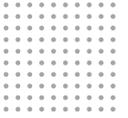




# The Highland Post



## IN THE BLEAK *Midwinter*

### JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

**CALVARY CIRCLES BIBLE STUDY**

Every Tuesday

**CALVARY PRAYER CIRCLES**

Every Thursday

**APPOINTED AS YOUTH PRESIDENTS OF SCOTLAND**

24 January, 2026

**RECIEVED GB&I GENERAL LICENSE**

24 January, 2026

**HOSTED SCOTTISH NATIONAL PRAYER RALLY**

17 January, 2026

**LED SCOTLAND DISTRICT EARLY MORNING PRAYER**

21 January, 2026

**TAUGHT AT HARVEST BIBLE COLLEGE**

31 January, 2026



-Sunday School in the snowy woods.

### PREACHING SERIES

**A YEAR OF RESTORATION**

*One Step at a Time*  
Rev. Preston Gann

*A New Year is Upon Us*  
Rev. Kelsey Gann

*Sacred Cows Block the Way*  
Rev. Preston Gann

*Refreshed and Renewed*  
Rev. Derek Fyfe

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago  
Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable-place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ  
What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring Him a lamb  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart, my heart*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

JIM  
MARGARET  
BILLY  
JACK  
KAREN  
ADI  
DEREK  
CHURCH ROOF

*In The Highlands as it is in Heaven*

## Personal Check-in

January began with deep snow and slower rhythms for our household after the busy holiday season. We were effectively snowed in for the first two weeks, but rather than fight against it, we tried to embrace it. The long winter walks and bracing runs through crisp air became a gift, and we even made time for some sledging. It was a simple but meaningful reminder that even in seasons of restriction, there can be joy, laughter, and gratitude.

Later in the month, Kelsey travelled to Glasgow to attend the funeral of our pastor Derek's mother. It was a sad occasion, as all farewells are, yet it was also deeply beautiful. There was a strong sense of hope woven through the service; an assurance rooted in Christ that brought comfort even in grief. We were thankful for the opportunity to stand with Derek and his family, sharing both in their sorrow and in the quiet confidence of resurrection hope.



-a day out in Nairn

“The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome  
it.”

— Gospel of John 1:5

## January

*January has been a memorable and faith-filled start to the year for us as a church. The month began in the midst of heavy snowfall, with significant snow falling over the first two Sundays. Yet even in challenging weather, we were grateful to still gather for worship. There was something deeply encouraging about seeing our church family make the effort to come together, demonstrating that our commitment to Christ and to one another is not easily shaken.*

*Those snowy Sundays created a unique sense of warmth and closeness. Though the temperatures outside were bitterly cold, the fellowship inside was rich and life-giving. Conversations lingered, prayers were shared, and there was a tangible sense of unity as we worshipped together. It was a powerful reminder that the church is not a building, but a devoted community centered on Christ. Speaking of the building, we are currently holding services in our coffee bar due to some significant repairs needing to be made to the church roof. Please pray with us that God would provide the finances required to make the necessary repairs.*

*Throughout the week, our Bible studies and prayer groups continued faithfully. Even in the depths of winter, there was no slowing in our desire to grow in the Word and to seek the Lord together. These gatherings remain the steady heartbeat of our church life; spaces where Scripture is opened, burdens are carried collectively, and faith is strengthened.*

*One particular highlight was our participation in the national prayer rally. Fourteen from our congregation gathered to join via Zoom (all together in our church coffee bar) with the church in Edinburgh, standing in unity with believers across the nation. It was a joy to add our voices in prayer, asking God to move powerfully in our land and to strengthen His church.*

*Although January sits firmly in the grip of winter, it has been anything but spiritually dormant. If anything, the cold has only sharpened our focus and deepened our dedication. We move forward into the year gladly committed to the work of Christ—confident, hopeful, and grateful for the faithfulness He continues to cultivate among us.*



-Finn joining in on our Bible study and more Sunday School in the woods.