

JOIN IN ...



All of us can PRAY so to get you started here are some pointers:-

Volunteer Base to feel energised and supported

Pray for children that might consider coming to holiday club,

and for those working on advertising

For local Christians to feel able to share their faith

Perhaps your ready to **Get Involved** in some of these opportunities!

CAB Minibus; driver and outgoing folks required to pitch up, set up and have fun in the company of primary and secondary age groups

Holiday Club – still recruiting in all areas but speak to me ASAP

Developing SU groups - do you have a passion for young children hearing the stories from the bible. can you spare a lunch time? New recruits needed for two possible new groups in Echline and Dalmeny as well as support for existing Queensferry group.



Parish boundaries of Dalmeny Kirk and Queensferry Parish Church showing the adjoining Parish of Kirkliston



If Queensferry/ Dalmeny were a village of 100 people...

- 8 would be in primary school; 5 would be in high school
- 27 would be aged between 25 and 44
- 13 would be aged 65 or over
- 75 would be of working age (16-74), including
 - 13 who have no qualifications; 28 who have a University degree
 - 34 who work full time; 10 who are retired
 - 83 would describe themselves as 'White - Scottish'
 - 3 would describe their health as bad or very bad
 - 9 would be providing unpaid care

33 would say they belonged to the Church of Scotland

"Jesus was not afraid to look human need in the face, in all its ugly reality. And what he saw invariably moved him to compassion, and so to compassionate service. Sometimes, he spoke. But his compassion never dissipated itself in words; it found expression in deeds. He saw, he felt, he acted. The movement was from the eye to the heart, and from the heart to the hand. His compassion was always aroused by the sight of need, and it always led to constructive action"

John Stott

Mission CoOrdinator

Paula Cameron joined us here at Queensferry and Dalmeny in January 2013, and has a special focus on our local community, particularly children and their families. Contact via the church office 0131 3311100 or email

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Fresh Expressions



An archipelago: sometimes called an island group or island chain, is a chain, cluster or collection of islands.

eg The Orkney Isles

Back in January the Rev. Dave McCarthy, the Fresh Expressions development officer for the Church of Scotland, visited and spent time preaching and providing a seminar for those of us with an interest in fresh expressions. For those unfamiliar with the term have a look at

<https://www.freshexpressions.org.uk>

Fresh expressions develop alongside conventional expressions of church and don't intend to replace the traditional model, rather they stand alongside. Dave encouraged us with a powerful visual image when asked how our multiple congregations fit together. In describing the archipelago of Orkney (often thought of as one place) as having distinct sub-cultures and identities in each island, yet it remains collectively 'Orkney'.

Thus as an outsider observing our local situation he encouraged us to think of the relationship between the church services as an island archipelago. Whilst one may be resident on a particular island, there are causeways connecting them and people move freely island hopping between them. In doing so the islands are more connected than we realise and the congregation is mobile. This is a great model for helping us envision how our joint fresh expression of church sits alongside the longstanding traditional services. Messy Church may be an island, but a well connected one!

Over the coming months the 'island archipelago map' of Dalmeny and Queensferry will be developing as many of our expressions of church find their place on the map.

To paraphrase Lesslie Newbiggin

mission is not an added extra, it is the acid test of whether or not the church believes the gospel

As we have sought to grow WIDER, deeper and closer our mission to our local neighbours has found expression in:

- Developing links and working with local businesses
- Representation at Queensferry Ambition
- More than Gold events around the commonwealth games
- Fit for a King Holiday Club
- Penny Gospel distribution to every home in the parishes
- Growing ecumenical partnerships enabling:-
 - Alpha – The Questions of Life
 - Messy Church Queensferry, a fresh expression!
 - Messy Nativity
 - Nomad @ the High School
 - and finally the upcoming Polar Explorers holiday bible club

