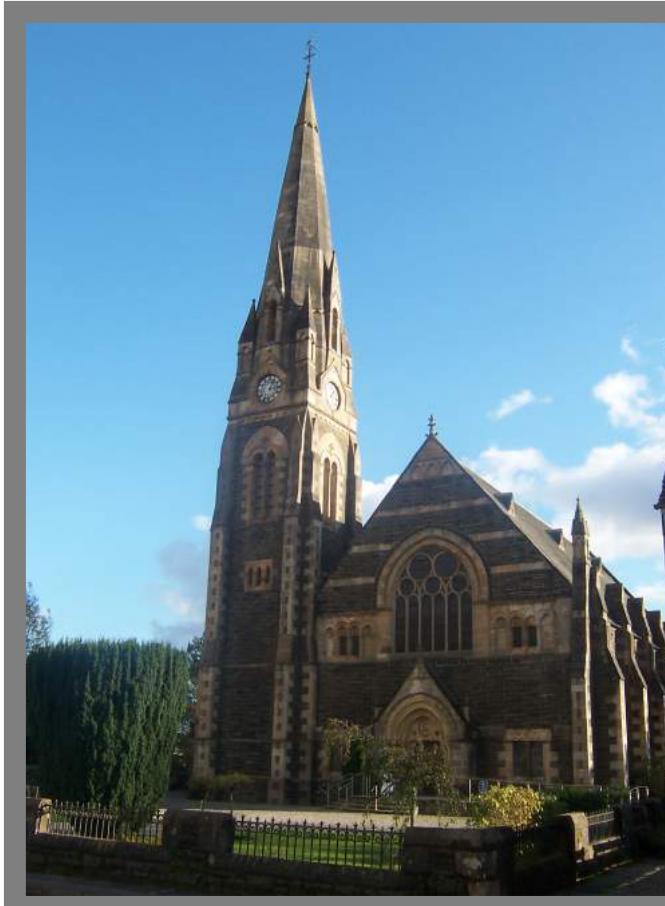




Comrie linked with Dundurn

Parish Profile



Mission Statement

"We seek to follow Jesus Christ, to share the Gospel and to bring the knowledge of God's love to all"

Vacancy Type - Unrestricted Call

SCO 001878 (Comrie)
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Comrie linked with Dundurn Parish Churches

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Is the Holy Spirit guiding you to lead us further in our journey of faith?

Over the last 13^{1/2} years, our churches have developed both spiritually and materially, having undergone major refurbishments to both churches and Comrie Church Hall. After leading us through this journey, our minister has been called to another parish to continue his mission. We have however been very blessed by God in providing us with dedicated people as well as the means to have excellent and adaptable facilities which enable us to endeavour to deliver the mission of our church.

We have so far been led by the Holy Spirit through continuing worship, prayer and dedication to the name of our Heavenly Father to a particularly exciting stage of development in church life. We now need a new leader to pioneer the next phase of developing our faith through the communities of Comrie and St Fillans (Dundurn). The ministerial post for our parishes is classed an unrestricted call.

Can you meet the challenge of bringing more members of our community to join us in furthering our vision - *"To seek to follow Jesus Christ, share the Gospel and bring the knowledge of God's love to all"*

Is God through his Holy Spirit calling you here?



Southward view from Dundurn Parish Church door

Is this the path the Holy Spirit seeks for you?

A Vision for the Future and Ministry

Our villages have been successful in attracting many young families and we look to replicate this in developing an accessible church.

A keystone of our development is encouraging broader styles of worship and developing positive, meaningful relationships through our common commitment in Christ. We seek a minister who encourages involvement, promotes inclusion and widens access across the whole community. We feel that the key qualities of a minister called to meet these needs would be approachability, energy, drive and enthusiasm.

Our church is a church of people and acknowledgement of this is pivotal in our search for a minister. We seek a minister who in addition to leading the church would relish playing a leading role in the community. We seek a minister who would continue to develop outreach and encourage church involvement from those who may not attend worship.

We have formidable trust in the Holy Spirit in leading us towards the right person.

Comrie Parish Church



The church was completely renovated 7 years ago with new Biomass underfloor heating, the pews removed, and seating provided by ecclesiastical style oak chairs. The roof was insulated. The entrance hall had a wall removed and a glass panel separates it from the Sanctuary. It is now a multi-purpose area that retains the Spiritual purpose of the

building. The new kitchen facilities plus other toilets (including disability access) were added and the Vestry enlarged.

The Halls were completely renovated 3 years ago, which involved removing most of the internal fabric of the



original hall, an annex was built to house a new kitchen and café style area, a church office and a new suite of toilets, this in effect doubled the size of the original hall.

Comrie Kirk Session hold the deeds for all properties with the exception of the Manse. We have been guided by the Holy Spirit in our work to develop our buildings to support the mission locally of our church. God has blessed us in that all of the money to develop the property has been raised without loans or grants. The buildings are used extensively by the church for all of our activities plus youth organisations, and many other local activities.

Comrie congregation also owns a cottage within the church grounds which has a lounge, dining room, kitchen and cloakroom on the ground floor. There are 2 bedrooms and family bathroom on the 1st floor. The property is currently rented for private use.

Dundurn Parish Church

Dundurn Church was erected in 1878 but underwent a complete renovation in 2013. This included taking out the pews, stripping them back to natural wood and reinstating them. The Chancel area and the main floor were replaced. The church is "all electric" there being no mains gas supply to the village. A new Allen L-9 electric organ was purchased in 2009. There is an annex behind the church currently home to the village archive.



The Church Garden was redesigned and renovated in 2014. The design of the garden was to be a welcoming, meditative and functional space incorporating some Christian symbols to distinguish it from a purely domestic garden. A Garden of Remembrance was established as part of the renovation and a Book of Remembrance was donated to the church. This book is on permanent display within the church and anyone with a connection to the church or village can submit an entry.

The Manse (Comrie and Dundurn)

The Manse is a modern purpose-built building in the centre of Comrie village. It was constructed 14 years ago to a design by Comrie Property Committee. It has a large entrance hall, dining room/kitchen, 2 lounges, study, 4 bedrooms one of which is ensuite and has a dressing room, family bathroom and a ground floor cloakroom. There is a garage with ample parking, low maintenance compact garden and decking area to the rear of the property.



Location

Comrie Parish Church is linked with Dundurn Parish Church. Dundurn is in the picturesque rural conservation village of St Fillans.

Comrie and Dundurn Parish Churches are classified as remote rural parishes within Perth Presbytery and were linked in 1977. Comrie is an historic conservation village in the southern highlands of Scotland with a population of approximately 2500 inhabitants. Comrie is situated at the Western end of Strathearn district of Perth and Kinross , 7 miles west of Crieff.



View towards the River Earn from Comrie Church Gardens



Comrie and Dundurn parishes are popular retirement areas, mainly dependent on agriculture and tourism. Many residents commute to Perth, Stirling, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, which are readily accessible via the very good road network or from the railway stations at Perth, Gleneagles, Dunblane and Stirling. Many homes in St Fillans are holiday homes and the population of both villages increases during holiday periods.



View across to St Fillans from the south side of Lochearn.

Congregational and Administrative Support

(Comrie and Dundurn)

Administrative Support is provided weekly on a voluntary basis by the church secretary and by volunteers. There is no church officer but church cleaning is carried out by a part time paid member of the congregation at Comrie whilst Dundurn's work is carried out by members on a voluntary basis. Members and villagers assist with the maintenance of the church and its gardens in both churches.

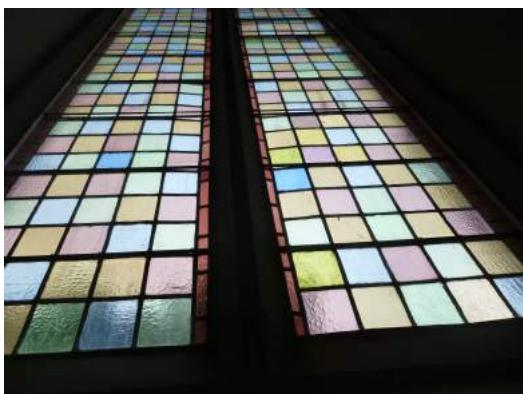
Comrie also receives support from a part time Youth Worker employed by the congregation who is leading and developing youth links through the Friday Youth Club. Further youth outreach initiatives are planned in the future.

The minister is supported by an active Kirk Session of 30 Elders in Comrie and 7 at Dundurn who work under Unitary Constitution. Four of our elders across the parishes are Level 2 Worship Leaders. Elders are allocated geographical districts and provide pastoral support and aim to visit parishioners on three occasions annually. At both Comrie and Dundurn, Elders and members of the congregation read scripture at each service; and are rostered to set out the church and welcome the congregation. We aim to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all members of our communities and visitors coming to worship.

Some Parish Statistics (Comrie and Dundurn)

5 Year Statistics : Jan 2013 - Dec 2018	COMRIE	DUNDURN
Number of Communicant Members	387	53
Number of Elders	30	7
Average Age of Congregation	68	75
Average Attendance	90	24
Number of Baptisms	40	6
Number of Marriages	21	8
Number of Funerals	160	11

Worship At Comrie



Although Worship at Comrie is mainly traditional, some elements are delivered in a contemporary style. The congregation, as well as finding great support from the Word of God in the liturgy and particularly in the sermon given by the minister, greatly benefits from the support of fellow Christians in meeting and sharing experiences in the Christian life; this is evidenced by the large number of the congregation who stay for further fellowship over coffee/tea after worship.

The weekly service of worship for the Comrie congregation centres at 10 am on Sunday mornings lasting approximately for an hour. A weekly Order of Service is printed detailing ongoing church activities. Digital Projection supplemented by a loop system for the hearing impaired is available for use in hymns, readings, sermons, and during the children's address. We use a wide variety of praise music, predominantly CH4, Mission Praise and other Christian musical publications. Currently music is provided by organ but we are open to different musical styles and arrangements.

Our current church diary consists of the following elements :

- “Time for Reflection” theme is delivered when appropriate on the 3rd Wednesday in the month at 12 noon for about 20 minutes.
- The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on 3 Sundays during the year at morning and evening services, and in the evening on Maundy Thursday.
- During Holy Week there is worship every evening at 7.00 pm, with additional services on Good Friday at 2.45pm and early on Easter Sunday at 8.00 am.
- We have a community summer Celebration service followed by a barbecue.
- Special services are held on Remembrance Sunday to precede the community-wide service at the War Memorial, which members of the congregation also attend.

- At Christmas a Christingle service is held in the early evening on the 2nd Sunday of Advent and on the 3rd Sunday we hold an outdoor Nativity at the local wildlife park in the afternoon.
- There is also a Village Carol Service on the Tuesday before Christmas.

Although the minister is responsible for the overall preparation and planning of the main elements of worship, there is ongoing support from the Worship, Mission and Discipleship Committee whose remit is to be: "Responsible for congregational development through nurture, worship and mission; and to serve the needs of our local community. To encourage others to explore the meaning of their faith in a prayerful, practical and reflective manner".

Priority is also given to the involvement of Elders and members of the congregation in the delivery of worship particularly during Holy Week, Advent and through Bible Study and Midweek Worship programmes at Lent, Advent and throughout the year. This wider congregational involvement is also evidenced in the membership of the Prayer Group which meets every Wednesday. Prayer submissions from the congregation, which have been attached to the Prayer Tree, are gathered, reflected on and responded to.

Worship At Dundurn

- The church service is held at 11:30 am each Sunday. Comrie and Dundurn unite in worship over the Christmas period, with the nativity celebration being held in Comrie and the next two services in Dundurn. Services tend to be conventional in style. Although there are rarely any children in attendance, the congregation still enjoys "time with young church".
- Sacrament of Communion is celebrated at morning worship on the fourth Sunday of February, June and October.
- Special services are held for Remembrance Sunday, starting at the war memorial at the end of Loch Earn, and a Carols-by-Candlelight service is held during Advent. Easter weekday services are based at Comrie as are the Nativity services.
- The church has no audio/visual systems but does have a loop system for the hearing impaired.



Pastoral Initiatives

The minister is supported in his pastoral duties by the Elders. There is strong communication and feedback through both communities which enables the church to respond quickly in times of need, and provide pastoral care as appropriate. Comrie provide additional pastoral care through "Visiting Angels".

Ecumenical Context (Comrie and Dundurn)

- The clergy in the wider community work together on a very informal basis. The clergy do have regular meetings for the Chaplaincy of Crieff High School where there is an opportunity to liaise with Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventists, Baptist and Gospel Hall colleagues who are also involved in preparing material to give support to the school; primarily by leading assemblies and providing pastoral support when required.
- Relationships with other denominations have always been very good.
- There is a local grouping of Churches for World Day of Prayer.



Outlook and Communication (Comrie and Dundurn)

Comrie and Dundurn each contribute copy for the church Magazine – “Oulook”. The magazine is produced three times a year and is delivered by elders to every house within the parishes. The magazine is self-financing through advertising, and it is another means by which the work of our churches and the word of our Saviour is communicated more widely.

The age profiles within the parish indicate that many will access social media or web based services. In response to this, Comrie Parish Church has a website which can also be accessed through mobile devices which is regularly updated by volunteers. Furthermore, there is also a Facebook page which is updated with church news. Comrie also has a comprehensive village facebook and website through which church events are advertised.

Dundurn does not have internet access or a website, but associates with Comrie for such services. St Fillans Community Council manages a website which the church utilises to advertise forthcoming events. The church also utilises the Community Council email service to villagers for general communications.

A future development of making our churches web accessible could include webcasting our worship to allow housebound, villagers living away and the wider world into our church to join in worship.

Comrie Parish Church Website
www.comrieparishchurch.org

Comrie and Dundurn Parish Church Facebook
www.facebook.com/Comrie-Dundurn-Parish-Churches-164412170267190

Comrie Village Website
www.comrie.org.uk

Comrie Village Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/Comrie-Perthshire-110374409036990>

St Fillans Village Website
www.stfillanscc.org.uk



Charity and World Church

Comrie and Dundurn are financially secure churches which provide us with the ability to support a wide range of charities in our Christian concern and commitment to others.

Comrie

- The Young Church organise the collection of two pence coins from the congregation. They collect the coins to create a mile of two pence coins and are now on their 6th Mile. This supports charities such as Water Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children. The children decide who will receive the money.
- Debra Coffee Morning
- Regular promotion of Fairtrade goods.
- The Guild support different World Mission Projects each year
- Malawi Mission Fundraising
- Perth and Kinross food bank donations.
- Comrie congregation annually organise the local Christian Aid collection.
- At present we do not have an overseas Link Mission Partner having just recently closed down our link with a Church in Kenya and seek to develop new links.

Dundurn

- Retiring collections for the Poppy Appeal on Remembrance Sunday and for The Salvation Army at the Christmas Watchnight Service.
- Coffee mornings held on the last Saturday of June, July and August with surpluses sent to nominated charities.
- Supporting our Mission Partner in the Czech Republic
- Minister and three Elders are trustees of The Dundurn Trust which provides financial support to a children's centre in Bungoma, Kenya.
- Christian Aid week house-to-house collections and a coffee morning held in the Village Hall.
- Savings boxes, in the shape of little churches, are available to the congregation for their loose change.
- "Water Aid" mile of pennies.
- Perth and Kinross food bank donations.



Fellowship "Come And Join The Celebration"

- Comrie and Dundurn both have their respective Bible Study Groups which meet regularly throughout the year.
- Weekly Prayer Group.
- Youth Group
- Cameron Court Sheltered Housing Bible Study and Worship Service
- The Guild
- Silver Circle
- Church Choir
- Sing A-long Wednesday
- Summer Holiday Club (1 Week in August)
- Messy Church is a new initiative which encourages young families to come to church on the third Friday of each month. We end Messy Church with a meal for all attendees, supported by the congregation.



APPENDIX I

(Local Churches 5 – Year Review Summary (Perth Presbytery 2016)

Our churches have been on an immense and transformational journey in the last 14 years and have equipped our church fully for the demands of the 21st century. We are friendly, engaging and supportive congregations and seek prospective candidates who can lead and nurture our next journey in mission, worship and discipleship. Areas identified in the Local Churches 5 Year review in working towards this include:

Comrie

- To continue to use the newly refurbished church hall in support of the mission of the church.
- To work in partnership with other stakeholders to develop the use of St Kessog's Square to better serve the community and offer new avenues for mission and outreach.
- To seek a new church/twinning partnership to continue Comrie's engagement with the wider world of the church.
- To continue to develop the vision for youth and children's work.
- To seek help in developing new ways of communicating in a digital age including website, social media and web streaming.
- To develop a cadre of trained leaders and other members to support the delivery of worship.

Dundurn

- To Improve work on communication with members and between members
- Regenerate the congregation to attract younger church and families into worship and activities.
- To further engage elder training and development through peer mentoring and local eldership training events.
- To develop relationships with the primary school in Comrie and look to develop relationships with local primary school age children.
- To plan and deliver an annual event for families and children.
- To encourage the use of trained leaders and other members of the congregation in the delivery of worship.

APPENDIX II

Full Report on a Local Church Review – Comrie Parish Church (2016)

Following an initial visit made to introduce process of LCR to the linked charge of Comrie and Dundurn the visiting team of Mrs Elizabeth Philip DCS, Mr Ron Harrison and Mrs Wilma McCullough visited the congregation of Comrie on the Wednesday the 17th May 2016. The meeting was attended by around 20 elders from the congregation and the Rev Graham Mc Williams, minister of the linked charge.

We were pleased that we were able to encourage the congregation by reflecting on the previous report. Each of the recommendations made in that report had been fulfilled over the past 8 years. These included moving to unitary constitution, provision of admin assistance for the minister, upgrading of buildings, engaging in elder training, developing mission, encouraging people on their faith journey and undertaking a stewardship campaign. The congregation of Comrie and Dundurn have a good working linkage which shows no evidence of tension.

Currently there is a lot of work going on in this congregation. This included working with people with Dementia, and their carers in a regular singalong, action both to help people in need at home and abroad (especially in recent flooding) and a variety of work with young people in the local area, including youth clubs, holiday clubs and provision for children during the Sunday worship. The minister and others are actively involved in the community through schools and local groups. Christian education is encouraged through a weekly prayer group and bible study groups. Worship at Comrie uses both hymn books and PowerPoint as well as involving members in worship. The congregation have a number of special services throughout the year which are promoted to the community, seeking to engage with people in a different way.

The church building presents as friendly, welcoming and practical for all the activities it is used for. The life of the congregation and the message of Christianity is shown on information boards and a focal point cross. The church is open on a daily basis as a place for prayer and reflection. The congregation are well funded and have been resourceful in gaining any additional capital needed for building projects. Whilst doing this they have kept an outward focus giving to local and international charities. Comrie Parish Church complies with all the legal questions asked.

From the information given the visiting team raised some points for discussion. The committee was interested to hear of the partnership with the church and the YMCA who have provided a worker for this area. Getting and sustaining this kind of work in the area has been difficult but this arrangement is working well. People from the congregation engage with the young people by coming alongside them in the activities being run. It is hoped that this will lay seed for the future. Unitary constitution is working well and helping to engage non-elders in the work of the church. We discussed discipleship of people in faith and were pleased to hear that new initiatives in discipleship have taken place recently and that new seasonal studies are planned to take place of the next year. We were pleased to see that elders had begun the worship leaders training and that some were involved in worship leading. The congregation raised the issue of communication through social media and internet. Whilst they are communicating well through local adverts, parish magazines and word of mouth we would recognise the need to address this issue in order to extend the scope of communication with a new generation.

These are our recommendation for the congregation over the next 5 years:

- Develop a strategy to use the newly refurbished church hall and the village green for mission and outreach.
- Seek a new church/twinning partnership to enable engagement with the world church.
- Continue to develop a vision for youth and children's work.
- Seek help in developing new ways of communicating in a digital age including website, social media and web streaming.
- Encourage the use of trained leaders and other members in the delivery of worship.

APPENDIX III

Full Report on a Local Church Review - Dundurn Parish Church (2016)

Following an initial visit made to introduce the process of LCR to the linked charge of Comrie and Dundurn, the LCR visiting team of Mrs Elizabeth Philip DCS, Mr Ronald Harrison and Mrs Wilma McCullough visited the congregation of Dundurn on Wednesday 17th May 2016. The meeting was attended by 7 of the 8 elders from the congregation and the Rev Graham McWilliams, minister of the linked charge.

The parishes of Comrie and Dundurn operate as a linkage and enjoy a good working relationship. Dundurn is the smaller Congregation having a membership roll of 56 as at June 2016. The parish operates under a Unitary Constitution with a Kirk Session comprising of 2 male elders and 6 female elders.

Following the circulation of a first draft report to the session and minister, a further visit was made on the 7th June to discuss the report and deal with any questions, changes and amendments which the session wished to make. Some minor inaccuracies were picked up but the session indicated, that with the inclusion of the amendments, they were broadly happy with the report.

On the 12th June Mrs. Philips and Mr. Harrison returned to participate in morning worship with the congregation. The worship was led by Mrs. Philip. Attendance was good and the service was uplifting.

The church is in good structural order after significant recent refurbishment. Capital for this improvement project was funded through the sale of the former Dundurn manse. An Annexe at the rear of the church provides disabled toilet facilities with disabled access. The shared manse in Comrie is in good condition and is well maintained. The front garden at the church has recently been lovingly restored to provide a welcoming approach to the church. It is a lovely spot and frequently used as a place for meditation, respite and rest for passing tourists and locals alike.

Reflecting on the parish's previous review report done in 2008 the LCR visiting team was encouraged to note that each of the recommendations made then had been followed up and implemented. Achievements included the adoption of a Unitary Constitution, the provision of administrative assistance for the minister, significant upgrading of the church building, engagement in elder

training, fresh attempts at mission, encouragement of discipleship and the completion of a stewardship campaign.

We were also greatly encouraged by Dundurn's responses provided on the LCR questionnaire and by our conversations with them. We were impressed by the leadership alignment and spirit of harmony within the Session itself.

We learned that in an effort to reach out to young families in the parish the Congregation have used the tools of Messy Church and Holiday Clubs, personally inviting each child in the village to attend. Though the Messy church initiative met with only limited success this has not discouraged the Session who are still concerned about ways to engage the young people and children of the village.

Two members of the Congregation have taken up the opportunity to train as worship leaders achieving level 2 in this course.

It was also encouraging to hear about community- wide invitations to seasonal events including Back to Church Sunday, Coffee Mornings and lunches. Every household in the village is visited three times a year with elders delivering information from the church and often, in addition, including information from other community groups. In consequence the church has a very positive visible presence in the village engaging with all members of the community in their times of need. In addition the church supports various charities and mission partners and they have an ongoing relationship with a residential school at Bungoma in Kenya.

The Minister is actively involved in school chaplaincy at primary and secondary level. He has been a great comfort to those who have suffered bereavement in the community which has resulted in some attending worship after his contact.

In terms of discipleship seven people from the village attend a regular bible study group and several also support the fortnightly joint Guild meetings with Comrie.

The church has a very central position in the village with a splendid view of Loch Earn but more importantly is open all hours and is seen as central to the life of the community.

Worship is led weekly by the minister with music provided by Dundurn's fine organ. Time constraints and other practicalities mean that Powerpoint projection facilities are not a regular feature of worship.

Financially the Congregation appears to be in a satisfactory position with adequate reserves. The congregation's general income was reported as £16,146 in 2014. Legally the Session reports compliance with all the questions asked under the LCR process.

From the preliminary information provided by the Session the LCR visiting team raised a number of points for discussion. The team was interested to find out more about how they have tried to reach younger families in the area. The Congregation has made a bold attempt at this but with the limited success of their Messy Church "experiment" it must now overcome its disappointment and seek a new approach. The closure of the St Fillans Primary school and the bussing of primary age children to Comrie has also not helped matters and the Session is looking for alternative ways to stay connected with its primary age young people. On probing about how the adoption of the Unitary Constitution has worked out the LCR team discovered that this has been seen as a blessing to them enabling the Session to reduce the number of meetings and also freeing elders up to invite other members of the congregation to join in various working groups.

Regarding discipleship it was felt that more could be done to engage people in reading the Bible and exploring the Christian faith. Another issue reported by the Session to the visiting team was the need to improve communication both internally to members within the church but also outward to the wider community they serve. The Session would like to develop more modern digital communication channels but lack the skills within the parish to move this forward.

These are our recommendations for the congregation over the next 5 years

- To work on improving communication with members, between members and to those out with the church. (1/2 years)
- To further encourage elder training and development through peer mentoring and local elder training events.
- To develop relationships with the primary school in Comrie. (18 months)
- To strengthen congregational relationships with local primary school age children.
- To plan and deliver an annual event for families and children. (18 months)
- To encourage the use of trained leaders and other members of the congregation in the delivery of worship.

APPENDIX IV

COMMUNITY INFORMATION and LOCAL SERVICES

Village Activities (Comrie)

Comrie is a vibrant village with a high sense of shared community spirit. The village boasts a wide variety of interest, charity focused and activity groups which are supported by villagers and visitors alike. Key events in the village include The Comrie Fortnight which runs approximately 60 events for two weeks during the summer, culminating in The Village Float Parade. The Comrie Fortnight Committee also oversee the fundraising and running of the Comrie Community Bus. Comrie Parish Church contribute to the programme through the running of the holiday club and several special services of worship and songs of praise at the riverside.

Comrie is home to one of Scotland's oldest New Year Events, dating back to the seventeen hundreds. The Comrie Flambeaux - where 12 flaming birch pole torches are paraded around the traditional perimeter of the village to welcome in the New Year, before being tossed into the river Earn. Many scholarly theories as to the true origins of the event - including links to Freemasonry and Paganism – have been lost in the mists of time.



Comrie Community Centre, The White Church is the hub of many village events, clubs, coffee mornings, concerts as well as the infamous annual village pantomime. The minister of Comrie Parish Church is a trustee for the centre which is run by a management committee who oversee the day to day running of the centre by the employed centre manager.

St Kessog's Square, named after the saint who brought Christianity to Perthshire, was purchased two years ago by gift from a benefactor. The ground was causing local dissent as the re-development of this area would have meant division and unhappiness to the local residents and could have caused problems for the local shopkeepers. We have now raised funding to develop this as an open square that all in our community can enjoy.



Comrie has a vibrant and active Community Council who run a number of events including the annual village Hayride. They also support the local Christmas Lights initiative. The Comrie Council are very active in liaising with Perth and Kinross Council and Police Scotland on a wide array of local issues concerning service provision, roads, and environmental issues.

Comrie also has a Development Trust who manage the former Prisoner of War Camp at Cultybraggan. The Trust aims to develop the site as a model of sustainable development for rural communities across Scotland. The Cultybraggan site is an ongoing development project and currently consists of areas for industrial and business use, a Community Orchard, a Heritage and Local History Centre, as well as a Peace and Reconciliation Centre and a Men's Shed Initiative. There are plans for further projects to develop community sports facilities, eco-sustainability strategies and renewable energy projects. The Trust also oversees a legacy committee who manage the bequest of former Cultybraggan PoW - Heinrich Steinmeyer. His bequest was that the legacy fund is to be used for the benefit of the elderly in Comrie.



Village Activities (St Fillans)



The village of St Fillans is a small, thriving and close knit community which supports a number of activities including a Burns Supper, Festive Weekend, Bonfire Night and Hogmanay Celebration. The Community Council and The Community Trust act in harmony. Recently they have been active in upgrading the old railway as a cycle/walking path linking Comrie with Lochearnhead and establishing a new multi-faceted playpark. The Sandison Hall hosts meetings, country dancing, music circle and is home to a number of other clubs and societies. The minister is an Ex-Officio Trustee of the Sandison Hall.

Education

Comrie Primary School (Perth and Kinross Council) provides a high standard of education, leading to secondary education at Crieff High School. There is also a thriving pre-school nursery facility. Crieff High School, based at Strathearn Community Campus is a modern purpose built facility, accessible to the whole community with a library, gym, swimming and sports and leisure provision. In addition, there is a village library in Comrie, mobile library in St Fillans both linked to the wider Perth and Kinross Culture network for inter-library borrowing and loans.

In the fee-paying sector, there are Morrisons Academy (Primary and Secondary) and Ardvreck Preparatory School in Crieff. Glenalmond College is nearby, being ten miles east of Crieff.

Comrie Parish Church linked with Dundurn have built strong links with our local schools with the minister leading services at Easter and Christmas at Comrie Primary School and being part of the Crieff High School chaplaincy team.

Leisure

The countryside around Strathearn is ideal for hillwalking, cycling and sailing. Comrie and St Fillans boast two of the most picturesque 9 hole golf courses in Scotland whilst a full 18 and 9 hole course are also available in Crieff. Comrie Croft offers excellent mountain bike trails whilst a wide range of swimming, spa, leisure and outdoor pursuits are available at The Crieff Hydro Resort. Crieff Hydro offer watersports facilities at Loch Earn and a variety of sailing opportunities are available through Loch Earn Sailing Club.

Connectivity and Broadband

Comrie and St Fillans have comprehensive broadband coverage available through a variety of providers. Both villages have now received high speed fibre optic broadband and good mobile phone/data communications exist.

Health and Dental Services

Comrie Medical Centre provides comprehensive General Practice for the area under NHS Tayside, with Davidson's Chemist in Comrie, providing pharmaceutical dispensing and a minor ailments service. The main hospitals for acute referral services are Perth Royal Infirmary and Ninewells Hospital Dundee. Crieff Cottage Hospital also provides local services.

Comrie has a dental practice offering private dental care. NHS and private dental services are available through Infinity Blu and Care Dental in Crieff.

- Spring Grove Dental Clinic, Dunira Street, Comrie – Tel: 01764 679040
- Comrie Medical Centre, Strowan Road, Comrie – Tel: 01764 670217



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*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

(NIV: Matthew 7 Ch 7- 8)

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