

CUMBERNAULD OLD PARISH CHURCH



Cumbernauld Old Parish Church

aims to be an inclusive family of God
where all are welcome

and everyone is valued and involved.

We aim to play an active part
in the communities we serve,
reaching out

with the love and joy of Jesus Christ.

Cumbernauld Old Parish Church...

it's where we belong

it's who we are

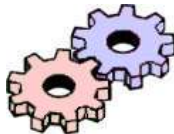
it's our past, our present and our future

our Parish

contains around 16,000 people in the communities of
Castlecary, Wardpark (north), Westerwood, the Village,
Carrickstone, Dullatur, Craigmarloch, Eastfield, Balloch,
Craiglinn, Croy and Smithstone

our Church

has just under 500 members – including you



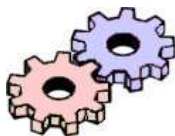
*Together we make a difference,
let's see how...*

We make a difference by supporting our ministry team

The Rev Catriona Ogilvie and our deacon Valerie Cuthbertson serve our congregation and parish through

- leading worship and proclaiming the good news of God's love and faithfulness
- caring for people when they are most in need, visiting them in their homes and in hospital
- supporting people when they suffer bereavement
- helping people to celebrate in baptism or marriage
- chaplaincy at Cumbernauld Primary School, Eastfield Primary School and Cumbernauld College
- leading us in the study of God's word
- providing spiritual leadership and guidance.

Catriona and Valerie are valuable assets to our community and the work they do is appreciated by many people of all backgrounds.



We make a difference by supporting the church's ministry across Scotland

Our giving helps to provide over 1,000 parish ministers and deacons in communities throughout Scotland, including our own.

Money we give to the Church of Scotland's Parish Ministries Fund helps pay for ministers and deacons and enables the church to recruit and train ministers and deacons for the future.

**We make a difference
through the time, talents and energies of our members**

Sharing the gospel with our children and young people

- in the J-Team, Sunday School, Boys' Brigade and Brownies

Helping the Body grow in Spirit



- by serving on the Kirk Session
- through the Prayer Chain and Prayer Group
- by enhancing worship in the Singing Group and Music Group
- through the relationship between elders and their districts
- by participation in Cumbernauld Churches Together and the World Day of Prayer, and by supporting the work of Christian Aid

Helping in practical ways

- by maintaining the church buildings, the manse and its garden
- by serving on the Congregational Board, the Property, Finance and Safeguarding Committees
- by helping with the church flowers
- through printing and delivering newsletters, photocopying and folding, typing and computing



Coming together in fellowship

- in the Men's Group, Ladies' Group and Ladies' Circle
- in Meeting Point, where people come for a chat & a 'cuppa'
- for fund-raising and social events throughout the year

**Time, talents and energies
given in thanks, joy and faith**

**We make a difference
by maintaining and developing our church buildings
and providing other places to meet, learn and grow.**

The Parish Church is

- a spiritual home where we take 'time out' from our everyday lives to encounter God and hear his word for our lives
- a sacred place where parents bring children for baptism, couples pledge their love in marriage and people say their last farewells to friends and loved ones
- a centre where children and adults hear and develop their Christian faith, and where men and women meet for fellowship
- a holy place where toddlers give praise and the bereaved find comfort
- a precious inheritance of centuries of Christian worship and witness, which we seek to preserve and extend through Project ROCK



The Forge Centre is

- a place of worship for young and old
- a place of gathering for our Boys' Brigade company, the Brownies and the Ladies' Circle
- a Christian heart in the centre of the community

We thank God that we have a historic church building that enriches the life of our community and a presence at the Forge as the living church in the midst of God's people.

We make a difference through the national and global work of the Church of Scotland...



- providing chaplains for hospitals and prisons and to serve the world of industry and commerce
- caring for the most vulnerable in our society in the name of Jesus Christ
- partnership with Churches in some of the poorest countries of the world
- providing congregations with resources in Christian education, stewardship, outreach, and new ways of worship
- engaging with the social, moral, political and technological issues of today and providing a Christian perspective on them
- developing relationships with other Christian Churches and faith communities.



While 85% of the money we give to the Church of Scotland supports parish ministries the remaining 15% goes to support the above wider work of the church.



We also have a locally supported partnership with **World Mission Partners** in South Africa through donations made to our Mission Circle



We make a difference through our giving; giving which enables the sharing of the gospel...

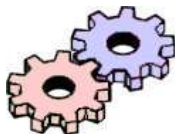
Where does our giving go?

<i>Supporting ministry in this parish and across Scotland</i>	£39,500
<i>Outreach through our organisations</i>	2,000
<i>Maintenance and practical running costs</i>	16,500
<i>Supporting the wider work of the Church of Scotland</i>	6,000

And where does the money come from?

<i>The offerings of members of the congregation</i>	£49,500
<i>Recovered from HM Revenue & Customs through members giving by Gift Aid</i>	7,000
<i>Fund-raising events, wedding and funeral donations, interest, etc.</i>	7,500

(above figures based on provisional 2007 accounts and rounded up/down)



Cumbernauld Old is an active church with lots going on, some of it visible to the public but much also behind the scenes. We rely on our members to support our work and to help us do more.

All members and adherents are encouraged to give in a generous and committed way. Here are some ideas to consider...

- use weekly offering envelopes
- give a monthly offering by standing order from their bank account
- If you pay tax, increase the value of your offering by 25% by signing a Gift Aid declaration.
- consider making a gift in your Will to support the work of the Church.

***Together we can make an even bigger difference
to our church, our community and our world***



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