

East Neuk Trinity linked with St Monans

Our linked charge is set in the beautiful location of the East Neuk of Fife. Our congregations were linked in July 2017 and we are at an exciting stage in our spiritual journey. We are working together towards being fruitful in the communities of Elie, Kilconquhar, Colinsburgh and St Monans.



We have found a new minister who will:

- ❖ Inspire us in worship
- ❖ Help us serve our communities
- ❖ Provide strong and positive leadership
- ❖ Teach us how to spread the Gospel
- ❖ Have faith exploration and friendship at the heart of their ministry

We have recently purchased a new house in Anstruther for use as our manse.



This is an unrestricted call. The Parish Profiles for East Neuk Trinity is [here](#) and that of St Monans is [here](#).

We are not departing from the traditional position regarding ministers in civil partnerships and same sex marriage.

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East Neuk Trinity Parish Profile

Our Mission - *to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in our parish and beyond.*

East Neuk Trinity Church is enjoying the fresh, new opportunities for fellowship and joint ventures, including joint services, presented by the recent linkage with St Monans. We are also actively involved in the worship and fellowship activities within the East Neuk Gateway Cluster of St Andrews Presbytery.

There is a real desire for the church to be at the core of everyone's life in our community.

Our Worship

Worship is held weekly on a Sunday morning at 11.00. On 1st and 3rd Sundays the service is in Elie, and on 2nd and 4th Sundays in Kilconquhar. In those months with 5 Sundays the Sunday worship is in Colinsburgh Town Hall. Communion is celebrated 4 times a year and in Easter Week on Maundy Thursday. Our worship style is mainly but not exclusively, traditional. We use CH4 and can offer digital projection in Kilconquhar Church and in Colinsburgh Town Hall where we can offer café style church. Children are welcomed at every service. We have 2 organists who lead a strong choir. Since the linkage with St Monans both organists have also been contracted there.

We run an annual Lent course which is supported by the congregation of St Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church in Elie with whom we have a good ecumenical relationship through the Lent course, Easter week services, Christian Aid and Advent services.

Increasingly opportunities are taken to hold cluster worship and fellowship. For example, Easter Week saw a pilgrimage to a service each night in a different church. Cluster Advent services are well received and very much enjoyed.

Our Parish

Our three villages are set in beautiful farming countryside and coastal scenery. They are largely residential offering a good quality of life.

Colinsburgh and Elie each has a primary school, which share a Headteacher. Secondary school pupils are bussed to the new school and community campus at the Waid Academy in Anstruther.



In Colinsburgh there is a corner shop, petrol station/shop, community library, and golf course. Elie has a hairdresser, chemist, doctor's surgery, gift shops, Deli, paper shop, cafes, library, golf course, sports club, award winning beach and water sports centre. There is a good bus service through each of the villages connecting them with St Andrews, Leven and beyond.

- We have two church buildings and a church hall.
- We employ a church secretary and a treasurer.

East Neuk Trinity

We pray for a minister who has deep faith, vision and drive and who will inspire our friendly and hardworking congregation to grow in faith and to love and serve the Lord.

Challenges

- Our ageing profile and lack of young people in church.
- To continue to be an invitational Church, accessible to all, friendly and inclusive, deepening the fellowship between our members and with our fellow congregation at St Monans.
- To be the Church at the heart of our 3 communities every day.
- To attract new members and encourage increasing involvement of existing members of all age groups.

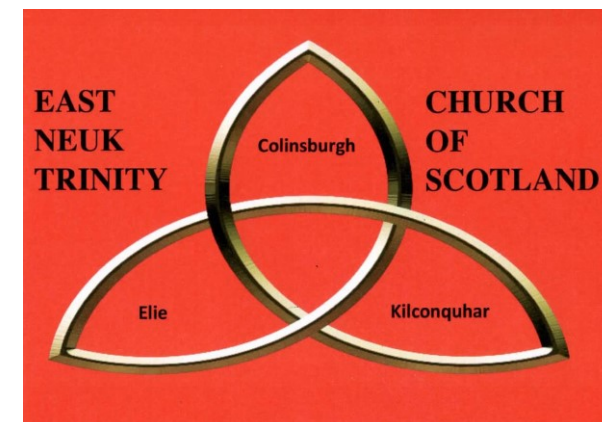
Opportunities

- To connect with people of all ages in our villages, not just on a Sunday.
- Shape our Team Structure and more effectively bring out the gifts in our congregation through collaborative working.
- Working closely with our linked congregation and across the cluster structure.
- Reappraisal of our buildings to develop spaces suitable for effective mission across the parish.

Please look at our Website: www.eastneuktrinity.org.uk This contains our most up to date Accounts.



Flavour of our Church life



The Life of East Neuk Trinity

23 Elders / Unitary Constitution / 6 teams

Active Christianity

Foodbank, Mwandi Mission Support, Guild, Women's Group, Christian Aid, Other charities, Church family events.

Learning

Exploring Christianity and Moving on Courses, Conference and workshop participation, Church Library, Weekly and monthly Bible Studies, Lent Course.

Praise

Participation in worship, Café church, Prayer Group, Team Services.

Families

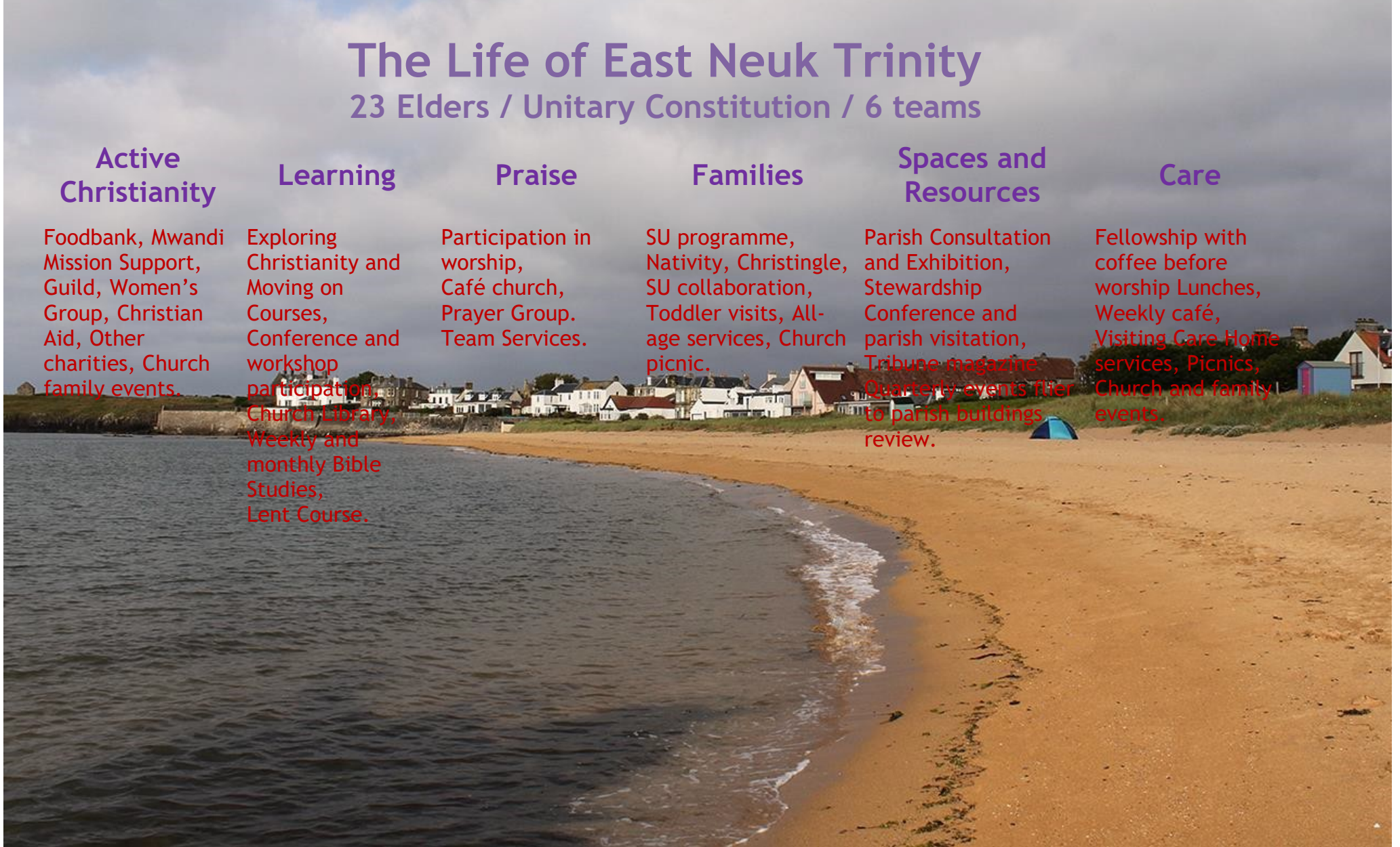
SU programme, Nativity, Christingle, SU collaboration, Toddler visits, All-age services, Church picnic.

Spaces and Resources

Parish Consultation and Exhibition, Stewardship Conference and parish visitation, Tribune magazine Quarterly events flier to parish buildings review.

Care

Fellowship with coffee before worship Lunches, Weekly café, Visiting Care Home services, Picnics, Church and family events.



St Monans Parish Church

Parish Profile

We, the congregation of St Monans Parish Church, would like to thank you for taking the time to find out a little about us. We hope this Parish Profile gives you a feel for the life and work of our congregation. Following our vacancy, we are seeking a new minister who will

- *provide positive leadership*
- *motivate us by his/her preaching and pastoral care*
- *lead and teach the congregation*
- *be approachable and open with us*

Why not visit us on the web at: www.stmonanschurch.org.uk

History of the Charge

The parish comprises St. Monans, a former fishing and boat-building village in the beautiful East Neuk of Fife and just inland, the farming community of Abercrombie. It is part of the Presbytery of St Andrews. We have now been given permission to call a Minister on an unrestricted tenure.

St Monans formally adopted a unitary constitution in November 2017. It is now linked with East Neuk Trinity. Our vision is to inspire everyone with the Good News of Jesus Christ. To realise this, we work with our local community to provide opportunities for worship, Christian education and pastoral care.

Church membership in St Monans is presently 244 with 4 adherents. During 2018, three baptisms, five wedding and six funeral services were undertaken. In 2018, we admitted five new members to our congregation.

The average weekly attendance at church service is between 50-60. 'Sunday School on a Wednesday' caters for our primary school youngsters. The majority of regular attenders are, like many other

parishes, middle-aged and seniors. During the summer months, the numbers attending the service increases with short-term visitors to the area.

Our Kirk Session

The Kirk Session in St. Monans has twelve members, of which six are female and six are male. Two new members were admitted in February 2018. Session meets four times per year and has three teams to help in its work. These include the Ministry team, Outreach and the Resources team.

The Guild

The Guild is very popular within St Monans and meets weekly from October to March and has a membership of around thirty.



Congregational involvement within the community

The Church is an important part of St Monans life and both Elders and members are active in the community. Various activities are held in the Church hall including the International Food Festival, Community choir concerts and the St Monans Arts Festival. The Church also is involved in the traditional annual Sea Queen Day.

Church Newsletter

Our Church newsletter, 'Loaves and Fishes', is produced three times per year and is distributed free to every household in St. Monans and

Abercrombie. It is produced by volunteers and details church news and events. It also highlights important community events.

Community profile

Using the 2011 Census figures, the villages of St Monans and Abercrombie have a combined population of over 1300. 71% of those of working age (ie 16 -74) are considered as economically active. 18% of our community is either at preschool, primary or secondary and 22% of the community is over 65 years old.

Wholesale and retail trade (including fishing), is a major source of employment within the parish and tourism is important, as is farming. Many people are employed in Health and Social work activities and in education.

There is an exceptional nursery and primary school within St. Monans and secondary education is provided at the Waid Academy in Anstruther or at Madras College in St. Andrews.

There are first rate GP surgeries in Elie, Pittenweem and Anstruther. The nearest hospitals are in St. Andrews, Dundee, and Kirkcaldy.

Further information on our community can be found at: <http://www.stmonans.org.uk/>

Worship Life

Weekly services of worship are held in St. Monans at 9.30am. These are contemporary in nature and include a children's address. Members of the congregation will lead in prayer as well as provide readings from scripture.

Music is an important part of our weekly worship and we are fortunate in having a well-maintained organ and two part time organists who lead the small church choir. We principally use CH4. The sacrament of communion is held twice a year in Church. During Holy Week, we have services every day and communion on Maundy Thursday. Those who are unable to get to Church to take communion are offered communion in their home.

Last year we successfully experimented with holding worship in our Church hall as this provides easier access for the frail and wheelchair users.

A monthly worship service, organized by members of the Church, is also held in Abercrombie Court, the local sheltered housing complex. This is led by a member of the congregation.



Pastoral Care

Elders make regular visits in their districts but, in addition, we also have teams of pastoral visitors who make regular visits to housebound parishioners.

East Neuk Gateway Cluster

East Neuk Gateway Cluster consists of Largo Parish Church, Largoward Church, East Neuk Trinity and St Monans. The Cluster was formed three years ago and meets approximately four times a year. We have organized combined Advent and Holy Week services, each church taking in turn to host the Advent service.

Christian Education

Formal Christian education for young people is undertaken on a Wednesday afternoon following school and has proven to be a great success. At our “Sunday School on a Wednesday”, held in the church hall, the children enjoy traditional Bible stories, songs and craft activities. Each week, we average an attendance of between twelve and sixteen children.



Our church has a close link with the local primary school. School services are held in church and the nursery children come each year to find out about our church.

The House Group in St. Monans has fourteen adult members and meets fortnightly for Bible study, discussion and prayer. It is expertly led and has included members from adjoining congregations. In 2018, we held joint courses with East Neuk Trinity, exploring Christianity and Discipleship.

World Church

The congregation plays an active part in supporting the work of Christian Aid, through various fundraising activities.

For several years, we have successfully operated a monthly Fairtrade stall in the Church. Occasionally, our small band of volunteers will also set up the stall at other community events throughout the year.

Stewardship and Finance

A copy of the latest Church accounts is available on request.

Church, Manse and Halls

Our historic ‘Auld kirk by the Sea’ at the west end of St Monans and right on the shore, is very close to the works designed to protect it from the sea.

From April through to October, the Church is open from 10am to 5pm and is much appreciated by the many visitors who pass directly by as they walk along the Fife Coastal path.



We also have a large Church hall with a stage. It is used regularly by various community groups for meetings and activities.

With East Neuk Trinity parish, we have recently secured a new build manse in Anstruther, 5 km from the parish church.

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