

Cumbernauld Old Parish Church

Autumn 2021 Update

*do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*

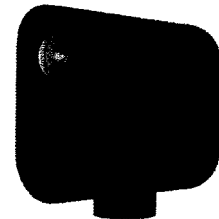
Isaiah 41:10

Church Services

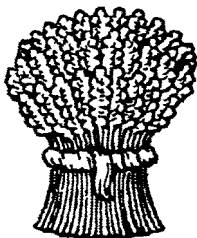
We are now holding services in the Church every Sunday at 11am. There is no longer any need to book in advance, but we ask that you try to maintain a safe distance between yourself / your family group and other worshippers whilst in the church sanctuary. You will still need to wear a face covering, use the hand sanitiser provided and leave your contact details (using our QR code or filling in a slip provided) for Test & Protect. Hymn-sheets will be available, but you are very welcome to bring your own copy of the CH4 hymnbook if you have one.

Live-Streaming

Over the summer the Church had broadband installed and we bought a live-streaming camera, wireless microphones, and a smart phone to enable us to live-stream from the Church for those who are not able to attend in person. You can join the live stream on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cumbernauldold at 11am (or just before) on Sunday mornings. You do not need a Facebook account to access the livestream. The service will not be recorded.



Harvest



The Harvest Thanksgiving service will be celebrated in the Church at 11am on Sunday 3rd October. We invite those attending to bring dried or tinned goods to the service and these will be distributed to our local foodbank via our friends at Cornerstone House in the Town Centre. Harvest donations can also be left at the Manse for those unable to make it to Church on 3rd October.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Since March last year, very sadly we have not been able to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. However, we now can, albeit with restrictions. Therefore, the Kirk Session has agreed that Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 17th October at 11am in the Church. We are not permitted to pass the element as we would usually do, so, we ask that you bring your own small piece of bread and wine / juice with you.



Freewill Offering Envelopes

Our Treasurer, Robin Cantlie, is moving out of Cumbernauld and has resigned as Treasurer. If you have any offerings or freewill envelopes, please leave them in a box at the entrance to the Church on a Sunday morning. If you are not able to come on a Sunday morning, please drop them off at the Manse. Please do not drop them off at Robin's house as it has been sold and he is not there!

Change of Presbytery

We, in the Church of Scotland, are living through a time of change. One of the changes is a requirement for fewer Presbyteries in Scotland. Until recently we were a part of Falkirk Presbytery and had been since October 1929. The General Assembly of this year and the Kirk Session here agreed that we should move back to Glasgow Presbytery along with the other Church of Scotland churches in Cumbernauld as Falkirk Presbytery will no longer exist from the middle of next year. Nothing much will really change except that meetings will now be in Glasgow instead of Falkirk.

News from the Minister

Most of you will probably know by now that we will be leaving Cumbernauld Old in October as I have received a call from Paisley Abbey. It is envisaged that my last service will be the Communion service on 17th October. My induction at the Abbey is likely to be Monday 25th October. We have all very much enjoyed being with you all and we will miss you very much. There have been many 'highs' in the time I have been with you. I am pretty sure that I will never forget dressing up in a tutu and walking through the Village with a donkey at Christmas time two years ago! There have also been the 'lows'; the closure of The Forge and the times of lockdown. I couldn't have done anything like the amount we have done without the help and forbearance of the office holders and congregation here. I would like to thank you all.