

EDINBURGH: ST NICHOLAS, SIGHTHILL PARISH CHURCH Parish Profile



St Nicholas, Sighthill
Parish Church

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St Nicholas, Sighthill Parish Church is sited, at

the west side of Edinburgh, at the junction of Wester Hailes Road and Calder Road, at the heart of three communities: Parkhead, Sighthill and the Calders.

Sunday Service 10.30am

The Parish has undergone considerable change. Most recently, our buildings have been recognised as a building

of historic interest and Historic Scotland have listed it as category B.

The mission priorities are: Research the parish community, define and agree priorities for work, build community inside the congregation and develop leadership and to be aware of it's focus and the range of theological views, worship preferences and discipleship of the whole congregation.

We are delighted to have found a Minister with these qualities:

- Leads worship effectively
- Willing to provide Pastoral care
- Will develop the involvement of the congregation
- Open-minded and inclusive
- Inventive and creative with a sense of humour
- Good communication skills

- ◆ Bible Study & Prayer groups meet locally.
- ◆ The Guild meets fortnightly.
- ◆ The Sanctuary also plays host to other Christian Fellowships.
- ◆ One of the most popular meeting times is Wednesday Lunches, bringing together our own members, neighbouring churches, Group 55 and staff from near-by offices



- ◆ The church buildings provide facilities for other organisations including Rainbows, Brownies, Dance Group, Karate, Scottish Slimmers, Toddlers, Women's Group, Youth Group.



- ◆ The common bonds that link all church activities together, are the Love of Christ and the bond of fellowship.
- ◆ The Kirk Session along with the Board oversee the worship and administrative work with the help of a number of sub-committees. A recently formed Management Committee has reduced the need for so many Board meetings.
- ◆ The Navigators and Beginners Sunday School meet at the same time.
- ◆ A Hymnal is used in worship with an Organist playing at Communion services.
- ◆ Monthly service held in local care home for the elderly.

- ◆ Communication is an integral part of the church, currently producing a weekly Service and News Sheet and a Quarterly Magazine with an abbreviated copy on our website and in the local Libraries.
- ◆ The Sanctuary can seat up to 400 people (current roll 370), has a choir gallery and pipe organ. A sound system with radio microphones and loop system is installed. We are also fully equipped with laptop, projector and screen.
- ◆ The large hall seats 150 people and the small hall 60. There is a kitchen, a small office, a vestry, a session room, toilets and disabled toilet.
- ◆ St Nicholas Church has a good reputation for supporting local and international charities.



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Our History

Established as a Parish in 1939, the present church building was opened 1957 and quickly known as the Children’s Church. This was due to part of the initial funding being raised by Sunday Schools around Scotland and overseas. In recognition of this, the name St Nicholas, the Patron Saint of Children, was given to the church. The Commemorative Stone, symbolising the gifts of the children, the boy’s gift of five loaves and two fish that Christ used to feed the 5000, was unveiled by Lord James Douglas Hamilton.



LOCATION AND AMENITIES

The parish, lies to the west of Edinburgh, close to the City bypass & astride A71 Calder Road. Included in the Parish is the housing areas of Sighthill, Parkhead and Calders, with a population of 7,000 approx. The housing includes privately

owned, private rental and Council rental.

Education in the Calders is provided with Sighthill Primary and Wester Hailes Education Centre. In Sighthill/Parkhead by Murrayburn Primary and Forrester High School. Only the Primary Schools are within the Parish.



Edinburgh International Airport is a ten minute drive away and the area is well served by buses and trains to the centre of Edinburgh.

The Gyle Shopping Centre, Wester Hailes Shopping Centre with a multiplex cinema and Hermiston Gait Retail Park are reasonably near.

The Union Canal, not far away provides a peaceful haven with opportunities to walk into the centre of Edinburgh or out into the countryside. For those of a sporting nature there are many leisure pursuits nearby including swimming, badminton, grass bowling and golf.



MANSE



Adjacent to the church there is a detached purpose built manse with five bedrooms, well maintained gardens, along with a separate garage.

The church grounds consist of a car park for 12 cars together with extensive grounds, which are beautifully maintained by the enthusiastic gardening committee.

Church Officer’s Flat



A Church Officer’s flat is part of the church buildings.