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Flemington Hallside
CHURCH

Reaching and serving our community in Christ's name

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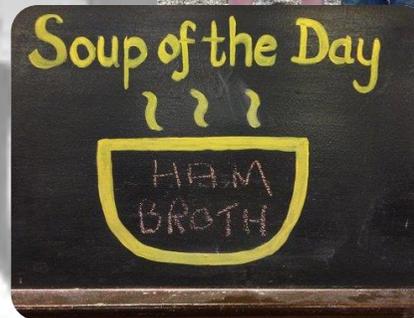
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



We seek to bring glory to God by growing and nurturing a community of faith, through teaching and prayer, encouraging, inspiring and caring for those around us.



OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

Our Congregation

The current congregational roll is 303, with seven adherents, presently meeting on a Sunday morning at 11am.

We have a large, energetic Sunday School with over 50 children registered; ages range from 3 to 16 years. Most weeks our children and young people join the early part of the main service before heading out to their various age specific groups.

Our Kirk Session comprises of 28 elders and our Congregational Board, traditionally chaired by our Minister, consists of around 20 elected members. Holy Communion is celebrated three times per year.



We actively encourage our young people and many adults in our congregation to participate in leading praise and worship, including our church choir. The young people in our Church organise and lead 'Stand Up For Sunday' services every six weeks. We are also keenly involved once a month in a joint 'Church Unplugged' evening service alongside Cambuslang Parish Church.

Our prayer group meet every week and our House Groups, and a New Members Group, meet regularly. We also hold an annual service in the local park during the summer months, as well as an annual prayer event similar in style to 24-7 prayer.



Our Church Organisations

Our thriving uniformed organisations include our Boys Brigade, which has a membership of 32 boys, supported by 10 staff. Our Girl's Brigade, which has a membership of 17 girls, is supported by 5 staff members.



We have a flourishing Guild with a membership of 34 who meet fortnightly, and enjoy a variety of speakers. The Guild also support the work of Mary's Meals.



Our Community Café is open every Thursday staffed by volunteers. It is well attended and supported by many in our local community.

A recently formed Men's Group meet regularly, yet informally, to enjoy fellowship, often over breakfast. Various outings to restaurants, sports events and trips to the cinema, have been arranged in the past year.

We are involved in a successful Holiday Club and youth event for teenagers, which run during the summer and are organised collaboratively with Cambuslang Parish Church, **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust** and ourselves.



Our enthusiastic and dedicated Gardening Club consists of volunteers who tend to the garden and manage the grounds around the Church.



Together, as a congregation, we regularly organise fundraising activities. A Christmas market, Summer Fayre, soup lunches and coffee mornings are enjoyed and supported by many in our local community.

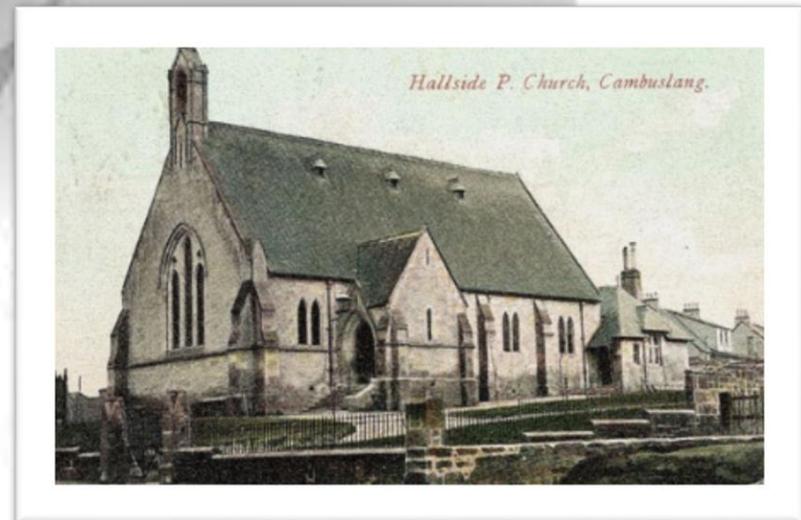


Our History

Flemington Hallside Parish Church represents the union of four previous churches, Newton, Hallside and Gilbertfield. It occupies the site of the former Flemington Church and lies in the heart of the community of Halfway.

Flemington Parish Church was dedicated in 1885 and we have had nine Ministers since then.

The church has a seating capacity of 320 and the main hall has a seating capacity for 120.



OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Our Local Connections

We have developed a large network of connections within our local community. The church building itself is well used, hosting a number of groups including, Parent and Toddlers, Zumba and Alcoholics Anonymous. It also serves as a Polling Station for local and national elections.



We support the work of the **Lodging House Mission** by organising collections and making regular visits to assist with the serving of meals.



Our Youth and Community Worker is actively involved with various local organisations and outreach work.

This includes working with **Halfway Community Council**, **Particip8 Overton** and **Healthy'n'Happy**;

organising and participating in community events such as fun days and a local fireworks display.





Leading assemblies and Scripture Union groups at local schools is also an important feature of our youth work. Our Youth

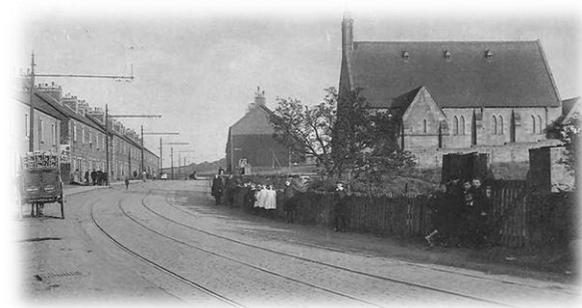
and Community Worker operates in partnership with **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust**, helping to organise and lead residential events for local children, and has developed and led a group for S1 - S4 girls who live locally.

Our Local Area

Flemington Hallside forms a significant part of Cambuslang and is situated to the south- east edge of the City of Glasgow.



Cambuslang had a population of 24,500 in 2011 (census), which is growing. The area is largely post-industrial today, having seen the historic closure of its significant coal mining and steel manufacturing industries. It has evolved into a popular suburban place to live and work, with growing modern, light industrial, distribution and service sectors.



Today, the long established 'village' communities of Flemington and Hallside have witnessed major growth in the area's population since the late 1990's with the development of Drumsagard Village and more recently Newton Farm.



This housing has brought approximately 6,000 people into the area in the last 20 years with the prospect of a further 4 - 5,000 in the years to come from further planned expansion. As part of



Cambuslang, Flemington Hallside benefits from excellent transportation connections by road, bus and rail to the city conurbation

and national networks. The National Cycle Route runs through the area, following the course of the River Clyde and, generally, the area enjoys immediate access to the surrounding countryside.

There are four Primary Schools in the area: Hallside, Parkview, Newton Farm and St Charles. Three non-denominational Secondary Schools, Cathkin High, Stonelaw Secondary and Uddingston Grammar serve our local area.

Local facilities include, the Halfway shops, neighbouring the Church building, supermarkets, a Council library and the recently opened community resource, 'The Hub'.



Along with the local public park opposite the Church, Halfway Bowling Club and Cambuslang and Kirkhill golf clubs are popular local amenities.

We share a Presbytery Parish Grouping with Cambuslang Parish Church and enjoy active fellowship with this congregation as part of our church life and witness.



WHAT WE CAN OFFER

Our Church



Our church building is located in the heart of the community we serve in Halfway, Cambuslang. It consists of a sanctuary, hall, vestry, kitchen, crèche and three further meeting rooms, used for our children's and youth work on Sunday mornings. We have a well-kept garden and grounds to the front and side of the building.

Our Manse

Our manse is a well-appointed four-bedroom (two en-suite) modern detached home with three public rooms, a kitchen diner, separate utility room, family bathroom, cloakroom, large detached double garage and enclosed rear gardens. It is situated in the newly developed Newton Farm estate, approximately two miles from the church building.



Our Ministry Team

Youth & Community Worker

Working alongside the minister is our Youth & Community Worker, employed 20 hours per week to lead and develop our children's and youth work, including making links with, and supporting projects in our local community. This post is directly line-managed by



the minister and supported by our Youth Work Steering Committee. Ongoing fundraising,



including support from the 'Go For It' fund, sustains the work. The current post holder is additionally working 8 hours per week as our Pastoral Assistant for the duration of the vacancy.



WHOM WE ARE SEEKING

We are seeking to appoint a minister with a passion for preaching and teaching God's word. Someone who will enjoy developing and supporting our congregation and to reach out to our wider community. A leader who can work in partnership with our congregation, develop innovative worship, and to continue to encourage, support and grow our youth ministry.



AN INVITATION TO APPLY

If you feel that God may be calling you to share your ministry with the people in Cambuslang Flemington Hallside, please feel free to contact the Interim Moderator, Rev. William Wilson, for an informal chat.

A letter of application should be submitted, accompanied by a CV; please note that your application should include a clear statement of your reasons for applying.

Applications, clearly marked 'confidential', should be sent to the Clerk to the Nominating Committee; email applications will be accepted. It is anticipated that interviews will be arranged in due course.

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