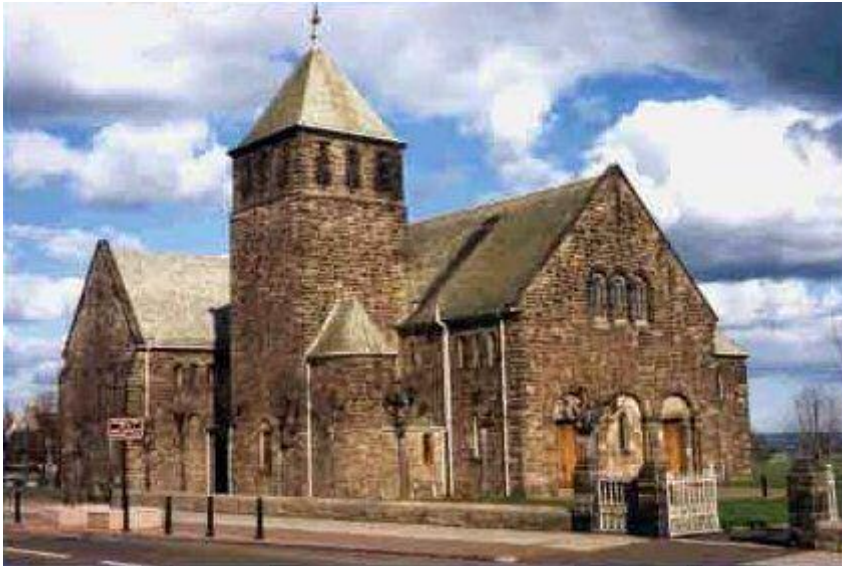


**METHIL PARISH CHURCH IN DEFERRED UNION WITH INNERLEVEN EAST CHURCH.
UNRESTRICTED CALL.**

GENERAL



The town of Methil is situated on the Fife coast seventeen miles from St. Andrews. Edinburgh is less than one hour's drive and Glasgow is one and a quarter hour's journey by car. Going north from Methil the highlands of Scotland can be reached in two hours.

Methil has a number of attractive amenities. There are parks, sports grounds and a leisure complex in Leven. Eight miles away is the Adam Smith Centre and Theatre in Kirkcaldy.

THE CHURCH BUILDING



The Church building is an attractive one - both inside and outside.

Worship is at 11.00am on Sunday mornings and is a mixture of the traditional and the more modern approach. Family services are held on a regular basis. Approximately 100 people attend worship each Sunday and this number has remained steady throughout the vacancy.

THE PARISH

Methil Parish has an overall population of 6500 whilst the total number of houses are 3000 of which there are 160 sheltered or residential. Innerleven East Parish is approximately half the size of Methil Parish. Methil is an area of high unemployment due to the closure of the coal mining industry and heavy engineering works.

The population is more than 50% in the older age bracket, but there are a considerable number of young adults and children. New houses have been built in the Parish and this affords the opportunity for outreach.

There are a number of un-churched youth in the area - again opportunities present themselves for outreach. Although there are no schools in the Parish ministers have in the past been part of a chaplaincy team for local secondary and primary schools. It would be good if this link could be re-opened.

THE MANSE



The manse is a modern bungalow situated one mile from the church building. It has three bedrooms which may not suit someone with a large family. If this proves to be the case then the manse would be sold and a suitable house purchased within the area.

ACTIVITIES

The Office Bearers are able and willing to shoulder a lot of the day to day responsibility of the running of the church. For example -

A Prayer Group takes place every Sunday morning led by one of the elders.

The Pastoral Care Group undertakes visits to the house-bound and also visits to those in hospital long term.

A trained team run Tuesday Tuck providing lunches and fellowship for people in the Parish.

A team of lay people conduct services as part of a rota in the local hospital.

A Banner Group use their talents to enhance the church with the fruits of their labours.



FELLOWSHIP

The congregation is friendly and forward looking and open to change. The congregation is led by a Kirk Session who have worked together during two short ministries and two long vacancies in the last ten years.

Methil is a community where people work together and socialise together. Concerts and other functions are held in the Church Hall. The manse family have, in the past, been very much part of that scene. It is hoped that this can continue.



THE CHARGE

Methil Parish Church is in deferred union with Innerleven East Church. The minister would in the first instance become the minister of Methil Parish Church and then minister of the united charge when the present minister of Innerleven East Church demits or retires. If this does not happen within a period of five years then the Presbytery have resolved to look again at the situation.

The Office Bearers' wish is to be led by a minister who can share their vision of working together to benefit the congregation and the parish and thereby spreading the Good News to others.

Interested in this vacant charge?

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