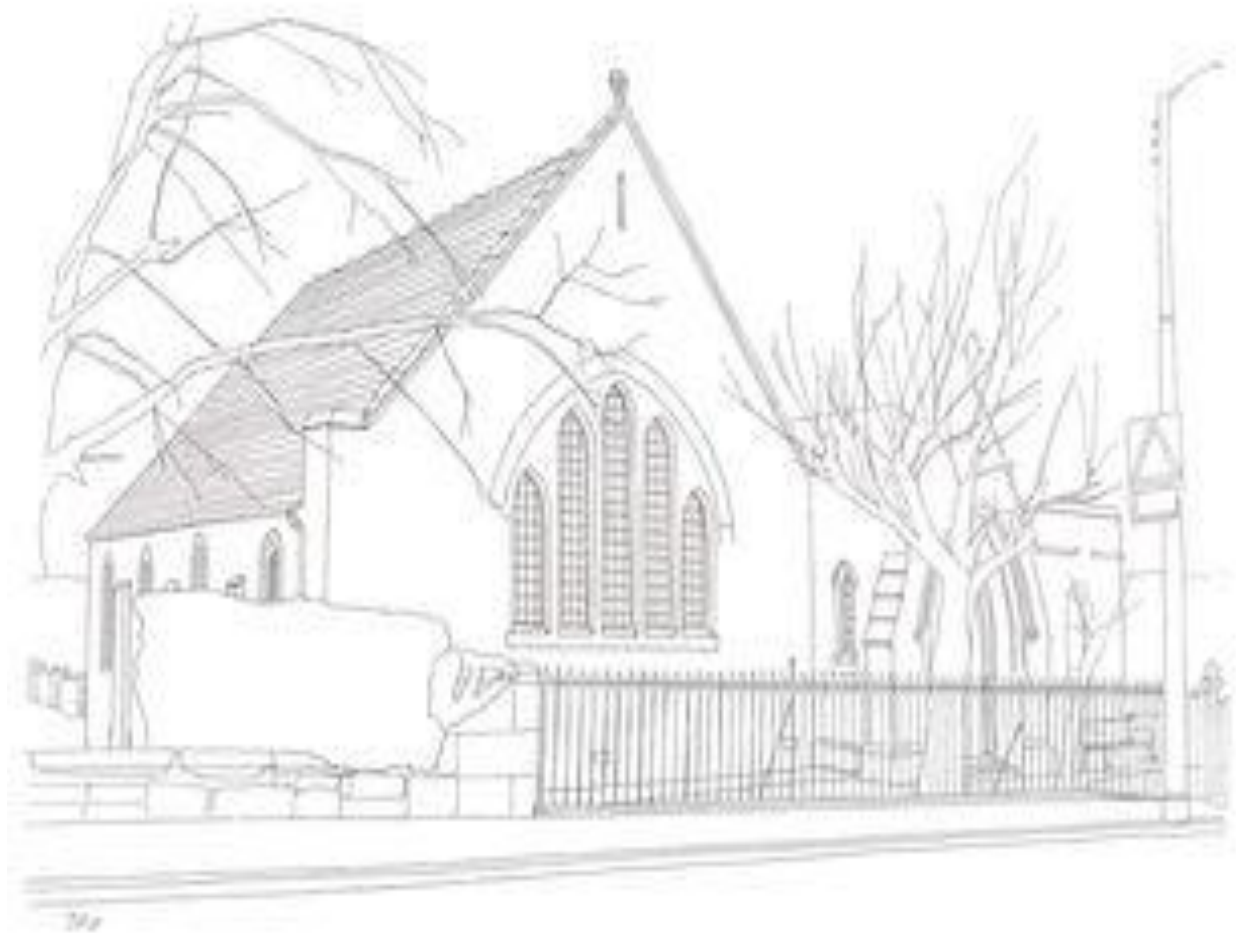


ST. CUTHBERT'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH CAMBUSLANG

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

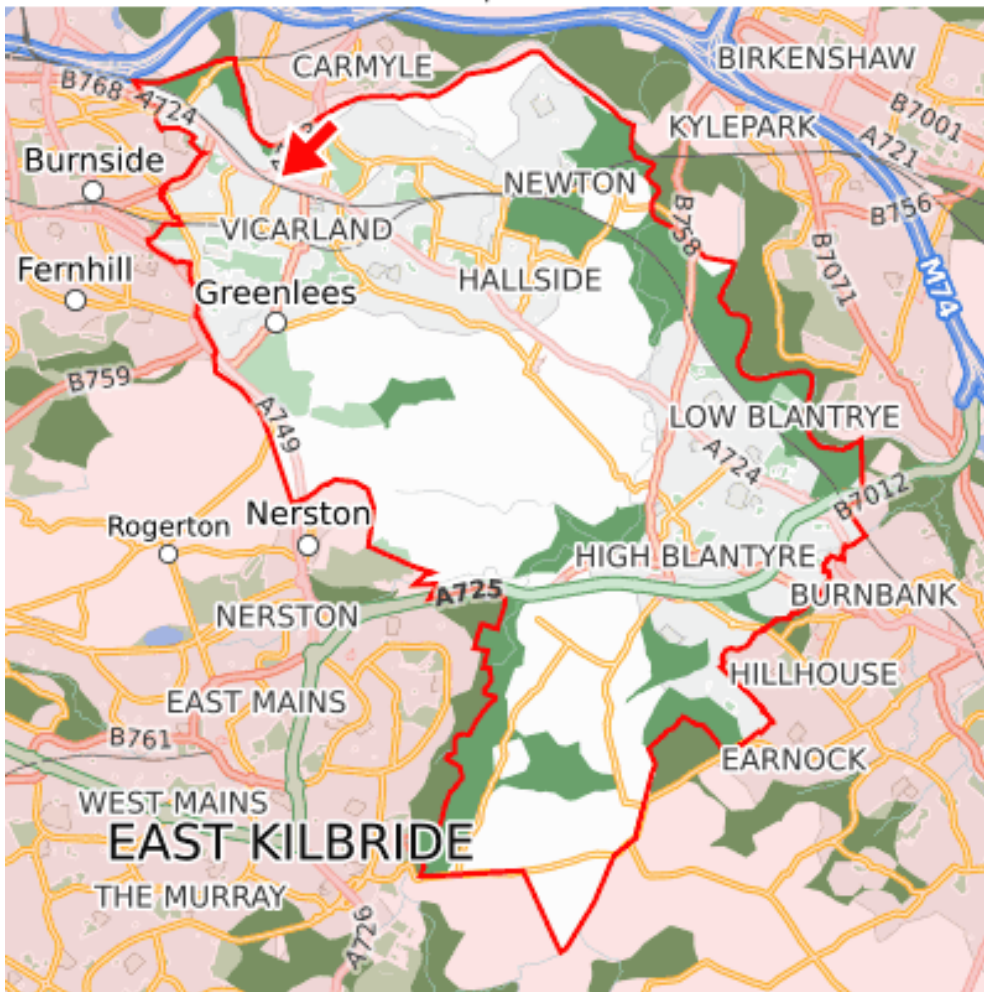


District:

Cambuslang, once regarded as the biggest village in Scotland is situated 6 miles to the southeast of Greater Glasgow. It now has a population of some 50,000 and there are ongoing housing developments all around.

Transport links to Glasgow, Edinburgh (via M8), The North (via M80), The South (via M74), the Clyde coast (via M8 west and M77) are very easy. There are also two train stations within easy walking distance. These take you to Glasgow in one direction and Edinburgh in the other.

Map showing the position of Cambuslang within the G72 postcode district



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Local primary and secondary schools are within walking distance from the church and fee-paying schools are available in Glasgow and Hamilton. Pre-school nurseries are easily accessed. Shopping is easy with small shops and supermarkets (Morrisons, Aldi, & Lidl) are all local and Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury and a Marks and Spencer Food Hall are a short drive away.

Relaxation is covered by golf and tennis clubs, bowling greens, and walking in the local countryside and recently refurbished Cambuslang Park. Slightly more distant is Strathclyde Park in Motherwell; Cinemas are available in Glasgow, East Kilbride, Coatbridge, and Hamilton.

St. Cuthbert's History:

The present church was opened in 1909. In 1870 Episcopal worship returned to the area with the founding of steel works (now closed) in the Hallside area. Many of the workers came from Wales and St Columba's Church was built there for them. Cambuslang itself became more residential and a hall dedicated to St Cuthbert was built in the Busheyhill area. Later, ground was made available by the Duke of Hamilton in Brownsie Road for the building of a Mission Hall, now the current church. St Columba's and St Cuthbert's worked together but in 1926, they were separated and St Columba's came under St Mary's, Hamilton and St Cuthbert's under St Margaret's, Newlands. Over time, the viability of the area resulted in the congregations of St Columba's and St Cuthbert's uniting in 1961. St Stephen's, Rutherglen closed in the early 1960's and many of that congregation joined St Cuthbert's which became an incumbency in 1970. In 1976, St Cuthbert's was linked with St Andrew's, Uddingston. This linkage continued until 2016 when we linked with St Mark's, East Kilbride until our present vacancy.

Property:

The church in Cambuslang is a stone building which seats about 80 and is connected to a large hall now used by the nursery from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday. There is a large enclosed garden now taken over by the nursery. Unfortunately, as there is only one door into the church, we cannot use the church during the day when the nursery is in. The use of the hall by the nursery keeps us financially viable.

Congregation:

We are a small elderly congregation who meet regularly at 9.30 am every Sunday for a Eucharist. We are welcoming, friendly people most of whom live locally. At the moment we do not have a Sunday School but one of our members is organising 'Messy Church' to which her grandchildren and their friends and parents are invited to introduce them to 'church'. A small increase has been seen recently with children connected to the nursery coming.

Members of the congregation take part in the services welcoming others, doing readings, leading intercessions and being chalice bearers. Tea and coffee is available after the service.

When we are part of a 'linkage' we take part in joint services on special occasions like Christmas and Easter and Patronal Festivals.

Vestry meetings, coffee times and other non-Sunday activities may take place in private houses. We have one house-bound member just now.

The Pandemic, of course, ended social gatherings in church. However, we now feel able to start these again.

During the Covid lockdown, our previous rector broadcast his Sunday and week-day services on Facebook. These were broadcast not only to members of the two congregations but to a wider audience. We still have the equipment to continue this if wished.

Ecumenical Links:

These links are not as good as they used to be due to changes in clergy etc. In recent years, the Church of Scotland has amalgamated three churches into one and the Baptist Church has been sold to our Romanian population. There are two Roman Catholic churches and a second Church of Scotland in the area. Over time several other worshipping communities have closed. However, we continue to meet ecumenically for the major festivals during the year.

Local churches and individuals support a 'Reachout' worker to work with the young people in the area's schools and churches. This work is in conjunction with Scripture Union and involves many volunteers.

Financial Viability

Members of the congregation are very generous regarding the upkeep of the church. However, we are a very small congregation and are therefore unable to bear the cost of a full-time priest.

Our hall is let to a full-time nursery which produces income of £15,000 per year. We are therefore able to afford a share of a priest. Since 2016 we have shared the cost of a rector with St. Mark's, East Kilbride, paying one-third of the stipend and expenses. This was based on the size of the respective congregations.

The letting of the hall to the nursery has made us solvent and we have been able to save funds and also to contribute to the Diocese by way of quota. In addition, we no longer have the expense of a rectory. The rectory was sold to the Diocese in 2021 and the proceeds are being 'ring-fenced' for our use for repairs and

refurbishment in the future. We have a large repair coming up but this will be covered by the rectory proceeds.

While some congregations suffered during lockdown due to being unable to let halls etc., we did not because the nursery remained open apart from a few months and the congregation continued to support the church through standing orders etc.

A copy of the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022 is attached. The previous accounts show the following surpluses/deficit:

	Surplus/ (deficit)
Year ended 30 September 2017	(£13,281.34)
Year ended 30 September 2018	£2,993.87
Year ended 30 September 2019	£2,049.32
Year ended 30 September 2020	£3,506.21
Year ended 30 September 2021	£7,718.56

The deficit in 2017 was due to various reasons e.g. setting up the licence agreement with the nursery (3 Bears); necessary works to the church hall to accommodate the nursery; roof repairs and re-decorating the rectory in preparation for letting.

In 2020, the Diocese took over the rectory and so from this time we have not had the expense of a rectory.

Financial Assessment

Even with the income from the nursery, we are unable to cover the cost of a full stipend, expenses, pension etc. However, we are used to sharing a priest and can afford to pay for a share of a priest.

Our running costs are more than covered thanks to the income from the nursery and congregational giving.

Once we have a share of a rector, provided that we still have the nursery, we will be able to cover this cost. The nursery seems to be happy using our premises and, as far as we are aware, has no intention of leaving.

In addition, we have the proceeds of the sale of the old rectory so there are funds available to cover future major repairs or building works on site.