

# Kincardine Coastal Parish Profile



## **Mission Statement**

As a congregation, we commit ourselves to spread Christ's message and share his love with all ages in our Parish and beyond, by joyful worship, through regular prayer, in loving fellowship and by practical care.

## **Welcome to Kincardine Coastal**

We are committed to working for the communities of Newtonhill and Portlethen now known as Kincardine Coastal. We follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ to ensure that our church is inclusive, vibrant and welcoming. Forming new relationships with Jesus Christ and our communities is at the heart of our mission.

In January 2024 Newtonhill and Portlethen Parish churches formally came together under a unitary constitution to become Kincardine Coastal where members of the Kirk Session and the congregation work together using our gifts and talents where they are needed. Following a retirement and demission we are now in vacancy and have an exciting opportunity waiting for the right Minister.

Situated to the south of the beautiful and vibrant city of Aberdeen, the parish sits on the coast with easy access to city, countryside and seaside.

## **The Life of our Church**

Kincardine Coastal has 412 communicants on the Electoral Roll with many attending worship on a regular basis. The numbers increase considerably for special services. Our congregations are of a mixed age range with the majority being older members. However, a few families with young children also attend.

The Kirk Session has 18 active elders. Our mission is to work as a team to care for, communicate with, share in fellowship with and respect each other, the members and those in the wider parish of Kincardine Coastal.

## The Future

Our vision at Kincardine Coastal is to play an integral role in the communities we serve. We want our ministry team of a full-time minister and a half time additional post, to connect with our communities through worship, and by developing other forms of engagement with people of all ages. The 0.5 fte role is also vacant and the appointed full-time minister would be instrumental in shaping this role.

The role of minister will be key to encouraging the congregations to come together and participate in the life of the new Kincardine Coastal church. At Kincardine Coastal there is an opportunity to widen the appeal of the church with enhanced learning of the Bible in different settings.

We welcome new and innovative ideas for church services but at the same time recognise and value traditional and established elements of worship. We are seeking a minister who will preach and teach, inspire and challenge, encouraging and nurturing us in our faith.

We have seen that the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to affect our communities with many people, especially older people, isolated and lonely. Pastoral care and reconnecting with members on an individual basis are high priorities for us.

Mission and outreach in our communities is a key element in our vision for the future, with the focus on taking the church out into the community. We aim to sustain and support existing activities and events but also to develop new ones for people of all ages including children and families, young people and older people.

As well as at church services, we meet with people in our communities through our connections with local schools and uniformed organisations; community groups and organisations; lunch clubs and coffee mornings; community and fundraising events including quiz nights and craft fayres. We aim to strengthen and build on these and develop new links with more people.

We recognise the importance of having a digital profile and are keen to expand our use of social media and build on our links with local community magazines & radio.

We are seeking a minister who:

- Is motivated, positive, and enthusiastic with the ability to inspire, enthuse and encourage others
- Is a people person with great communication skills
- Is comfortable taking initiative but is also happy to take others' ideas forward
- Is able to lead, delegate and work as part of a team alongside the Kirk Session and the congregation, valuing the contributions of all
- Is well organised with good administrative and IT skills
- Has a full UK driving licence and access to a car

## Worship

Our weekly Sunday morning services commence at 9.30am at Newtonhill and 11.00am at Portlethen. At the end of each month, we come together for a combined service along with other special services throughout the year. A team drawn from the Kirk Session and congregation make up the Welcome Team, working on a rota basis each Sunday. Children of all ages are welcome at the services on a Sunday morning. The Minister also visits care homes, sheltered housing and schools in the area. The congregation are welcome to join in fellowship at the end of each service for refreshments.

Other services:-

- Holy Communion is celebrated four times per year
- World Day of Prayer
- Holy Week and Easter Sunday service
- Low Sunday Remembrance service where members of the congregation are invited to bring a flower or light a candle in memory of a loved one. The flowers are then distributed in the community.
- Harvest Thanksgiving service in September
- Dedication and beginning of session services for the Guild and Girls' Brigade
- End of Term services for primary schools
- National Remembrance service in November where representatives of statutory and voluntary organisations are invited
- Advent and Christmas services which include Carols and Readings, Christmas Eve Family/Christingle, Watchnight and Christmas Day service. Each year nominated charities are selected to receive the offerings.



**Music** - At Portlethen organists play on a rota basis and Newtonhill has a resident organist and a singing group. Through the printed/projected Order of Service congregations join in with the breadth of music available in the Church Hymnary (CH4) etc.

## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is a high priority for us as we recognise that the long-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic include increased isolation, especially in older people. We visit people throughout the parish as the need arises.

## The Guild



An active guild meets monthly in Newtonhill to hear invited speakers and support their nominated charities. Church of Scotland Guild projects are supported as well as the education of a child through Compassion UK.

## Uniformed Organisations

An active Girls' Brigade, with over 30 members, is affiliated to Kincardine Coastal with committed leaders at the helm. Girls from both Newtonhill and Portlethen meet in Newtonhill where girls develop lasting relationships, build resilience, and increase their wellbeing and life skills as they live their motto to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.



The Brownies, Guides, Scouts and Air Training Corps also meet in the area and the Minister is chaplain to these organisations too.

## Media to promote the Church

Kincardine Coastal contributes to both the Clochandighter and Newsey community magazines on a quarterly basis which are delivered to homes in the community.

Church and community events are intimated through our Sunday service Order of Service.

Information is posted to our church and community Facebook pages and on our website.

Posters and flyers are produced to promote events in the wider community.

## Justice and Peace

Throughout the year we support charities at home and abroad which encompasses Christian Aid, Fairtrade, Portlethen and area Community Larder and Compassion.

- We are a Fairtrade church and hope to get our Fairtrade stall up and running again.
- The Community Larder, based in Portlethen, started during the COVID pandemic and is a vital service supporting many families.

## Stewardship in the Community

Kincardine Coastal offers various events and activities throughout the year giving members of the community an opportunity to engage in, build relationships and raise awareness of good causes.

- Soupa Tuesday – a soup and sweet lunch at Newtonhill.
- Lunch club
- Carwash
- Quiz Nights
- Local, Spring and Christmas Fayres

Kincardine Coastal host meals throughout the year. These are a great way to share food and fellowship as well as an opportunity to raise awareness for specific causes such as Christian Aid and Fairtrade.



## Ministry Buildings

### Portlethen

- **Church** – The layout of the church makes it suitable for worship, meetings and conferences. Other accommodation includes a vestry, kitchen and toilets. The Donaldson Lounge is also available if required.
- **Hall** – A large hall with adjoining rooms sits across from the Church. Other accommodation includes a kitchen, secretary's office and further office which is the home to Mearns FM. The hall is well used throughout the week by church organisations and community groups.
- **Manse** - A modern four bedroomed manse is situated in Rowanbank Road, Portlethen on one level. The accommodation includes a fitted kitchen, two public rooms, study, four bedrooms, one bathroom and one shower room. The property also has a large garden with single garage and large parking area. The manse enjoys the benefits of gas central heating and is a five-minute walk from the Church. It is our intention to replace the current kitchen units and the successful candidate will have a say in this. It is also convenient for shopping and local amenities.



### Newtonhill

- **Church** – The main church/hall serves a dual purpose as a place of worship and as a general-purpose hall for various activities. Other accommodation consists of a vestry, kitchen, and two committee rooms, Bourtreebush room and the Duncan Lounge both of which can be divided into smaller rooms if required.

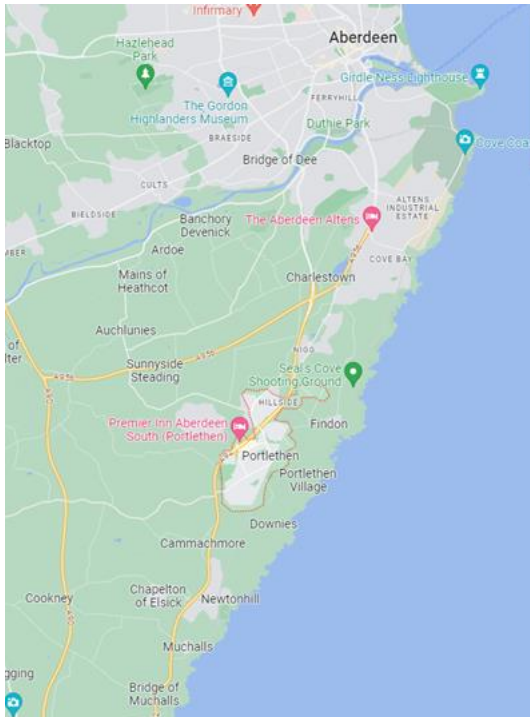
## Administrative Support

A secretary, based in Portlethen, provides administrative assistance on a part time basis. The minister has line-management responsibility for this post.

The minister also has line-management responsibility for the cleaner based in Portlethen.

## The Ministry Field

The parish is mainly located to the seaward side of the A92 dual carriageway, stretching from the villages of Findon in the north to Muchalls in the south. Portlethen (population 8870) and Newtonhill (population 3020). Kincardine Coastal also covers the areas of Downies, Old Portlethen, Hillside and Marywell Park. Along the coast you can still see traces of the former fishing community. A new community of 300 homes is planned on the land to the north of Thistle Drive in Portlethen. The parish serves as a commuter town for Aberdeen. However, several business parks serve the area at Badentoy, Marywell and Hillside.



## Community Life

Portlethen and Newtonhill are both thriving and vital communities with many facilities and activities available. Community facilities include,

**Jubilee Hall** - The Jubilee Hall is in the heart of Portlethen. Since it was opened in 1887 the Minister and local farmer have been trustees of the building. A small committee and a dedicated team of volunteers work hard to deliver a programme of events and activities. The funds raised have restored the building considerably. The Fine Piece café runs every Wednesday morning where everyone is welcome to meet and chat.

**Skateraw Hall** - Built in 1890 and bought as an amenity for the village of Newtonhill run by a Board of Trustees. The Hall is used regularly and hosts exhibitions, social events and private parties of all kinds.



Bettridge Centre - An independent, community-owned and managed leisure centre in Newtonhill which offers a wide selection of sports, community, arts and social activities for local people and for visitors to the area, of all ages, abilities and interests.

Shops - There is a retail park at Portlethen with several stores including ASDA (where the Minister is chaplain), B&M, Matalan, Home Bargains and ALDI. There are smaller shopping centres throughout the town which includes several McColls shops, a Co-operative, a Post Office, pharmacy, hairdressers, and food take-aways.

A Tesco supermarket, village store, pharmacy, hairdressers, part-time post-office and food take-aways are available in Newtonhill.

## **Schools**

Portlethen has three primary schools (Portlethen, Fishermoss and Hillside) and a secondary school. Newtonhill has one primary School. All the primary schools have a pre-school nursery. Other services on site at Portlethen Academy include Portlethen Community Learning and Development Centre, breakfast and after school clubs, library and family resource centre. All the schools welcome the regular involvement of the Minister.

## **Care Homes**

Newtonvale Court, Old Mill Road, Newtonhill, AB39 3BP. Cottages, flats, residents lounge for the elderly.

Lethen Park Care Home, Berrymuir Road, Portlethen, AB12 4UF. Purpose built care home.

Glebe Court Housing Care, Muirend Road, Portlethen, AB12 4XR. Retirement housing.

Cornerstone Community Care, Angus Court, Berrymuir Road, Portlethen, AB12 4UF. Care and support for adults, children and young people with disabilities and other support needs.

## **Leisure**

Throughout the parish the following amenities are available.

- Bowling
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Local parks
- Football pitches
- Quirky quines social group
- Golf club

## **Public Transport**

The area is well served by Public Transport with a railway station at Portlethen offering hourly trains between Montrose and Inverurie. Travelling to Aberdeen or Stonehaven allows connection for trains to Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh and stations to the North.

Portlethen and Newtonhill are also connected by direct bus routes to Aberdeen in the north and Stonehaven in the south.

## **Health and Welfare**

The area has the services of a medical centre in Portlethen. Pharmacies, dentists, pre-school playgroups, nurseries, breakfast and after school clubs, police station and veterinary practices. The Social Work offices of Aberdeenshire Council for the local area are located within Portlethen.

## **Hospitality**

There are several eateries and pubs available locally.

## **Young People**

The local youth group provides a safe space for young people to meet, grow and develop.

## **Men's Shed, Rotary and Community Council**

The area benefits from a Men's Shed promoting general wellbeing, continued education and healthy lifestyles. There is an active Rotary club, community council and village associations.

## **For Further Information,**

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## **Applications**

Applications for the position of Minister are invited and this should be done by sending CVs, names of recent references and a personal statement to the Clerk of the Nominating Committee.

We are happy to assist with informal enquiries – these should be addressed to either the Interim Moderator or the Clerk to the Nominating Committee.

The Kirk Session has voted to accept applications from, amongst others, ministers in civil partnerships, following procedures under '*Act 1 Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships*'.

Feel free to visit our website <https://portlethenparishchurch.weebly.com>