

Friends of Kirkcaldy Old Kirk Newsletter

Kirkcaldy Old Kirk Trust



Coming in December:

- Rachael Allitt's pupils "Love Singing" concert 7th 11am
- Kirkcaldy Choral Union Christmas Concert 8th 7.30pm
- Civic Society: "Pictish Fife" by Dr. Alex Woolf 12th 7.30pm
- Kirkcaldy Orchestral Society with the Langtoun Singers 15th 2pm AND 4pm
- Tullis Russell Mills Band with Primary School Choir 20th 7.30pm
- Fife Opera - Christmas in the Old Kirk 21st 7.30pm
- Nine Lessons, Carols and a Play! The Old Kirk Christmas Service with music & drama from our resident groups 22nd 2pm
- Fraser Morrison & Friends - Songs from the Shows 22nd 7.30pm

Advent : the Time of Preparation

As this week takes us into December and thoughts of Christmas loom, Kirkcaldy Old Kirk is making its preparations too. Our splendid Christmas Tree will arrive in time to make its appearance at the **KANGUS Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November**, forming a shining backdrop to 25 stalls all local, all vegan.



However the pressures of Christmas can also be an added stress to those who are sad or anxious.

In the **NHS ICU Remembrance Service**, the Old Kirk is available as a quiet place among friends to reflect, remember and find hope.

For those simply busy and tense there is opportunity to sit back, relax and take in music to delight the soul when the **Trio Ecosaise** come to the Kirk next week.

Kirkcaldy in these December Days

Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm brings Kirkcaldy's recent and far-off history to the Auld Kirk as **David Potter** talks on **"Kirkcaldy in these December Days"**.

A well-known local author, his latest book is a diary with a difference - a page for every day in the year, each describing some Kirkcaldy event or piece of news in local history.

His talk for **Kirkcaldy Civic Society** is open to all, free of charge, and will feature some of his book's entries for December days as a "taster" to whet your



appetite or stir the memory!

The talk will be followed by seasonal refreshments for which non-members are requested to make a small donation.

Trio Ecosaise

On **Wednesday 4th December Kirkcaldy Music Society** hosts a **concert in the Old Kirk at 7.30pm** featuring the award-winning **Trio Ecosaise** - Jennifer Brown on clarinet, Harriet Davidson on cello and Claire Haslin on piano. All three musicians hail from Scotland and Trio Ecosaise have performed together for over fifteen years. Tickets available at the door.



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Sunday's special NHS ICU Memorial Service on 1st December offers a space and time for remembrance and reflection to all who wish to attend. The NHS Chaplain will take the short service, which **begins at 3pm** and is followed by refreshments served by NHS staff with a chance to talk with them if wished.



Tony and Kirsty Strachan of KANGUS coffeehouse have organised this Christmas Bazaar in the Old Kirk after its huge success last year when they raised £2000 for charity. You can see how busy it was in the photo above!

This year the £3.50 entry fee includes a special raffle ticket, and all monies raised from entry and raffle will be donated to Tribe Animal Sanctuary Scotland, a small sanctuary for animals rescued from abuse, neglect or slaughter.

This **Saturday 30th November from 11am to 5pm** you can browse stalls with award-winning chutney, t-shirts, handmade jewellery, organic beauty products and Christmas gifts!

Also there with their products to tempt you will be makers of vegan Sushi, speciality coffee and cakes, local distillers and brewers, and local artists displaying their art. With "djs in the hoose" to entertain you and Kangus art corner for the children, there's plenty to keep you busy!

Any spare time you can head on to the Merchants' Quarter Christmas Festival, open on Saturday too, 10am - 4pm.