Hall Lets Convener       Ann Robertson       0141 644 3704
Library                  Gillian Norval      01355 303632
Life and Work            Alan MacBrair       01355 303484
Lodging House Mission    Brenda Bain         01355 302064
Magazine Editor          Duncan McIntyre      01355 302884
Orchestra                Brenda Bain         01355 302064
Organist                 Razvan Luculescu    
Prayer Secretary         Gillian Norval      01355 303632
Roll Keeper              Ian Gray            01355 302954
Safeguarding Co-ordinator Douglas Mclachlan   01355 302635
Summer Creche            Michelle Nealis      0141 644 4783
Sunday Coffee Rota       Sandra Morton       01355 303266
Treasurer                Elspeth Napier      0141 616 0041

For news and special events, please also visit our website
www.eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk
and find us on Facebook
CONTACTS

Minister        Lynn McChlery        01355 303495
Youth Minister  James Edgar          07710 977309
Session Clerk   Wendy Armstrong      01355 302346

Administration  Maureen Hunter      01355 302647
Music and Worship Wendy Armstrong    01355 302346
Outreach        Giles Blair          01355 301293
Pastoral / Fellowship Sandy Robertson 0141 644 3345
Faith Development Lynn McChlery      01355 303495
Youth Strategy  Stuart McChlery      01355 303495

Church Builders Sheila Lamont        01355 302368
Church Office   Anne Carr            01355 302087
Church Officer  Liz McLachlan        01355 302418
Creche          Ann McCormick        01355 302437
Fabric Convener Jim Alexander        0141 644 3837
Finance Team    David Reid           0141 577 1977
Flower Convener Janette Macindoer    01355 302076
Food and Hygiene Convener  Margaret Pitcairn 0141 644 3223
Free Will Offering Ian Gray          01355 302954
Gift Aid        Ronnie McIntyre      0141 644 3255

WELCOME

How do you like to be introduced to people? The best kind of introductions are warm and personal, tell you something about a person, and extend a hand to which you feel encouraged to respond. We can’t all personally shake hands with every newcomer to our Church—though we’d like to! We hope this welcome pack will have a similar effect, and thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to you.

We like to think that Eaglesham Church is a vibrant and exciting Christian community. Quite simply, we are ordinary people engaged in the challenge of what it means to live as 21st century followers of Jesus in Eaglesham and beyond. Centred on worship and Bible teaching, we hope to attract others to what we enjoy about God and Christianity, to keep growing in our own faith and to explore what that means by serving our community and the wider world. Details of how that works out are enclosed in this pack and on our website, and we warmly encourage you to read further - or even better, speak to a church member or come along and experience for yourself! We would love to have the opportunity to shake your hand, and allow you to introduce yourself to us.

Wishing you God’s blessing.

Lynn McChlery

February 2015
Other Buildings

Further up Montgomery Street from the Church itself are the Carswell Halls. This building was formerly the Carswell United Presbyterian Church before it joined with the Free Church in 1900. The Free Church occupied the present Church Halls opposite Mid Road. In 1929, the united congregations became the Carswell Church of Scotland. In 1960, the Carswell Church amalgamated with the Old Parish Church to give the present configuration of Eaglesham Parish Church, with its two sets of halls, fully utilised by the range of church organisations which have evolved during and since the twentieth century.

At a Service of Dedication in January 2013, the newly refurbished Church Halls were renamed the ‘Laird Halls’ in honour of our one-time Session Clerk, Sydney Laird, whose commitment to our congregation and Boys Brigade Company in Eaglesham was unparalleled.
**HISTORY OF EAGLESHAM CHURCH**

This brief note is designed to give an introduction to our Church history and heritage. The Church in Eaglesham is, of course, more than a building - it is a vibrant community of Christian people who are an integral part of this village and parish.

**Origins**

It is probable that there has been a place of worship on this site from earliest Christian times, perhaps as early as the fifth or sixth centuries. Indeed the name of the village derives from *eaglis* - 'the church' and *ham* - 'the small township'.

It is from the fourteenth century that records tell us of Eaglesham Church as a prebend, or kind of extension charge, of Glasgow Cathedral, under the patronage of the Montgomerie family who had arrived in Britain in the wake of the Norman Conquest and had been given the lands of Eaglesham. On the downstairs rear wall of the Church, the succession of ministers from 1388 is shown.

**Present Building**

The present Church was designed by Robert McLachlane and completed in 1790, just as the new planned village of Eaglesham was taking shape. The Gothic-style structure, originally octagonal, is joined to a classical ashler steeple with a clock tower, inscribed with text ‘Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel’.

The simple, but beautifully effective, interior is tastefully decorated and retains virtually the original design. The present, finely embroidered Pulpit Fall is by Fiona Hamilton, one of the present Elders. This replaces a similar fine work by Kathleen Whyte, whose Pulpit Fall is now on display on the wall to the right of the Chancel.

In the back gallery, a fine two-manual ‘Father Willis’ organ is installed. Originally designed and built in the 1880s for a large house in Bearsden, the organ was gifted to Queen’s Cross Church, Glasgow in 1921. In the late 1970s, when Queen’s Cross Church was closed (now the headquarters of the Charles Rennie McIntosh Society), the organ was dismantled and rebuilt in Eaglesham by James McKenzie.

**SUNDAYS AT EAGLESHAM**

**Regular Events**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11.00 am</td>
<td><strong>Morning Service</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(10.00 am in July and August)</td>
<td>A crèche is available during the service. The Church Orchestra takes part on the last Sunday of each month.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.00 am</td>
<td><strong>Children’s Church Builders</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(10.00 am in July and August)</td>
<td>All sections meet during the service, with children encouraged to attend the first part, before leaving for the Laird Halls. A Summer Crèche is available when Church Builders is not operating.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.30 am</td>
<td><strong>Prayer Group</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(9.30 am in July and August)</td>
<td>Meets in the BB Room at the back of the Laird Hall.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.00 noon</td>
<td><strong>Tea and coffee</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(11.00 am in July and August)</td>
<td>Served in the Carswell Hall after the service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.00 pm - 8.15 pm</td>
<td><strong>EPYC (Eaglesham Parish Youth Cafe)</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Youth Group (P7 - S6) meet in the Carswell Hall, for games, group work, looking at the Bible together, and hot chocolate!</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Last Sunday of the Month** *(September to May except December)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9.30 am</td>
<td><strong>Early Service</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A short service in a traditional style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.00 am</td>
<td><strong>Contemporary Service</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>An all-age informal service with interactive bits and a modern style of praise.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Communion Services**

Held on the first Sundays of February, June and October

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11.00 am</td>
<td><strong>Communion Service in the Church</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

...
**WEEKDAYS - CHILDREN**

**Rainbows**
- **For:** Girls, between 5 - 7 years
- **When:** Monday 4.30 pm
- **Where:** Montgomerie Hall
- **Contact:** Mary MacInnes (01355 301171) or bobmary.macinnes@btinternet.com

**Rainbows**
- **For:** Girls, between 5 - 7 years
- **When:** Monday 5 pm
- **Where:** Carswell Hall
- **Contact:** Eilidh Gray (01355 303348)

**Brownies**
- **For:** Girls, between 7 - 10 years
- **When:** Monday 5.45 pm
- **Where:** Montgomerie Hall
- **Contact:** Elaine Wallace (01355 303169)

**Brownies**
- **For:** Girls, between 7 - 10 years
- **When:** Monday 6.15 pm
- **Where:** Carswell Hall
- **Contact:** Susan Law (01355 302941)

---

**THE WIDER WORK OF THE CHURCH**

**School Chaplaincy**

Our Church is privileged to celebrate a long history of close and fruitful relationship and Eaglesham Primary School. The minister is Chaplain to the school and greatly enjoys taking classes where the children are encouraged to ask questions about faith - always challenging and engaging! In addition to this are regular school assemblies, presenting faith-based topics of interest and relevance to the children. Highlights of the year are three special assemblies (at Christmas, Easter and June) when the whole school comes to Church for a short service - always highly charged and exciting celebrations, with the children participating enthusiastically! The JAFFA Group (Jesus a Friend for all) meets weekly at lunchtimes with over 20 enthusiastic P6s and P7s. We are always looking for ways to be part of our community and are privileged to be able to support our excellent school.

**Missionary Partners**

Our Church has recently been supporting two missionary partners. Alastair and Chrissy Muir were in Thailand where Alistair was helping the Thai church to establish much needed child protection. David and Sarah Hall work in the Church of Bangladesh’s Social Development Programme, which helps local women to support themselves better through education and training.

Our Church has recently established a new link, through Tearfund, with the Cambodian Hope Organisation. This is a charity which works by empowering local groups, based in Christian communities in the area, to realise and use their own skills to improve living conditions and opportunities. The specific project to which Eaglesham is contributing focuses on families affected by human trafficking. Our Tearfund co-ordinator is Fiona Kettlewell (01355 302599).
THE CHURCH AT WORK

Finance

There are three ways of giving:

♦ **Free Will Offering.** A yearly set of envelopes, with an envelope for each Sunday, is given as requested. Contact Ian Gray (01355 302954) for information.

♦ **Standing Order.** To ensure continuity of commitment and to avoid handling money, a standing order can be arranged by instructing your bank. Contact Elspeth Napier, Treasurer, (0141 616 0041) for more information.

♦ **Open Plate.** For others not contributing either by free will offering envelope or standing order, there is the traditional method of placing cash or cheques in the collection plate in the vestibule.

**Gift Aid Declaration**

All tax payers are encouraged and invited to sign the Gift Aid Declaration Form. This form, once signed, enables the Church to reclaim tax already paid by you to the Inland Revenue and can thus increase the Church’s income. The arrangement can be cancelled at any time you choose and you are not committing yourself to make any future gifts by signing the form. This applies whether you give by free will offering or by standing order and increases your giving by 25% (at present) at no cost to you. Contact Ronnie McIntyre (0141 644 3255)

---

**Anchor Boys**

For: Boys, Primary 1 - 3

When: Tuesday 6.30 - 7.45 pm

Where: Laird Halls

Contact: Gordon Grant (07515 640100)

**Eaglesham Toddler Group**

For: Children, 0 - 5 years and their parents or carers.

When: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00 - 11.30 am

Where: Laird Halls

Contact: Karen Letts (01355 302731)

**BB Junior Section**

For: Boys, Primary 4, 5 and 6

When: Thursday 7.00 - 8.30 pm

Where: Laird Halls

Contact: Gary Rushworth (07865 144813)

**Playtime**

For: Children, 0 - 5 years and their parents or carers.

When: Friday 1.00 - 2.45 pm

Where: Carswell Hall

Contact: Karen Letts (01355 302731)
### Weekdays - Children

#### Holiday Club
*For:* Children - P1 to P7  
*When:* One week in August  
*Where:* Carswell Hall  
*Contact:* Pat Wishart (0141 644 1090)

#### Junior Badminton
*For:* Children - 7 to 12 years  
*When:* Saturday 9.00 - 10.00 am  
*Where:* Laird Halls  
*Contact:* James Edgar (07710 977309)

#### Kid's Time Out
*For:* Children  
*When:* Daily, 8.00 - 9.00 am | 3.00 - 6.00 pm  
*Where:* Laird Hall  
*Contact:* Karen Jackson (0141 644 2612)

#### Messy Church
*For:* Families  
*When:* Fridays 4.00 to 6.00 pm, as advertised  
*Where:* Carswell Hall  
*Contact:* Kirsty Clark (01355 302257)

*Bible stories, crafts and food in a friendly environment.*

### The Church at Work

Their key aim is to “Open doors to a brighter future for Glasgow’s homeless”. The LHM relies on funding and support from Glasgow Presbytery Churches. Eaglesham Church has strongly supported the LHM for many years with Harvest donations, Christmas shoeboxes, Easter eggs, purchasing Christmas cards, donations of money and helping as volunteers - helping in the kitchen and serving meals. Many folks buy Meal vouchers which cost £1 and are a very practical way of helping a homeless person begging in the street as the vouchers can be exchanged for a meal at the LHM. You can find out more information about the LHM on their website www.lhm-glasgow.org.uk or from Brenda Bain who is the congregation’s link person with the LHM.

Other Glasgow Presbytery projects with which we are linked are The Well which provides drop-in information and advice for the Asian Communities of Glasgow and Church House which is a youth club in the East End of Glasgow. A fourth project, Glasgow the Caring City, is an independently operated charity with which Glasgow Presbytery has a strong affinity but no direct ties, which responds to disaster and relief efforts around the world where it is needed.

### Music

Music plays an important role in our worship here at Eaglesham. We have a fine 2-manual and pedal Father Willis Pipe Organ which leads the music on a Sunday and a Kawai CA51 digital piano for more modern praise items. There are several musical organisations in the Church which help enhance our worship and cater for all ages.

Our Church Choir lead the singing at the 11.00 am Sunday service and sing an introit or an anthem each week from October to April, as well as take part in extra services or concerts throughout the year. The Church Choir is open to all and meets on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room of the Carswell Halls. New members are always welcome.

For those who play musical instruments, we have an Orchestra led by Brenda Bain. The Orchestra often play in Church on the last Sunday of the month.

For more information regarding the music in Eaglesham Church, please contact: Razvan Luculescu - razvanluculescu@yahoo.com.
THE CHURCH AT WORK

Safeguarding (formerly Child Protection)

We are a welcoming church and we wish to ensure the safety of all who are part of our church family. Volunteers are vital to the running of our organisations and events and we welcome them with open arms. However, legislation requires that all volunteers who do regulated work are members of the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) scheme which replaced the former Child Protection/Enhanced Disclosure.

In order to comply with legislation, and in line with Church of Scotland policy, we have a Safeguarding Panel headed by our Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Douglas Mclachlan. Anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity within our church, should contact him before starting any work. Paperwork can take some time to be completed and there are some instances where membership of PVG is not required and so it is vital that advice is sought before any work begins.

We trust that volunteers and organisation leaders accept that some forward planning is required in order for checks to be made to ensure the safety of all, including the volunteers themselves.

For more information please contact Douglas Mclachlan: 01355-302635 or douglas.mclachlan1@btinternet.com

Flower Calendar

The flowers which grace the sanctuary every Sunday are donated by generous members of the congregation and arranged by other talented volunteers. After the service they are distributed to those who may be experiencing bereavement or illness or are celebrating special events and whom the Church would like to remember. If you wish to offer support to this service then contact the Minister or the convener.

Lodging House Mission

The Lodging House Mission (LHM) has been based in the east end of Glasgow, 35 East Campbell Street, since 1909. It operates within a Christian framework as a day centre, drop-in cafe and Church for Glasgow’s homeless, hostel dwelling and resettling communities. They offer a wide range of services such as meals, showers, chiropody and an education and activities programme; as well as support from care staff and chaplains.

WEEKDAYS - YOUTH

Guides
For: Girls - 10 to 14 years
When: Monday 7.45 pm
Where: Carswell Hall
Contact: Louise Lightbody (01355 302380)

BB Company Section
For: Boys, P7 to S6
When: Friday 7.20 - 10.00 pm
Where: Laird Halls
Contact: Greg Cunningham (07824 804645)

Senior Badminton
For: Children 13+
When: Saturday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Where: Laird Halls
Contact: James Edgar (07710 977309)

BB Club
For: BB Members (P7 upwards)
When: Saturday 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Where: Laird Halls
Contact: Greg Cunningham (07824 804645)
**WEWKDAYS - ADULTS**

**Yoga**

*For:* Interested adults of all ages - male and female  
*When:* Monday 1.00 pm | Wednesday 8.00 pm  
*Where:* Carswell Hall (Monday) | Laird Hall (Wednesday)  
*Contact:* Elspeth Johnston (01355 302358)

**Badminton**

*When:* Monday 7.00 pm | Tuesday 1.15 pm and 7.45 pm  
*Where:* Laird Hall  
*Contacts:* Gordon King (01355 302296) 
Margaret Black (01355 302232)

*The club competes in local church leagues, but caters also for those who wish to play for enjoyment. Tuesday sessions are for ladies only.*

**Discussion Group**

*When:* Monday 7.30 pm  
*Where:* Upper Room, Carswell Hall  
*Contact:* Joe Houston (01355 303607)

*The group meets in an informal, friendly environment, for several blocks of 4 to 6 weeks to explore the Bible and discuss issues relevant to life today.*

---

**THE CHURCH AT WORK**

- **Pastoral Care** supports and builds on the work of the Minister and elders to find more effective ways of looking after, not only our own members but as many people within our parish as possible, through visits, transport to and from Church, to and from hospital appointments, etc.

- **Fellowship** seeks opportunities to bring our congregation together through twice-monthly walks and social events.  
**Pastoral Care and Fellowship** function jointly.

- **Administration** looks after the fabric and finances of the congregation, seeking ways to maximise our resources to support and expand the work of the Church locally and nationally.

The Kirk Session is keen to include as many of our congregation as possible in the work of the teams and if you would like to learn more and add your voice to the discussions and decisions being taken please get in touch with the Minister, Session Clerk or your Elder. Your interest and involvement will be appreciated and welcomed.

**Communication**

The Church has a newsletter produced quarterly in March, June, September and December and it is edited by Duncan McIntyre. Articles for inclusion should be emailed to him at macintyre74@btinternet.com or sent to him at 74 Montgomery Street, Eaglesham, G76 0AU to arrive by two weeks before the month of publication for inclusion in the next newsletter. Letters and articles about Church life are welcomed.

The Church website is www.eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk and this lists details of the Church activities and contact details. An electronic version of the newsletter is available via the website. Alastair Bain is our webmaster.

The Church secretary, Anne Carr, is available on 01355 302087 (office) or by email on office@eagleshamparishchurch.co.uk. Intimations for the Sunday service bulletin should be passed to the secretary by 9am on the Friday for inclusion in the next Sunday’s bulletin. Her working hours are Wednesday and Friday 9.30 to 11.30am.
The Kirk Session

The Kirk Session is a group within the congregation which comprises the Minister and members - both men and women - who have been elected and subsequently ordained to serve as elders.

In Eaglesham we have 48 elders, most of whom have been allocated a district of congregation members and it is the elders’ duty to ensure that the people in their districts are looked after in terms of their spiritual health and, where necessary, their physical wellbeing. In other words, the structure of eldership we have maintained in our congregation in Eaglesham for many years ensures that we are in regular touch with all our members reassuring them that the Church remembers them and cares about them and also enables us to respond quickly when any special need arises.

The Session constantly strives to improve the interaction between all members of the Church here in Eaglesham and to involve as many as possible in the varied activities of the congregation. Significantly, however, it helps and supports our Minister in her work in spreading the Gospel throughout our village community and actively participates in the wider work of the Church. In order to focus more intensely on its many areas of responsibility, dedicated teams have been created within the Session; including, not just elders, but many others from the wider congregation who have shown special aptitude, skills or interest relative to the seven separate disciplines we identified:

- **Outreach** helps spread the good news of the Gospel to our community locally, nationally and internationally.
- **Youth Strategy** co-ordinates and expends the work of our various youth organisations.
- **Faith Development** arranges special events such as Advent meals and discussion, training courses and seminars for elders and congregation, Bible reading notes and Church library.
- **Music and Worship** works with the Minister to provide new ideas for special Services, and with our Organist and Choirmaster to include the expend musical contribution at our weekly Services and other special musical events.

Weekdays - Adults

**RVS**

*When:* Tuesday 10.00 am *(first Tuesday of every month)*

*Where:* Carswell Hall

*Contact:* Fiona Hamilton (01355 302981)

*Teams of members deliver meals to recipients in the Eaglesham and Waterfoot areas every Monday and Thursday throughout the year, in all types of weather!*

**Midweek Service**

*When:* Wednesday 11.00 am

*Where:* Carswell Hall

*Contact:* Lynn McChlery (01355 303495)

*A shorter service in a less formal setting.*

**Walking Group**

*When:* 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 10.00 am

*Where:* Meet and depart from Laird Hall

*Contact:* Sandy Robertson (0141 644 3345)

*Walks are usually 3 to 5 miles in length, sometimes in the environs of Eaglesham, sometimes further afield, for example, Country Parks.*

**Guild**

*When:* Wednesday 7.30 pm *(October to March)*

*Where:* Carswell Hall

*Contact:* Fiona Hamilton (01355 302981)
**WEEKDAYS - ADULTS**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

*When:* Wednesday 7.30 pm  
*Where:* Laird Hall  
*Contact:* Robert Henderson (01355 578668)

Meetings aim to assist alcoholics to stay sober and to help other alcoholics, by means of discussion and the sharing of experiences.

**Church Choir**

*When:* Thursday 7.30 pm  
*Where:* Upper Room, Carswell Hall  
*Contact:* Razvan Luculescu (razvanluculescu@yahoo.com) or Richard Morton (01355 303266)

The choir practises for Sunday services and for occasional concerts. The ability to read music is not essential.

---

**THE CHURCH AT WORK**

**Minister**

*NAME:* Lynn McChlery  
*COMES FROM:* Glasgow - the North side. Becoming Southsider has been easier than expected!  
*JOB:* Minister in Eaglesham Parish Church (her first charge) since 2005. Before that a teacher and youth worker.  
*MARITAL STATUS:* Married, to Stuart, a long-suffering Motherwell football supporter and dog walker by default (see below).  
*AGE:* Not disclosed, but 6 years younger than her husband.  
*LIKES:* Eating (especially chocolate), books and films, dogs (especially black Labs), walking on beaches, travelling, people (most of them), discussions about God, driving a Mini.  
*DISLIKES:* Walking the dog (see above), going to the gym, long committee meetings.  
*HOW TO CONTACT:* I can be contact by telephone on 01355 303495 or by email at lsmcchlery@btinternet.com Email is my preferred contact.  

**Youth Ministry**

In Eaglesham Church we are delighted to have personal contact with over 200 children and young people who come along to our various organisations. Our vision is to help them to grow as fully as possible into the individuals God designed them to be: physically, socially, emotionally and especially spiritually. We hope to encourage them to encounter God for themselves in Jesus Christ, and to develop a rich and living faith which will continue to enhance their spirituality for the whole of their lives. A big vision - but we have committed leaders to carry it out in different ways at each stage of a young person’s life.

Our Youth Minister is James Edgar who helps us to grow our youth work in schools and within our Church - particularly with the EPYC (Eaglesham Parish Youth Cafe) for our young people of Primary 7 to Secondary 6 ages. EPYC meets on Sunday evenings at 7.00 pm.