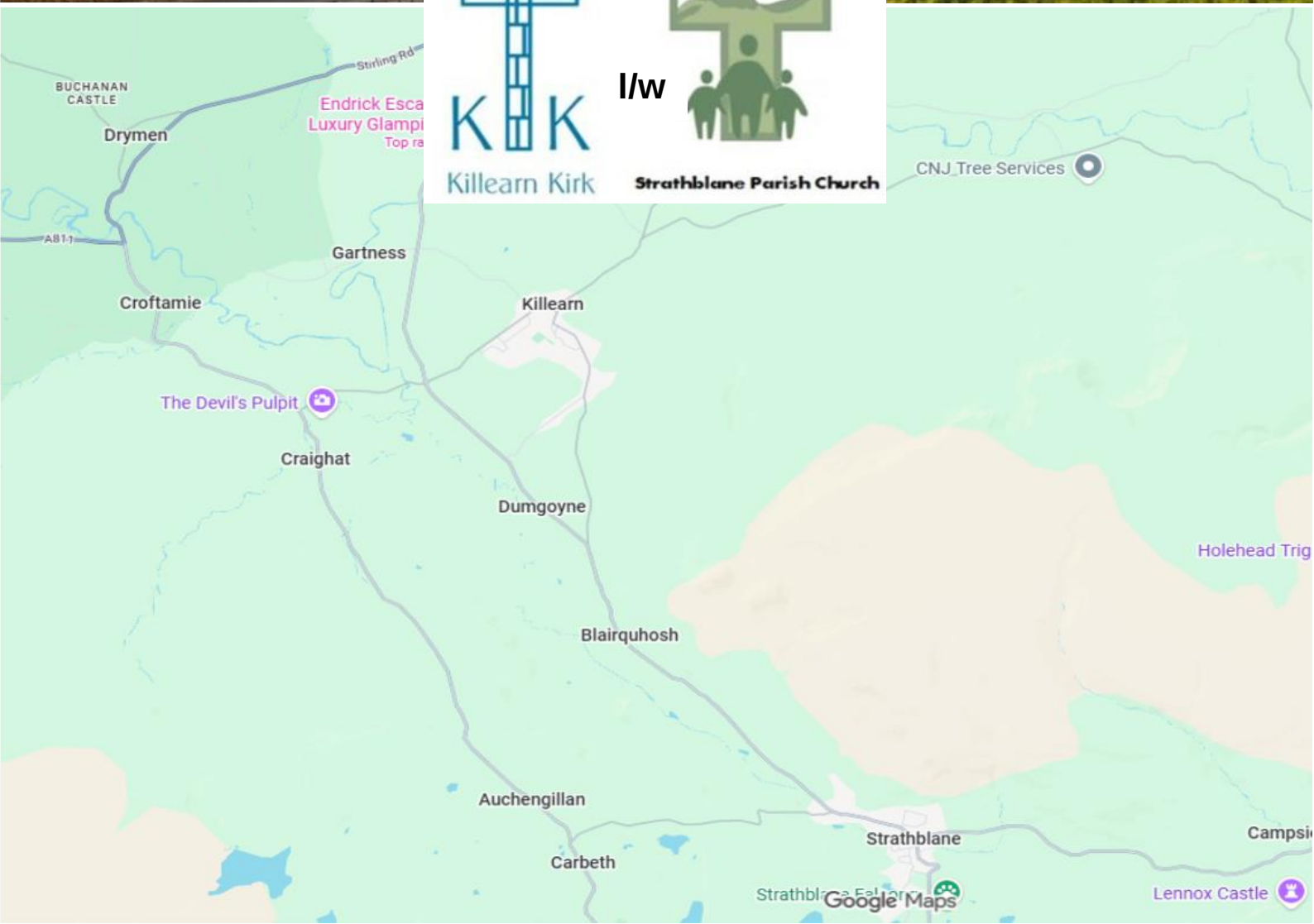


Parish Profile 2026

Killearn Kirk I/w Strathblane Parish Church





Introduction



Welcome to our Parish Profile

Two churches located at the foot of the beautiful Campsie Fells in the Blane Valley, situated 5 miles apart and sitting on the edge of Loch Lomond National Park, with the Blane River (Blane Water) winding its way along the valley.



**Killearn Kirk and Strathblane Parish Church draws their strength from the love of Christ
and the care for their communities.**

The linked charge, created on 21st March 2024, has been given permission, by the Presbytery of Perth, to call a minister on a seven-year reviewable tenure. On the retiral of the minister of Strathblane in June 2023, in accordance with the Stirling Presbytery Mission Plan, then incorporated into the Perth Presbytery Mission Plan, Killearn Kirk and Strathblane Parish Church moved towards linkage and Rev. Stuart Sharp, minister of Killearn, was voted by the congregations, as minister of the linked charge until his move to Dundee in September 2025. It is intended within the Mission Plan that Killearn and Strathblane Churches work as a Parish grouping with Balfron/Fintry and Drymen/East Loch Lomond who formed a linked charge in December 2024, to which a minister has been appointed to cover this linkage. An Ordained Local Minister (OLM) can be appointed to work and support the four churches across the parish grouping.

We are seeking to appoint a minister who preaches and proclaims the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and appreciates the value of traditional and contemporary worship.

And who will:

- ★ Help us grow as churches, both spiritually and numerically, where people of all ages are welcomed and valued.
- ★ Equip and inspire disciples at all stages of their walk with God in the use of their gifts for his purpose while helping us to develop our faith, worship, pastoral care and mission.
- ★ Is a good communicator and a caring pastoral leader and engages with the whole community, taking Christ's mission into the parishes.
- ★ Help us continue to be a caring church providing a happy and a safe environment, serving the whole community.

We are praying for a minister who:

Is a person who believes in, and preaches from, the Word of God.
Is a good communicator.
Is a caring pastoral leader.
Has skill and passion for engagement in the community, taking Christ's mission into the Parishes.
Sees Christ's church as an inclusive place where all are welcome and valued.
Appreciates the value of both traditional and contemporary worship.
Will encourage us to develop our faith, worship, pastoral care and mission.
Is willing to engage with Presbytery and the national church as appropriate.

By the end of 2027 for all those in both parishes, we would like to be known as the people who...

Recognise that the Church is a people who are part of, not just the Church, but also of the community, whose lives, demonstrate our faith through being a loving, serving and welcoming family with good news to share.
Are willing to leave the 99 to go and seek the one, just as they are and where they are.
Are seen as a force for good in Killearn and Strathblane parishes, respected for our faith and integrity and known as people who are to be trusted and who love God and care for those in need.



Our Opportunities

Killearn and Strathblane have an extensive mission field, with many young families in their 30's and 40's with young children. New housing gives us opportunities for mission and reaching out to new families. Eighty-Nine family homes are being built over the next couple of years, on the outskirts of Killearn, (44 already occupied) which will open an opportunity to reach out to many families. We already have an open door to both primary schools, with end of term services, and informal invitations to various school activities where appropriate. There is a strong link between Strathblane and Scripture Union Scotland and our linkage is providing an exciting opportunity to extend this to Killearn. Messy Church, which is held roughly four times a year in Strathblane, could well become a joint initiative, picking up on a previously successful Messy Church Outreach in Killearn. To this end we are looking towards financing and employing a part time Outreach worker.

Building on Alpha, Christianity Explored, Let's Pray initiatives, in both churches, we are also planning to expand outreach in this vital area together. Both churches have a prayer group, including a WhatsApp group for immediate prayer requirements, a Bible Study group meets in Strathblane, and a Book Group meets in Killearn studying different biblical themes.

There are also many groups and activities in the villages which members of the church are involved in and in many cases organise and run. Some have come from being started within the church environment but over the years it was found that funding was more easily granted if they became independent groups.

Both churches support other Christian charities, such as StartUp, Stirling and Glasgow City Mission with Harvest and foodbank provisions; the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, for gifts for those requiring assistance in the Stirling Council area; an annual collection for Bollywood Christmas Shoebox Appeal supporting other countries in need. These activities also provide valuable outreach to our communities.

Our joint Action Plan for the next five years can be found at Appendix 4.

Throughout this document we have attempted to provide an insight into the life of both churches and to express the opportunities and challenges that we have.





Our Churches

It is fair to say that many of our congregation are retired but we do have a number of young families attending regularly in both congregations. Killearn Kirk meets on a Sunday morning at 10am and Strathblane Church at 11.30am. Worship is both traditional and contemporary in style, hymns are generally from CH4, and Mission Praise and we are always willing to broaden our musical experience with other musical styles.

Regular worshippers at Killearn are between 60 and 80 in number, while Strathblane usually have 45 to 50 worshippers, Sunday by Sunday.

Killearn Kirk have an organist/pianist and a choir to compliment and support the singing at services. There is a newly replaced audio visual and sound system installed and services are streamed live and are available on the website and on YouTube. Members undertake reading the lesson weekly and lead on prayers of intercession on alternate weeks with the minister. Kirk Kids is held on a Sunday morning for the children during the church service with them having been present at the first part of the church service. Presently the attendance of the children is occasional. A rota of volunteers are able to take the children to the halls and do some learning and activities with them. Activity booklets are prepared for the children to work with during the church service if they wish to remain with their parents.

Strathblane Church have an organist/pianist, and generally sing from Mission Praise although willing to embrace other musical opportunities. There is an audio system incorporating an induction loop system, a wall-mounted projector, a repeater screen for use by the minister. The Bible reading is taken by members each Sunday. Sunday Club is a small but enthusiastic group of young people who mostly come on a regular basis. They join with the rest of the church family at 11.30 with a "First Thoughts" for them introduced from the front, often by a Sunday Club Leader, before going over to the Kirk rooms for a time of teaching and learning together.

A time of fellowship with tea and coffee, and sometimes cake, is held in both churches at the end of each service.

Communion is held four times a year, in both churches, on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December. The minister has conducted home communion visits on request. During the Christian year special services are held for Christmas and Easter. Special days such as the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorials (Strathblane together with the Roman Catholic Church), followed by services in the church. A sanctuary service is held in Killearn for a time of reflection for remembering loved ones whom we no longer have with us. Other ad hoc services may take place on occasion. Some of these services may be taken by individuals from the respective churches.

Killearn Kirk congregational roll consists of 276 members on the communion roll and 14 Adherents. The Kirk Session comprises of 11 elders, a treasurer and a safeguarding coordinator (non-elder). An active Guild, of 44 members, meets fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon from September to March, providing talks and activities, and supporting the National Guild initiatives and the church. With the closure of the Strathblane Church Guild it is heartwarming to note that members from Strathblane attend Killearn Guild. Strathblane Church Session comprises of 11 elders and a non-elder treasurer. There are 107 members on the communion roll plus 14 Adherents. There are residents in both communities attending church who are not members and who also engage in many of the church activities, events and organisations.

Over the past five years there have been 7 baptisms in Killearn Kirk and 2 Blessings. Strathblane have baptised 2 children. There have been 87 funerals in Killearn, averaging around 18 per year, while Strathblane Church has had 57 funerals. We have had the pleasure of officiating at 13 weddings in Killearn Kirk and 2 weddings in Strathblane Parish Church.

Both churches are financially self-sufficient (Appendix 1) and both work under a Unitary Constitution and have working groups with stated aims and specific objectives.

The Kirk Sessions of Killearn Kirk and Strathblane Parish Church have voted not to depart from the traditional position in respect of civil partnerships and same sex marriages.

Our Mission

Respond to human need by loving service

- ✓ Fellowship through the Guild, tea/coffee time, clubs, toddler groups, warm spaces.
- ✓ Supporting the missionary partners
- ✓ Pastoral Care
- ✓ Care for the elderly.
- ✓ Visit the care home in Strathblane.
- ✓ Support charitable work.

Teach and nurture new relationships

- ✓ Bible study and book groups.
- ✓ Prayer meetings
- ✓ House groups
- ✓ Alpha and Christianity Courses
- ✓ Scripture Union
- ✓ Strathendrick Teens
- ✓ Try Praying & Our Daily Bread Booklets



Nurturing our Young People

- ✓ Sunday Morning bible-based teaching
- ✓ Messy Church
- ✓ Holiday Clubs
- ✓ Engagement with the Primary Schools
- ✓ Expand all age services.
- ✓ Strathendrick Teens (youth group)

Proclaim the Good News

- ✓ In-person worship
- ✓ Online worship for those unable to attend church.
- ✓ Holiday clubs
- ✓ Community use of the facilities

Safeguard Creation

- ✓ Engage with the under 40's
- ✓ Sustain community contact.
- ✓ Stewardship
- ✓ Improve carbon footprint.

Killearn Kirk



There is mention of a church in the village in the 13th century. The church we worship in today was built in the early English style in 1882 with a 100ft spire and seats about 450 people. The building has a grass area/garden and a substantial carpark. There is disabled access to both the sanctuary and to the halls plus a disabled ramp to the chancel area within the sanctuary.

The buildings are well maintained with the most recent external work being the repointing, with lime mortar, of the Tower and Spire.

A church office/vestry lies behind the chancel area. A session house was added to the church in 1967 and is used by the Kirk session, small informal church services and other community meetings. The church has stained glass windows which have been installed during different periods.

A hall complex is attached to the rear of the church and can be utilised in various configurations with movable partitions, together with a large foyer and a kitchen equipped for most requirements and a large storeroom. The kirk halls are well used by both church organisations and other local groups.

A new audio-visual system was recently installed in the sanctuary, including a new screen and projector and the equipment enabling the ability to live stream and record services. The halls have had a new projector installed with a pull-down screen, speakers and microphones. There is a large movable monitor that can be moved to appropriate places within the building if required. The church also has a loop system for those with hearing aids.

Fibre Wi-Fi is installed and is available as a private link and a guest link for other users requiring access to Wi-Fi in the building. The links are set so that no inappropriate content can be accessed.

The church website gives information on the church including a calendar and provides up to date weekly information on what's on in the church and halls. This can be found at www.killearnkirk.org that can provide further information. A Facebook page allows weekly posts of the church services and other pertinent material to the community and for wider internet. A church magazine is produced twice a year and delivered to all households in the Parish.

The Glebe lands sit adjacent to Killearn Kirk and the Village Hall and was disposed to Killearn Trust in 1921 and provides a panoramic view towards Loch Lomond and the Mountains in the distance. The minister of the Parish represents the Kirk as an ex-officio trustee on Killearn Trust. (Link in Appendix 3)





Strathblane Parish Church



The church is an attractive traditional stone listed building standing in an elevated position on the eastern edge of Strathblane. A church has been on this site for approximately 500 years. The present building dates back to 1803 with the bell tower and roof modifications added in the 1870's. The church building is surrounded by the graveyard, which is maintained by the council.

The church seats approximately 250 people in pews in the main sanctuary, plus 10 in the upstairs gallery. We have a two manual Ingram pipe organ and a Clavinova.

Downstairs is the vestry with ensuite WC, plus a utility area and 2 WCs. Upstairs there is a small sanctuary. Work is ongoing to expand and adapt the fellowship area at the front of the church to allow a greater number of people to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service. There is a custom-built Audio-Visual base at the rear of the sanctuary. There is an audio system incorporating an induction loop system for the hard of hearing, a wall-mounted projector which projects welcome notes and pictures, hymns, readings, sermon points etc and a repeater screen for use by the minister and others who are looking away from the main screen.

The Kirk Rooms Building is situated across the road from the Church with the original building constructed in 1973 with an extension added in 1995. There is a large hall and three smaller halls, an office and kitchen. The halls are used for church activities and let out to community groups.

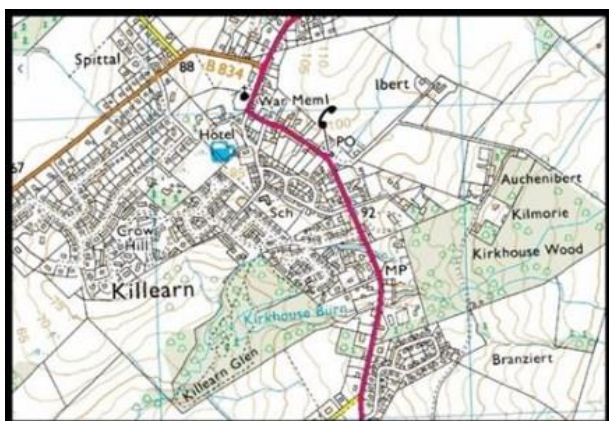
Blanefield Care Home provides accommodation for 40 guests. At present our monthly church services have been curtailed but we would hope to make links again in the very near future.

The church has a new website under construction (Link in Appendix 3). There are regular posts on the Facebook page (Strathblane Parish Church) and a quarterly parish magazine are produced which are also available on the website.





Killearn Village and Parish



Killearn Village lies 22 miles west of Stirling and 19 miles from the centre of Glasgow. It is 5 miles to Strathblane and lies 9 miles north of Milngavie. The village of Killearn is surrounded by farmland and is midway between Stirling and Glasgow. There is a large, designated Conservation Area around the core of the village of older properties on the main street dating back to the 1720's. The modern village has spread south and west from this historic core when new housing started to appear in small developments in the late 40's and 50's. From the 1960's onwards there was a far greater expansion of housing. The most recent housing to be built and still ongoing is 89 homes situated one mile from the village. There are also several smaller communities within the parish.

The village of Killearn has around 2,155 residents (2022 stats) in approx. 773 households with approx. another 200 households in the surrounding area not including the newest development. (Appendix 2) The 2021 census statistics indicate that 50.5% of the population are aged between 26 to 66 years old, whilst 18.4% are aged between 0 – 16 years of age. (1/5th), 24.6% are aged over 67 years. (See appendix 2 for a pie chart.)

The memorial to the scholar George Buchanan and Killearn Kirk are located on the higher ground to the north of the village and are distinctive landscape features that are viewed from a wide area of the Endrick Valley. Killearn is very much a commuter village although changes of working practice since the outbreak of the Covid Pandemic have allowed many employees to work from home. There are several local businesses such as builders, joiners, electricians, etc based locally in the village.

The Primary School with a local authority Nursery is situated in the centre of the village and the secondary school, Balfron High School is 3 miles away. All children are transported by bus to the secondary school. There are two private nursery providers (0 – 12 years) and a Children's Hub for before and after school care and during holidays. The amenities in Killearn include a health centre (doctors, nurses, physiotherapist, etc), co-op store, florist, restaurant/pub pharmacy, hairdresser, tennis court and lots of activities and clubs available for all ages. The Kirk Halls and Village Hall (situated beside the church) provides facilities for many of the local groups to meet and run the events and activities. Oakwood Garden Centre and Killearn Mill are situated within the Parish where some other local businesses are located, e.g. bike shop, veterinary practice, post office/sorting office, art studio, home care business, food suppliers, etc. Many of the supermarkets deliver to the local area.

Beech House, an independent care facility, has accommodation for eight residents but at present is undergoing changes in ownership.

There are many accessible open spaces giving opportunities for gentle walks in and around the village or hillwalking on the Campsie. There is a gentle walk between the two villages along, what we call, the water track lying below the Campsie (Dumgoyne Hill) of approx. 5 miles. The West Highland Way passes through the parish. There are also various cycle tracks.

The Community Council have produced a detailed place plan where a link is available in Appendix 3.





Strathblane Village and Parish



Strathblane Parish covers some 20 square miles, and it is situated at the edge of Perth Presbytery in the western part of the Stirling Council area. The main population of the parish is concentrated in the conjoined villages of Strathblane and Blanefield and takes in the villages of Mugdock and Carbeth. Like Killearn the surrounding area is farmland. The villages are in the valley at the foot of the Campsie Fells in an area of great natural beauty. The Strathblane Hills provide an attractive backdrop to the north while to the south lies the rising land of the Muirhouse and Dumbrook Muirs and Mugdock Country Park. 12 miles north of Glasgow and 25 miles southwest of Stirling. The population in the 2021 census is 2,301. 51.6% of Strathblane and Blanefield's population are aged between 26 and 66 years old whilst 17.4% are aged between 0 -16 years old and just under 24.1% (1/4) of the population are aged 67+. There are around 200

people in the hamlets of Mugdock and Carbeth. (Appendix 2). According to the 2021 census there are 841 homes in Strathblane and Blanefield.

Strathblane Parish is classed as an 'accessible rural area'. There are some small businesses but there is no major employer in the area and most people work in and around the Glasgow area. There is a Primary School and Nursery in the village with the local children moving to the well acclaimed Balfour High School (8.4 miles away) after P7.

Amenities in the village are medical practice/surgery, pharmacy, library, tennis courts, bowling green, convenience stores and post office and lots of additional activities available in the village and parish. There is out of school care provision as well as local childminders.

Blanefield Care Home provides accommodation for 40 guests. At present our monthly church services have been curtailed but we would hope to make links again in the very near future.

There are many accessible open spaces for the residents of Strathblane and Blanefield to access totalling over 165 hectares, including Park Place, the Old Railway, King George 5th play area, Dumbrook Glen, woodland walks and wider countryside. Mugdock Country Park is located 1 mile outside the village within the Parish and has many walks, a garden centre, children's play area and café. The West Highland way passes through the edge of the parish and the John Muir Way which runs from Helensburgh to Dunbar passes the church (using a path owned by the church) and we have installed picnic seats and tables to encourage walkers to take time in the vicinity of the church for a rest. The Church have built a biblical garden and prayer bench in the area to encourage folk to sit and rest while considering the peace and tranquillity around them.

For more information on the area: Strathblane Community Development Trust have produced a very detailed local place plan. (See appendix 3 for a link)





The Manse

The Manse of the Linked Charge of Killearn Kirk linked with Strathblane Parish Church
2 The Oaks, Beech Drive, Killearn, G63 9SF



2 The Oaks, is situated in the village of Killearn and is a short walk from all the local amenities in the centre of the village and the Primary School. Built in 1991 it enjoys open views to Dumgoyne hill.

On the ground floor there is a lounge, dining room, a dining kitchen which was refitted in November 2023 with a range of integrated appliances of fridge/freezer, oven, dishwasher, cooker and hob. The utility room was refitted at the same time, with a freezer, washing machine and tumble drier installed. Also, a WC, cloakroom and an office/bedroom 5.

Upstairs is a master bedroom with ensuite shower room, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. All bedrooms have fitted wardrobes. The bathrooms, ensuite shower room and WC were all refitted in 2023.

The house is fitted with double glazing and gas central heating, a security alarm system, garage with power and lighting and an easily managed garden.

The internal redecoration will be undertaken for the consideration of a new minister.



The Manse of Strathblane

The Minute of Agreement, on the Basis of Linkage dated 21 March 2024, regarding the properties of Killearn Kirk manse and Strathblane Parish Church manse, indicated that the manse shall be sold, let or otherwise disposed, subject to the approval of the Presbytery and the General Trustees. Strathblane Parish Church have intimated that they are willing to purchase half the ownership of The Manse, 2 The Oaks, Killearn following a valuation when the Strathblane Manse is sold.



The manse of Strathblane has been vacant for over two years.

The Kirk Session of Strathblane is exploring options to redevelop the manse into halls and to sell the Kirk rooms and an area of grounds pertaining the halls.



Supporting our Minister

Well -Being:

Being supportive of the minister and ensuring that they have the appropriate time off.

Ensuring that a minister takes time for self-development.

Time for prayer with others.

Pastoral care given either through minister groupings or session clerks.

Opportunity to attend a Presbytery Retreat or similar opportunity.

Support and Resources:

Ensure that the appropriate resources are available for church services.

Books are available for additional reading, if required.

Computer or similar.

Communication and Collaboration

Ensure that communication between Session Clerks and other appropriate officers is maintained.

Re-start the quarterly minister meetings within the grouping.

That the minister's work aligns with the Parish Mission Action Plan.

Prayer and Support

Include prayer within the prayer groups and wider church community for the minister.

Support the minister with any training requirements.

Being supportive and enabling environment for a new minister, helping them to thrive in their ministry and help to make a significant contribution to the parish communities.

Appendix 1

Financial Accounts

Killearn Kirk

Total funds are made up as follows-

	2024	2025
Unrestricted Funds	£ 134,575	£ 144,221
Restricted Funds	£ 150,032	£ 156,738
Funds held by Gen. Trustees	£ 192,946	£ 98,641
Total	£ 477,553	£ 399,600

Strathblane Parish Church

Total funds are made up as follows:

	2024	2025
Unrestricted Funds	£ 205,189	£ 201,807
Restricted Funds	£ 128,033	£ 132,887
Total	£ 333,222	£ 334,784

Both Churches have fully contributed to Giving to Grow.

Full accounts are available on the following link:

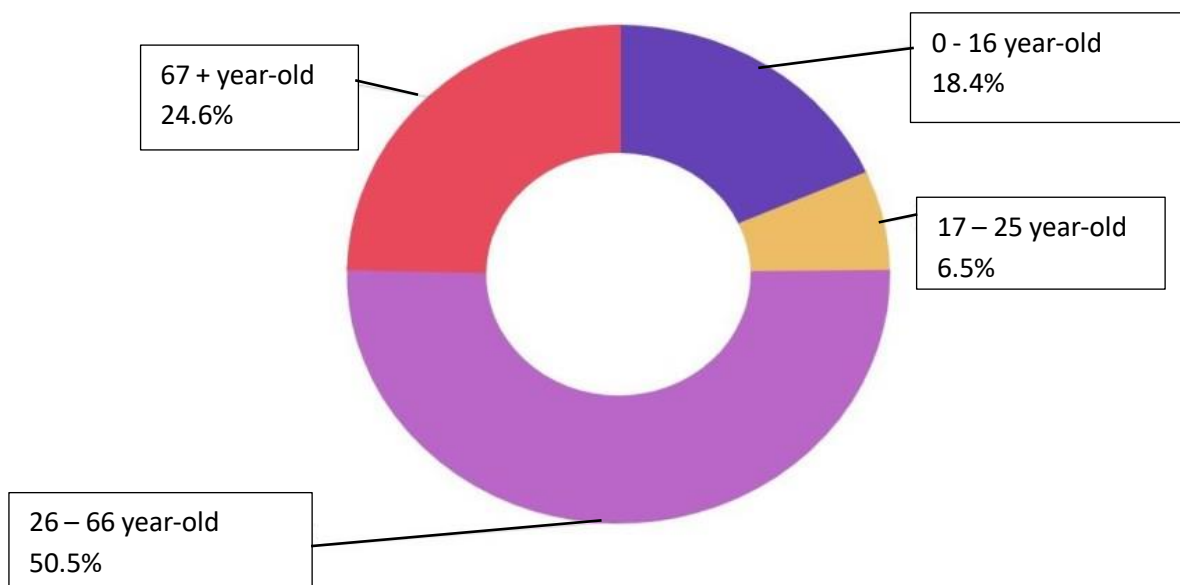
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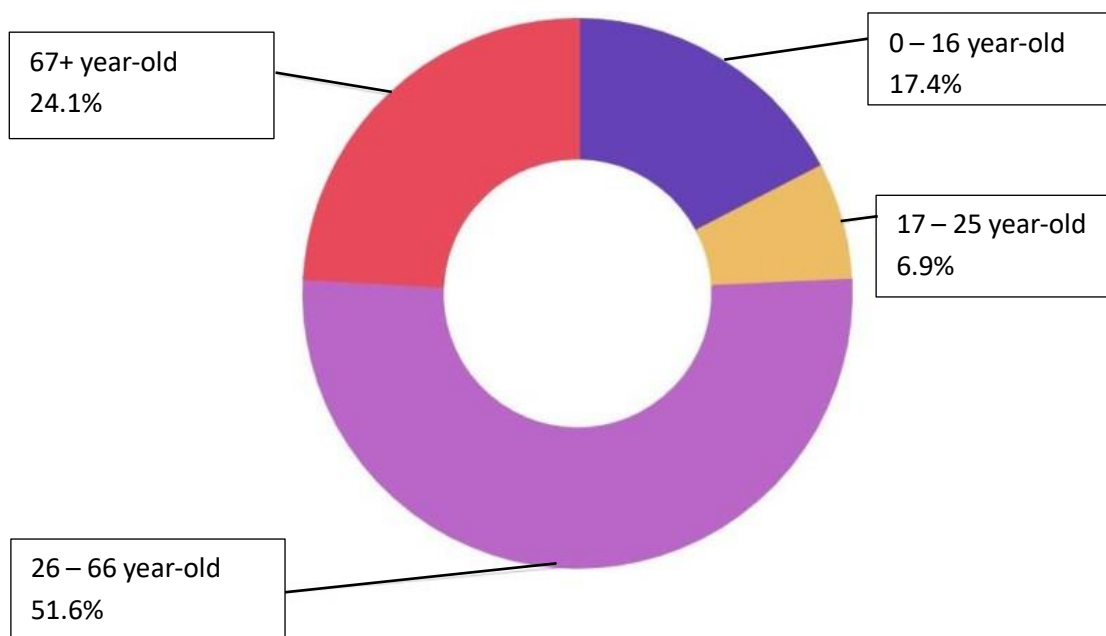


Appendix 2

Killearn Population and Households by age. (2022 census)



Strathblane & Blanefield Population and households by age (2022 census)





Appendix 3

Useful links :

Presbytery of Perth

Presbytery of Perth: <https://www.perthpresbytery.org.uk/>

The Presbytery Mission Plan can be found at : [Presbytery of Perth Mission Plan](#)

Websites of Interest

Killearn Kirk: <https://www.killearnkirk.org/>

Strathblane Parish Church: [Welcome! -](#)

Killearn Heritage Trail : [Welcome to the picturesque and storied Killearn Heritage Trail](#)

Strathblane Heritage Society : [Home - Strathblane Heritage Society](#)

Killearn Trust: [The Killearn Trust - details](#)

There are many other websites for both villages, including the community councils and some local people setting up pages.

Also, village Facebook pages are managed by local people.



Action Plan

WORSHIP & TEACHING: Worship/teaching is at the heart of all that we do

Aims/Objectives	Time Scale	Progress review	Review 2	Status
To continue the bible-based teaching from the pulpit.	Ongoing	May 2027	May 2028	Green
Expand the range of All Age Services	1 year	May 2027	May 2028	Amber
Continue Home Bible Studies supporting existing groups and encouraging new groups Offer Christian courses e.g. Alpha, Christianity Explored, Bible Courses	1 year	May 2027	May 2028	Amber

PASTORAL CARE & FELLOWSHIP: To ensure that all people from the oldest to the youngest feel that they are loved and cared for, as this helps to develop a sense of belonging

Aims/Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Develop a larger Pastoral Care team. Using skills that elders and others may have.	2 years	May 2027	May 2028	Amber
Continue and seek to grow the outreach to those being cared for at home and their carer's, providing a meeting place and events on a regular basis.	Ongoing	May 2027	May 2028	Green
Killearn -Continue supporting Townbreak (Dementia care) & Warm Space.	Ongoing	May 2027	May 2028	Green
Strathblane - develop and alter small area in church, enlarging it to allow more congregation to stay for coffee and fellowship.	1 year	May 2027	May 2028	Amber
Killearn - develop a small area in the sanctuary to allow families to be together and enable the children to move around freely without disturbing the rest of the congregation.	1 year	May 2027	May 2028	Amber
Continue with the fellowship already available in the two communities through the Guild, tea and coffee time, toddler groups, etc.	Ongoing	May 2027	May 2028	Green
Engage with the under 40's	2 years	May 2027	May 2028	Red

YOUTH & CHILDREN: To support our younger Church family by providing a range of services and activities for young people, giving them a safe and fun place to learn, worship and grow their faith

Aims /Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Strathblane -Continue Messy Church and events during school holidays.	Ongoing	May 2027	May 2028	Green
Include both churches following Killearn's previous Messy Play outreach	1 year	May 2027	May 2028	Amber
Employ an outreach worker with a remit for work with young people particularly teenagers.	2 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Red
Further develop, where possible, closer links with local primary school.	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber
Developing and building on partnerships with Scripture Union Scotland.	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Green
Expand All Age Services.	2 years	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Red
Continue supporting Strathendrick Teens (Teenagers in Parish Grouping).	Ongoing	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber

LOCAL MISSION/COMMUNITY OUTREACH: To reveal the love of God for all people in our parish and our wider area

Aims/Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Halls being made available to community groups.	Ongoing	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Green
Continue supporting Start Up Stirling, Blythswood Christmas Appeal, Salvation Army, (Shelter, CHAS), Glasgow City Mission involving other community members not yet part of the church family.	Ongoing	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Green



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WIDER MISSION, INCLUDING ECUMENISM AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE WORLD CHURCH (AS APPLICABLE)

Aims & Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Continue links and support, financially and spiritually, to missionary partners, already established.	Ongoing	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Green
Continue to work, where possible with local Catholic Church.				
Holding joint services at War Memorial on Armistice Day.	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber
Working closer with the Baptist Church, e.g prayer meetings, youth groups.	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber

COMMUNICATIONS

Aims & Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Strathblane - Update current outdated computers	1 year	Mar 2027	2028	Green
Strathblane - New church website being created	1 year	Mar 2027	2028	Green
Continue to link with social media where applicable and ethical.	Ongoing	Mar 2027	2028	Green
Continue to produce magazines to keep members and community updated with church activities and other information.	Ongoing	Mar 2027	2028	Green
Weekly news sheet.	Ongoing	Mar 2027	2028	Green
Include church information in local community bulletins and local newspapers	Ongoing	Mar 2027	2028	Green

PROPERTY

Aims & Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Strathblane -To sell/develop unused manse and surrounding land.	2 year	Sept 2026	Mar 2027	Amber
Strathblane – To sell/develop Kirk Rooms (Halls) and surrounding land.	2 year	Sept 2026	Mar 2027	Amber
Redecorate manse situated in Killearn for the appointment of a minister	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber
Repaint external woodwork at the manse in Killearn.	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber
Improve Carbon Footprint - Consider ways to reduce gas and electricity costs.	1 year	May 2027	May 2027	Red

HUMAN RESOURCES/STAFFING WITHIN THE CHARGE, eg MDS, Reader, locally employed staff

Aims/Objectives	Time Scale	Progress Review	Review 2	Status
Appoint one full time minister for the linked charge.	1 year	Mar 2027	Mar 2028	Amber
Appoint a part time OLM within the Strathendrick church grouping.	1.5 year	May 2027	May 2028	Red
Appoint a youth/outreach worker	1 year	May 2027	May 2028	Red

Approved by the Kirk Sessions of Killearn Kirk and Strathblane Parish Church

Dated: 10 March 2026

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Killearn Kirk

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Contact Us

If you require any further information or would like to discuss anything in relation to the vacancy, then please contact us for further information.

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