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Lesser Hall

Kitchen

Up to Youth Space

Main Hall

Stage

Elevator

Gents

Storage

Ladies

Storage

Disabled

Storage
Basement

Creche

Reception

Vestiar

Morrison
Room

Tea Room

Office

Vestibule

Sanctuary

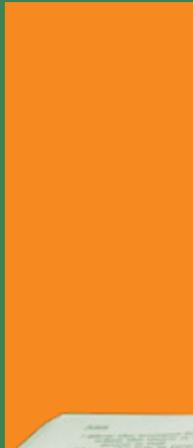
Chancel

Organ

Side

01 MISSION STATEMENT

As a centre for Christian worship we nurture faith through trust, support and love, providing a welcome to all within the community of Cambuslang, encouraging participation and building on friendship within a modern church environment.



02 OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY



We are truly an active church with events every day of the week, these include – Sunday and Tuesday morning services, Messy Church, contemporary worship (Church Unplugged) and Sunday School groups. Community activities include lunch clubs, Mother and Toddler group, The Guild, The Neighbourly, Scottish country dancing, the Walking Group, fellowship and fundraising events including ceilidhs, family pizza night, coffee mornings. We even have our own pipe band! Various youth organisations including Guides, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Scouts use the church facilities and many participate in special services together

in the church for example Remembrance Sunday and Harvest Thanksgiving.

We operate from two sites, with the Sanctuary and halls just off Cambuslang Main Street (which have been recently renovated and extended) plus additional halls and office space in Kirkhill.

We operate a successful holiday club and youth events for teenagers running each summer in collaboration with our Parish Grouping partners Flemington Hallside Church and The Cambuslang & Rutherglen Reachout Trust.

All of these groups and events help to raise the



OUR CHURCH BAND LEADING A FAMILY CEILIDH



OUR PIPE BAND PUTTING ON A CONCERT

profile of our church within the wider community as well as strengthening bonds of friendship and love between all those who participate.

We are a forward looking church who aspire to build on existing initiatives and encourage green shoots to grow and develop, spreading the love of God.

03 OUR

WORSHIP LIFE

Sunday morning worship starts at 10:30am, with a balance of traditional and contemporary styles to meet the broad expectations of c.120 attendees. This is delivered by the ministry team, comprising of our deacon Karen Hamilton as well as members of the congregation with support from an excellent choir and praise band, led by our enthusiastic and talented organist and utilising modern audio visual facilities. Worship is followed by tea and coffee, providing an opportunity to socialise and maintain friendships.

We also have a weekly Tuesday morning contemplative service with music. Once a month this is preceded by “Heavenly Elevenses”, a chance to gather over tea and cake before the service begins.

Once a month, we also have our contemporary worship evening service, “Church Unplugged”. This is a café style service with worship songs, prayer and discussion led by members and held in conjunction with our parish grouping partners, Flemington Hallside.

Within the parish grouping, every six weeks our young people together with the young people from Flemington Hallside deliver “Stand Up For Sunday” services, which are completely youth lead.

The ministry team are supported by the Worship Team in the preparation and planning of services.



CROWDS GATHER AT THE LOCAL AMPHITHEATRE FOR PARISH IN THE PARK



04 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our Sunday School at Cambuslang Parish comprises children ranging in the ages Pre-school to S4/S5. We have many regular attendees and we also encourage drop in attendees. The children make our Sunday Club a happy place, they are enthusiastic to learn bible stories, enjoy using our interactive materials and are keen to participate in arts and crafts.

Cambuslang Parish Church has two thriving Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade Companies, who enjoy working towards badges where they are encouraged to help others, make new friends and learn new skills to help them become responsible and caring members of our Parish and our community. Christian values are at the heart of everything that our Brigade Companies stand for in our church.

Other youth groups who are affiliated with Cambuslang Parish Church are the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as well as two Scout groups.

Cambuslang And Rutherglen Reachout Trust (CRRT) are based in our offices at Kirkhill; CRRT provide Christian youth work and fellowship to the young people in the wider community by making school visits at assemblies, and organising groups that explore faith.

We also have a midweek Fellowship Bible Study for deeper discussion and exploration into our faith.



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CHURCH HISTORY

Cambuslang Parish Church has a strong Christian tradition stretching back to St Cadoc in the 6th century. In 1742 there was a great Christian revivalist movement culminating in 30,000 people from far and wide attending Communion at the Preaching Braes, a natural amphitheatre near to the Kirk in Cambuslang. The great Methodist preacher George Whitefield from America delivered the sermons.

Today Cambuslang Parish Church stands proudly in the heart of the community of Cambuslang, having been formed in 2008 following the union of three former congregations – Trinity St Paul's, Cambuslang Old and St Andrew's Parishes.

We have decided to move away from the Church's traditional view on same-sex marriages, and will be accepting of all who apply.



06 WIDER COMMUNITY

Local Connections

As with most Parish Churches, the ministry team provide pastoral care not only to their immediate members but also the wider community.

Many of our congregation are involved in a numbers of activities and organisations across the wider community of Cambuslang and our halls are regularly used by the local community, including the Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank, Alcoholics Anonymous, Voluntary Care Club, and Youth Groups as well as being available for hire on an ad-hoc basis.

As a Church, we also provide regular support to The Lodging House Mission and Christian Aid.

Working closely with Flemington Hallside, our parish grouping partners under the umbrella of Cambuslang Churches Together, we maintain strong ties with the Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and Baptist churches in our area. In particular, recently we have twice had the pleasure of welcoming Father Morton from St., Brides R.C. Church to address our congregation and share the services during Holy Week to ensure a continued opportunity to worship through this important Christian season



07 OUR LOCAL AREA

Cambuslang with a population of around 25,000, is situated within South Lanarkshire, approximately five miles south east of Glasgow city centre, existing within a complex and diverse social environment. The parish includes the areas of Central Cambuslang, Eastfield, Whitlawburn, Westburn and Kirkhill, which encompasses the area ranked within the poorest 1% in Scotland, as well as within the wealthiest 2% in Scotland. One of the challenges for Cambuslang Parish Church is to be accessible across this social spectrum to ensure that it is of relevance to and meets the needs of all in the community.

There are three non-denominational primary schools within the Parish (James Aiton, West Coats and Cairns). The area is also served by three non-denominational secondary schools (Cathkin, Stonelaw and Uddingston).

Local facilities include various local shops and supermarkets in Cambuslang, Burnside and Rutherglen, two public parks, three local golf courses, two local bowling greens, two local tennis clubs, Cathkin Braes mountain bike trail and quick access to the surrounding countryside.

Cambuslang offers excellent transports links with two train stations, regular bus services, a cycle path along the River Clyde into Glasgow and easy access to the M74 motorway leading to the M8, M73 and beyond.



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THE WORLD CHURCH

We are a Fairtrade congregation who regularly sell Fair Trade products at events and advertise the mission of Fairtrade where appropriate. We use Fairtrade products where possible (tea, coffee, confectionery) and actively seek out their products over others.

We are twinned with the Reformed Church of Pécs-Kertváros in Hungary. We look to continue our partnership with them in the future

We regularly fund-raise for Christian Aid, helping them in their mission. We have places to do this in the Church, and have had sermons and representatives in the church, also.

Our former minister had very good relations with the Church of Mozambique. We hope a similar relationship may continue. We also actively engage with the local Multi-Cultural Society which broadens our horizons to the world faith.

09 THE MANSE



Our church manse is located on Stewarton Drive, right in the heart of the community, within walking distance of a variety of amenities, including local shops which cater for most day to day requirements, as well as two railway stations for easy access to the city centre or through to Edinburgh.

It is a two storey traditional sandstone building that adheres to the Church of Scotland's Manse Guide, featuring four bedrooms, a study and two public rooms, as well as a large and beautiful garden with garage. It is also facilitated with a conservatory and modern kitchen. There is also a utility room, and planting room (for gardening).

10 THE HALLS



We have extensive halls with premises at the main Church site and at Kirkhill.

Both premises have fully equipped kitchen facilities and ample storage space, as well as a stage in the large hall at each location.

These are used for concerts, ceilidhs, dance groups, sports groups, dinners and all manner of other events and activities.



11 WHAT WE CAN OFFER

Cambuslang Parish Church has been on a journey since its formation through union in 2008. We have reached the point on that journey where the congregation and Kirk Session now firmly identify themselves as one Church that welcomes all and are excited by the opportunity to welcome a new minister to work with us and lead our Church forward on the next part of our journey.

We have a recently refurbished and extended Church building, with excellent facilities in the centre of the community.



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AN INVITATION TO APPLY

We would like to thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity. If you feel that God is calling you to lead the people of Cambuslang Parish Church on their journey to develop and build God's community in the heart of Cambuslang, please feel free to contact the Interim Moderator Rev. Scott Blythe for an informal chat at SBlythe@churchofscotland.org.uk

A letter of application should be submitted, with an accompanying CV. We would be grateful if your application could set out your reasons for applying for this opportunity.

Applications should be clearly marked "confidential" and should be sent to the clerk of the nominating committee: Fiona Brown at firobotamiu@btinternet.com



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