the Service.

ST. NINIAN'S To be arranged

BIBLE STUDY on **Monday, 2nd November, at 7.30 p.m**. (7 p.m. for tea and coffee) in St. Catharine's. The Bible Society resource "The Bible Course" is our book. This is God's big story in 8 weeks, from Genesis to Revelation

MEDITATION GROUP meets at 10.45 a.m. on Tuesday, 3rd November at the home of Margaret Linley (Ivy Cottage. Whitelea Road, Burrelton).

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Organist at St. Catharine's and St. Anne's Austin Wilkie

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St. Ninian's SC 005907, St. Michael's SC 009176

We welcome visitors and newcomers to our Churches. If you are new to the area and/or Church and would like the church to have your contact details, please add your details below and give this to one of the Sidesmen
Note: All data is stored and used in compliance with GDPR

Name/s…….

Address……

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For **St. Catharine's**, please hand to Mrs. Sarah Gammell or email your details to sarah@thegammells.com**ber**

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SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 2026
PENTECOST 24
REMEMBRANCE SUNJDAY

10.00 a.m. JOINT SERVICE – ST. CATHARINE'S
followed by Act of Remembrance in the Wellmeadow

NO SERVICES IN ST. ANNE'S OR ST. NINIAN'S

Readings
Amos 5 : 18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4 : 13-18
Matthew 25 : 1-13

BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) meets on Tuesday, 10th November at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Averil Valentine (Cullykhan, Bogside Road, Coupar Angus).

MARY'S MEALS
There is an invitation to join members of Blairgowrie Parish Church Guild at 2 p.m. on Monday, 2nd November in the Parish Church Hall for tea and biscuits. The new Mary's Meals film will be shown which continues the story of Lettie, the girl who received Mary's Meals at school and featured in the first film, Child 31. You are welcome to take friends along with you.

SAVE THE DATE!
If you want to know more about the "Piskie Pub/Inn" owned by Moray, Ross and Caithness Diocese, tune in to Channel 5 on November 10th to see Ben Fogel on his exploring unusual places to live programme. More information is available on the Scottish Episcopal Church Facebook page.
Could be worth a trip??!!!

MOTHERS' UNION are once again collecting toiletries for Blairgowrie Cottage Hospital (men and women), and Women's Refuge. A box is at the back of the churches for any donations .