



The Church of Scotland
Presbytery of Edinburgh

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW



FACTS + FIGURES

Currie Parish Church

BASIC FACTS AND FIGURES

Much of the following has been completed from Presbytery held information (feel free to check if you so wish) and much of the remainder requires only a yes/no answer. However, where explanation or detail is required please type in the relevant box and it will expand to fit your text.

1.1	Is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism of infants in accordance with Act V, 2000?	Yes
Comments:		
1.2	Are office bearers representative of congregation and parish in terms of age and gender?	Yes and No
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Average age of the office bearers is 72 which is representative of the congregation. However, 51% of the parish population is between the ages of 25 and 64 with a further 18% classified as elderly, i.e. aged 65 and over.</p>		
1.3	What constitution do you have and does it serve mission?	Yes
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Unitary Constitution adopted in 2009. Mission is served both at home and abroad through a Committee structure:</p> <p>WORSHIP AND EDUCATION: <i>To proclaim the Word of God and provide opportunities for meditation, study and prayer;</i></p> <p>PASTORAL CARE: <i>To reflect God’s care and compassion for us in the care and support of our membership and parish;</i></p> <p>MISSION AND OUTREACH: <i>To reflect the compassion and will of Christ to the local congregation, parish and the wider world;</i></p> <p>HOSPITALITY: <i>To promote and develop the quality of shared life within the church and parish and also among the Churches (all denominations) in the Valley of the Water of Leith;</i></p> <p>ASSET MANAGEMENT: <i>To promote the principles of Christian giving, and the use of our Halls for Church and community activities; and</i></p> <p>COMMUNICATION: <i>To maintain and enhance the profile of the church within the parish.</i></p>		
1.4	Does the employment status of members of staff, their working relationships and the prioritisation of their work serve effectively the congregation’s mission?	Yes

	<p>Comments: Most of the work within Currie Kirk is undertaken on a voluntary basis by members of the congregation. There are five part-time employees – organist, secretary, church cleaner, halls’ cleaner and halls’ caretaker. These appointments support our mission activities through variety of music in worship, effective administration/welcoming presence in the Church Office, and well maintained buildings serving both the church and the community.</p>	
1.5	Is the church in compliance with Act XII 2007 re provision and maintenance of manses?	Yes
	<p>Comments: Well maintained and an annual inspection highlights areas of concern which are dealt with as and when required.</p>	
1.6	Have recent property survey findings and recommendations been implemented?	Yes and No
	<p>Comments: The last Quinquennial Inspection was carried out in August 2008. The Report stated "all three buildings the Manse, Church and Halls are obviously well cared for and regularly maintained. The Manse is very well presented and in good order; the Halls have a sense of being well used and well cared for. The Church, although well maintained, needs some improvement internally. The failed sink unit and floor coverings in the Utility Area spoil the sense of well- being and the lack of a good spacious toilet is something which needs to be addressed".</p> <p>To address the issues at the Church, Kirk Session has approved a £200,000 plan which will be implemented in 2014. The plan follows six general themes, namely to comply fully with the spirit of the Disability Discrimination Act (wheelchair access/toilet facilities accessible to wheelchair users), to convert the east transept to a multipurpose space, to install an audio visual system, to improve the heating throughout the buildings, to create kitchen/pantry facilities which would enable greater flexibility in the use of the Session House and to extend the Link Building northwards creating a spacious, flexible area for fellowship.</p>	
1.7	Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 states that Charity trustees (or connected persons) cannot be remunerated unless certain conditions are met. If any Trustees or connected persons are in receipt of payments have correct processes (Law Dept. circular) been followed?	Yes
	<p>Comments: Subject to annual audit and correct processes followed.</p>	
1.8	Has your financial court adopted the General Assembly approved Bribery and Procurement Policy as instructed by Presbytery in November 2012?	Yes
	<p>Comments:</p>	

2. BASIC FACTS AND FIGURES continued - Safeguarding

		Yes	No
2.1	Is the Church's 2010 Policy Statement on Safeguarding displayed in church premises and made accessible to the congregation?	✓	
2.2	Has Kirk Session appointed a Safeguarding Co-ordinator?	✓	
2.3	Has the Co-ordinator's name been passed to the Presbytery Safeguarding Contact and the Church of Scotland's Safeguarding Service?	✓	
2.4	Has the Co-ordinator undergone training by a trainer accredited by the Safeguarding Service?	✓	
2.5	Has the Kirk Session appointed two or more others to work with the Co-ordinator in operating a Safeguarding Panel?	✓	
2.6	Are all appointments of persons working with children and/or protected adults reported to and minuted by the Kirk Session?	✓	
2.7	Is a register of all workers maintained by the Safeguarding Co-ordinator; has this been inspected and found to be up to date and in order, and has the Presbytery's Safeguarding Contact received two copies? Are past years' copies of the form stored?	✓	
2.8	Are all completed application forms, job descriptions and other schedules retained on file, viewed and found to be in order?	✓	
2.9	Have all workers been issued with the Church's ' <i>Safeguarding and adults at Risk</i> ' Summary Card?	✓	
2.10	Have all volunteers/employees been encouraged to attend Safeguarding training?	✓	
2.11	Have all volunteers/employees been made aware of the procedures to be followed in the event of an allegation or declaration of harm or abuse?	✓	
2.12	Are Kirk Session, Minister, Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Panel aware of the policy for 'Including Those Who May Pose a Risk' and the procedures and support for working with convicted offenders?	✓	
2.13	Have members of the Kirk Session attended Safeguarding Training for the recruitment, management & support of workers they appoint?		✓
2.14	Is the Kirk Session implementing the Church's Safeguarding policies & procedures?	✓	
Date:		Signature of Leader of Visiting Team:	

3. Statistical Information

Much of the foregoing requires only yes/no or numerical answers. Boxes already completed are using information already in Presbytery files. Where explanation or detail is required please type in the relevant box and it will expand to fit your text. Where approximations are requested there is no need to be precise.

3.1 Worship

Average weekly attendance at Sunday morning worship:	Total No:	Age profile of attendees (approximate):	under 16	8
	122		16 - 24	0
			25 - 44	4
			45 - 64	21
			65+	89

Other worship services:	Type of service (evening, lunchtime, local care home, etc.)	Total attending	Ave. age
Prayer Tree	Once a month following worship	20	70
Informal Communions	Eight times a year in months in which there is no formal communions	35	70
Home Communions	Communion on an individual basis to those unable to come to church	6	85
Special Communion	Communion for housebound who are brought to church for a special service	30	80
Blue Service	Pre Christmas *Covers bereaved, lonely, isolated etc	40	*N/A
Messy Church	Friday afternoons eight times a year	40 children+ accompanying adults (30)	Children 7 (Adults 45)

3.2 Fellowship

Number on Communion Roll at 31 December:	2012 -	592	Current age profile of members (approximate): Figures based on communion roll as at 31st July.	16 - 24	-
	2011 -	625		25 - 44	32
	2010 -	648		45 - 64	135
	2009 -	686		65+	416
	2008 -	703			

3.3 Service

	Male	Female	Average age
Elders	20	21	73
Board Members or Deacons' Court (if appropriate)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Staff member details other than minister (associate minister, secretary, youth worker, etc.)	Secretary } Organist } Church Cleaner } All Part-time Halls' Caretaker } Halls' Cleaner }		
How many baptisms per annum?	2012 -	8	
	2011 -	13	
	2010 -	4	
	2009 -	10	
	2008 -	12	
How many weddings per annum?	2012 -	6	
	2011 -	5	
	2010 -	13	
	2009 -	8	
	2008 -	7	
How many funerals per annum?	2012 -	45	
	2011 -	44	
	2010 -	35	

	2009 -	45
	2008 -	34
Please tell us about specific demands of your situation (exceptional number of funerals, Chaplaincies, etc.) and ways of sharing responsibilities.	Chaplain to two local Primary Schools and also of Woodlands School which provides personalised education for secondary-aged learners with a wide range of learning disabilities. Also member of the team of chaplains serving Currie Community High School. Funeral cover/assistance provided by retired Pastoral Associate (See "Your Church Today" 4.1 Page 12).	

3.4 Discipleship (Sunday School, Teens' Groups, Bible study, etc.)

Numbers involved in Christian nurture		
Children	Up to 15	64 (includes BB)
Young adults	16 - 24	6 (BB)
Adults	25+	12 (Lenten Studies)

3.5 Finance

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total income (1)	158,633	155,286	171,813	184,710	202,599
Total offerings (2)	140,518	139,053	152,426	164,668	161,071
Per capita giving (3)	200	203	235	263	272
Number of people giving under Gift Aid	445	431	439	429	414
Ministries and Mission	93,291	87,991	83,955	82,441	88,742
Balance in reserve funds See Page 8					

General Fund	48,895	47,912	55,114	55,905	60,598
Fabric Fund	18,766	26,090	25,224	25,295	25,326
Special Fund	8,033	8,044	8,052	12,056	12,056
Kirk Redevelopment Fund	---	8,001	24,514	44,522	64,522

* These figures are taken from the Schedule of Financial Statistics completed by the Treasurer and submitted to the Stewardship and Finance Department.

Note 1 - Total income includes Total Offerings together with income from annual sales of work, donations from organisations plus extraordinary income used for general purposes; for example, the income from an invested legacy. Figures do not include income from restricted funds, legacies, general trustees and fundraising.

Note 2 - Total offerings includes offerings from Plate, WFO, Banker's Orders, Gift Aid, Tax recovered on Gift Aid, other donations including Gift Days, etc. (It should be the bottom line figure at end of part 1 of the Financial Schedule)

Note 3 - Per capita giving is total offerings divided by membership roll plus adherents.

Note 4 - Figures for Gift Aid to include spouse members - a couple equals 2 Gift Aid givers.

