

Message from the minister

Welcome to the Selkirk Parish Church.

We are a group of people who know the difference that God's love has made in our lives and long to share that with those we meet.

Some of us are young, some of us not so young but each one is on a journey of faith, discovering God's love, God's forgiveness and God's help.

Our journeys have some highs and some lows. Happiness and sadness are part and parcel of everyday life. Many of us have questions about God; there are doubts too, but as we join together we discover a friendship with Him and each other; one that lasts.

Everyone is very welcome to come and see for themselves the difference that knowing and experiencing God's love makes to lives.

There is a variety of worship opportunities. As well as worshipping together we enjoy learning together, praying together and working together in our community and world. Through being together we allow God to minister to all our needs whether in the big life events or the normal everyday acts of living.

If you are new to Selkirk or if you've been here for ages, it would be great to meet up with you and have your journey with us.

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Welcome to Selkirk Parish Church

Fairtrade Church and Eco-Congregation

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Sunday Services

Sunday Morning: 10.15 am with Sunday Gang for children. The Meeting House, at the back of the church, is available for parents with very young children, if needed.

Taste and See services are held once a month, usually in the church hall. Families are especially invited to these active worship services, when we also share food together.

Wednesday Service: 11-11.30 am, an informal service in the hall, followed by tea & coffee and a chat.

Communion is celebrated about 6 times a year at Sunday and Wednesday services.

Both church and hall are equipped with a **T-Loop system**.



Everyone is welcome to share in **Fairtrade refreshments** after these services.

Our vision is for Selkirk Parish Church to be an open, growing, enthusiastic and supportive Christian Community, which

- nurtures members and welcomes newcomers
- offers a range of inspiring worship and teaching
- reaches out with the good news of Jesus Christ
- serves the community and world in practical ways

Ways of Giving: During worship, there is an opportunity to donate money for the work of the church. For regular givers, envelopes can be provided or offerings made by cheque or Standing Order. (monthly, quarterly or annually) Taxpayers, please consider using the Gift Aid Scheme.

Contact: Lynda McCraw, Treasurer, (21971)
 mrs_houseproud@yahoo.co.uk
 Gillian Grant, Gift Aid Convener, (22206)
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The Hird: the church magazine is delivered to members and friends 5 times a year.

Borders General Hospital, Ward Escorts: 6 times a year, our congregation is responsible for helping to bring patients from the wards to the Chaplaincy Centre Sunday service of worship.

Contact: David Bethune (21703) david@dbethune.com

Churches Together in Selkirk and the Valleys: Along with Our Lady and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Episcopal Church, Selkirk Baptist Church and Ettrick, Yarrow and Ashkirk Parish Churches, we organise joint events and outreach throughout the year. Working together, we support other local initiatives.

Christian Aid Contact: Laura Bell laura@selkirkbaptistchurch.org.uk

Foodbank Contact: David Taylor tel: 20078 (church office)

Fresh Start Borders Contact: Glynis Wilkie tel: 22494

Fairtrade Selkirk Contact: Myra Ward tel: 22867

JAM, Jesus and Me Knowepark Primary School Group

Regular services in residential homes

Hall lets: the church hall and meeting room are available for use by community groups and individuals. The church is also used occasionally for concerts and recitals.

Contact: office@selkirkparish.church tel: 20078

Sunday Gang: children start in church at 10.15 am each Sunday before leaving for their own activity time.

Hot Chocolate: 11-15 year olds meet monthly in church members' homes. Bible study, games and chat.

Contact: Louise Raffier (23125) louiseeduff@hotmail.com

Want to be more involved?

A Prayer Group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sundays at 9.45am to pray for our community, church and world. If you have a person or situation you'd like prayer for, please contact Louise.

Contact: Louise Raffier (23125) louiseeduff@hotmail.com

Music: The **Church Choir** takes part in the morning service. Anyone wishing to join will be made very welcome. There is a rota for organists and other musicians who lead worship.

Contact: David Bethune, (21703) david@dbethune.com

Selkirk Church Friends meet twice a month on Tuesdays at 2 pm, September to March. Meetings alternate between a speaker/demonstrator and Craft & Chat.

Contact: Jean Wood (22510) or Jennifer Barrie (01896 754828) jenniferbarrie01@btinternet.com

C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) meets twice a month on Thursdays from 2 - 3 pm. Entertainment is provided (eg slide show, talk, musical programme) followed by a cup of tea and scones.

Contact: Marjorie Lawrie (725427) thorncroft54@gmail.com or Eileen Macmillan (22173)

Holiday Club, organised by Churches Together, for children of Primary School age, is a week of indoor and outdoor fun with age-appropriate Christian teaching.

Contact: Margaret Steele (23308) MSteele@churchofscotland.org.uk

ReachOut encourages friendship, explores faith and provides apace to invite others. This year we will enjoy some meals together and meet as small groups in Advent and Lent.

Contact: Louise Raffier (23125) louiseeduff@hotmail.com or Anne Bethune (21703) anne@dbethune.com

Growing in Faith: a discussion group, meeting 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Jack & Jane Peers (01835 870751) jane@orchardbrow.co.uk

Open Door: a community café in the church hall, for food and friendship, from 10.30 am - 2 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Contact: Myra Ward (22867) myraward@gmail.com

House Groups: small groups run regularly for anyone exploring the Christian faith.

Eco-Congregation Group challenges the whole congregation towards an environmentally-conscious lifestyle as part of our Christian calling.

Fairtrade Group helps us sustain our status as a Fairtrade church.