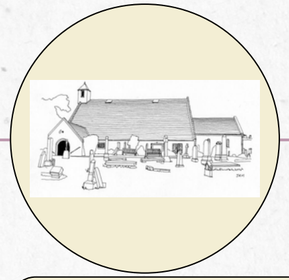
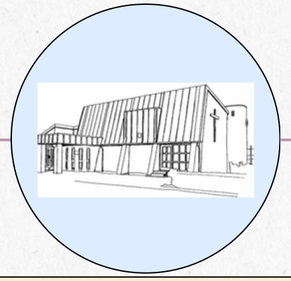
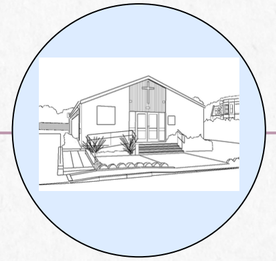
Fife: Forthview Parish Church of Scotland
Our Parish Profile: Features that we currently share




WORSHIP

St Fillan's Aberdour

Sunday Worship
10.30 am
Use of CH4 and organ.
Followed by refreshment at special times

Our Churches & Worship Life
Evening service monthly offering alternative style of worship

Remembrance Day Service.
Communion
3 times a year in March, June & October

Ministry with Children & Young People
Visit by primary school classes each month to discuss history of the church. School services at Easter, summer and Christmas. Children's event in the Hall on Good Friday, summer week in July and Advent.

Dalgety

Sunday Worship
10.30 am, live-streamed
Digital hymnary with piano / organ as required
Service followed by fellowship and refreshment

Our Churches & Worship Life
Monthly evening service and regular afternoon service in Peace Garden.
Remembrance Day Service.
Communion
Typically 3-4 times per year.

Ministry with Children & Young People
In Church with tablets and earphones. Junior Church being reviewed. Messy Church regularly. Bubblegum and Fluff and Easter Code annually.

Inverkeithing

Sunday Worship
11.30 am
Digital hymnary with piano / organ as required
Service followed by fellowship and refreshment

Our Churches & Worship Life
Ad hoc services and events to support and include the local community
Remembrance Day Service..
Communion
Typically 3-4 times per year.

Ministry with Children & Young People
Children have a Sunday School room, with part attendance for all age or children's talk and activities with congregation. Occasional Saturday Fun Club & lunch.

North Queensferry

Sunday Worship
10.00 am
Digital hymnary with piano as required
Service followed by fellowship and refreshment

Our Churches & Worship Life
Ad hoc services and events to support and include the local community.
Remembrance Day Service.
Communion
Typically 3-4 times per year.

Ministry with Children & Young People
Our Sunday Funday and Messy Church events are open for children living in or visiting our village. We are seeking to develop upon our relationship with the primary school.

Rosyth

Sunday Worship
10.30 am
Digital hymnary with piano / organ as required
Service followed by fellowship and refreshment

Our Churches & Worship Life
Ad hoc services and events to support and include the local community.
Remembrance Day Service.
Communion
Typically 3-4 times per year.

Ministry with Children & Young People
A team of members volunteers to take it in turns to teach the children each week. They move to a separate room where they can enjoy age-appropriate activities and also listen to the service.

Disclosure & PVG
All churches are up-to-date, or close to being so, on Disclosure Scotland checks for volunteers and Kirk Session, and with safeguarding training.

FELLOWSHIP & SUPPORT

St Fillan's Aberdour

Providing our facilities to the Community

Pastoral Team and previously, home visits by Elders. A good relationship with the local community means they regularly reach out to us when needing help and support.
Very successful monthly coffee & scones in the Church Hall and other social & fundraising events.

Reaching Out:
Christian Education and Outreach

Work with St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church in Aberdour. Joint service early in the year, Remembrance at War Memorial and Remembrance Sunday. Childrens' events (see above) in conjunction with St Columba's, along with helpers from various local Church denominations. 'Songs of Praise' and Flower Festival with St Columba's during the Aberdour Festival. Annual pilgrimage to Inchcolm.
Christmas card sent to every home in the village. Website & Facebook well used by the community & beyond.

Dalgety

Providing our facilities to the Community

Elder visits, Pastoral Care team, DVDs of service delivered. Regular services held in care home, Bereavement Group twice monthly, café weekly, flower ministry, Sunshine Group (dementia sufferers and carers) twice monthly and support for Ukranian families.

Reaching Out:
Christian Education and Outreach

Regular prayer and Bible study. Groups for application for membership are held as required. *Thinking Aloud* discussion group, *Storytelling for toddlers*, Church Library for Book Loans, stall at annual local Gala, Fair Trade Stall, Christmas Pop Up choir in local supermarkets, annual Easter Code and Bubblegum and Fluff for P6/7s, Reflection Areas at Easter and Advent.

Inverkeithing

Providing our facilities to the Community

Elder visits, informal pastoral care, built around friendship and community group, coffee morning monthly in Sheltered Housing, weekly coffee morning, Floral Ministry, New to You shop annually. Celebration afternoon teas.

Reaching Out:
Christian Education and Outreach

Bible Study. Groups for application for membership are held as required.
Books to borrow from church, seasonal Choir, Open Doors Day and church tours, Support for local Highland Games - coffee shop, food bags.
Parent and Child Craft Group, Occasional Movies for children, childrens' parties and visits externally, Families and all members invited to 'Sunday School Trip' to Aberdour (with use of the church hall!) each summer.

North Queensferry

Providing our facilities to the Community

With all the advantages of a small village network, NQ shares information, needs and concerns of the community through coffee mornings with visits from younger children from the Primary School, walking groups, support for Ukrainian refugees, plus one-off fundraising events often via volunteer support.

Reaching Out:
Christian Education and Outreach

In addition to Bible Study, NQ looks forward to further opportunities within Forthview Parish to reach out to youth in the provision once more of Sunday Funday activities. Twinning with Hohoe in Ghana was very positive and contact is still maintained.

Rosyth

Providing our facilities to the Community

We have an active Pastoral Care team that is in regular contact with members we don't often see in church. Our bible study group meets weekly over Zoom. Flowers are distributed weekly on the basis of requests in the flower register.

Reaching Out:
Christian Education and Outreach

Rosyth Foodbank (a branch of Dunfermline Foodbank) has been run by church members and members of the community at our church halls since 2014. Our Heritage Cafe is well attended by members and the wider community on Tuesday afternoons.
Rosyth church halls are used by a wide range of local groups.
We have a defibrillator attached the halls that can be used by anyone in the community.

PARTNERSHIPS

St Fillan's Aberdour

The Church Hall is a vital village resource. It is used by many community groups on a weekly basis e.g., Scouts, Brownies, Guides, etc., and whilst they are not seen as church organisations, they do take part at our Remembrance Service. Some members help with the Day Care Centre.

Dalgety

We have a strong Guild, a term-time weekly Youth Group, and Pastoral Support Group. Many non-church organisations such as Brownies, Guides, Dalgety Players, Probus, yoga, badminton, tae kwon do, craft group use the building on a regular basis .

Inverkeithing

The church is home to an active weekly craft group, Yoga Classes, numerous 'special occasion' afternoon teas, partnerships for community drama, dance and music groups to support fund-raising for the community, and we occasionally host concerts.

North Queensferry

NQ has dedicated volunteers running the Coffee Mornings and Walking Groups. Other successful events include Soup Lunches, Strawberry Teas and regular charity fund-raising.

Rosyth

Occasional social events: theatre trips, Sunday and Christmas lunch, day trips; as well as the Heritage Cafe.

The church has strong links with Rosyth Garden City Association with association members (who are often church members) giving regular talks about Rosyth.

<u>Working Together Ecumenically</u>

Churches have worked together through Forth Churches Group, and other parish linkages, all churches support local High School and it's feeder schools in each of our communities.
Strong links with Christian Aid across the Parish Churches.

St Fillan's Aberdour

Our Buildings

Our church dates from 1123. It is grade A listed and well maintained. Last year we had a very successful 900th anniversary that included a variety of religious and cultural events with input from the whole community. It has a very high profile with media: newspapers, radio and film venue.

The community considers it to be their church. The church is open every day for prayer & visitors. It is seen and used as a sanctuary by many and takes part in Doors Open Days.

The church hall dates from the 1790's and is located in the centre of the village.

Glebe land could be a significant asset for community.

Dalgety

Our Buildings

Our church was built in 1981, and extended in 1988. It provides a flexible sanctuary that can seat 70-220 and can be divided according to congregation size. There is also a cafe area and six community rooms of various sizes, including toilets and two kitchen facilities, offering good community and worship space.

Inverkeithing

Our Buildings

Our church is a single historic building with tower. It was refurbished internally in 2008 and offers a large sanctuary to 250+ persons, a hall for up to 20 persons and meeting room -10 persons, other facilities as normal.

North Queensferry

Our Buildings

Our church and hall, the latter funded by village resident contributions, was built in 1963. It is the only centre of faith in the village. The church, hall, kitchen and other facilities can all be hired by local organisations.

Rosyth

Our Buildings

Our church and its adjoining halls are located in the centre of Rosyth. The church reopened in 2015 having been renovated at a cost of £700,000, towards which our members raised £120,000. The rest came from local grants. Our three halls are well used for community activities and provide a good source of income.

Staffing

The Forthview Parish employs a part-time Administrator to assist our churches with communication, administration and document creation, as well as bookings management. The post is located in the busy Dalgety hub office but serves all five churches. In addition we are served by maintenance staff and cleaning staff. All other duties are fulfilled from within our congregations.

The Manses

Forthview Parish is served by three modern manses, each located centrally in our communities Rosyth, Dalgety Bay and Aberdour. Each manse is well maintained, suitable for family life and within easy reach of local facilities.

Finance and Stewardship

At the time of approval of this document the finance team, and their respective roles and responsibilities have been agreed and approved by the Kirk Session.

The banking arrangements have been approved but unfortunately not yet implemented, delaying changes to processes and Standing Order Giving Arrangements. The Gift Aid records and data for all Churches are now consolidated into one system. All employees are on one Forthview payroll and the 2024 budget is being finalised for presentation. We have approved a consolidated budget that shows a small surplus this year. We entered the union on 1st January with strong reserves, which are mixture of reserved and unreserved funds."