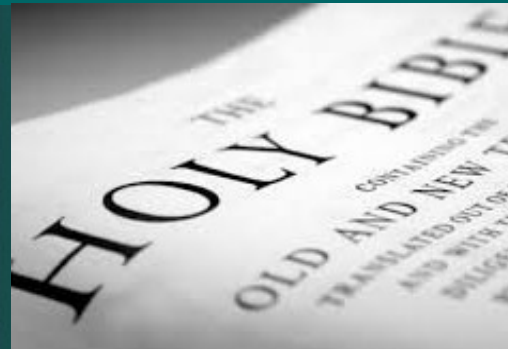


Parish Profile



New Pitsligo linked with Strichen & Tyrie



Church Vision for the Future

This vision statement is to help us as a church to understand who we are and what we are seeking to be in God, through Christ Jesus . It is produced to help us see the way ahead and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit to take the right decisions and course of action to fulfil our calling.

Values

We seek to be faithful to the preaching of God's Holy Word, and by His grace, live our lives in accordance with His Kingdom values.

We further seek to see the people within our parish come to know His Word also, that they might also see their lives transformed and live according to His Will and His Ways.

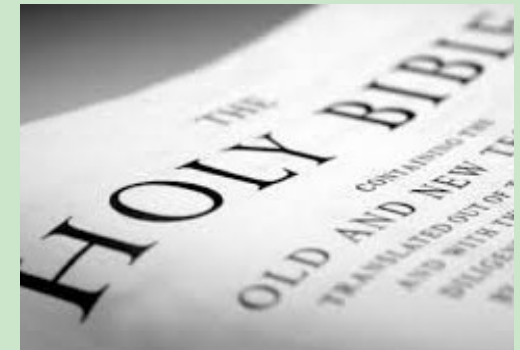
Practices

1. Sunday Worship

- To honour God through our prayers and praise.
- To read the Scriptures and meditate upon His Word.
- To meet the needs of the parish
- To encourage and develop relationships.
- To seek Spiritual growth among the worshippers.

2. Fellowship

- To encourage and promote activities within the body of the church which enriches individual lives and strengthens the body.
- This can be seen in Sunday school, Lion's Den youth group, Boy's Brigade, Guild, Church Fellowship and House groups
- To strive to provide excellence in all these activities and offer support.
- To encourage new expressions of Christian fellowship



Church Vision for the Future

3. Community

- To interact with other community groups and activities, always recognising that we are first serving God and His Kingdom.
- To reach into the community with love and friendship.
- To offer care and compassion to those in need.
- To provide pastoral oversight.



4. Key Challenges

- We see the greatest need as connecting our church members with the local Community, so that effective evangelism can bring new people to faith.
- The age profile of the church is rising, so there must be fresh growth among younger people in order to plan for the future of our church.
- We need to attract families from the community in the area.



5. Commitment

- We are committed to serving God and His people.
- To love Him and them as best we can.
- To be a caring and a praying church.
- To seek to bring honour to God in all we do.



Worship in our churches

Worship & Service

Regular Sunday morning worship is held in Strichen Church, with services commencing at 10 am with an average of 50 people attending each week and 11.30 am at New Pitsligo with an average of 22 people attending each week.

The service is traditional in format, with the added bonus of having a Christian praise band playing on occasions and the Lion's Den regularly contributing to the worship leading contemporary worship with traditional. The morning worship is complimented by media using digital projection, projecting hymns and contemporary praise, occasionally using video clips, or a DVD to compliment the teaching and the worship. We use the NIV Holy Bible and the latest Mission Praise as a worship resource but is by no means restrictive.

There is time for fellowship after the service where teas and coffees are served in the adjoining hall and are well attended after the Strichen service. Refreshments are served before the service begins at New Pitsligo.

Tyrie Church Services are held on the first Sunday of every month, in the evening at 6 pm and aim to have a slightly more relaxed format.

Communion Services are held four times a year at New Pitsligo in March, June, September and December, twice yearly in April and November in Strichen church and annually in Tyrie church. Special services held throughout the year include Easter Service, Harvest Thanksgiving, Christmas Service, Dedication Service for the various groups, Remembrance Services with various organisations parading along the street to the War Memorials to lay the wreaths. There is a short ten minute service and laying of the wreath at the Tyrie War Memorial also.

Additionally other services include weddings, Sacrament of Baptism, Sunday School/Club prize-giving, and funeral services as and when required.



Worship in our churches

Bible Study

Weekly House Groups meet for Bible Study from October to April and film nights are a regular feature during the summer months. Screenings have included Bible Study recordings eg Keswick Ministries Bible Teaching recordings and feature films such as Faith Like Potatoes, Gods Not Dead etc.

Sunday School

We currently have 4-6 children (aged 3-12yr) who attend Strichen Parish Church. They participate in the first part of the Service of worship, help gather the offering before departing to the hall with their Sunday school teacher and helpers for their own time. The Sunday School has a lovely room to work where children have bible study, do art and craft activity and join in drama and role play. The Sunday Club at New Pitsligo does not currently have any young children attending, we hope this will change in the future.

Community Cafe

In the Strichen Church Hall on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.30pm we hold a weekly Community Cafe for all age groups to come along and enjoy complimentary refreshments and participate in a game of cards, scrabble, dominoes, or maybe learn a new game or craft, or just enjoy a friendly chat.

Alpha Course

The church has recently completed an Alpha Course over an 11 week period and hope to run a further course later this year. It was held in the Upper Room of the White Horse Hotel starting with a meal and take it from there.



Outreach Community Involvement & Fundraising

Our Guild

Our long-established Guild currently has a membership of approximately 25, and meets in the church hall on the last Friday of the month from September to April. The Guild “Whose we are and Whom we serve” works in practical and innovative ways and our theme “One Journey, Many Roads” with a variety of inspirational speakers and are very supportive to charities when requested.

Cornerstone

This service provides residential care and support to a maximum of five adults with a learning disability. As part of outreach into the community our OLM Mr Bill Stewart leads an informal service for the residents of Cornerstone, some of whom are regular attendees at our morning service, but more importantly it’s meeting the people out with the church.

Traidcraft

We use fair-trade products for our weekly Sunday Service Fellowship

Fellowship

Our church family is important to us and so we strive to build a strong fellowship through events beyond Sunday Services. During the year we have a number of social and fundraising events with regular pot luck lunches 2-3 times per year, soup and sweet, coffee mornings, quiz evenings, days out and trips are arranged.

Following the Easter Service we have Easter Lunch which is well attended over the years. And in the late Summer we organise local walks, of varying difficulties for all ages, followed by a picnic or with a BBQ and in Autumn a Harvest Lunch. In Winter we have a bowling night which proves to be popular with all age groups and the Sunday School organises a trip for old and young alike to the local pantomime in Fraserburgh with great success.



Outreach Community Involvement & Fundraising

The congregations are committed to supporting a range of Christian charities with donations being dedicated to groups such as Wycliffe Bible Translators, Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Tearfund, MAF etc.

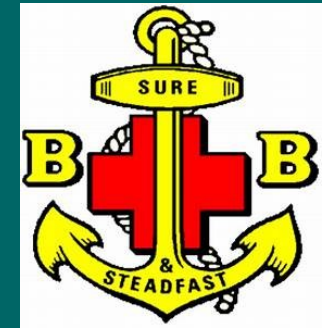
In September 2011 we held our 1st Stewardship campaign which proved successful and we have held a number of smaller stewardship campaigns over the past few years.

The object of the Boys Brigade is the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness. Boys from 5 to 18 years participate in games, sports, activities and competitions as well as develop bible knowledge. Annual attendance to dedication service, remembrance parade, battalion parade and award services are included in the annual calendar. 1st Strichen and 1st New Pitsligo have growing membership. 1st New Pitsligo has recently began a company section to cater for academy age boys from the village.

During the year we have a number of social fundraising events including soup and sweet, coffee morning in Spring, sponsored walk and picnic in summer and in Autumn indoor bowling, a quiz etc. Trips to a range of locations are well supported. A recent trip included a visit to the Peterhead Prison Museum which is dedicated to the staff that worked there between 1888-2013. Set within the granite prison walls you will experience how life was as an officer serving at Peterhead. They provided all the opportunity to learn by interacting with guides dressed in period costumes and see the cells and other key components of this complex that is known worldwide.

Strichen Church has launched a foodbank collection on a weekly basis for the Trussell Trust which partners with local communities to help stop Hunger in the UK.

Filling Station Scotland invites Christians from all over the UK and abroad to come together for a summer family festival held on the wonderful grounds of Gordon Castle Estate, on the banks of the River Spey, in the Scottish Highlands which was well attended by both churches.



Caring for our Minister

Kingsville Manse

Kingsville is a double fronted Victorian granite detached house set back from the road with a pleasant front garden. On the ground floor there is an entrance hallway leading to two spacious reception rooms (one with a multi-fuel stove) on either side of the hall, a large office with side entrance if required, a shower room with wash hand basin and toilet, a dining room, a modern fitted kitchen with electrical appliances and utility room leading to the back door. Upstairs there is a wide landing leading to four generous double bedrooms, a bathroom with bath and shower, a dressing room and a stair leading to the attic.

Outside there are gardens to the front, side and rear with a gardener to cut grass all summer and generally keep it well maintained, with parking, a garage and shed. There is a summer house in a sunny spot in the back garden. The house is fully double glazed and is served with oil-fired central heating. The property is in very good condition and there is an annual review to maintain its high standard.

Church Office

A separate modern office accommodation was built in 1997 in the garden adjacent to the manse building. Full office amenities therefore close at hand, comprise computer access with Internet and E-mail facilities, photocopying etc. A secretary has recently been appointed to assist with the various demands of a vacant ministry for 4 hours per week and if need arises can be reviewed and hours increased to suit.



Caring for our Minister

Kirk Sessions

Strichen and Tyrie Kirk Session comprise 18 active elders , with New Pitsligo having 5 active elders who work well together and share a common goal to see the Church grow, both spiritually and numerically. The Session's desire is to work with and support a minister who shares this vision and is willing to work together with them throughout the parish for the advancement of the Kingdom. Occasionally in both Strichen and New Pitsligo Elder led Sunday Services have taken place over recent years, providing a fresh, creative and inspiring worship for the congregation.

Kirk Boards

In addition to the Sessions, Strichen and Tyrie have 7 supporting Board members and New Pitsligo with 6 supportive members. Although Fabric and Finance are the primary task of the Board, they also through the Church Fellowship, organise social events for both members and within the parish. They also desire to see the minister and the manse family settle into not only the Church through friendship and fellowship, but also into the wider community.



Our Area

Strichen Village

The village is well served with local facilities with two food stores, including a Post Office, chemist, an award winning butcher, antique centre, café, florist, a barbers and hairdresser. Buchan Central Practice delivers GP and healthcare services in Strichen, New Pitsligo and New Deer with local hospital services delivered from Fraserburgh. Strichen also has a library and veterinary surgery. Plans for the development of the village town hall, recently transferred to community ownership, include creating facilities that will benefit all local residents.

Sitting at the foot of Mormand Hill with the River Ugie running through, and surrounded by rolling landscape, the village also benefits from a well supported community park developed and maintained by local volunteers. The park has a beautiful lake, woodland walks which also has the Formartine & Buchan Way running through. This is part of the National Cycle Network connecting to local villages and towns north and south of Strichen.

Additional facilities include a childrens play park, astro turf football park, large playing fields adjacent to the school and the Ritchie Hall—where local clubs and fitness classes are delivered and community functions held. Scottish Highland dancing classes are taught from which many young people go on to compete at local and national events. Strichen has a strong association with Scottish country heritage with its annual Buchan Heritage Festival where Scottish traditional music and dancing is celebrated.

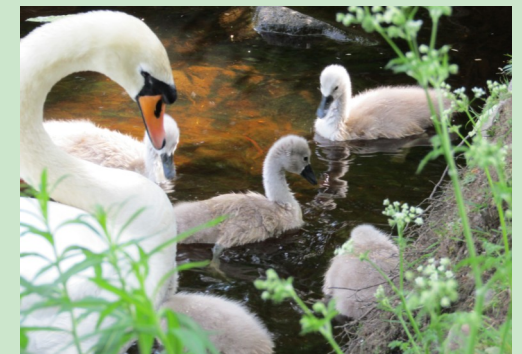
Strichen Primary School

Strichen School is situated in the village of Strichen which is in the north east of Scotland some 8 miles south of Fraserburgh. The school has 125 pupils in Primary 1-7 and 14 in the Nursery. There are 6 classes in the school and the nursery class meets every morning.

The school was built on its present site in 1938 but in 1990, the school was completely redesigned, extended and refurbished. Strichen School is an attractive building which has been well maintained by the staff and pupils.

Check out the school website to find out more:

<http://www.strichen.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/page34.html>



Our Area

Tyrie Community

Tyrie is a hamlet with only a few houses approximately 6 miles from Fraserburgh, and 5 miles from both New Pitsligo and Strichen. Tyrie is very fortunate in having a local school which has a roll of around 50 pupils with three full time teachers. The school has a community cafe where the pupils bake and serve the local community.. Tyrie School is well supported by the Tyrie and Boyndlie residents and in conjunction with the church forms a major focal point in the community.

Tyrie Primary School

Tyrie School is a non-denominational primary school built in 1936, which serves the hamlet of Tyrie and the surrounding area. On leaving Tyrie School the majority of pupils transfer to Fraserburgh Academy, which has 12 associated feeder schools as part of the Fraserburgh Community Schools Network.

The school's current roll is 38 pupils. The school has a very supportive Parent Council and encourages involvement of parents in the work of the school. Through the Pupil Council, pupils are involved in the work of the school and its improvement.

Community links are a valued part of school life. The school is used for a range of community activities, including after school sports and activity clubs. The Head Teacher is invited to attend Community Association meetings. The school has a very supportive Parent Council and associated sub groups. These groups support school improvement activities and raise additional funds to provide many extras for the pupils in the school.

Check out the school website to find out more:
<http://tyrie.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>



Our Area

New Pitsligo Village

The village of New Pitsligo was founded September 1787 by Sir William Forbes an Edinburgh banker. New Pitsligo stands proudly on the eastern slope of Turlundie Hill. The village, known locally as CYAAK, is the 2nd largest village in Buchan with a population of about 920, many of whom commute to work.

There is a well stocked grocer shop which contains the Post Office, library, primary school, chip shop, Chinese take-away and an Indian restaurant as well as two garages for vehicle repairs and MOT. There is also a quality boutique hotel with an excellent restaurant. We also have two public houses and a Royal British legion social club. The village and surrounding area is well served by a modern Health Centre, complimented by an excellent chemist. Just outside the village is the Last Bus Stop café.

There are numerous well supported clubs and associations within the village. Two of the highlights are the Horticultural Show held on the first Saturday in September and the popular Visual Arts Exhibition - people come from many areas to show their paintings and crafts.

Lace making was introduced to the village in the 1820's. Tradition has it that Lady Forbes brought the first lace makers up from her estates in Devon. Queen Victoria is said to have been particularly fond of New Pitsligo lace. The art has been passed down, without written instructions, from generation to generation and an active lace club of adults and children carries on the tradition today.

New Pitsligo & St John's Primary School

New Pitsligo & St John's is a non-denominational Victorian built primary school which serves the surrounding area. There are 110 pupils in P 1 -7 and 33 in nursery. Community links are a valued part of school life. On leaving the school the majority of pupils transfer to Mintlaw Academy, one of a number of feeder schools as part of the Mintlaw Community Schools Network.

Check out the school website to find out more:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Contacts/detail.asp?schoolid=bnpp>



Our Area

Whilst being surrounded by lush countryside and farmland, Strichen, Tryie and New Pitsligo are very close to the north east coastline which provides access to stunning coastal landscapes, amazing beaches and picturesque villages. Fraserburgh beach was recently recognised as being one of the 20 cleanest beaches in the UK.

Many activities are possible at Fraserburgh beach including kite surfing, board surfing, kayaking, sand karting, horse riding and of course picnics, building sandcastles and dog walking. In 2014 *the Scottish Windfest Tour held its international surf competition* which featured in the BBC production Landward. Kite surfing is continuing to grow in popularity amongst young and not so young.

Fraserburgh is our nearest town with a mix of independent shops and chain stores. Fraserburgh has a proud community with a strong fishing heritage and inward migration adds to the diversity of the area. The Leisure Centre has Ten Pin Bowling, carpet bowls, pool tables and a restaurant. In 2015 a new swimming pool and sports centre opened providing state of the art gym facilities and gym classes. The town also boasts an impressive golf course, as do other local towns with golf courses located in Banff, Longside, Peterhead, with others slightly further afield.

Across the northern part of Aberdeenshire are excellent cafes and restaurants serving local produce in lovely settings. The nearest city is Aberdeen, with an excellent range of shops and amenities catering for all age groups—covering sports, science, museums, galleries and cinemas.

Travelling west takes you into the heart of castle country and the Cairngorm National Park providing both summer and winter activities.



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