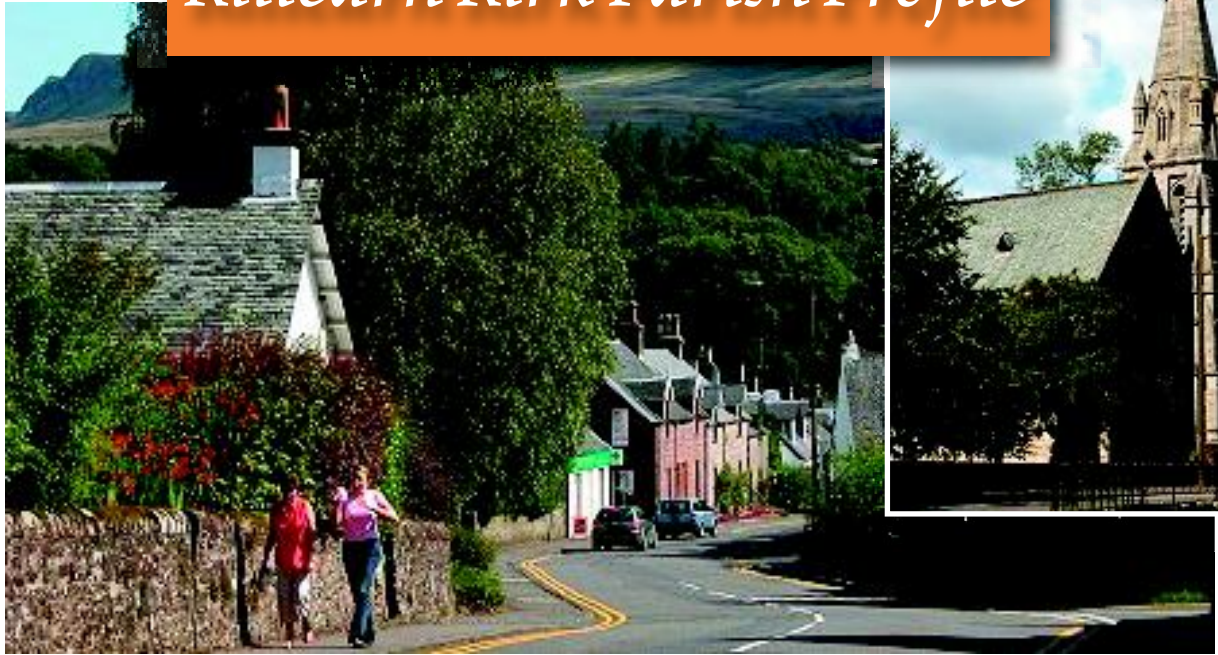


Killearn Kirk Parish Profile



The Presbytery of Stirling has given us permission to call a minister for our village parish we believe that this is an exciting opportunity to lead us in our worship and mission to reach out to everyone in the village and bring us closer to God

This is an unrestricted call

CAN YOU LEAD US?

*We are looking for an energetic minister
who has a calling and a gift to reach out to the community*

Areas to develop

The ability to relate to people of all ages including children and young people and their parents

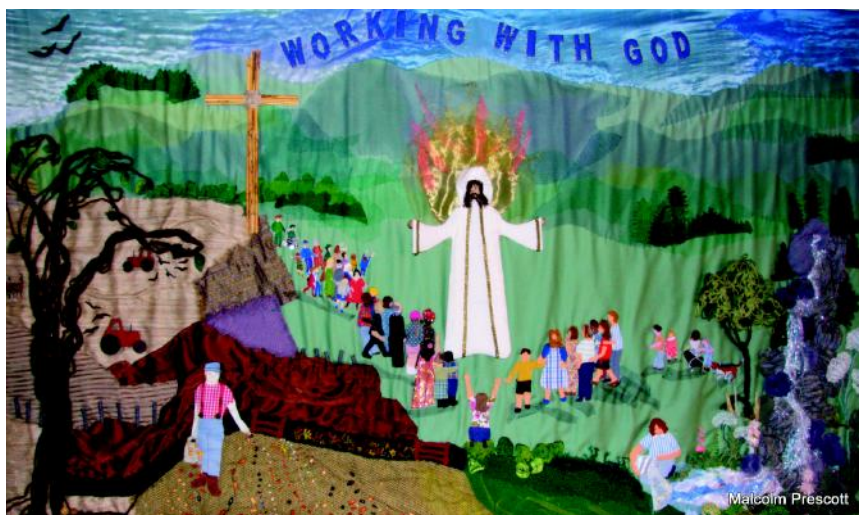
Pastoral Care

A flexible approach towards tradition and innovation in worship

The strengthening of our outreach to the community

A desire to deepen our faith and increase our numbers

A desire to make the church a place of open acceptance, healing and growth





We hope that our new minister will share our vision and commitment in these key areas

Preaching and proclaiming the good news of the gospel
Friendship
An ability to listen
Possessing a sense of humour
Flexibility, openness and honesty
An ability to encourage teamwork and to use the gifts of those in the church
A caring and committed approach to pastoral duties
Commitment to building unity and harmony within the church
Making the Church and its message relevant in the community
Respect for different backgrounds and cultures whilst maintaining the Christian faith
Building links with other local Churches
Space for personal development and growth

The kind of Church we want to be is incorporated into our Vision Statement

We look for a minister who can help us meet these ideals

- A **friendly** Church where people of all ages are welcomed and valued
- A **joyful** Church that worships and prays together
- A **listening** Church that teaches about important issues of faith and life
- A **committed** Church that encourages all its members to be involved
- A **caring** Church that is a happy, safe and progressive environment for all ages
- An **outgoing** Church that serves the whole community
- A **believing** Church that makes Jesus central to all its activities



Killearn Kirk Parish

*Killearn Kirk serves the village and the wider parish of Killearn
which has a population of around 2000
Situated centrally it offers:
a large well maintained church building
recently built church halls attached to the church building, providing a flexible space
a modern manse a short distance away
a generous and supportive congregation with much energy and ability
a range of church-based groups and activities
a supportive session*

Worship and Church Life

A church roll of 460 members
Regular Sunday morning services attended by all ages and with an average attendance of 80-100
Twice yearly communion with additional monthly informal communion in the Session House
Recently appointed young organist – prepared to develop different forms of music
Participation of members in the services ✦ Computer/Projector and modern AV system
Sunday morning prayer meeting/breakfast
Friendships and fellowships encouraged during coffee/tea after the service in the church halls
Paid student Youth Worker – 20 hours per week – regular ‘Friday Night Thing’ attracting young people
Sunday morning Youth Group – secondary school age
Kirk Kids (*Sunday school*) ✦ Little Ones – for pre-school children
Sunday morning Crèche ✦ Active and well supported Guild ✦ Boys Brigade – all sections
Meeting Point – house groups ✦ Fairtrade and Tearcraft
Links with Glasgow City Mission, Strathblane Church, St Rollox Church and congregations in Malawi
Monthly services at the Abbeyfield House - sheltered housing
Regular services at Ballikinrain School – residential Church of Scotland school
Links with the Primary School
Other Non-Church Groups that use our halls ✦ Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,
Thursday Club (Older adults), Playgroup, Probus



The Village

The village of Killearn is set in a beautiful landscape below the Campsie Fells, above the valley of the Endrick and in sight of Loch Lomond. Located 18 miles N of Glasgow and 22 miles SW of Stirling it is a sought after place to live. It has: a picturesque and historic centre ✨ easy connections to Glasgow, Stirling and Edinburgh a mix of old and new housing ✨ top rated local primary and secondary schools excellent health facilities ✨ shops that supply most daily needs a range of social, sporting, leisure and interest groups appealing to all ages an energetic, talented and supportive community

Our Vision Statement remains a clear articulation of our hopes and plans, under God's guidance, for the present and the future of our congregation and community.

We want Jesus Christ to be seen to be relevant to everyone living in Killearn and the surrounding area. We are committed to the unity of God's people, developing the church into a vibrant and attractive place to worship.

We know that our lives and witness do not always live up to this vision, but our aim is to move forward, and we look for our new Minister to help guide and inspire us - through worship, through preaching of the Word, through prayer - thus leading us to grow in our Christian commitment, expressed in faith and action

Our new Minister will be an excellent communicator with the ability to relate to all age groups and to make the Gospel relevant to those who may not have had time for church in the past. Delegation of tasks to others will feature in this work.

In short, we are looking for ways to work with God by harnessing our different gifts, so that, under new leadership, we can progress in our faith and reach out in Christ's love to our neighbours in Killearn and the wider world.

CAN YOU LEAD US?

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