



## FIFE COASTAL TRINITY

Serving the Communities of Colinsburgh, Elie,  
Kilconquhar, Largo and St Monans.

### Parish Profile

#### 1. Introduction

We warmly invite applications for the position of minister at the newly united **Fife Coastal Trinity Parish Church**, a charge bringing together the faithful and welcoming communities of the former churches of **Largo**, **East Neuk Trinity**, and **St Monans**. Set along the breathtaking coastline of Fife, our parish is grounded in tradition yet looking toward the future with energy, prayerfulness, and vision.

This is an exciting opportunity for a minister who is passionate about **missional outreach**, **inclusive worship**, and **community engagement**. Our united congregation is committed to sharing the love of Christ along our coast and building a sustainable future together.

***The Kirk Session agreed to depart from the Traditional position on same sex & Civil Partnerships.***

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#### 2. History of the Charge/Congregation

The formation of **Fife Coastal Trinity Parish Church** in 2026 represents a significant step in the ongoing renewal of ministry along the East Fife coast. This union brings together:

- **East Neuk Trinity Parish Church** – A previously united charge comprising congregations from Elie, Kilconquhar, and Colinsburgh, known for innovative worship and strong ecumenical relationships.
- **Largo Parish Church** – A congregation with strong ties to local history and community, with a beautiful traditional building in Upper Largo and a history of outreach through music, social action, and partnerships.
- **St Monans Parish Church** – A historic coastal congregation renowned for its rich worship life, commitment to mission and ministry, and deep community roots.

Our unity is the result of work to develop shared values: deep love for our communities, commitment to mission, and a desire to serve Christ in a changing world. Together, we seek a minister who will journey with us as we grow into this new chapter.

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### 3. Community Profile

The parish serves a diverse and vibrant population across the villages of Colinsburgh, Elie, Kilconquhar, Lower and Upper Largo, Lundin Links and St Monans. Together, these communities encompass:

<b>Legacy Congregation</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Congregational Roll</b> (as at February 2026)
East Neuk Trinity Parish Church	1,503	216
Largo Parish Church	3,033	214
St Monans Parish Church	1,462	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,998</b>	<b>595</b>

These figures reflect the breadth of our ministry — serving almost **6,000 people** in the local area, with around **200 members** actively involved in ministry and mission across our congregations each week.

These communities are a blend of:

- Long-standing residents with deep local roots
- Young families drawn by the quality of life and schools
- Retirees seeking peace and community
- Seasonal visitors and tourists, especially in summer months

The area is known for its arts festivals, food culture, coastal walks, and community spirit. Our churches are often at the heart of local events, from concerts and exhibitions to charity fundraisers and civic services.



(Map and population statistics from Fife Presbytery Mission Plan as agreed 2022.)

Our congregations serve diverse coastal communities, each with a unique character:

- **Demographics:** We serve a mix of long-term residents, retirees, young families, and an increasing number of remote workers and second-home owners. During summer, our population swells with tourists.
- **Economy:** Agriculture, tourism, fishing, hospitality, and local crafts are key industries, alongside small businesses and rural employment.
- **Community Spirit:** There is strong engagement in local events, festivals, environmental initiatives, and heritage projects. Our churches are viewed as vital community hubs.

Across our communities, there is a deep respect for the church’s presence and history, and a growing openness to fresh expressions of faith and fellowship, to draw in families and younger people who are seeking a spiritual anchor in their lives. We are excited about the opportunity to work to grow our engagement and bring more people in our communities to Christ.

## 4. Worship Life

Worship is at the heart of who we are. We are committed to being a people shaped by Word and Sacrament, with a blend of traditional and contemporary expressions. We currently offer:

- **Weekly services** in each part of the parish, rotating on a planned basis, with monthly united worship.
- **Lay involvement** in readings, prayers, and music is encouraged and appreciated.
- **Music ministry** is strong, with choirs, organists/keyboard players, and guest musicians enhancing worship.
- **Seasonal services** (Advent, Holy Week, Harvest, etc.)
- **Messy Church** and family-friendly worship
- **Online reflections and livestreams**, especially during holidays or for those unable to attend in person
- **The Guild**
- **Special services** for local festivals, and community events
- **Weddings and funerals** for members of the congregation and local community.



We seek a minister who can **lead creative, thoughtful, and engaging worship**, and help us explore new forms of worship, building on our experience of cafe church and outdoor services, encountering God in the beauty which surrounds us.

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## 5. Pastoral Care



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Pastoral care is a shared ministry, coordinated by the minister and supported by:

- A **Pastoral Team** of trained volunteers
- **Elders** who maintain regular contact with members
- **Bereavement support** and funeral ministry
- **Home communions** and hospital visits

We value a minister who is **present, empathetic, and attentive**, and who can equip others to share in this vital ministry.

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## 6. Christian Education

We are committed to nurturing faith at all stages of life. Current and recent initiatives include:

- **Sunday School (on a Monday) and Messy Church** for children and families
- **Bible study groups and Lenten reflections**
- **Alpha courses and faith exploration evenings**
- **Youth engagement** through partnerships with local schools and youth groups



Messy Church

We hope to grow our Christian education offerings with the help of our new minister, particularly in **faith formation for children, families, and seekers**.

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## 7. Ecumenical Context

Ecumenical collaboration is a strength and a joy in our parish. We have long-standing relationships with:

- Local **Episcopal, Evangelical, Roman Catholic, and Baptist churches**.
- Shared services, joint study groups, and ecumenical Good Friday walks of witness.

We believe in the unity of the Body of Christ and seek a minister who values collaboration and shared witness.

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## 8. World Church

We seek to live out our faith globally and locally. Initiatives include:

- Regular support of Christian Aid, Tearfund, and other international charities.
- Mission partners through the Church of Scotland's World Mission Council, for example the Mwandu Mission.
- Occasional fair-trade stalls and refugee support projects.

We are keen to grow our understanding of global Christianity and explore how we can be more active in **justice, peace, and environmental witness**.

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## 9. Stewardship and Finance

Each former congregation has taken careful steps to manage its resources, though financial pressures are a reality in rural parishes. We are committed to:

- Meeting our Church of Scotland Giving to Grow contributions and Fife Presbytery dues.
- Supporting the maintenance of multiple church buildings with sustainability in mind. Plans are in place to upgrade a number of buildings, using funds held in the Consolidated Fabric Fund and by seeking grants.
- Exploring fundraising, grants, and legacy giving.

A unified budget has been developed under the new parish structure. We seek a minister who is **comfortable working with a team on strategic planning and stewardship**.

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## 10. Staff and volunteers

The parish is supported by

### Paid staff:

- **Administrator, full time**
- **Treasurer, part time**
- **Youth worker, part time**
- **Organists/keyboards players and musicians**



Experienced and committed **volunteers**:

- A **team of elders**, many with experience in worship leadership and pastoral care
- Volunteers for **children's ministry, hospitality, and property maintenance**

The work of the church is co-ordinated, planned and delivered by a number of teams, under the leadership and guidance of the Kirk Session. Team members are Elders and members of the congregation.

The **Teams** are:

- Buildings/ Estate
- Fabric and Finance

- Mission
- Pastoral
- Worship

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## 11. Church, Manse and Halls

The united charge has a number of buildings used for mission and ministry in the communities. In line with the Fife Presbytery Mission Plan, several of the buildings will be sold within the next two years.

Plans for refurbishing and upgrading former church halls to be fit for regular worship and mission and ministry are in place, using funds from the Consolidated Fabric fund.

### List of buildings.

*The current list of buildings is set out below. An Estates Group has been established to undertake a comprehensive review of all properties across the newly formed parish and to submit recommendations to the Kirk Session regarding those buildings best suited to sustain and advance the mission and witness of Fife Coastal Trinity Parish Church throughout the whole parish.*

Building	Used for regular worship	Forward plan
<b>Elie, Kilconquhar and Colinburgh</b>		
Elie Church	Yes	Will be sold within the next two years
Kilconquhar Church	Yes	Will be sold within the next two years
Elie Church Hall	No	Refurbishment and upgrading planned so it becomes the worship centre following the sale of Elie and Kilconquhar Churches
<b>Largo</b>		
Largo Church and the Stables	Yes	Refurbishment and upgrading planned
Durham Hall (Lower Largo)	Yes	Refurbishment and upgrading planned
<b>St Monans</b>		
St Monans Church Hall	Yes	Refurbishment and upgrading planned
St Monans Church (Auld Kirk)	No	Sold December 2025

The **manse**, located in Lower Largo, is a spacious and modern 4-bedroom home with a study, garden, and double garage. It offers easy access to all parts of the parish and is close to schools, shops, and transport links.



The manse located in Anstruther will be sold.

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## 12. Web Links for Further Information

- [Fife Presbytery](#)
  - [Fife Coastal Path](#) – To glimpse the setting of our parish
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## Conclusion

We believe God is calling someone special to join us in our new united parish in this beautiful area by the coast. If you are a minister with a heart for rural ministry, a gift for bringing people together, and a desire to serve a community rich in heritage and hope, we would love to hear from you.

**Come walk with us by the sea—and help us share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and shape the future of Fife Coastal Trinity Parish Church.**

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