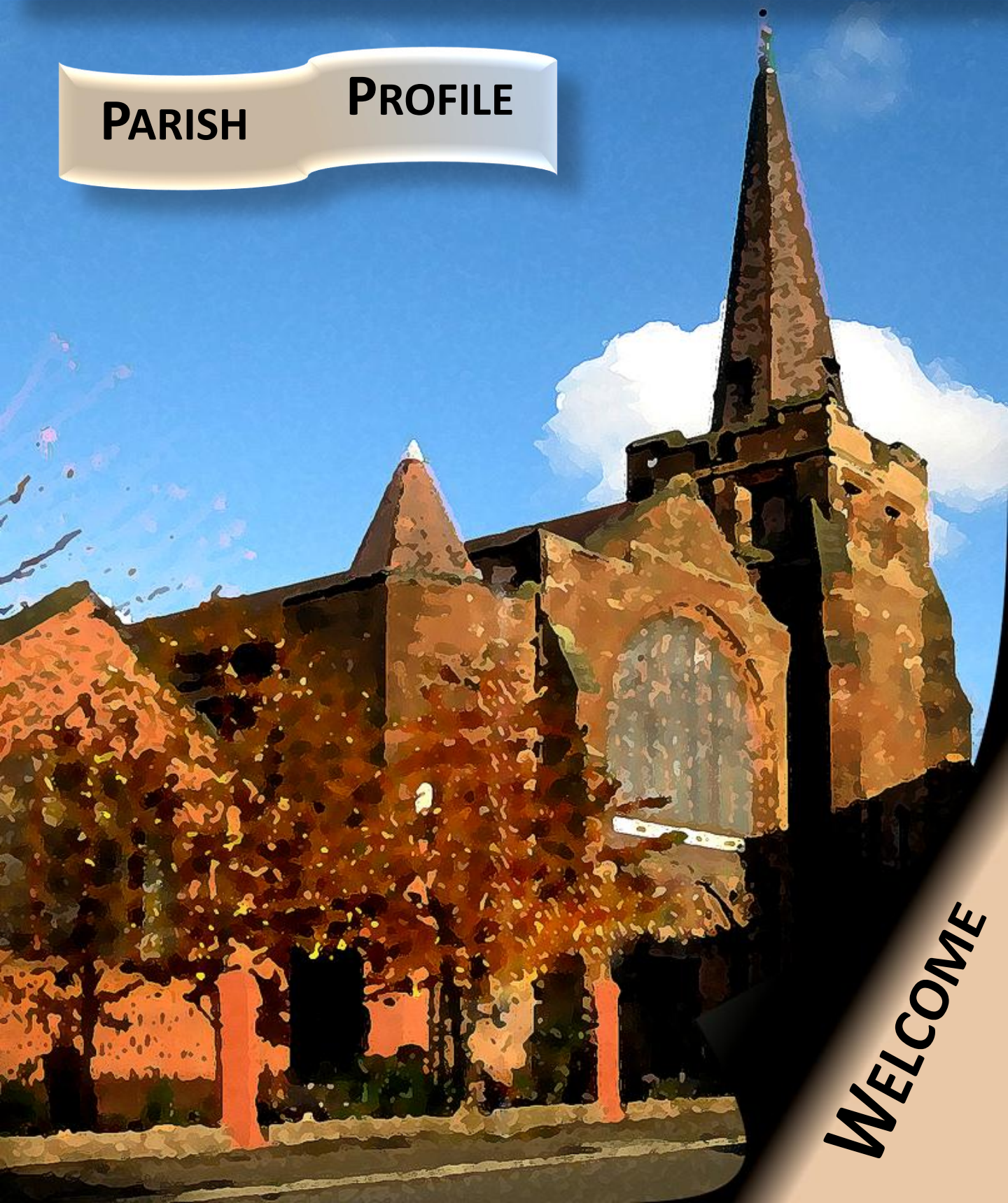


SHETTLESTON NEW CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

PARISH

PROFILE



WELCOME

OUR VISION

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD has called us to be His light in the community of Shettleston and surrounding area. Our aims are:

- to be a church where people meet with God in dynamic worship, and as a result, experience life change.
- to be led by the Holy Spirit in ways that will contribute to clear, sincere and faithful worship
- to use both traditional and contemporary music to help us praise our God



TO HELP US GROW and develop as a church, we are looking for a Minister who:

- preaches the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- will teach us from God's Word to enable us to grow in our faith
- has a heart for evangelism, outreach and pastoral care
- has a view of worship that is culturally relevant and incorporates traditional and contemporary worship styles
- recognises and appreciates the value of people of all ages
- can work in a shared ministry and is happy to delegate, utilising the skills and talents of the congregation
- will work alongside our youth worker and the existing ministry to our children and young people, offering supervision and support
- will continue the team chaplaincy to the local school

AS A CONGREGATION, we pledge to support and encourage our minister, ensuring that time off is respected and that opportunities for spiritual refreshment, conferences and retreats, are made available.



This is an unrestricted call and the vacancy has arisen due to retirement. Contact details are provided at the back of the profile should you wish to speak to us.

OUR CHURCH

SHETTLESTON NEW CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

is situated in an urban priority area in the east end of Glasgow. The congregation was constituted in 2007 by the successful union of two churches that had been linked for over twenty years. The congregations of Eastbank and Carntyne Old Parish Churches now form one united congregation, on Old Shettleston Road.



ABOUT US

OUR CHURCH is founded on strong biblical teaching, evangelical preaching and a belief in the power of prayer. Our style of worship over the years has been a mixture of traditional and modern and this works for us. Morning worship is at 11 am and we have an evening service at 6.30 pm weekly apart from July and August. The evening services have been conducted by many visiting preachers over the years. There is a monthly youth-focused evening service. Communion services take place quarterly at morning worship and three times a year at the evening service. There is a strong sense of fellowship within the congregation, spanning the generations, leading to a friendly atmosphere and warm relationships. We have a commitment to reaching out to the community, to bringing them into the body of Christ and to pastoral care. There is much about which we can be positive, but have many challenges to face and we are seeking the person God has chosen to lead us into the future.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to be faithful in worship, in the ministry of the Word of God, in prayer and in the service of others and so to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ to the people of the surrounding community.

OUR PEOPLE

SHETTLESTON NEW CHURCH has 210 members on the congregational roll, along with 6 adherents (April 2016). Around 150 people attend on a typical Sunday morning, with a good mix of ages from the very young to the over 90s.

The Kirk Session and the Congregational Board are the church's trustees. There are 30 active elders on the Kirk Session and 14 members of the Congregational Board. The Session and Board meet on alternate months between September and June.

The church members come from within Shettleston and Greenfield as well as many of the surrounding areas such as Sandyhills, Mount Vernon, Garrowhill and Baillieston. A large number of our members volunteer in the many organisations and activities that take place every week. Without them we would not be able to serve God in the church or the community.

We are blessed with musical talent and are led in worship by members of the praise band at morning and evening worship.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

There are opportunities for children and young people to participate in our X-Zone (Sunday School) during morning services. Our Youth Worker, a Ministries Council Appointment, runs the Youth Fellowship, now known as REV. The church holds an annual Easter Holiday Club for primary age children. This venture has proven popular for many years and is led by an enthusiastic and talented team.

Our Youth Worker is responsible to the parish minister. Her remit is to work with the minister and others to extend and develop Christian outreach and pastoral care to young people (age 10-18) in the Church and community. The minister will be chaplain to Thorntree Primary School, where our Youth Worker is involved with running Scripture Union Groups and football coaching. Also, she works alongside Junction 12 to organise the monthly youth-focused service. Junction 12 (J12) is a youth project based in the east end of Glasgow and several of their young people attend our church. Everything done in the name of J12 is underpinned by Christian values and standards.



• Easter Holiday Club Team 2016



Easter Holiday Club 2016

OUR CHURCH LIFE

WHAT'S ON ... WEEKLY

Sunday

Morning Service

11-12.15 with Crèche
& X-Zone for children

Evening Service

6.30-7.30 pm
(excluding July & August)

Youth Fellowship

(Timing under review)

Monday

Men's Fellowship

7.30-9.30 pm

Tuesday

The Guild

2 - 4 pm

Wednesday

Brownies

6.15-7.30 pm

Rainbows

6.15-7.30 pm

Guides

7.30-9 pm

Thursday

Toddler Group

10-11.15am

Toddler Group

1pm – 2.15 pm

Prayer Meeting / House Groups

on alternate weeks
7.30-8.45pm

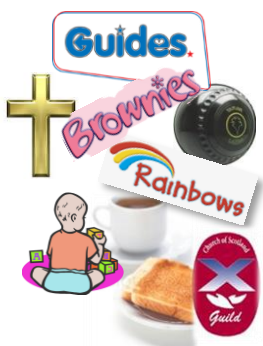
Friday

The New Place Café

10.30-12 noon

WHAT ELSE GOES ON

- Annual Easter Holiday Club
- Holy Week Service
- Erskine Bridge Walk & Christian Aid Lunch
- Annual Giving Day & Coffee Morning
- Housebound Outing
- Blythswood Shoebox Appeal
- Christmas Fayre
- Watch Night Service
- Messy Church
- Thorntree Primary School Service
- Eclipse Dance School (external group)

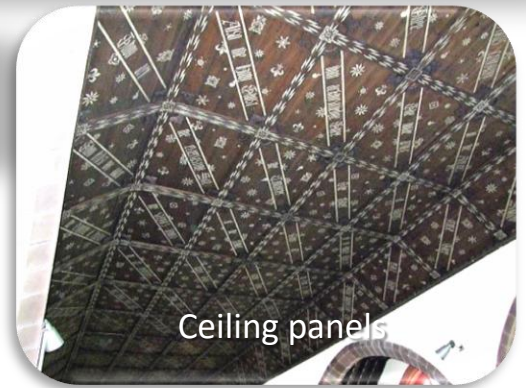


OUR BUILDINGS

SANCTUARY

THIS CATEGORY 'B' LISTED ARTS AND CRAFTS STYLE CHURCH, by Glasgow architect William G. Rowan, was opened in 1904. Occupying a corner site on Old Shettleston Road, by Shettleston Road, the sandstone building has been a prominent feature in the area for over a century. It has a solid square corner tower, in contrast to the delicate slender spire.

A unique feature of the church is the ceiling with the words of the Te Deum – “We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord” inscribed over 90 pine panels. The galleries, pulpit and organ case are decorated with superb intricately carved panels and no two panels are the same.



The church has a magnificent working pipe organ and there is a large Stained Glass War Memorial window in the south gable of the church.



THE CHALLENGE

The church is a beautiful building but the years have taken their toll. A serious outbreak of dry rot was found in the gallery and roof space. While the rot has been treated, the resulting damage needs to be repaired. We need a significant amount of money to replace the sanctuary roof and repair the stonework. Currently, a major fundraising effort is underway and several charitable organisations have pledged support. A substantial amount of our own reserves will be required to meet the costs of this work. We are awaiting the outcome of our second round application to Historic Environment Scotland / Heritage Lottery Fund. If approved, we hope to begin the roof replacement within a few months.

OUR BUILDINGS

HALLS & CAFÉ

IN 2012, following major fundraising, extensive works were carried out to provide us with a cafe space and a fully upgraded kitchen.

We were able to provide a suite of toilets, including suitable facilities for the disabled. There is ramped access at the rear of the new extension, making the building accessible for all. An office and a new small hall were built and the existing hall was updated. These new and upgraded premises allow us greater flexibility in the use of the buildings, much appreciated by our members and people outwith the church.

The halls and café are in use almost every day of the week by church groups and groups such as the Dance School, Shettleston Housing Association and NHS health education services.



Coffee and tea are available after every morning and evening service, and the New Place Café is open every Friday morning throughout the year. A number of folk from outside the church come along for a cup of tea and a chat and some have joined the church! External groups who use the premises are impressed with the facilities. Coffee mornings and other events are held in comfortable surroundings, with food and drinks prepared in our commercial grade kitchen.

MANSE

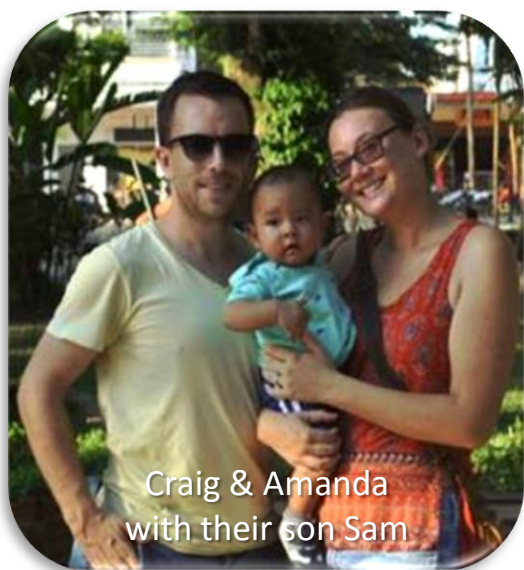
THE CURRENT MANSE is a large semi-detached villa on the desirable Sandyhills Road, less than a mile from the church. The manse is in need of internal updating. There is a group considering options for this at present and we will ensure that there is a suitable manse ready for our new minister.



OUR FINANCES

THE CONGREGATION FINANCES are in a satisfactory condition and all allocations to Ministries and Mission are paid fully. The principal source of income is the weekly offering. We are not a wealthy congregation but the weekly giving is consistent and Gift Aid donations help significantly. In addition to our regular giving, we have retiring offerings at various times during the year, such as at communion, which go to Christian Aid, Tearfund, Junction 12 and other charitable organisations. The church also responds at times of natural disaster and tragedies.

Significant amount of our own reserves have been set aside to help fund the extensive sanctuary work required. Also, monies will be needed to update the manse. We will continue with fundraising efforts, internally and through charitable organisations.



Craig & Amanda
with their son Sam

OUR OVERSEAS FRIENDS

CRAIG AND AMANDA CUNNINGHAM, a young Christian couple and members of Shettleston New Church, have been living in Trinidad, Bolivia for several years. They work with Fundación Totalí, a charity that provides free or low-cost services in healthcare, sports and education as a proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are involved in teaching and discipleship in El Jireh evangelical church in Trinidad. They have a 15 month old son, Sam.

Craig is an elder and, as well as serving in leadership, is involved in the church's preaching, music and youth ministries. Amanda co-ordinates the youth group's activities and takes a class of teenage girls at the church's Saturday Bible Club. In addition, she runs a Bible study for young women aged 18-23. Amanda also works within Human Resources in the Foundation's hospital.

Members of the congregation support Craig and Amanda in prayer and financially.

<http://cramandaham.blogspot.co.uk/>

OVER THE YEARS Shettleston New Church has had numerous missionary contacts in places like Turkey, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore and France. Prayer support and financial gifts have been provided for many years. Several of the missionaries have preached at our evening services and given us an update on their work.

OUR PARISH

SHETTLESTON NEW CHURCH is the parish church for 9,800 people in 4,819 households (2011 census statistics). The church sits in an urban priority area in one of the most deprived areas in Glasgow. Shettleston is a district in the east end of Glasgow and, originally, was a small village on the outer edge of the city. It lies between Parkhead to the west and Baillieston to the east, about 2 1/2 miles from the city centre. The parish stretches from the eastern most end of Shettleston Road to Barlanark Road and up to Edinburch Road, and includes part of Greenfield.

The area is served well with bus transport links on the A89 and also Shettleston rail station, with a direct link to Queen Street in the centre of Glasgow. The M8 and M74 motorways are only a few minutes drive away. There are four supermarkets and two shopping centres within a few miles of the church and the manse.

Thorntree primary school is within the parish and the church has had input into the school for many years. Our youth worker is involved with an SU group in Eastbank Academy which is close to the church but outwith the parish.



For further Shettleston New Church parish information go to:

http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/statistics_for_mission/parish_profiles/161060.pdf

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APPLICATIONS

Applications (CVs) for the position of Minister are invited and should be sent to the Clerk to the Nominating Committee. Informal enquiries are welcomed and should be addressed to the Interim Moderator or the Clerk to the Nominating Committee.

