



FABRIC UPDATE

Church

You will have noticed the scaffolding along the south side of the church. This is being erected in order to replace sections of cast iron guttering on

two sides of the building along with some essential roof tile repairs and drainpipe clearance. We will also take the opportunity to paint gutters and downpipes. Unfortunately, due to the high winds and heavy rain in recent weeks, progress has been delayed.

Permanent floodlighting for the church has been installed and was operational during the Advent Season.

The entrance foyer of the church has been improved with the addition of the wood panelling along the lower half of the internal wall. Further upgrading is on the cards in the future.

Halls

A new boiler has been fitted in the hall. This was due to major parts failing, which were age related. (This was the original boiler fitted when the small



hall was rebuilt.). The new boiler should be more efficient and produce a saving in fuel.

Thanks to the assistance from Falkirk Council's Community Services Justice department workers, the kitchen has been repainted, and some work has started on the updating of the gent's toilet.

Dochart Crescent

The work on upgrading and refurbishing the house, which was left to the church in the will of the late Jimmy Reilly, was completed last autumn, thanks to several volunteers who helped with some of the work. There are now tenants living in the house.

General repairs

There are always ongoing minor repairs to both buildings, which are tackled as and when they arise. Eg.

- new specialist door locks have been fitted to both external doors of the hall and the back door of the Church;
- new radio microphones have been supplied in Church and hall;
- water leaks under the hall stage have been repaired

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SHEDDING ITS LOAD



As a lorry driver in Essex stops for a red light, a blonde in her car pulls up alongside. She jumps out of her car, runs up

to his lorry cab, and knocks on the door. The driver lowers the window, and she says, "Hi, my name is Sharon and you're losing some of your load!"

The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street. When the lorry stops for another red light, the girl again catches up. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his cab, and knocks on the door. The guy lowers the window, and she says, "Hi, my name is Sharon and you ARE losing some of your load."

Shaking his head, the driver ignores her again and continues down the street.

At the third red light, the same thing happens again. All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, knocks on the lorry cab door. The driver lowers the window again and she says, 'Hi, my name is Sharon, and you really are losing some of your load!'

When the light turns green, the driver revs up and races to the next light. When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of his lorry, and runs back to the blonde.

He knocks on her window and, as she lowers it, he says...

"Hi, my name is Kevin and I'm gritting the road".



Received by email

CHILDREN!!

Ministers don't laugh much.
I think it's because Jesus didn't tell any jokes
Richard aged 6



If you eat sweets in church,
the minister tells Jesus.
Robert aged 5

