

WELCOME TO ALVES & BURGHEAD I/w KINLOSS & FINDHORN



FOUR CROSSES FROM ONE TREE



Kinloss



Findhorn



The linkage was marked by the presentation of a Celtic Cross to each of the four former congregations. The crosses shown linked above were made by Dan Ralph, a joiner and accomplished carpenter from Burghead, from wood from a single tree.



Burghead



Alves

Alves & Burghead with Kinloss & Findhorn



WHAT ARE OUR COMMUNITIES?

In the East - ***Alves*** is a very small 'ribbon village' on the main arterial route from Inverness to Aberdeen (A96); the surrounding area is mainly agricultural. ***Burghead*** is a large village with an active harbour, with new residential development spreading eastward to Cummingston; RAF Lossiemouth (an active and expanding airbase) is nearby.

In the West - ***Kinloss*** is a small village with an Army Base as its immediate neighbour, and a New-Age community (Findhorn Foundation) between it and Findhorn; all is surrounded by agriculture. ***Findhorn*** is a small coastal village, predominantly of retirees and holiday homes, with a strong sailing club and other water-based activities.

In summary, the Charge has four differing communities, two congregations and is served by four church buildings.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

- The present demographic of both congregations is of a committed but ageing population - we need to attract the youthful element available from within the current communities – eg Army and RAF personnel, and their families.
- We should be extending our mission to support the young children in the primary schools in Alves, Burghead and Kinloss.
- The community within the Findhorn Foundation attracts people seeking meaning in their lives – we should offer ourselves as examples to help them toward finding a Christian path.

WHO DO WE NEED?

We would hope that our new Minister would be:

- Youthful at heart, with the enthusiasm to encourage spiritual growth, and to expand the current congregations.
- One who can work with different communities and lead them towards a common goal.
- One who can build on the already solid foundations within the communities.
- One who can inspire the congregations to expand the church's mission within our communities and beyond.
- One who can engage with the communities' young people, through school chaplaincy if possible.

NORMAL WORSHIP PATTERNS

Kinloss & Findhorn:

- Sunday Services at 10.00am - venue alternates between Kinloss and Findhorn Churches - average attendance is around 40.
- Services of Communion – 2/year – Findhorn (May) and Kinloss (November).

Alves & Burghead:

- Sunday Services at 11.30am – every Sunday at Burghead, and on 1st Sunday of each month at Alves (Burghead covered by pulpit supply) – average attendances (Communion excepted) are 40 to 50 @ Burghead, and 20 to 30 @ Alves.
- Services of Communion - 4/year - Burghead (April & October) and Alves (June & December) – no service at the other venue on these dates.

Hymnal – Mission Praise

OTHER WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Both Parishes join together at major Christian festivals to provide varied worship opportunities:

Easter – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (Tenebrae), & Easter Sunday (see title page picture).

Christmas – Carols & Lessons, Christmas Eve (Carols & Watchnight).

Bible Study Groups in both Parishes – open to all.

Monthly ‘Sing Around The Bay’ evenings at Burghead.

‘Family’ services as and when required.

At present the only Sunday School is at Burghead for the very young.

WHAT ARE OUR NUMBERS?

- Parish statistics are available on the Church of Scotland website:

Alves and Burghead -

http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/data/parish_profiles/352102.pdf

Kinloss and Findhorn –

http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/data/parish_profiles/352086.pdf

- Communion Roll:

Alves and Burghead –141 and 40 adherents

Kinloss and Findhorn –71 and 15 adherents

- Constitutions: Both – Unitary Deed

- Kirk Sessions:

Alves & Burghead – 14 Elders (7M & 7F)

Kinloss and Findhorn –19 elders (10M & 9F)

WHAT SUPPORT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- Both Kirk Sessions have a great breadth of talent to provide support in areas of property and technology (to enhance worship), as well as a willingness to try to help the Minister in any way possible.
- Both congregations are always willing to help with fundraising events such as coffee mornings, strawberry teas, etc, as well as organising fun social events.
- There are regular volunteers for providing many aspects to enhance worship and Sunday Services (eg readers and flowers, etc).
- We all remain ready to meet whatever new challenges our new Minister might put before us.

What is the Charge's 'Real Estate'?

- *Kinloss Church* was built in **1765**.



- *Findhorn Church* was built in **1843**.



- *Burghead Church* was built in **1861**.



- *Alves Kirk* was built in **1878**.



Our Churches – KINLOSS PARISH CHURCH



- Seating capacity – 150.
- Original pipe organ retained.
- Pews replaced by modern seating to create a more useable community space.
- Annexe with modern kitchen & disabled toilet.
- All in good condition.
- Next survey due in 2021/2022.



Our Churches – FINDHORN PARISH CHURCH



- Seating capacity – 300.
- Modern organ.
- Small hall with kitchen & toilet.
- K&F Kirk Session intends to develop Findhorn Church into a multi-function space, which would bring something different to the village, and better serve the community.
- Next survey due in 2021/2022.



Our Churches – BURGHEAD PARISH CHURCH



- Seating capacity – 500.
- Modern organ (Makin) & an extensive library of recorded music.
- New audio/visual system installed.
- Main door masonry just renovated.
- Recently redecorated throughout.
- Full disabled access throughout.
- Solar PE installation on Hall roof.
- All in good condition.
- Next survey due in 2021/2022.



Our Churches – ALVES KIRK



- Kirk & Hall are Listed (Grade B).
- Balcony 'walled off' for heat efficiency.
- Seating capacity – 200.
- Bell Tower recently 'weatherproofed'.
- Recently redecorated throughout.
- Original 19th Century pipe organ.
- Modern kitchen & toilet.
- All in good condition.
- Next survey due in 2021/2022.



ADDITIONAL PARISH INFORMATION

Additional information specific to each Parish may be found on the respective web site:

Alves & Burghead - abcofs.org.uk

Kinloss & Findhorn - kinlossandfindhornchurch.org.uk

Kinloss Manse



Kinloss Manse



- Built in 1985.
- Parish 'Office' is accessible from the vestibule to keep it entirely separate from the living accommodation.
- Ground Floor - vestibule, hall, study, lounge, dining room, kitchen & shower room.
- First Floor – 4 Bedrooms & Family Bathroom.
- Mains Gas central heating.
- All carpets, flooring and curtains renewed within past 6 years.
- Kitchen equipped with all usual 'white goods'.
- Garage accessible through Utility Room.
- Last surveyed in 2012.
- An 'economical' house by usual Manse standards.



Kinloss Manse – The Locale

- Manse is a short walk to Kinloss Church
- SPAR Shop and Post Office just up the road
- Kinloss Primary School within safe walking distance
- Petrol station at western end of village
- Forres – nearest shopping town - only a short drive away
- ‘Catchment’ secondary school is Forres Academy
- Regular bus service between village and Forres
- Cycle path links Forres, Kinloss and Findhorn.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE HERE?

The Surrounding Area:

- The nearest main towns are Forres and Elgin where most major retail outlets have a presence.
- Nearby Forres has a NHS Drop-in-Clinic embedded within the Forres Health Centre (home to the Culbin and Varis GP practices).
- Dr Gray's Hospital is located in Elgin, some 10 miles east of the Manse.
- There are three secondary schools in the area – Forres Academy, Elgin Academy and Elgin High School.
- The area is well served with good transport links:
 - Mainline rail links between Inverness and Aberdeen to connect with services to the Central Belt and beyond.
 - A96 road link between Aberdeen and Inverness, carrying regular bus services to each city.
 - National/international air links from Inverness (Dalcross) & Aberdeen (Dyce) airports.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE HERE? (continued)

Attractions:

- Superb recreational facilities in the local area - swimming pools in Forres and Elgin, and an ice rink and new indoor sports complex in Elgin.
- Findhorn Bay caters for all manner of water sports, together with nature watching on and around Findhorn Bay and out on the Moray Firth itself.
- The Cairngorms, Ben Nevis, and NW Scottish mountains are all a short drive away, as is Aviemore.
- Cultural tastes may be satisfied by the Eden Court Theatre (Inverness), the new Aberdeen Event and Exhibition Centre, and the Music Hall and His Majesty's Theatre (both within the city).
- There is an art group within the Kinloss Community Hall, as well as a couple of Choir groups.
- The Findhorn Foundation has a number of classes in a variety of areas with emphasis on eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable activities.
- There are many National Trust for Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland properties nearby.
- The whisky industry is well served with numerous visitor centres throughout the area.

Alves & Burghead linked with Kinloss & Findhorn

Useful Links & E-Mail Addresses

Parish Statistics for Mission:

Alves & Burghead –
Kinloss & Findhorn –

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http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church_finder/data/parish_profiles/352086.pdf

Parish Web Sites:

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Kinloss & Findhorn –

<https://abcofs.org.uk>

<http://kinlossandfindhornchurch.org.uk>

Schools:

Alves Primary –
Burghead Primary –
Kinloss Primary –
Forres Academy –

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/alves>

<https://twitter.com/BurgheadPrimary>

<https://kinlossprimaryschool.co.uk>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/forresacademy>

Forres Medical Centre:

Varis Practice –
Culbin Practice –

<https://varis.forreshealthcentre.co.uk/>

<https://culbin.forreshealthcentre.co.uk/>

OSCR:

Alves & Burghead –
Kinloss & Findhorn –

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/search-the-register/charity-details?number=10330>

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/about-charities/search-the-register/charity-details?number=14557>

Charge Nominating Committee:

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Now that you have seen us.....



..... why not come and lead us?



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED?

- Should you have any further inquiries please contact our Clerk to the Nominating Committee - Mrs Moira Rhind - on 01309 691285 or by email to moira.rhind@btinternet.com
- Alternatively, you may wish to speak informally with our Interim Moderator, Rev. John Morrison, on 01343 550199 or by email to jmorrison@churchofscotland.org.uk
- Applications should be in the form of a CV together with the names of two referees and should be sent to the Clerk to the Nominating Committee:

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