



## **Church of Scotland**

### **Chapelhall and Kirk O'Shotts Parish Churches**



#### **Chapelhall Parish Church**

**Russell Street**

**Chapelhall**

**ML6 8SG**

**[www.chapelhallparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.chapelhallparishchurch.org.uk)**

**Scottish Charity No. SC008486**

#### **Kirk O'Shotts**

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**Salsburgh, Shotts**

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**Scottish Charity No.SC01326**



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Applications (CVs) for the position of Minister are invited and should be sent to the Clerk to the Nominating Committee. We are happy to assist with informal enquires, these can be addressed to either the Interim Moderator or the Clerk to the Nominating Committee.

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## Parishes

Chapelhall and Kirk O'Shotts are adjoining parishes within 4 miles of each other.

Each Parishes statistics can be found via the following links:

Chapelhall:

[http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/docs/stats\\_for\\_mission/171088.pdf](http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/docs/stats_for_mission/171088.pdf)

Kirk O'Shotts:

[http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/docs/stats\\_for\\_mission/171145.pdf](http://cos.churchofscotland.org.uk/docs/stats_for_mission/171145.pdf)



## Combined Parish & Linkage Information

### Linkage

Chapelhall and Kirk O'Shotts have been linked as part of the Presbyterian Plan by Hamilton Presbytery. The Linkage took place after the retirement of the Ministers from both parishes in May 2014.

There is currently a Locum in place who is conducting Sunday Morning Worship in both churches under guidance from our Interim Moderator.

The Churches look forward to worshipping together and to integrating our friendly communities, who are enthusiastic for change and have the potential and eagerness for growth. We will work together to forge a strong linkage proud of background, but looking forward to a progressive and inclusive Ministry.

We are seeking someone with the following qualities to lead and work with us in our work for the Kingdom of God:

- Ability to engage with all age groups, especially young people
- An enthusiastic communicator
- Encouraging and easily approachable
- Has a strong pastoral commitment and is community minded
- Has the ability to manage change sensitively and appropriately

Whoever is appointed will have a supportive team of office bearers from both Churches.



# Chapelhall Parish Church



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## About us

We are a warm hearted caring Congregation of hard working souls who accept our responsibility to our community as members of Christ's Kingdom here in Chapelhall.

We have a dedicated band of willing workers who with the support of our congregation maintain the Churches work in our parish. We pray for a Minister who will lead us in the Spiritual aspects of our faith and will help us to lay foundations for the future to encourage Old and Young into the body of Christ's Church.

A monthly lunch after morning worship not only continues the fellowship of our worship but is also a valuable source of income.

Our fund raising team who organise Christmas Dinners, Spring Dance, Fairs, Fetes, Silent Auction, Car Treasure Hunt and other activities raises necessary funds to help finance our work in the Church, all of these are greatly enjoyed by our congregation and supported by the community and are a measure of the dedication and love we have for our church.

We celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church in 2007 and are proud of our history and heritage.

Within the church we currently have The Anchor Boys, The Girls Brigade and Sunday school which are an important part of our church and are led by enthusiastic leaders.

## Fundraising

As well as raising funds for the Church we also donate to various charities. The collection from our joint carol service is donated to St. Andrews Hospice & the collection from our Watch Night service is donated to the Glasgow Mission.

We recently had a MacMillan Coffee morning which was very well attended and raised a fantastic amount for MacMillan Nurses. We also raised money for Christian Aid Week with a service and lunch which again was very well attended.

Within the Church we have a Food-bank collection point for donations to a local Food-bank.

The Guild as well as The Guild projects and Church Donations, also donate to various charities out with the Church.

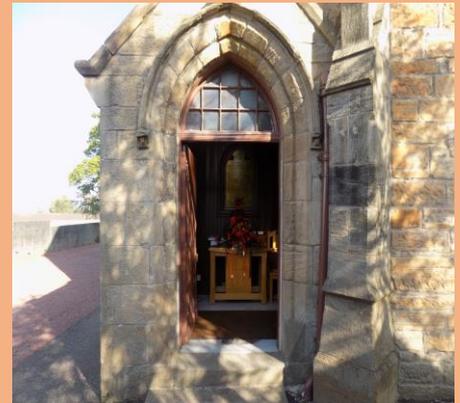
Our Girls Brigade also arranged a Fun Day to raise funds for Children in Need.

### The Church Buildings

The Church was completed and opened on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1857 and is a 'Grade B' listed building of special architectural and historic interest. The title deeds for the Church and the Manse are held at Edinburgh in the name of the congregation.

The Church consists of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 390, a small hall with a capacity of 40, a Vestry/Session House, kitchen and toilet. The building has been well maintained and both interior and exterior has had refurbishment work carried out in the last 20 years.

The church operates under the Model Constitution.



### The Large Hall

Completed in 1956, the large hall is located within the grounds, and has a seating capacity of 200. Extensive refurbishment has been carried out with the redecorating, installation of all new toilet facilities, new kitchen and lowering of the hall ceiling. The driveway and car park area has recently been resurfaced.



### The Manse

The Manse was constructed in 1863 and is located adjacent to the Church. It comprises of 4 bedrooms (3 of which are double), 2 public rooms, a study, a bathroom (which is fully tiled and has a bath and a shower). A large breakfasting kitchen with ample cupboard space with new appliances has been refurbished in the last 10 years. Gas central heating is installed. The Manse has also been fully redecorated.

There is a detached garage and a garden at the rear, as well as ample parking space to the front of the Manse.



### Organisations and groups within the Church

Within the Church we have a Sunday school for children from 3 years upwards who meet during Sunday Morning Service, numbers have reduced over the last few years.

The Anchor Boys meets weekly on a Thursday evening and has a good Section of around 10 Boys and officers. The Boys enjoy games, craft activities and are beginning to work towards their badges.

At present we have no Boys Brigade Company Section due to the retirement of the Captain. We are looking to recruit new officers and Captain for this section to be restarted.

The Girls Brigade meets weekly on a Wednesday evening and has a strong company of around 50 Girls and officers. As well as offering traditional badge work the Girls are working towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Children all take part in the Christmas Nativity and Easter Service. The Children lead the Services and this is well liked by Congregation and parents.

The Guild meets weekly on Monday evenings from September to March and celebrated their 60th year anniversary in 2014.

We also accommodate Slimming World, Alcoholics Anonymous and a Dance class on a weekly basis with the hall being available to hire.

## Church Life and Membership

We have an ageing congregation and our primary concern is to attract and retain young people without losing sight of the needs of our older members.

Number of members on roll	219
+ 62 on supplement roll	
Number of Adherents on roll	10
Number of board members	10
Number of Elders	23

## The Parish

Chapelhall has grown in size and population over the past decade with the building of new housing developments and is still growing, last Census in 2011 showed population at 6680.

We have good local amenities, which are walking distance from the Manse. There is a Post Office, Library, Dentist, Doctors Surgery, Pharmacy, and a good variety of shops. The joint campus for Chapelhall Primary and St Aloysius RC primary schools is located about 150 yards from the Church.

There is good travel links with surrounding areas, regular bus services to Airdrie and other local villages and towns. The M8 is easily accessible by car and we are central to both Glasgow and Edinburgh.

## Worship

Sunday Worship consists of a morning service that commences at 10am.

The Sunday school is in the church until the offering and then adjourns to the small hall for further teaching. A crèche is available for younger children.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of March, June, September and December with a morning service at 10am. There is also an evening service at 6.30pm.

Communion is also held at the Sheltered Housing complex on the Wednesday following Sunday Communion at 1pm.

A joint Carol Service with St Aloysius RC Church is held every year at alternate churches.

There are also strong ties with Chapelhall Primary School.

A bus operates locally on a Sunday to transport members to and from the morning service

# Kirk O'Shotts

"We want to see Jesus lifted high!"

Charity Number: SC013269



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We are a small but committed fellowship of Christian believers. The congregation numbers approximately 170. We hold a traditional Church of Scotland service each Sunday at 11.30am. The church is located just outside the village of Salsburgh in Lanarkshire. Our Church building is probably the best known church in the central belt as it can clearly be seen on the hillside from the M8 motorway between the Newhouse junction 6 and Shotts Junction 5. The church is illuminated at night and is remarkable sight from the motorway.

## Our History

We are immensely proud of the history of our church. There has been a place of worship in our parish since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. In 1476, the then church was dedicated to Saint Catherine of Sienna – the name perpetuated Kate's Well, a natural water spring near the present church.

Since the Reformation, the church Bertram de Shotts, (later known as Shottskirk and later still as Kirk O'Shotts) has been Presbyterian in worship and government, being a Church of Scotland charge within Hamilton Presbytery.

During the Covenanting period (after 1683), many in the parish supported the Covenanter cause. We are honoured to have the grave of Covenanter William Smith, lying within Kirk O'Shotts old kirkyard.

The present church was built in 1821 as the old kirk had fallen into disrepair and was too small for the congregation. The cost of the new church was £2720.

In 2014 the parish is geographically similar though the population and congregation are considerably smaller. Although we have faced some strong challenges, Kirk O'Shotts congregation aim to preserve and continue our church as a place of worship where all are welcome in fellowship of the Lord. Further information about our History can be found in the following links:

<http://www.kirkoshotts.btik.com/>

<http://www.salsburghheritagegroup.co.uk/>



## Our Future

Our parish is newly linked with Chapelhall Parish Church, based approximately 4 miles away. The linkage is relatively new, happening on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Prior to the linkage the congregation of Kirk O' Shotts were privileged to have the same minister for over 30 years.

The linkage is a very new experience for both our parishes. We are determined to forge a strong and welcoming linkage. We aim to spread the word of Christ throughout our village. Our vision is to include and encourage our neighbours to become involved and share in the worship, fellowship and work of our church.



## Worship

Our Sunday Service is held at 11.30am. We hold a traditional Church of Scotland service and some of our Elders and congregation members give the readings. We have a church organist and also use a Digi master when our organist is not available.

Our **Kids On Sunday** members, approximately 10 children, contribute to the service for the first twenty minutes before leaving to carry on their learning and activities in Sunday school.

We celebrate Holy Communion 3 times each year and hold special services for Palm Sunday, Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. A watch night service is held in the hall church on Christmas Eve. The **Kids on Sunday** children participate fully in these events. Our most recent baptism was on Easter Sunday 2014 when 5 members of the same family were welcomed in fellowship to our congregation.

## Church life and Membership

Similarly to Chapelhall Parish, we have a mainly mature congregation. Our objective for the future, with the help and support of our Minister, is to maintain the traditional aspects of Church life and Worship for our older members, while attracting a younger membership who will help to secure our future as a congregation and continue God's work in our parish.

Members on Church Roll	- 175	Number of
Adherents	-16	
Number of Elders	- 9	

## Charitable giving

Kirk O'Shotts has two chosen charities, Release International and Chanan (Glasgow), who appreciate our ongoing support. There is a retiring offering at the end of each month for these charities.

**Release International** serves persecuted Christians in 30 Countries around the world. We are privileged to have a speaker representing Release international come to Kirk O'Shotts on a regular basis to explain about the works of the charity first hand.

<http://www.releaseinternational.org/>

**Chanan** is a Glasgow based charity helping disadvantaged people to "rebuild broken lives". Chanan works on the streets and prisons of Glasgow , challenging the menace of homelessness, poverty, neglect , family breakdown, alcohol and drug abuse.

As well as monetary gifts , our congregation has a food donaton and good used clothes donation facility for Chanan. The gifts donated by the congregation for Christmas gift service provide a Christmas gift for the children and teenagers of the families who need the services of Chanan. The food donations at Harvest thanksgiving also go to Chanan.

Hugh McKenna , director and co-founder of Chanan attends Kirk O'Shotts to present regular updates on the charities progress.

<http://www.chananglasgow.org.uk/>

## Other Activities

As part of Lanarkshire's Doors Open Days 2014, our Church regularly holds "open days" where visitors can come and enjoy our hospitality. The church building is open to visitors and a guided tour is available. We also have items with our Kirk logo for sale. Tea and Coffee are available for our visitors. We hold regular coffee mornings in the Hall Church. There are various items for sale at the stalls as well as a delicious variety of home baking. We hold a Christmas fair each year which is very well supported by the congregation. These activities provide a welcome boost to our finances and are very well supported by the congregation and village in general.

## Our Church and hall Church

The present church was built in 1821. The interior of our church was completely renovated in 2007. The original pews were removed and replaced by seats. The sanctuary now has a seating capacity of approximately 200. Additional seating is available in the upstairs gallery.

Our building is well maintained and we have a rota system of congregation members who work hard to keep our church building in the best possible condition.

Our Hall Church is on the Main Street of Salsburgh village. The Foundation stone of the Hall Church was laid by the Earl of Selkirk in 1953. The Hall Church is now, 60 years later, in need of extensive internal refurbishment. Our congregation has already started to raise funds for this purpose. We operate an alternative gift scheme, which proved successful during the church refurbishment. A gift can be purchased, such as a tin of paint £20.00 or a chair £25.00. A gift certificate then details the alternative gift. The renovation works and refurbishment will be complete by Spring 2015.

Our Parish covers the village of Salsburgh and surrounding rural areas. This church was built in 1821 and is a category B listed building. Recently, in 2007, the church underwent major internal upgrade and refurbishment. The congregation is very supportive and through determined hard work, accomplished what was thought an unachievable task, of completing the church's refurbishment. We have 9 Elders who work together tirelessly to fulfil the duties necessary to keep our church operational.

The village school, Kirk O'Shotts Primary, is non-denominational and has approximately 80 children attending. Salsburgh has a few general stores, a post office, a pub and a doctor's surgery.



## School

Our village school is Kirk O' Shotts Primary. The non-denominational school reached its centenary year in 2012 and marked this landmark achievement with a series of celebratory events. A special service was held in our church as part of the centenary celebrations. Approximately 80 children attend Kirk O'Shotts Primary. Further information can be found in the following links.

<http://www.kirkoshotts.n-lanark.sch.uk/>

<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5806>