

CADDER PARISH CHURCH

PROFILE



**WE HAVE A STRONG FELLOWSHIP AND A COMMITMENT TO
SHARE OUR FAITH BY WORD AND ACTIONS**

Cadder Parish Church is an unrestricted charge within the Presbytery of Glasgow. The Church is located in the town of Bishopbriggs in a lovely rural setting alongside the Forth & Clyde Canal. The parish population at the time of the 2011 census was



7,981, of which number 33% identified themselves with the Church of Scotland, and 71% are described as being of working age. The spiritual roots of the Church go back some 800 years while our present Church building dates from 1825. It is a peaceful and uplifting setting for worship. Cadder Church is much more than a beautiful building. It is a family which takes care of its members, cares about its community and is looking to grow.

Inside the church - from the balcony

We have faith in the future and are looking to call a Minister who shares our enthusiasm and commitment to take Cadder forward. After the two votes required by the Ministers and Deacons in Civil Partnerships Act (Act I, 2015) the Kirk Session decided that the congregation is open to consider applications from ministers in Civil Partnerships and all applications for the charge will be treated equally. Our aim is to increase contact and involvement with the Church, not just on a Sunday, but every day of the week. The journey ahead will be challenging and will take time to shape. With your help, we can use the building blocks already in place to develop new opportunities for worship, pastoral care, fellowship and outreach.

If you are interested in playing a central role in the next stage of Cadder's life, please read on.

Our Minister

Following the retirement of our minister, we are looking for an enthusiastic and approachable minister who will:

- take us forward in faith with worship and preaching which is inclusive and accessible to all
- undertake pastoral care with warmth, empathy and spiritual understanding, assisted by our Pastoral Care Team and Elders
- engage and encourage children and young people and their families to make links with the Church supported by the congregation and our Children and Families Worker
- play an active role in our local community alongside other churches and faiths

There may be the opportunity for continuing work with the local schools currently undertaken by the parish.



An example of Cadder Church's beautiful stained glass

In 2014 there were 6 baptisms and 30 funerals, and there are usually a handful of weddings each year.

When you join us we will help you learn about Cadder and its many parts through a short familiarisation programme. Thereafter, we commit to supporting you at all times throughout our shared journey.

Worship

A strong core of around 160 worshippers gather in the Church at 10.30am on a Sunday morning for our weekly service. "Cadder Kids" are with us for the first part of the service then leave to continue their own learning and worship. We have an excellent organist and choir whose music enhances our worship week by week. Our shared time of fellowship in this quiet and reflective place is central to Church life. Worship strengthens our commitment to spread the Good News and the love of Jesus Christ.

As a congregation we engage with preaching, music and prayers, which cause us to stop and think about God's love and grace in our lives, our community and our world. We value the past but are open to challenge and change.

Communion is celebrated morning, afternoon and evening on the first Sunday in February, June and November. In addition, communion is celebrated in Church on Easter Sunday and third Sunday in August.



The South Hall Chapel

In the evening on the first Sunday of the month from October to April, communion is held in a small chapel within Cadder South Hall. In May, June and September the evening communion is held in the Church.



Girls' Brigade making full use of the South Hall!

The South Hall Chapel is open during the week for prayer and contemplation for anyone to make use of.

Church Groups and *Other Organisations

We have a range of very active groups and organisations meeting in our halls over the course of the week including: The Church of Scotland Guild, Cadder Kids, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Music Club, Men's Club, *Social Committee, *First Monday, *Badminton Club, *Village Nursery and *Jack and Jill Toddlers Group.

Outreach

Cadder is part of an active and established parish grouping of local churches comprising Springfield Cambridge Church and Kenmure Church within Bishopbriggs and Colston Wellpark Church which is in guardianship with an OLM and just over the Glasgow boundary. Through involvement in "Churches Together," Cadder is also part of the wider ecumenical faith community in Bishopbriggs.

We connect with the local community in a variety of ways, including through our busy Coffee Shop and Fair Trade Shop situated in the South Hall. The congregation also supports the Lodging House Mission in Glasgow, the work of Christian Aid, Samaritan's Purse, Maryhill Foodbank, Fresh Starts (Women's Aid), and Low Moss Prison. We have a strong track record of responding to the needs of others as situations arise locally, nationally or internationally.

Management

Cadder has a *Quoad Omnia* constitution. At present, there are 77 Elders made up of 40 men and 37 women. There are 642 church members and 35 adherents on the Roll. The Kirk Session meets monthly from September to June.

A number of teams made up of Elders and other members of the congregation work to support the worship, pastoral care, property, finances and outreach of the Church in our local community and beyond. We have a Youth Team and part time Children and Families Worker to help us build close ties with children, young people and their families in and around the Church

We are an Eco congregation and have just received our third award. Thanks to insulation and updated heating systems, we have greatly reduced our carbon footprint and reduced our heating costs. In addition, we are making savings by using volunteer beadles and cleaning teams in the Church building.



The North Hall

Finance

Cadder Church is financially secure at present. Our income comes in the main from offerings by Open Plate, Freewill Offering envelopes and Deed of Covenant contributions which attract Gift Aid (our largest income source). We review our stewardship regularly with the help of the Stewardship & Finance Team.

Our Buildings

We have four separate properties: the Church, North Hall, South Hall and Manse

The Church building is B listed and has a number of magnificent stained glass windows. The North Hall, (formerly Cadder Parish School) is situated in Cadder Road at the top of the hill which leads down to the Church. The South Hall, situated in the centre of Bishopbriggs, comprises a large hall, separate kitchen, chapel, conference room, office, our Coffee Shop and Fair Trade Shop. Both Halls are in conservation areas.



The Manse



The Coffee Shop in the South Hall - always a busy place!

Extensive use of our Halls is made not only by the congregation, but also by local organisations and members of the community. We are happy to share our resources with the local community and see use of our halls as an opportunity to make positive connections with people of all ages.

The Manse is situated at 231 Kirkintilloch Road, just a few minutes' walk from the South Hall. It is a four bedroom bungalow which comprises an entrance hall, cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, lounge, study, family room, kitchen and utility room on the ground floor. There is a conservatory which can be accessed from the kitchen and family room. A staircase leads to an upper floor which houses three bedrooms and a family bathroom with bath and shower.

The Manse is heated by a combi boiler with additional gas fires in the family room and study. There is a gas stove in the lounge. The garden at the rear has a substantial lawn with areas for shrubs, plants and trees. It has two brick outhouses. There is a large driveway to the front of the property.

All our properties are well maintained by the Property Team.

Amenities

The location of Bishopbriggs offers ready access to both city and countryside amenities. The town has good local primary and secondary schools, a library, a number of supermarkets and restaurants, a Leisure Centre and a variety of high street stores in the Strathkelvin Retail Park to the north of the town. There is a tennis club, two local golf courses, a bowling club and The Fort Theatre home of the Antonine Theatre Players (amateur). There are frequent buses to Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station. Bishopbriggs railway station is just a 5 minute walk from the Manse and sits on the main Glasgow to Edinburgh line.

Statistics

Age Profile	Parish of Cadder		Scottish Parliamentary Constituency - Strathkelvin & Bearsden					
			Total		Male		Female	
Up to 21	2155	27.00%	19711	25.31%	10266	27.32%	9445	23.43%
22 - 40	1437	18.01%	15126	0.1942	7318	19.48%	7808	19.37%
41 - 60	2394	30.00%	23991	30.80%	11440	30.45%	12551	31.14%
61 - 80	1676	21.00%	15968	20.50%	7372	19.62%	8596	21.33%
Over 80	319	4.00%	3085	3.96%	1179	3.14%	1906	4.73%
Total	7981	100.00%	77881	100.00%	37575	100.00%	40306	100.00%

Other Information

The Cadder Gazette, our Church magazine, is printed and distributed from September to June.

An order of service incorporating an information section is prepared for Sunday worship.

The Church website provides information for the congregation and others.

(www.cadderchurch.org)

Further information can also be found on our Facebook page.

Cadder Church Nominating Committee - Contact Details

You are welcome to contact our Interim Moderator, Rev Martin R Forrest, for an informal discussion about the vacancy.

Martin can be contacted at martinforrest@gmail.com or on 0141 552 1132.

The Clerk to the Nominating Committee, Mrs Gillian Crompton can be contacted at gcrompton19@gmail.com or on 07715 427611 for further information about the Church.

