

*Together Turning
Dreams Into Reality*



WHO WE ARE...

We are a Christ-centered Congregation offering a friendly welcome to all who enter our doors. We offer a range of worship, prayer and bible study for all ages along with home Communion and pastoral support. In addition our halls are well used by various groups.

- Sunday Worship
- Choir
- Sunday School - Primary School Age
- Focus & Vision Group - Secondary School Age
- Creche
- Youth Work
- Alpha Courses
- Badminton Club
- Wednesday Tea Group
- Bible Study Groups
- Uniformed Organisations
- Bridge Group
- Civil Service Retirement Club
- The Guild
- Spinners
- Clarsach Society
- Drivers Group
- Embroiderers
- Probus
- House Groups
- Ladies Group
- Impact
- Prayer Fellowship
- Pastoral Care

OUR OUTREACH...

Our Community, Our City, Our World

- Wednesday Tea Group
- Visiting the Sick
- SU Holiday Clubs
- Saughton Prisoners' Children Christmas Gifts
- Supporting Prison Chaplaincy
- Bethany Christian Trust Soup Kitchen
- Sponsored Child
- Christian Aid
- Chogoria Hospital, Kenya



FULFILLING OUR MISSION...

A FITTING PORTION OF OUR TIME, TALENTS AND MONEY

We are blest by the number of members who give so generously of their time, talents and money. However, for the past 4 years, we have had to hold a Gift Day to cover our annual shortfall. Your generosity has been outstanding and we have managed to pay our bills. What we are trying to do now, is convert that annual generosity from a "one off" situation to a regular weekly or monthly commitment. The members of the Congregational Board and the Elders together, as Trustees, have a duty to ensure that the budget set for each financial year is met and, as previously stated, this has only been achieved through the annual Gift Day. This hand to mouth financial arrangement is neither desirable nor sustainable. The only alternative would be to cut expenditure, the

bulk of which is the payment of stipend and salaries. It is our earnest hope and prayer that this will be avoided.

To remind you how our money is generated and spent, here are a few facts and figures:

This figure of £179,500 equates to approximately £360 per member per year.

The expenditure budget for 2011 is in excess of £410 per member.

In order to 'balance' the books we need to encourage increased regular "givings", thereby allowing us to meet all our normal annual expenses without a Gift Day. This would allow future Gift Days to be for special projects and not as an annual requirement to pay bills.

CHURCH FINANCE: HOW IS OUR INCOME GENERATED?

In 2010 our recurring income was as follows:

Ordinary Offerings	£129,500
Donations from organizations	£3,000
Tax recovered on Gift Aid	£32,000
Use of Premises	£10,000
Sundry other income	£5,000
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	£179,500

HOW IS OUR MONEY SPENT?

2011 Budget

Local ministry and wider work

£97,000

Local staffing

Secretarial, Youth worker, Organist

£40,000

Church office costs

£10,000

Buildings

(heat, light, cleaning, maintenance)
(including manse upkeep)

£51,000

Sundry costs

£10,000

Total costs £208,000

This equates to more than
£17,320 per month or in excess
of £410 per member per year.

THE CAMPAIGN TARGET...

Our dream, like many of yours, is that going forward, with God's grace we can all together be part of a vibrant and thriving church family. For that dream to become reality we have a campaign target to raise an additional **£50,000** of income per annum.

£30,000 for general congregational purposes

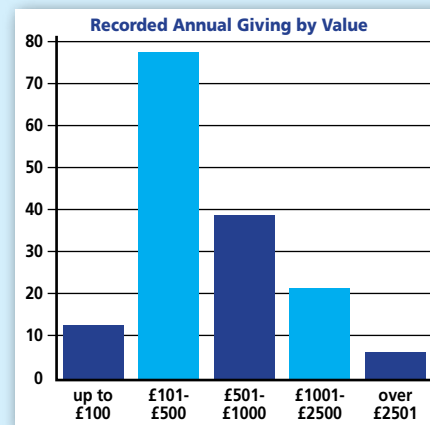
£10,000 for our youth work-funded through the David Trust

£10,000 from additional gift aid (courtesy of HM Government)

We have **500 members** of which you are one. Put another way we have approximately **350 households** but only around **175 households** give regularly in a manner whereby their agreed giving can be recorded. Much of this giving is Gift Aided allowing recovery of tax at a rate of 25%. In addition **some members** give modestly and regularly through the open plate. However we estimate that

100+ households do not currently give to the church.

The following table shows recorded regular annual giving: (disregarding Gift day)



This table shows that **65+ households** give more than **£500 per annum** producing two thirds of our current regular giving. We need more people to give regularly the annual amounts covered by the 3 right hand columns.

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We ask each member to review how much they give.

The Bible tells us that whatever the amount, our giving should be a proportion of what we have been given. But what proportion? That is a question we must answer for ourselves. In practice what this means is that we consider our total income and decide in prayer what for us is a worthy proportion that will show our love of God and willingness to help further His work.

Here is a table which shows what our total monthly offering would be, if based on a proportion of our income.

£	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
1000	10	20	30	40	50
1500	15	30	45	60	75
2000	20	40	60	80	100
3000	30	60	90	120	150
4000	40	80	120	160	200
5000	50	100	150	200	250
6000	60	120	180	240	300
7000	70	140	210	280	350
8000	80	160	240	320	400
9000	90	180	270	360	450
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Let us look at two illustrative examples:

- a. If your monthly income is £4000 and you decide 5% is a fitting proportion of your income to give, then the table shows your total monthly giving would be £200. If your current giving is say £150 per month this would mean you giving an additional £50 per month.
- b. If your monthly income is £2000 and you decide that 3% is a fitting proportion of your income, then the table shows your total monthly giving would be £60. If your current giving is say £40 per month this would mean you giving an additional £20 per month.

Let us put the additional monthly giving into easy to understand currency of food, drink and leisure!

A cup of a latte coffee in a coffee shop is £2.50, once a week = additional £10 per month



2 small peperoni pizzas costs more than £20, so once a month = additional £20 per month



A family outing to the cinema (not including drinks or popcorn!) is more than £25, so once a month = additional £25 per month

A Chinese carry out for 4 costs more than £30, so once a month = additional £30 per month



2 tickets for a Scottish Premier League game costs more than £40, so once a month = additional £40 per month



Dinner for 2 at a good restaurant will cost say £50, so once a month = additional £50 per month

Most of us can readily spend our hard earned money on some of these examples, without too much thought. Perhaps we could spend the same amount of money each month on contributing to God's work and the life of our church family?

PHOTO ALBUM...





THE DAVID TRUST...

The David Trust was founded as part of a generous bequest to the church in 2002.

The purpose of the Trust is:

to support the Christian mission of the church congregation among the young people of Craiglockhart and surrounding community or elsewhere.

Since the recruitment of Gordon McBirnie as Youth Worker the Trust has continued to support Gordon in his work within the church, local schools and elsewhere. Although the church meets the cost of Gordon's salary, donations specifically to the David Trust will exclusively support this youth work.

Gordon: What are your hopes and dreams for the Youth Ministry at Craiglockhart Parish Church?

Firstly and most importantly our hope and dream for the young people

we work with and the focus of all we do is to introduce them to Jesus. The youth ministry team at this church are passionate about sharing Jesus and everything we do is informed by that.

This takes many forms, from teaching from the Bible in a relaxed and inclusive way, to casual chats at the youth club and by hopefully modelling the Christian life in how we conduct ourselves while we are with them.

That brings us to the second of our hopes and dreams and that is to help the young people come to know and love the Bible as God's living Word which can change our lives. It ties in so closely with our hope of bringing young people to know Jesus because



it is through the Bible that we come to know about Jesus and find guidance for life. For any of us, not just young people, making the teachings of the Bible central to our lives, will we believe, bring us a fulfilment that we cannot match anywhere else.

We try to do all these things while having fun, getting to know each other and giving each other space to ask questions and work things out for ourselves.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED...



As Christians the gospel is not only the way that we come to faith in Jesus Christ, it is also the means by which we grow in our understanding of God and love for him. Craiglockhart Parish Church has run several Christianity Explored courses over

the past couple of years and plans further courses including one early in the new year. The course runs for seven evenings and consists of informal discussion, a short presentation on one aspect of Christianity and opportunities to explore what the bible teaches and to ask questions. These courses are a means of deepening our faith and understanding about God. If you have questions about life or welcome the opportunity to discuss the relevance of Christianity you would be most welcome to attend.

MANSE

At this time of the vacancy the Church Board has appointed a small group to undertake a feasibility study on the future of the current Manse, which does need a significant amount of work done to it, to bring it up to an acceptable standard for a new Minister and his/her family. This small group will report back to the Church Board early next year. In due course it may be necessary to raise specific funds relative to the upgrading of the Church Manse, depending on the conclusions of this group and the Board's decision on the matter.

GIFT AID

If you haven't already signed a Gift Aid form relative to your giving for either Craiglockhart Parish Church or the David Trust, please do so. It costs you nothing!

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CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY MATERIAL

The cost of the publicity material for the Together we can turn dreams into reality Stewardship campaign has been covered by a generous anonymous donation.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED...

After each Sunday morning service there is an opportunity to meet for fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee. On the second Sunday in each month from October to March we host a light lunch to raise funds for Chogoria Hospital in Kenya.

There is also a summer lunch and other events are organised to help get to know each other better.

Our weekly pew leaflet lists items of interest in our own church and elsewhere. These range from dates of meetings in the Church halls to events such as Talks, Ceilidhs, Choirs and Gospel evenings.

Our regular quarterly magazine "The Steeple" is distributed to each household in the Parish. It contains various articles on life and work in the parish and quizzes.

The Craiglockhart Church website has all the information you are likely to need at your fingertips. The web address is www.craiglockhartchurch.org.

If you have a talent/skill you would care to share with us, please contact, in the first instance, your District Elder.

OUR VACANCY

Whilst our Congregation does not have a Minister at present, we look forward to the time when a new Minister will be appointed. Please pray for the Nominating Committee as they seek for the right person.

OUR DREAMS

Our dreams can be as inspiring and far reaching as those of Dr. Martin Luther King.

To promote Christ's Gospel throughout the Parish.

To nurture the young people coming through our doors.

To maintain our buildings to make them inviting to all who use them.

To contribute to the wider work of the Church in Scotland and overseas.

TOGETHER WE CAN TURN DREAMS INTO REALITY