Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin! 8th October 2021



We are delighted to bring you our latest newsletter filled with News, Events, Training and Funding information.

All sections have updates in this edition!

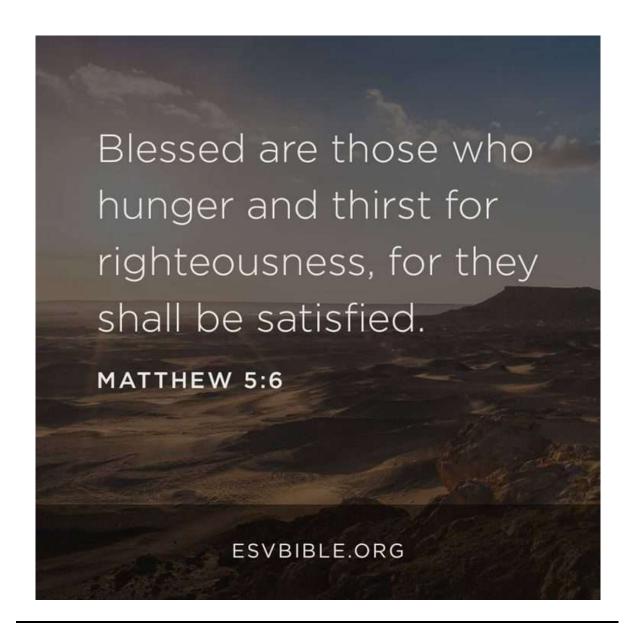
We're here to encourage and support you in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

Please email your stories, news and suggestions for our next Mission Bulletin to Lorraine via fife@churchofscotland.org.uk

Remember to follow us on <u>Facebook</u> to keep up with our latest news.

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News



Get involved: www.challengepoverty.net

#ChallengePoverty #NowIsTheTime

Challenge Poverty Week

Challenge Poverty Week is designed to show that a society without poverty is possible, and to showcase solutions we can all get behind. That's why each year, united by common values of justice and compassion, hundreds of organisations in Scotland take part in the week.

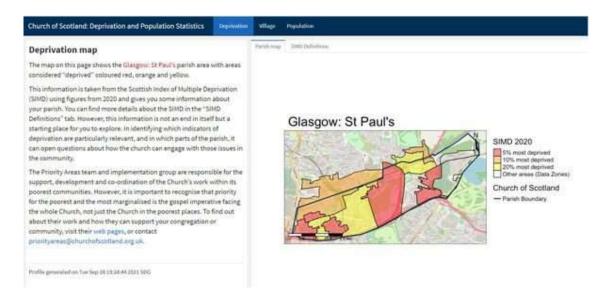
Getting involved is easy and there are lots of different ways we can make a difference. The Poverty Alliance provides all the resources you'll need to help you plan, promote and deliver your activities. You can <u>view all their resources</u>, including activity toolkits, lesson plans, letters to MPs and MSPs, and more. More graphics and suggested social media content will be shared closer to the week.

The Poverty Alliance offers meetings with any organisation, big or small, that would like to get involved - just contact suzi.murning@povertyalliance.org. Register your interest to be sent all resources directly to your inbox. Why not also add what you're planning to do to the Challenge Poverty Week activity calendar?

For more information see: https://www.challengepoverty.net/



This week is Challenge Poverty Week where we are working with The Poverty Alliance to highlight the issue of poverty and showcase solutions we can all get behind. We know that poverty exists in every parish in Scotland and so we're delighted to be launching new updated Deprivation Stats which can be accessed via Church Finder on the Church of Scotland website: https://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/church-finder/





Climate Justice — Engaging your church

Article via Faith Impact

The Church of Scotland is concerned that climate change poses a serious and immediate threat to people everywhere, particularly to the poor of the earth, and that climate change represents a failure in our stewardship of God's Creation.

In the run-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November,

we are sharing ways church groups can get involved:

- Explore the <u>Climate Sunday</u> website for ideas on holding your own service. Over 1,600 churches in Britain and Ireland have already held their own Climate Sunday services.
- How to create a climate change <u>prayer station</u>.
- Tearfund has created <u>Harvest service resources</u> relating to climate change and hunger, including films and prayers.
- The <u>Climate Emergency Toolkit</u> for Christians can guide your church through simple but powerful actions to respond to the climate emergency as part of your discipleship and worship.
- Make changes and commitments to become an eco-congregation.
- If you're based in or around Glasgow or are able to travel, you can contact Karen Wallace from Glasgow Presbytery, who can share other ways you can get involved directly with COP26 (for example, a march on Saturday 6 November, becoming a host for climate activists, volunteering with the Street Pastors, etc).

Events

Challenge Poverty Webinars



Challenge Poverty Webinars: Poverty and Climate

Dates: Wednesdays in October Time: 14:00 - 15:30 each week This year we are expanding our Challenge Poverty Week offerings and hosting webinars through the whole of October which explore the links between poverty and the COP26, the United Nations Climate Change Conference being held in Glasgow in November.

Climate and poverty are two of the greatest challenges facing the world and through these four webinars we will be looking at different ways congregations can get involved in tackling them head on. All the sessions will be facilitated by the Priority Areas staff team and involve lots of opportunity for discussion and questions.

Wednesday 13 October

This webinar will look at how we bring care for creation and desire for climate justice into our worship, including both practical resources you can use and deeper questions to consider. Our guest speakers will be Joel Payne (Resound Worship), Wendy Lloyd (Faith Communications Coordinator, Christian Aid) and David Coleman (Environmental Chaplain, Eco-Congregation Scotland).

Wednesday 20 October

This webinar will look at issues around food, with a particular focus on community food projects and how they can help address both poverty and the climate crisis. Guest speakers will include Mel Hall (Blackhill's Growing) and Jon Molyneux (Fareshare).

Wednesday 27 October

Our final webinar will focus on buildings, considering different approaches congregations can take to make sure their buildings suit the needs of their congregation and community and how to make them more sustainable. Guest speakers will include Barri Millar (General Trustees) and Scott Wham (Architect).

Fore more information and to register, see: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/challenge-poverty-webinars-poverty-and-climate-tickets



Mission in Contemporary Scotland will soon be published, and there is an online book launch with a number of excellent panellists on **14th**

October at 7.30pm.

Free tickets may be booked here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/book-launch-mission-in-contemporary-scotland-tickets-179875371077

The evening will be chaired by Martin Fair, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and will consist of readings from the book, panel responses, and a live Q&A. We will have contributions from Doug Gay of Glasgow University, Jenny Cornfield of Soul Food Edinburgh, Fred Drummond from the Evangelical Alliance and Fiona Tweedie of Brendan Research and the Church of Scotland's Research Department.

It's my hope that the book will kick-start more discussion, debate, and research into the Scottish Church and God's purposes for it, and how we can respond missionally to the post-Christian context we find ourselves in. I have known many of you for many years, and I hope you will be able to join us and share your own wisdom and experience on the night.

Free tickets may be booked here: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/book-launch-mission-in-contemporary-scotland-tickets-179875371077

You can find out more about the book here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1800830203/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_S G96SMHCZS5456WNZMN0

And follow its companion blog here: https://missioninscotland.wordpress.com



Weaving Worship Course

The 'BoMi' is pleased to offer the Weaving Worship course developed by St. Andrews Presbytery to

Fife Presbytery. The course is being updated and reviewed and will begin on 27th October in Methil Wellesley Church. The aim of this course is help people recognise their gifts and give them confidence in leading worship in their local church and cluster.

Therefore we are inviting Kirk Sessions to consider nominating members to participate in the course by 13th October. All applicants will require a letter of support from their Session and agreement of their minister/interim moderator to participate. Applications should be sent to at the Presbytery office. The course will be limited to 12 - 18 participants so a cap on numbers from each congregation should be necessary. there will be a £5 charge for each of the six sessions to cover costs which Kirk Sessions may wish to meet.

The course consists of six input sessions (3 in October/November and 3 in January/February) with two further support and supervision sessions and further optional sessions on specific topics. Participants are expected to keep a reflective journal during the duration of the course. The bulk of the course will be in the participant's own congregation supervised by their minister/interim moderator/locum with regular participation in worship.

For more information please contact: fife@churchofscotland.org.uk





Nerf Battle and Pizza

hosted by GMC and TDUK @ Friday 29th October, Gillespie Memorial Church, 7pm - 9pm

Spaces for 30 young people. This is a free event including pizza! The event is for those in high school, so anyone between the age of 12 – 17 years.

For more information and to book please contact: leewhitecross@gillespiechurch.org



Church & World: Africa Common Interest GroupTopic: Africa Common Interest Group - Fife Presbytery

Time: Oct 26, 2021 19:30 London

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82696111722?pwd=ZjRzUUswZzA0WVhUMmxQNkNUQzlsQT09

Do you have a partner church in Africa? Do you have a mission partner in Zambia? Are you passionate about (or interested in) Africa

If so, you might like to come to the first ever meeting of the Fife Presbytery Africa Special Interest Group - 7:30pm on 26th October.

There is currently no remit for this group and, although we know there are many connections with Africa, we don't know whether there is enough interest for a Shared Interest Group.

This is your chance to see what benefits there may be in sharing experience and common concerns.

For example, you may feel strongly about the lack of supply of COVID vaccines to African

countries, or you may wish to share your experience of having a partner church.

All Welcome - Please forward this invitation to others in your congregation or beyond.



Fife Presbytery ACORN Groups

Following our recent Talking Mission, Fife Presbytery is initiating ACORN Groups which are open to all.

ACORN gives us a way to share our faith and encounter God by praying daily `Lord who do you want me to connect with today?' then meeting with others weekly or fortnightly for an hour to report back and notice God at work.

Groups will take place on Zoom.

For more information and if you would like to join a group, please email fife@churchofscotland.org.uk and you will be put in touch with your group facilitator. (Anyone can join in with ACORN - if you are housebound or isolating you can make phone calls or connect online; if you are incredibly busy, learn to find God at work in the busyness!)

If you are interested in participating but these dates don't suit, or you would like more information, please contact aileen.christie@churchofscotland.org.uk.

You can find out more about ACORN here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lcw16Z_y-k0&feature=youtu.be



Talking Mission with Work Place Chaplaincy

Wed 27th October, 7.00-9.00pm in-person event at St Columba's Church, Glenrothes and broadcast via zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83079993506pwd=dlFrTFVVV3FRWkk0MjJLYIN6UVRadz09

Meeting ID: 830 7999 3506 Passcode: 831338

Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland aims to meet people where they are - in the setting of their daily working lives. A chaplain's main purpose is Christian service, simply because people matter irrespective of their status or position. A chaplain is available to ALL staff.

Could you be involved in this rapidly expanding area of Christian service?

The session will include:

- The role of Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland
- What is workplace chaplaincy?
- How do Fife Chaplains operate within local organisations?
- How do chaplains promote individual and corporate wellbeing?
- An introduction to further training

Previous Talking Mission:

Rev. Martin Johnstone, Glasgow Churches Together Ambassador to COP26, about COP26, available via: https://youtu.be/b1VTcGp2Igo

Paul Haringman, Inverness Presbytery: Mission Development Worker, about ACORN movement, available via: https://youtu.be/08lcbMFVBv4

Rev. Peter Neilson reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of the Church Without Walls report, available via: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOJI2Q1od1U

Very Rev Dr John Chalmers, Chair of the Assembly Trustees, on the *Faith Action Plan: In Action, Post Covid and Next steps* available via: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CzvRDN5AD-g

Rev Dr Donald MacEwan, Convenor of the Church of Scotland Theological Forum, discussing the Five Marks of Mission that have been adopted as a working definition of mission by the General Assembly, available via: https://youtu.be/Sj0xIgy4r4



Fife Presbytery: Youth Work Journeys

Paul Beautyman of *Youth Work Journeys* continues to support youth work across Fife Presbytery, as we explore together how we can encourage and grow more youth work in our churches and communities.

A series of Inspire Sessions are being planned that will offer limited opportunities to get alongside Youth Workers and experience faith-based groups and activities, followed by a time for debrief and discussion.

Inspire Sessions being developed include: Children's Club + Art Activities, School Lunchtime Club (SU), Young Persons Mental Health Group, Sport Activities.

More information to follow soon!



Eco Scotland: Praying for COP26

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, join us for an hour of prayer and encouragement to get involved.

As Scotland welcomes the world to COP26, hear how you can get involved – and look forward to Net Zero carbon and a Just, Green Future.

Hosted by Eco Congregation Scotland's Glasgow network join us for an hour of encouragement and prayer as we prepare for COP26 and the actions we might take to show our care for creation thereafter.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month for an hour from 4pm on Zoom.

Thursday 4th November.

For more information and to register, see: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/praying-for-cop26-and-beyond-tickets-156226631059?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch



GO Conference 2021

The GO Conference (8-11 October) is SU Scotland's national youth conference for S4-S6 pupils who want to grow in their relationship with God and understand how the Bible shapes all areas of life... home, school and friendships.

Bookings opened a few weeks ago and we are delighted that we're already fully booked! Please pray for the team as they welcome 70 young people to Lendrick Muir as together they...

- Discover that "Jesus is More!" by exploring the book of Hebrews to see just how amazing Jesus is.
- Develop through a selection of workshops exploring ways to grow as a Christian.
- Equip our young people to serve at home, school and among friends.

Find out more about GO Conference: here.

Training



Church of Scotland ASCEND

Ascend is the training, support and development centre for all those involved in ministries across the Church of Scotland.

For all the latest training and support information see: https://ascend.churchofscotland.org.uk/events/



Growing Others is a great opportunity to develop coaching skills

Run by our friends in FX, Forge, Methodist and Salvation Army Churches. This is being run as a set of 4 workshops on 3 separate occasions over the coming year - at a cost of £55:

October 2021 - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157059103005

Feb 2022 - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/157072759853

If you or those working with you / supporting you are interested in this, but funding is an issue, please get in touch Steve Aisthorpe, Church of Scotland Mission Development Worker (Pioneering) via saisthorpe@churchofscotland.org.uk



Our next webinar on Family Ministry is coming up on Thursday November 4th. This will be a good opportunity to explore how to strengthen our connections and ministry with families. Who might come from your church? BOOK NOW

Note that this is followed by a 4 session Family Ministry Unpacked course on Wednesday evenings. An opportunity to go deeper.

For more information and to book see: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-ministry-tickets-162694336139?fbclid=IwAR0T5y81cmzv_zL0XD7PBA9SEWkDxTb2z-h50Df2E38A0ICG-p9BQXvM42U



Godly Play Scotland Conference

'Still Playing' is the theme for the third Godly Play Scotland Conference. This will take place online on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 November. Tickets cost £20.

The main speaker is Dr Robyn Boeré, Associate Lecturer in Christian Ethics at the University of St Andrews.

For more information see: https://godlyplayscotland.makeplans.net/



CAP MONEY COURSE

CAP have got a number of in-person and online money course training sessions over autumn that will equip you to help those in your community who may be struggling financially. The CAP Money Course is a video-based budgeting course which has helped over 50,000 people avoid financial crises and become better stewards of their money.

For more information, see:

https://capuk.org/get-involved/your-church/cap-money-course



<u>Huaale</u>

A place to find support, be equipped & grow in your leadership calling.

At Cairn we believe in the importance of investing in what matters and that is you. We all know that leadership is not easy... we need support along the way and that is what huddle is about.

Often as leaders we function in spheres where we are leading, where we are looking to get the best out of others, and aiming to release potential in our leaders, teams and organization but often forgetting to invest in ourselves. Huddle gives the opportunity for you to have that investment and gives you the opportunity to find support, be equipped and grow in your leadership and calling

with a group of peers on a similar journey as yourself.

You can choose from three streams of Huddles;

- The Pioneer Ministry Huddle, for those in a frontline, missional context either planting a church, new mission initiative or similar pioneering environment
- the Established Church Huddle, for those in a more established form of church but looking to adapt and grow missional expressions
- The Spiritual Formation Huddle, for those seeking to find a better balance in ministry life that brings fruit, rest and spiritual growth.

For more information and to register interest see: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCPELZGJQAfS8t9uP_3SQo2RpYRrqW5HRksn wkF6uF-AUOww/viewform?mc cid=dca9fd29da&mc eid=1b04172065

Resources



Church of Scotland Resources and inspiration for those working with Children and Youth

Do you serve your church in the area of children and youth, either as a volunteer or paid worker?

Maybe you currently have few or no children in your congregation but are looking for a fresh approach?

Maybe you're involved in particular ministries, such as: early years or toddler groups; engagement in schools; youth work; Sunday groups; uniformed organisations; Messy Church; holiday clubs, equipping ministry across a number of congregations, or something else?

Maybe you have a particular concern or area where you'd appreciate some input, such as: ways to develop faith; supporting good mental health and well-being; how to deliver intergenerational worship; focussing on specific areas (awareness of LGBTQ+, climate justice, etc.); engaging with

the Global Church; engaging with politics; approaches to outreach; how to develop from a context of few or no children, or something else?

The central departments of the Church of Scotland are here to resource and inspire you in your ministry. Through a range of provision – online, resources and events, all tailored to those serving in children and youth ministry, we seek to enable you to:

- Explore new resources/ideas/expertise/stories/information/questions
- Feel equipped to undertake your role(s)
- Contextualise resources/ideas/thinking to your local situation
- Develop disciples, grow young leaders, and reach more children and young people with the Good News
- Help shape your local church for the benefit of children and young people

If you would like to receive information on provision that can help to resource and inspire you in your ministry with children and young people, then please let us know your contact details and areas of interest in our short questionnaire: https://forms.office.com/r/bbcqhMEgWW

We will then add you to a database specifically for this purpose, and endeavour to tailor information to your needs.

Any questions about this questionnaire, and children and youth ministry in general can be sent to the dedicated email address: childrenandyouth@churchofscotland.org.uk

If you have a safeguarding query please contact your congregational safeguarding co-ordinator or $\underline{safeguarding@churchofscotland.org.uk}$



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The Pioneer Tool Library Hack

With already over 80 tools in the Pioneer Tool Library is now available to help resource mission and pioneering. It's completely FREE to access or to post your own tools. Hosted by the Northern Centre of Mission.

You can access the library here:

https://en-qb.padlet.com/NorthernMissionCentre/pioneerlibrary

Funding

Church of Scotland Small Grants Scheme

Church of Scotland Small Grant Scheme is now open for grants of up to £1k: See: https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/small-grants-fund

SCVO Funding Scotland

Funding at your fingertips

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using our free online search engine. From small grants to funding for big capital projects, we can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community.

See: https://fundingscotland.com/

The National Lottery Community Fund Improving Lives

The National Lottery Community Fund's Improving Lives programme is open to voluntary or community organisations. The programme aims to help people facing challenging

circumstances especially activities that mean people:

- are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience
- are able to shape the activities and services they use to better meet their needs
- have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives

The grants range from £10,001 to £200,000.

See: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-improving-lives

KFC Foundation

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for projects which empower disadvantaged young people in the UK to fulfill their potential. The funding is being made available through the KFC Foundation and is available to local charities, registered community interest companies, unincorporated clubs and associations that have a turnover of less than £300,000 which have a local KFC restaurant in their community.

See: kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation-community-grants

Childs Charitable Trust (UK)

The Childs Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust, supporting Christian UK registered and excepted charities and organisations both in the UK and overseas. During 2017 the Trust awarded grants to 81 different organisations all based in the UK but operating in more than 100 different countries worldwide. Projects will be considered that fall into the following categories:

- Youth the trust looks to support projects working in schools and with vulnerable and disengaged young people in the UK. Supported activities may include RE Lessons; School Assemblies; Lunchtime/After school clubs; Evangelism; Personal Development Programmes; Homelessness Prevention.
- Outreach the trust works to share the gospel of Christ by supporting all aspects of Christian outreach both in the UK and overseas and can fund, for example, Church Plants; Overseas Mission; Training in Evangelism; Chaplaincy. Society the trust believes people of faith bring a valuable contribution to social action and justice and support initiatives that have a positive impact in their society. Grants could support, for example: Counselling; night shelters; alcohol/drug rehabilitation; homelessness; or prison/ex-offenders work.
- Education the trust supports initiatives involved in all areas of Christian education including Bible Translation; Media Initiatives; Bible Colleges; Literature; Apologetics. The primary focus for grants allocated in 2021 will be on those organisations who actively share the Christian gospel in their work.

The next closing date for applications is the 30th November 2021.

See: https://childscharitabletrust.org/

The Weir Charitable Trust

Small community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to the Weir Charitable Trust for funding of up to £25,000 to support projects relating to:

- Sport i.e. encouraging and increasing public participation in sport
- Health i.e. the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- Culture i.e. supporting heritage through participation projects
- The advancement of animal welfare
- Recreational Facilities i.e. the provision or organisation of recreational facilities that are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and are available to members of the public at large.

See: https://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now

Grants to Help Older People Lead More Fulfilling Lives

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales to lead more fulfilled lives and reach their

full potential. The Foundation's focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active and engaged. Funding of between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Individual applications must be completed by a third-party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, with funds allocated to those who demonstrate greatest need.

See: https://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk

People's Postcode Trust Opens for Applications

The People's Postcode Trust has re-opened its grants programme and will award grants on a monthly basis until October 2021. Funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust makes grants to support smaller charities and good causes in Scotland under the following themes: • Improving mental wellbeing • Enabling community participation in the arts • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty • Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality • Improving biodiversity & green spaces • Enabling participation in physical activity • Responding to the climate emergency & promoting sustainability • Increasing community access to outdoor space Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £20,000, other not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2,000 to support both project and organisation core costs. The funding is available for 12 months. To be eligible to apply, organisations will need to have an annual income of below £1 million with preference given to those with an income of below £500,000 per year. The Postcode Community Trust will operate on a monthly basis. On around the 1st of each month, applications will open, and organisations will be able to submit their request for funding until the maximum number of 150 has been received until the 1st October 2021.

See: https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk

AllChurches Trust

AllChurches Trust like to fund projects that demonstrate an impact on people and communities. Applicants should include clear (and where possible, measurable) outcomes for projects and demonstrate how they will ensure sustainability beyond our funding. It's also important to show how additional funding support will be sought to enable the project to be completed.

Our open grants normally fund capital projects and equipment, not salaries or running costs, with the exception of our transformational and Hope Beyond programmes. In most cases, we give a small percentage of the project cost as this enables us to say yes to more worthwhile causes, although we do occasionally give larger grants.

See: https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund

National Church Trust

Funding available for Scotland's cash strapped churches and chapels A range of grants are available from the National Churches Trust

Churches and chapels in Scotland needing funding for urgent repairs and maintenance are being encouraged to apply for grants from the National Churches Trust.

In 2021, the church support charity expects to allocate more than £1.5m to churches and chapels throughout the UK. Any church, chapel or meeting house in Scotland that is open for regular public worship can apply.

 $See: \underline{https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/news/funding-available-scotlands-cash-strapped-churches-and-chapels}\\$

Scotland's Churches Trust

Scotland's Churches Trust helps sustain and support Scotland's places of worship through a range of grants, bursaries, advice and support.

Scottish Churches Trust offers grant support to help with:

- restoration projects in the repair of buildings and windows
- cost of routine preventative maintenance

- organ educational awardssupport towards organ concerts

See: https://scotlandschurchestrust.org.uk/