Welcome to the Fife Presbytery Mission Bulletin! 22nd 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!

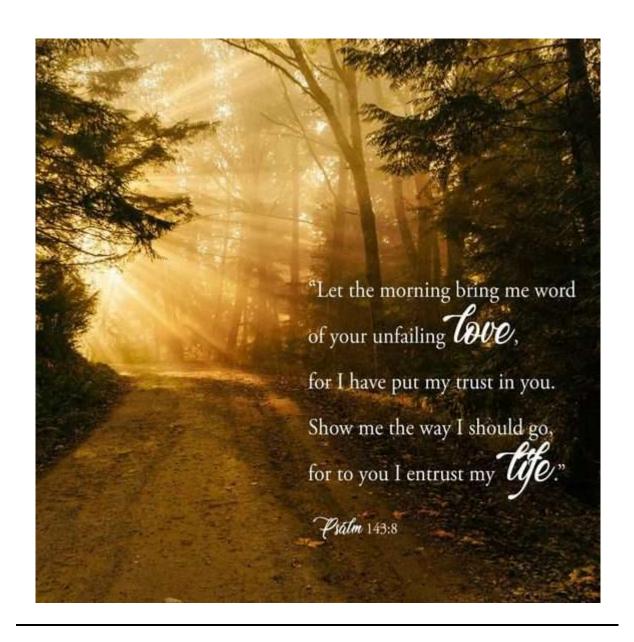
We're here to encourage and support you in our shared Christian mission across Fife.

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



Fife Presbytery Weaving Worship Course - OVERSUBSCRIBED!

The 'Board of Mission' is pleased to offer the Weaving Worship course developed by St. Andrews Presbytery to Fife Presbytery. The course has been updated and reviewed and begins on 27th October. The aim of this course is help people recognise their gifts and give them confidence in leading worship in their local church and cluster.

This run of the course is now **fully booked** - with the organisers having extended their initial planned size to a maximum limit! And with this extended limit the course is now oversubscribed and a waiting list is now being produced for a future course. While it is regrettable that some cannot participate in this round, it is very encouraging that there has been such significant interest in developing local gifts and skills in leading worship across Fife Presbytery.



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 <u>Karen Wallace</u> 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



Church & World: Africa Common Interest Group Topic: 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.



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/O8lcbMFVBv4

Rev. Peter Neilson reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of the Church Without Walls report, available via: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KOJI2O1od1U

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/Sj0xIqy4r4

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 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





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

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ACORN with Michael Harvey

6 November 2.00-4.00pm: Dunfermline, Gillespie Memorial Church

Come along for an inspiring session with Michael Harvey (Back to Church Sunday, Weekend of Invitation) and learn of a simple, but less fearful way that we can share our faith with friends and family.

ACORN is an informal and cost-free method of faith-sharing that has gained huge popularity amongst ordinary members of congregations up and down Scotland.

Come and find out why!

Booking is essential. We will be adhering to Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines and will let you know in advance if there are any significant changes that might affect our gathering. Please do not attend if you are suffering from any of the known symptoms of Covid-19.

To book and for information about other dates and venues, visit: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/acorn-roadshow-tickets



Fresh Expressions: Sharing Jesus

Many Christians are involved in brilliant outreach activities with children and families, craft groups, social action projects and more. But it has never crossed their minds to add explicitly a spiritual dimension.

Sharing Jesus is a new, free resource created by Fresh Expressions, HOPE Together and the Salvation Army to help equip you to introduce Jesus into your group setting. Head to http://sharingjesus.life to find out more

It adopts an open-handed, walking together, learning from one another, asking questions approach to help you introduce a spiritual element to what you're already doing. It's not about telling people what to believe, but about saying to friends: "This is what I am finding helpful. What do you think? Might we explore this spiritual path together?"

Sign up for the free webinar on Monday 8th Nov, 7:30pm to help you get started https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/



Doxecology

Resound Worship are taking their Doxecology album on the road while the COP26 Climate Summit is happening in Glasgow. The Church of Scotland and Tearfund are hosting the final night of the tour in St George's Tron Church on Thursday 11 November.

Join us for a night of worship and prayer which brings together doxology (praise) and ecology, bringing much-needed new worship language to the church.

We will be hearing from Andy Atkins from A Rocha UK and Ruth Valerio from Tearfund, as well as singing songs and praying together as we celebrate the wonder of creation and consider how we can respond in our local communities.

This is an in-person event with an expectation of communal singing and refreshments during the interval. Booking is essential. We will be adhering to Scottish Government Covid-19 guidelines and will let you know in advance if there are any significant changes that might affect our gathering. Please do not attend if you are suffering from any of the known symptoms of Covid-19.

To register see: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/doxecology-cop26-concert-tour-tickets

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Fife Presbytery ACORN Groups

Following our recent Talking Mission, Fife Presbytery has initiated 3 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.

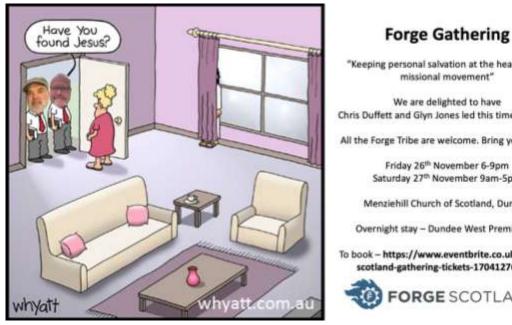
Groups take place on Zoom.

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



"Keeping personal salvation at the heart of the missional movement" We are delighted to have Chris Duffett and Glyn Jones led this time together. All the Forge Tribe are welcome. Bring your team!

Friday 26th November 6-9pm Saturday 27th November 9am-5pm

Menziehill Church of Scotland, Dundee

Overnight stay - Dundee West Premier Inn

To book - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forgescotland-gathering-tickets-170412763162



Forge Tribe are regathering in Dundee (26-27th Nov). This is going to be a time of friendships renewed, fun and great input from Glyn Jones & Chris D! Here is the link to come along - bring your teams!



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

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:

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 zLOXD7PBA9SEWkDxTb2z-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



Huddle

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



Sharing Jesus is a resource designed to help people add a spiritual dimension alongside what you're already doing. It has ideas for sharing Jesus in a new worshipping community, Fresh Expression of church, missional community or church plant as well as community groups.

Over the 30+ years of pioneering new, contextual forms of church we've found that the part of the Fresh Expressions/Loving First journey people struggle with the most is introducing a spiritual element to their gatherings in a sensitive and contextual way which is why we created this resource.

Sharing Jesus adopts an open-handed, walking together, learning from one another,

asking questions approach. It's not about telling people what to believe, but about saying to friends: "This is what I am finding helpful. What do you think? Might we explore this spiritual path together?" It includes seven topics, each with a video animation, a video story, and a short downloadable guide with additional ideas and explanation. The resources are arranged logically to give them a shape, but please don't follow the order! Go to the section that most interests you.

For more information, see:

http://sharingjesus.life/?mc_cid=12ebbcebb2&mc_eid=70f95ab914



COP26 Life and Work Supplement

Life and Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, has produced a free four-page COP26 Special Supplement which is available now. The purpose of this publication is to enable congregations to engage before, during and after COP26, and also to signpost resources.

The November issue of the magazine, published this week, has a focus on COP26 and Remembrance. If you don't already subscribe but are interested in this particular issue, you can <u>purchase a single print or digital copy</u>.

See: https://www.lifeandwork.org/resources/cop26-special-supplement



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.

If you have a safeguarding query please contact your congregational safeguarding co-ordinator or 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 awards support towards organ concerts

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