



62 Kippen Street, Airdrie ML6 9AX

COATDYKE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, AIRDRIE

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a family of believers who:

- Love and worship God through faith, fellowship and friendship.
- Serve one another, our local community and the wider world.
- Share the love of God and the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through compassionate action.

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Minister/Pastor at Coatdyke Congregational Church, Airdrie and applications are now being invited to fill this role.

The following is a brief summary of the life and work of the church at Coatdyke.

CHURCH PROFILE

Coatdyke Congregational Church was constituted on 16th January, 1911 and celebrated its centenary during 2011 with a number of special events that were enjoyed by the whole congregation.

The church is situated in Kippen Street, just off the A89 at the west end of Airdrie, close to the boundary with neighbouring Coatbridge.

The seating capacity of the church is 150.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the church is 100 and there are also a number of adherents and associate members. There is a wide age range, including a small number of members who are housebound or in care. Approximately half of the membership will normally be present at worship on a typical Sunday morning.

The Sunday service commences at 11 a.m. and Holy Communion is celebrated at the end of the service on the first Sunday of each month. Mission Praise is the preferred hymnary and the congregation enjoys vibrant music which is played on our Rogers electronic organ. We have a regular organist and two assistant organists. The church flowers are donated by members of the congregation and are distributed to the sick, aged, special celebrations, etc., after Sunday morning worship. Coatdyke has friendly links with neighbouring churches.

HALL

The hall and new kitchen is adjacent to the church and is used extensively by the organisations within the church. It is also used for community projects and for private lets. There is access to the hall for the disabled via an internal chair lift or external disability access ramp and disabled toilet facilities are also available. Maintenance is constantly carried out and projects arranged following discussion at the Church Meeting.

MANSE

The manse is a detached property situated at 2 Cherrybank Walk which is within walking distance of the church and near to Monklands District General Hospital. Coatdyke rail station, which is on the line linking Airdrie with both Glasgow and Edinburgh, is nearby and the town centre is a 10 minute walk away. Buses leave from the hospital on a regular basis.

On the upper level of the manse there are 3 bedrooms (or 2 bedrooms and a study) and the bathroom, while on the downstairs level there can be found a good sized living/dining room, the kitchen and a cloakroom. The manse has been recently decorated and is well maintained. The property also has a driveway for off road parking as well as a small garden area to the front and a more substantial area to the rear.

The manse is currently under let however alternative accommodation can be arranged.

DEACONS' COURT, TEAMS AND CHURCH MEETING

The Deacons Court (currently 12) are appointed by the church meeting to assist the minister with the organisation of the pastoral work of the church. There are also separate teams which are responsible for the management of specific areas of church business – property & finance, administration and mission. All of these bodies report to the church meeting which is held quarterly on the third Wednesday of February (AGM), May, August and November.

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group with an active membership of 20 - 25 meets on the last Wednesday of each month. A varied syllabus with guest speakers and visits is planned before the start of each session. The Women's group contributes to the CF Scottish Women's Fellowship's named charity each year and also assists with the replacement of the fabric of the church when required.

CRECHE AND SUNDAY CLUB

The Creche and Sunday Club meet during Morning Worship and have a membership of 10 - 15. Various themes and activities arranged during the session.

GIRLS BRIGADE

The Girls Brigade (8th Airdrie Company) has a strong membership presently numbering over 60 girls plus 15 officers and helpers who participate in all divisional activities and events. The joint leaders are actively involved in the executive of Monklands Division. 8th Airdrie has an abundance of talented girls who perform at services and social events throughout the year. The Company currently has a number of senior girls working towards various stages of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and also the Queen's Award. We look forward to having another 7 commissioned Officers in our ranks very soon.

THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

LINE DANCING GROUP

The Line Dancing Group has a membership of about 20 and meets weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This group regularly donates large sums of money to good causes. It is supported mainly by people who live in the neighbourhood of the church. The group is interdenominational as are all other groups within the church.

GIRLS' BRIGADE SCOTLAND

Each company within Monklands Division takes a turn at hosting events and the host Chaplain is invited to lead services (usually once in 10 years).

ORANGE ORDER

The local male and female Coatdyke lodges of the Orange Order have for many years held an annual early morning service in the church in July in each year (which is normally led by the minister). From time to time there are other special services.

HELPING HANDS CENTRE

Individuals from local churches assist at this Centre in Coatbridge which has the responsibility of feeding those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Coatdyke Church continue to deliver harvest donations to this charity.

PROJECT WATER AID – 2018/19

The Church aims to raise £5000 in support of the charity Water Aid which builds wells to provide a clean water source for drinking and sanitation purposes in areas of the world where people are currently dying needlessly from diseases picked up through contaminated water supplies. It is hoped to commence the project in the summer and organisations, teams and individuals from amongst the body of the Kirk will take the initiative to organise events where everyone can come together as a church community for the benefit of the worthy cause.

OTHER BODIES

The Church is represented on the following bodies:-

- Airdrie Council of Churches
- Airdrie Christian Aid Committee
- Churches Together for St Andrews Hospice
- Airdrie Foodbank (deliveries to the local centre monthly)
- Link to Hope Christmas Shoeboxes, knitted blankets and collection of spectacles
- Recycling of inkjet cartridges and mobile phones
- Charity bookstall

CONGREGATIONAL FEDERATION

Coatdyke is represented at Scottish and nation-wide conferences, assemblies and any other activities that may take place within the Federation. The Church Secretary is actively involved as CF Scotland secretary along with attendance at National Committee, and the Church supports her in her duties in this role.

MINISTER'S KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The key responsibilities of the minister of Coatdyke Church are as follows:

He/she will be the spiritual leader of the church and will be responsible for the pastoral care of the congregation. He/she will be expected to foster and develop the activities of the church organisations and, being chaplain of the Girls' Brigade company, will be called upon to give guidance on spiritual matters and to assess work, as required. As in the past, he/she will encourage the youth to be involved in the services. Our minister will also be expected to reach out to and develop the church within the local community. Visitation of the congregation (particularly the sick and elderly) is also seen as a priority. The calling will also involve representation of the church at events organised by the Congregational Federation.

MINISTER'S PROFILE

The successful applicant will be someone who is suitably qualified for the position. Experience would be preferred but anyone who is undergoing training and nearing the end of their studies would be considered. There is no age barrier but the applicant should have good leadership qualities and also have the ability to motivate people. He/she should have a strong commitment to all aspects of the life of the church and should be a dedicated and motivated individual. Good communication skills are necessary and a sense of humour would be a help!

Should you be interested in obtaining further details about our vacancy please feel free to contact our Church Secretary, Miss Margaret McGuinness, by e-mail in the first instance at maggiemcg@blueyonder.co.uk

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