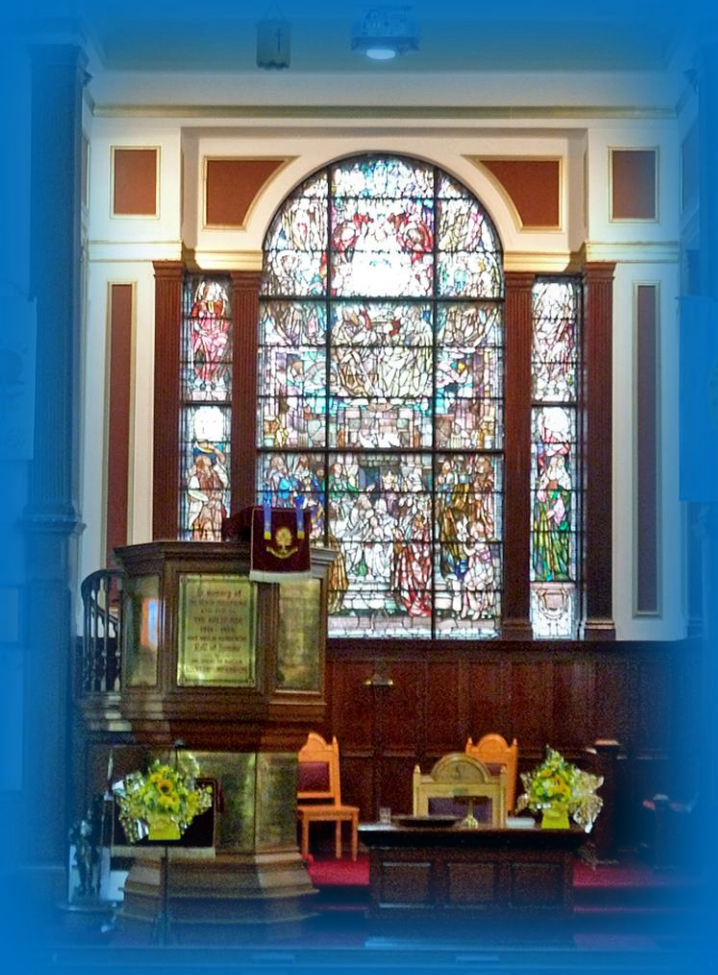


Fraserburgh Old Parish Church



We look forward to extending an Auld Kirk welcome to you

Fraserburgh, or "The Broch" as we call it locally is located on the north east tip of Scotland approximately 40 miles north of the city of Aberdeen.



The town of Fraserburgh is situated in the North East Coast of Scotland where the Moray Firth meets the North Sea. It is an attractive town, the older buildings constructed from a lovely grey granite which sparkles in the sunlight. As you approach the town from the south, you pass James Ramsay Park and the Saltoun Gardens giving a very pleasing first impression.

Fishing is the main industry and huge stern trawlers as well as the smaller, chunky prawn fishing boats may be seen in the busy harbour, where the lifeboat is also stationed.

As well as shops in the town centre there are supermarkets - Tesco, Lidl and Asda - on the outskirts.



Greetings.....

Hello or "Fit Like?" as we say in Fraserburgh. Welcome to our parish profile and thank you for taking the time to look through it. We are looking for a minister who will lead us in worship and in vision. There are many strong and thriving aspects to our church and we feel as if we are on a journey of discovery but need the guidance of a caring and involved minister to lead us in the right direction. Our town and our church have much to offer, as you will soon see from the following pages.

Fraserburgh is fortunate to have a beautiful beach of golden sand stretching some 2/3 miles along to the Waters of Philorth, where there is a local nature reserve. The beach is popular with walkers, surfers, windsurfers, and other water sport enthusiasts.

Situated inland, behind the dunes is Fraserburgh golf course, a links course established in 1777. This course is the 7th oldest in the world and can offer the enthusiast a taste of Scottish golf history



things to do.....



Fraserburgh Junior Arts Society

F.J.A.S host the local Pantomime, yearly Summer shows, Dance Workshops, and local Cinema with the latest releases



Super Saturdays

Super Saturdays are a regular part of Summer in Fraserburgh with each event focusing on a different theme. Markets from all over come to take part.



Swimming Pool & Community Centre

A 25m swimming pool, gym, a sports hall, a dance studio, sauna and steam room. Classes in all sorts of activities are available at this centre.



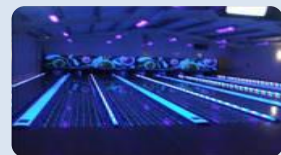
Fraserburgh F.C

A member of the Scottish Highland Football League, Aberdeenshire FA and the Scottish Football association.



Fraserburgh Storm

A new and ambitious squad that is growing in number and skill every day. This is just one of the many kids sporting clubs available to local children.



Fraserburgh Leisure Centre

Enjoy a meal at the licensed restaurant or for a more relaxed atmosphere head through to Strikers Burger bar and play a game of ten pin bowling.

Education

Education has always been important in Fraserburgh, which was the location of Scotland's first university. Nowadays there is a whole range of educational facilities in the town. A number of nurseries and pre-school playgroups cater for the under- fives and there are four primary schools. A large secondary school, Fraserburgh Academy, serves Fraserburgh and the surrounding area, while the North East Scotland College (NESCol) offers vocational and non-vocational courses in further education.



The well-stocked, bright, airy town library provides a pleasant, comfortable environment for young and old to enjoy reading and using the computers. It also organises book clubs and activities for children.



Fraserburgh Old Parish Church

Serving in Christ's name since 1571



Fraserburgh is served by 3 Church of Scotland charges, the largest being Fraserburgh Old Parish church. The present building dates from 1803, but the original church was built on the same site in 1571.

The "Auld Kirk" is traditionally seen as the parish church and official events such as the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial are conducted by the Old Parish Church minister.

There is currently about 550 members on the Roll with a regular attendance of about 150 at the morning service and 50 at the evening service. The Kirk Session is some 55 in number.

There is a strong choir who as well as leading the congregation in singing, starts the morning services with various introits, and provides an anthem as part of worship. These are sometimes accompanied by a backing track but more often by our organist Eileen.

The office secretary is employed 4 mornings per week, and printed order of service sheets are prepared for distribution at the church door each Sunday.



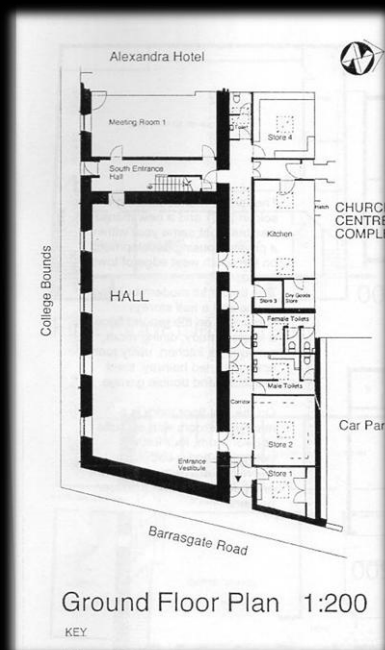
O.P.C Church Hall

In the heart of the community

The church hall is located at the junction of High Street and close to the town centre and some 300 meters away from the church.

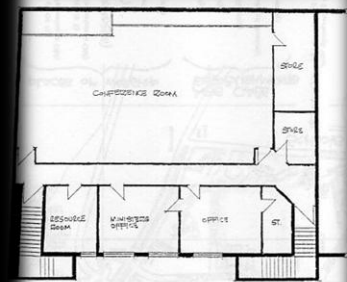
The building comprises the main hall, a meeting room, various stores, toilets and kitchen all on the ground floor, and two further meeting rooms on the first floor.

A passageway connects the hall building with the adjacent church centre



Church Centre

A vision becomes reality



First Floor Plan 1:200

The opening of the new church centre building in 1990 was the realisation of a vision by the minister and kirk session to provide up to date facilities to accommodate all the church organisations within one complex, and to provide outreach opportunities to the community. This was made possible by the efforts of the congregation, who raised the amazing sum of £250,000 over a relatively short period of time. The ground floor comprises a hall, kitchen, coffee lounge which is open to the public 5 days per week, stores and toilets. A passageway connects the new building to the original hall. On the first floor there is a conference room which is also let out to various bodies commercially and used for providing funeral teas. The minister's office, secretary's office, a resource room and storage rooms are also on this floor.



Thrift Shop



An important service to the community is provided by the Thrift Shop, which offers a wide range of second hand goods. Open from Monday to Saturday (closed Wednesdays) this busy shop is located between our Church and Church Centre on the High Street.

The Manse



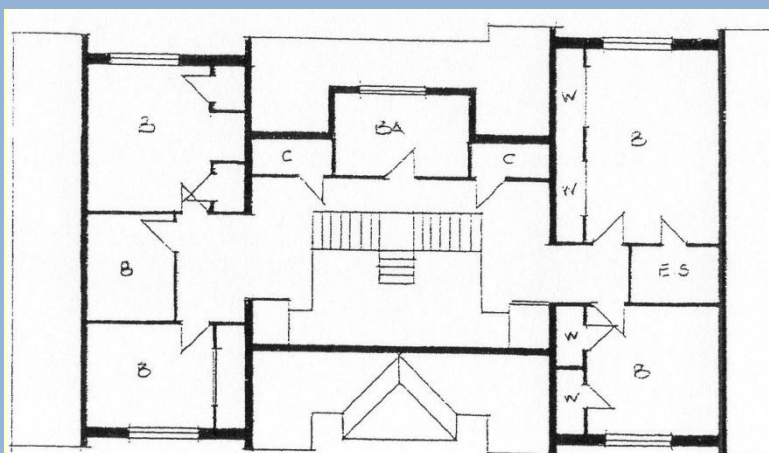
The OPC church Manse is a beautiful spacious family home built in 2001. Downstairs there is a kitchen, utility room, toilet, walk-in cloakroom, sitting room, study, dining room and conservatory.

A graceful, wooden staircase leads to a gallery landing on the first floor, which comprises five bedrooms and a family bathroom.

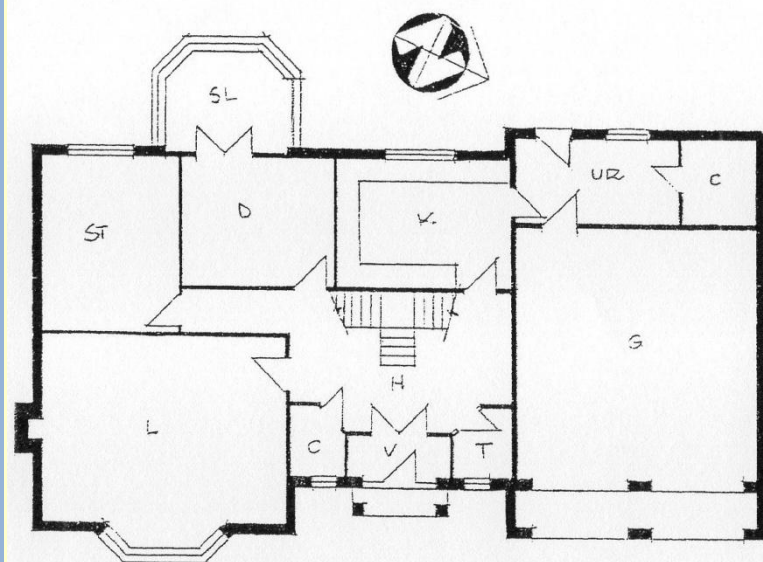
Four of the bedrooms have built in wardrobes with sliding doors. The master bedroom has an en suite shower room.

The property has generous storage space including a large walk in cupboard off the utility room. There is access from the utility room to a double garage, one of the doors being electrically opened.

To the rear of the property there is a large walled garden.



First Floor Plan 1:200



Ground Floor Plan

Organisations an overview of our busy congregation.....

The Guild, with a membership of over 80, enjoys fortnightly meetings with a varied programme which is always rounded off with a cuppa and a "fancy piece". A powerhouse of our church family, the guild plays a huge part in the life and work of the congregation; organising the Summer Fete, shoppers' lunches, harvest and Burns' suppers.



The choir meets every Thursday to practise, and enhances Sunday morning worship every week with introits, anthems, solos and duets.



The Boy's Brigade is a strong company consisting of 3 healthy sections including Anchor boys, Junior section and Company sections.



A.K Sunday Morning Club caters for children aged 3 to 12 every Sunday

morning. Together the children enjoy Christian fellowship and learn the Good News. A.K club joins in family services every month often contributing to the worship through song, dance drama or simply "helping" the minister.



The Girls Brigade we have a really happy and successful Company, where the girls take part in all activities both in the Company and Division. Indeed our girls are often competition winners! A dedicated team of Officers and girls make it a Company we can all be proud of.



Covenanters is our Sunday evening youth group for age 12 and upwards. The aim is to reach young people by offering an exciting and attractive programme of teaching, worship. activity, fun and fellowship to lead them to a knowledge and love for the Lord, to serve their church, and to prepare them for full adult membership.





Mwanasha Natanael

Mwanasha is 11 years old and lives under the care of her mother and stepfather. Her home duties include washing clothes, running errands, cleaning, carrying water and helping out in the kitchen. There are 5 children in the family. For fun Mwanasha likes playing with friends, playing house, playing hide and seek, running, drawing, playing ball games and story telling. She attends Sunday school & church and Bible class regularly. She attends school where her performance is average. OPC have committed to financially supporting Mwanasha and her village until she completes her education.



Special occasions.....

Congregational Church Picnic



Easter Corbie Walk



Youth Dedication Service



Balloon Cascade at Christmas Family Service



Congregational Church Quiz



Yearly Visit from the Bon Accord Silver Band



Thank you for taking the time to read this profile.

**If you would like further information please contact our Session Clerk, Mr
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We look forward to hearing from you!



Kite surfing at Fraserburgh beach



Saltoun Place fountain



Broch 10k



10th Anniversary Moonlight Prowl