

Welcome to Selkirk & Ashkirk Parish Church

Linked with Ettrick & Yarrow
Fairtrade Church and Eco-Congregation

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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Worship

Interim Moderator

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Charity No. SC014883

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Sunday Morning: 9.30 am, occasional joint services at 11 am. Services are either in the church sanctuary or the hall, with café style worship approximately monthly.

Wednesday Service: 11-11.30 am, an informal service in the hall.

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.

Vision

Our vision is for Selkirk & Ashkirk Parish Church to be an open, praying, 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
- responds to human need by practical, loving service in community and world

Other information

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 or emailed to members and friends 5 times a year.

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:** Jane Peers tel: 01835 870751

Foodbank **Contact:** Linda White tel: 20078 (church office)

Fresh Start Borders **Contact:** Glynis Wilkie tel: 22494

Regular services in residential homes, led by different churches.

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

Hot Chocolate: teens meet monthly in church members' homes. Games, chat, faithbuilding and food.

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

Want to be more involved?

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

Contact: Anne Bethune (779281) anne@dbethune.com

Music: There is a rota of musicians who lead worship.

Contact: David Bethune (07835715817) david@dbethune.com

Choir: An ad hoc choir open to all contributes to worship on special occasions

Contact: Rod Ward (22867) david@dbethune.com

C.A.M.E.O. (Come And Meet Each Other) meets twice a month on Thursdays in the winter months from 2 - 3 pm. Entertainment is provided (slide show, talk, musical programme) followed by a cuppa.

Contact: Marjorie Lawrie (725427) thorncroft54@gmail.com

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

ReachOut encourages friendship, explores faith and provides a place to invite others. They organise outreach meals and study groups in Advent and Lent.

Contact: Louise Raffier (23125) louiseeduff@hotmail.com or Anne Bethune (779281) anne@dbethune.com

Forward in Faith: a discussion housegroup, meeting fortnightly on Thursdays

Contact: Jack & Jane Peers (07917128918) jane@orchardbrow.co.uk

Open Door: a community café every Monday in the church hall, for food and friendship. Pins and Needles, craft group, meets at 10am. Coffee, homebaking 10.30 - 11.30am and lunch served from 12 - 1pm.

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

House Groups run occasionally to explore the Christian faith.

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

Contact: Anne Bethune (779281) anne@dbethune.com

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

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

The **Garden Gang** meets on Thursdays during the growing season, 2-4pm to help keep the church grounds tidy.

Contact: Andrew Laing 07787 627723 andrew.laing@lineone.net