

St Mark's Scottish Episcopal Church

Telford Road, The Murray, East Kilbride, G75 0HN Scottish Charity No SC002244



Congregational Profile

St Mark's is a Charge in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway of the Scottish Episcopal Church. We are part of the Lanarkshire Region of the diocese, and we are located southwest of Glasgow as shown on the map of the diocese below.

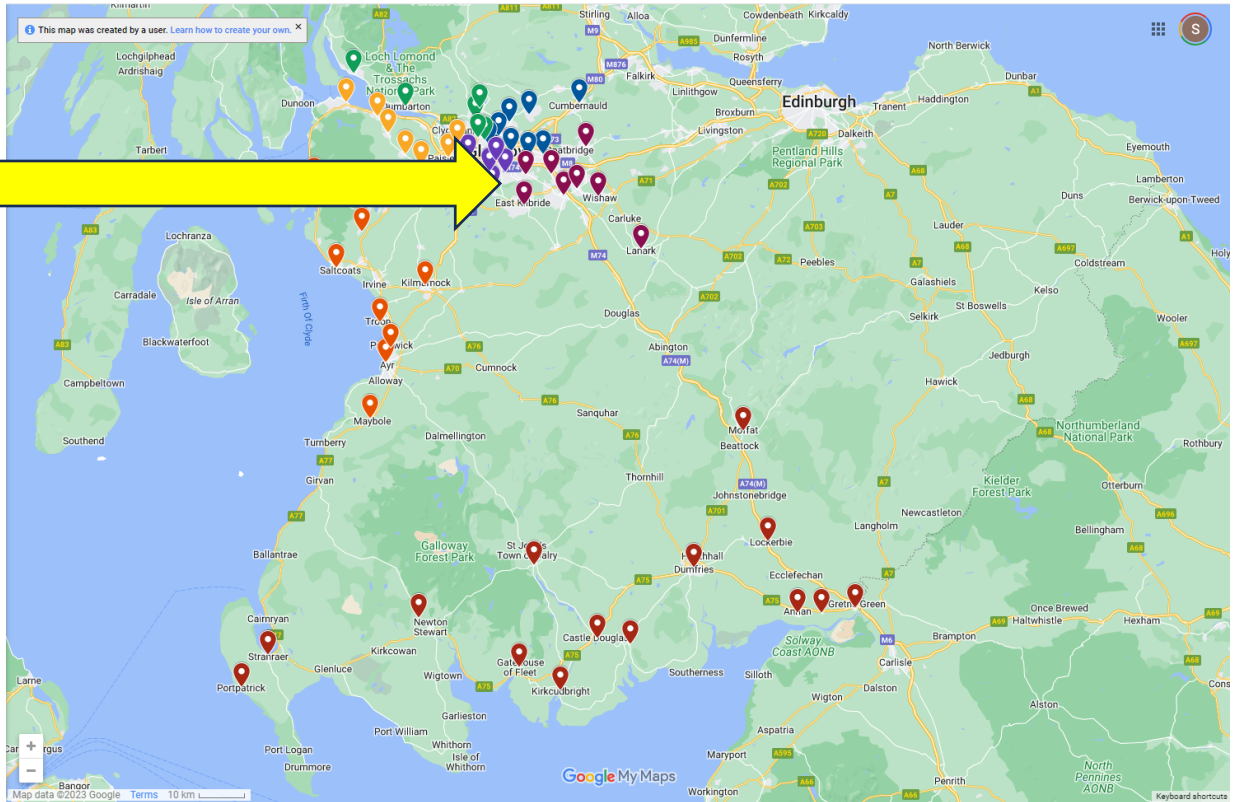
We are part of the Anglican Communion and the Scottish Episcopal Church forms the Scottish Province of the Communion made up of seven dioceses. Full details of the province may be found on the provincial website www.scotland.anglican.org

The SEC is completely independent of the Church of England in the same way that the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland both are. We are governed by a Diocesan Synod that meets once a year and a General Synod which meets each June.

Locally the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway is split into seven Regions, and we are a part of the Lanarkshire Region. To explore the diocesan map further please visit bit.ly/MapGG where all Charges in the diocese can be referenced. The Scottish Episcopal Church is broadly liberal-catholic and eucharistic in its spiritual expression of our discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Each Charge in the SEC is run by a Vestry which has its own Constitution and is an independent Charity which needs to file annual financial returns to OSCR. For more details on the Charitable status of our Charges please see the OSCR website <https://www.oscr.org.uk/>

St Mark's

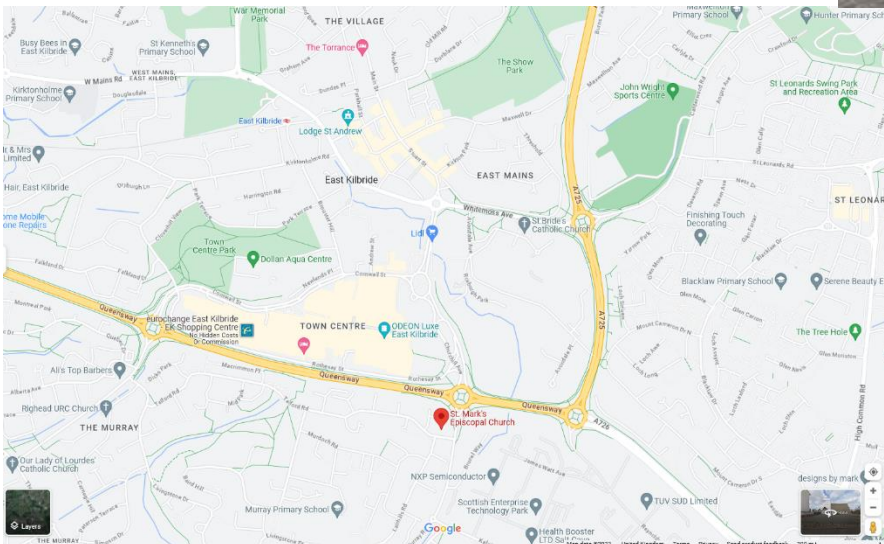


St Mark's Church is a landmark building situated in East Kilbride, not far from the original village.

In the 1950s the town was developed into a 'New Town' which became the 6th largest town in the country, developed around a central shopping and office area.

Although East Kilbride has a Glasgow postcode it is in the county of South Lanarkshire.

It has a population of about 76,000 and is much larger than its nearest towns of Chapelton and Strathaven.



It is the only Episcopal Church for about 96,000 people.

The church is close to the town centre and the bus station.

Several bus routes go past or near the church.

East Kilbride Train Station is the terminal line from Glasgow.

It takes about 30 minutes to the city.

The Rectory is within walking distance to the church.

History – please also view our video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYCI7MRBhK0>

Our Mother church is St Aidan's in Clarkston, about 9 miles away.

St Mark's forms part of *The Murray Council of Churches*. The others are in the South Parish Church, the United Reformed Church, and the Salvation Army. We have held occasional joint services. In St Mark's we have held ecumenical services during the "The World Day of Prayer" and "Holy Week." In the past we have tried to "Spread the Word" by doing leaflet drops and running Alpha Courses". More recently one of our new younger members has stated running a "Daisy Chain group" for toddlers and tots on a Tuesday morning. This has attracted many members and non-church members and continues to grow.

The Local Area

East Kilbride, situated in South Lanarkshire, Scotland, is a town that beautifully blends a rich history with modern living. It stands as one of Scotland's largest towns, known for its unique characteristics and contributions to the nation's cultural and industrial heritage.

East Kilbride boasts a history dating back to the 12th century when it was a small village. The town's expansion accelerated in the mid-20th century when it became a designated 'New Town' under the post-war development program. This led to the creation of a carefully planned town centre and numerous residential areas, reflecting a remarkable mix of architecture.



One of the town's prominent features is the abundance of green spaces and parks, including Calderglen Country Park, which provides a serene escape for residents and visitors alike. East Kilbride is also home to The Village, where you can explore historical sites like the National Museum of Rural Life and experience the town's unique heritage.

The town is known for its shopping opportunities, with the East Kilbride Shopping Centre offering a wide array of shops, restaurants, and entertainment options. Additionally, East Kilbride plays a significant role in the local economy, with several industries, including manufacturing and technology, providing employment opportunities.

Overall, East Kilbride stands as a dynamic town that celebrates its history, while embracing modernity, making it an appealing destination for both residents and tourists.



St Mark's Church life

In the video you can see details of the church life and how the church site is used by the local community groups and the congregational life as we seek to bear witness to God in Christ Jesus throughout the year.

Bricks without Straw

Bishop Kevin's invitation to all Charges to present themselves to him in 2023 in the post-pandemic period, was an invitation to present their spiritual, missional and financial reality. During this time of vacancy, the Vestry were unable to complete this process and the following paragraphs describe something of the reality of our Charge life here in 2023.

Spiritual life

The spiritual life of the Charge is sustained through our Sunday Sung Eucharist Service which is held at 11.00am and we have a shorter said Eucharist service on Wednesday at 10.30am.

At all worship we follow the Revised Common Lectionary readings and the liturgical year as set out in the SEC Calendar.



Inside St Mark's is a modern and beautifully kept building being used extensively throughout the week.



There is a history of congregation members being involved in the Cursillo movement and their Christian faith and discipleship has been developed and sustained by the spiritual life that they have developed through engagement with Cursillo fellowship, events, and weekends. The strengthening of the spiritual life of all involved in St Mark's is a significant feature of the work of the next priest who will lead the charge into a new chapter of ministry and mission in East Kilbride.



Community life

There is an active connection of the local community groups with the St Mark's site. The very well-appointed facilities make it a sought-after venue for groups seeking a safe and comfortable meeting space at very reasonable prices. The video shows how St Mark's premises are used throughout the week by several different organisations holding classes including Karate, Zumba, regular Quiz nights, Burns Supper in January, and a Ceilidh 3 or 4 times a year. We will, hopefully be restarting our Thursday Lunch Club. More details can be seen in the video to accompany this profile document.



Missional life

A variety of outreach activities have been tried over the years to try and help St Mark's engage and connect with the local community. Now that we are in the new post-pandemic era there is a need to try and reconnect with the area of East Kilbride. The next priest will need to have an active desire to help St Mark's grow and connect with the people and households living nearby

and in the local area. The population is such that many different community and spiritual groups could be started and encouraged by the Vestry and the new priest, so we are aware that we need help in carrying out some missional planning to select where to use our energies and resources.

The Vestry is aware of the need to have a strategy and a plan for outreach and mission and the need for good inclusive leadership to achieve this is vital in the next priestly appointment the vestry makes.

Financial life

Accompanying this profile are a set of accounts submitted to OSCR for 2022-2023 which give an up-to-date picture of the financial health of the Charge.

St Mark's does not have historic investments and the new priest will need to be willing to help address issues of fund raising for the life of the Charge. The video contains details of the grant support we have applied for to sustain the life of the Charge and the Diocese helps the Charge to provide the standard Stipend to the Priest appointed (currently £32,988/pa plus a non-contributory pension scheme). The Charge is grateful to the Diocese of the Ministry Support Grant we are currently receiving. When the Charge reaches a stage such that it can be financially independent the Bishop would be in a Canonical position to elevate the Priest-in-Charge to be made a Rector.

The Rectory House

A full tour of the Rectory house can be seen in the video.

Water Rates and Council Tax are paid by the Vestry, as are all repairs and maintenance costs. The house is carpeted and curtained throughout. All removal costs to take up a new post are paid by the vestry.



Our Next Priest

The Vestry knows that it needs some good leadership. A priest who will get to know the vestry and church members and help to utilize the skill base that already exists, as well as develop what is needed to create the next chapter in the Charge's ministry and mission.

With so many people in the area served by St Mark's, the next priest will need to have good clear communications skills which will help the current congregation to understand the work to be done and the growth that can be achieved.

Like many Charges after a vacancy much loving and learning together will be necessary to help grow the church at St Mark's as well as allow the new priest to share of themselves as people get to know them.

The Charge is in need of good communication channels with the wider community, through updates to the website and utilization of social media channels. These would be good skills for the next priest to bring to the role of Priest-in-Charge. At the moment, the Charge does not have any online worship, prayer or study offerings.

With a history of good ecumenical relationships, the next priest will need to have a mindset which looks to work with ecumenical partners and develop new ways in engaging in building relationships. This is particularly important with so many changes in church leadership during the last few years. It would be good to see church leaders meeting and sharing together to bring a renewed confidence in Christ to the area of East Kilbride.

Supporting a new priest in ministry is an important facet of the Vestries' work. Along with the Diocesan "Fresh Start" group, for your first 18 months in office, each year the Vestry will budget to provide finances to help you study, keep abreast with national & world church life and developments, as well as attendance to training events and retreats. The Diocesan Pastoral Supervision Network is a valuable resource which has been developed to help clergy in their posts as they plan and discern where God is calling them to grow their ministry. Each priest also has a Diocesan Clergy Learning Account which is credited with 1% of stipend which can be drawn down to support ongoing training and development.

Since 2017 under the revision to the Canon 31 Marriage Regulations, priests have been able to register to officiate at same-sex marriages. This is carried out following the Guidelines from the

House of Bishops and signed off by the Bishop for each priest making an application. Vestries similarly are required to decide to host such marriages in their buildings.

In the SEC, there is no system to debar the ministry of women priests and all Anglican priests are welcome to apply for all posts irrespective of gender, sexuality, or gender-identity. The SEC seeks to be an explicitly inclusive church community where people of differing convictions can worship together seeking the guidance of God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your invitation to explore ministry with us in East Kilbride

In these few pages, and with our accompanying video, we hope that the Holy Spirit has inspired you to explore further ministry in East Kilbride. We look forward to receiving your application for the post of Priest-in-Charge for 3 years as we look for the next priest to help shape and form the next chapter of mission and ministry here in East Kilbride.

All first stage interviews are carried out by Zoom and a chosen Preferred Candidate will be invited to make a three day visit (costs met in full by the vestry) to visit the Charge and meet the Vestry.

If an offer of the Post of Priest-in-Charge for 3 years is made it will be subject to satisfactory References and PVG Clearance (Safeguarding) in accordance with Scottish law.

Bishop Kevin and Dean Reuben are very happy to have an informal conversation with you about this post. Please contact them directly on bishop@glasgow.anglican.org or dean@glasgow.anglican.org

Thank you for reading our profile. Come and meet us!



The Scottish Episcopal Church

Here are some links to help you discover and research further into the history and spiritual life of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

St Mark's video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYCI7MRBhK0>

The Diocesan website www.glasgow.anglican.org

The Provincial website www.scotland.anglican.org

A history of the SEC can be found briefly in "A Church for Scotland - The story of the Scottish Episcopal Church" by Gerald Stranraer-Mull please see

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/about-us/history-timeline/>

The SEC Code of Canons <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/code-of-canons/>

The Clergy Terms of Service <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/vestry-resources/clergy-personnel-handbook-introduction/>

The Liturgies of the SEC <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/liturgies/>

NetZero 2030 <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/new-net-zero-toolkit-and-net-zero-cards/>

Inspire Online – monthly magazine of the SEC <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/>

Daily Prayer in the SEC <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/>

St Mark's Scottish Episcopal Church For

the Year Ended 31 August 2023

| RECEIPTS | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Congregational Giving | | |
| Open Plate | 910.21 | 1,165.77 |
| Free Will Offerings | 1,330.00 | 2,306.00 |
| Tax from gift aid | 2,470.27 | 2,727.30 |
| Tax from Small Donations scheme | 892.10 | 1,050.77 |
| Standing orders | 9,249.00 | 10,054.00 |
| | 14,851.58 | 17,303.84 |
| Donations | | |
| General | 905.00 | 1,300.00 |
| Smarties | | 50.00 |
| St Cuthbert's | | 11,000.00 |
| Donation for rectory carpets | | 300.00 |
| Diocese support | | 9,475.20 |
| | 905.00 | 22,125.20 |
| Hall Rental | | |
| Zumba | 165.00 | 571.00 |
| Gamers | 900.00 | 360.00 |
| Karate | 4,340.00 | 1,120.00 |
| Daisychain Toddlers | 218.50 | |
| Dance Group | 5,860.00 | |
| Yoga (Pauline) | 540.00 | |
| Yoga (Laura) | 80.00 | |
| Misc | 190.00 | |
| | 12,293.50 | 2,051.00 |
| Congregational Activities | | |
| Coffee Morning | 971.00 | 388.50 |
| Quiz Night | 407.00 | 187.00 |
| Magazine | 79.50 | 36.00 |
| Friendship Circle | | 286.40 |
| Ceilidh | 418.00 | 505.00 |
| Tea Money | 300.00 | 200.00 |
| | 2,175.50 | 1,602.90 |
| <u>Other</u> | | |
| Lent appeal | | 40.00 |
| Ecclesiastical Insurance roof claim | | 14,124.00 |
| Diocese contribution to roof repair | 1,800.00 | |
| Sale of knitted poppies | 6.00 | |
| Bank compensation on complaint | 50.00 | |
| | 1,856.00 | 14,164.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | <u>32,081.58</u> | <u>57,246.94</u> |

| PAYMENTS | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <u>Clergy</u> | | |
| Stipend including PAYE & NI | | 25,064.99 |
| Pension | | 8,071.00 |
| Deputising Priest | 2,054.70 | 222.30 |
| Quota | 2,713.40 | 334.20 |
| | 4,768.10 | 33,692.49 |
| <u>Church</u> | | |
| Electricity | 1,461.00 | 430.00 |
| Gas | 4,859.00 | 1,451.00 |
| Insurance | 1,101.25 | 1,030.62 |
| Viridor/Biffa Waste | 302.40 | 266.21 |
| Gardening | 1,342.80 | 1,209.60 |
| General repairs | | 350.00 |
| Roof repair | | 16,104.00 |
| Paper cups | 113.96 | |
| Boiler service | 160.00 | |
| Hall wall repair | 150.00 | |
| Foyer carpet and floor repair | 790.00 | |
| Hand drier ladies toilets | 240.00 | |
| Vacancy video recording | 150.00 | |
| Paper hand towels | 79.18 | |
| Misc | 177.17 | |
| | 10,926.76 | 20,841.43 |
| <u>Rectory</u> | | |
| Council Tax | | 1,789.03 |
| Gas Maintenance | 26.28 | 363.55 |
| | 26.28 | 2,152.58 |
| <u>Other</u> | | |
| Free Will Offering Envelopes | 22.33 | 51.59 |
| Lent appeal | | 40.00 |
| Independent Examiner's gratuity | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Altar supplies | 164.69 | |
| Poppy Scotland donation | 6.00 | |
| Lunch expenses PF leaving | | 471.16 |
| | 223.02 | 592.75 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 15,944.16 | 57,279.25 |

**St Mark's Scottish Episcopal Church Accounts for
the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Opening Balance brought forward | 9,937.61 | 9,969.92 |
| Receipts | <u>32,081.58</u> | <u>57,246.94</u> |
| | 42,019.19 | 67,216.86 |
| Payments | <u>15,944.16</u> | <u>57,279.25</u> |
| Balance at 31 August 2022 | <u>26,075.03</u> | <u>9,937.61</u> |

Represented by bank balances

Current account Refurbishment
Fund account

26,075.03

26,075.03

9,937.61

9,937.61

Notes

All funds are unrestricted.
Accounts completed on cash in cash out basis with no accruals.

Approved by the Vestry on 21/9/23.