

TRAPRAIN PARISH – BACKGROUND

WHO WE ARE

The Parish of Traprain is part of the Church of Scotland, and serves the area of East Lothian that includes the villages of Athelstaneford, East Linton, Stenton, Tynninghame, Whitekirk and Whittingehame. We seek to share the good news and love of Jesus Christ through our worship, and our service in the community.

Worship services take place weekly at Prestonkirk in East Linton, and fortnightly at our other churches in Athelstaneford and Stenton. The church at Prestonkirk also has a small hall at the Stables, that is used regularly by church and community groups.

During the week, there are a number of church activities that currently take place including the Guild, prayer gatherings, home groups, friendship group, a community Café, and a youth club. Throughout the year, we also occasionally organise other events such as monthly get togethers for Ukrainian refugees, pilgrimage walks, Messy Church and a holiday club.

Our Minister the Rev Douglas Hamilton has been in post since September 2022 and the administrator role is a new post to help support all aspects of church operations. The administrator will also work alongside and support the many volunteers who are responsible for many of the aspects of church life.

WHERE WE WANT TO GO

There is a strong commitment within the church to serve all people in the community and we work in partnership with other local groups where possible.

We currently have a particular focus on engaging with families, young people and younger adults through the Growing Young initiative. At the same time, we are also looking at ways in which we can help support people with dementia in the community and have recently trialled a new art-based group.

There are currently around 5,000 people living in the parish and we had 631 church members at the close of 2024.

You can find out more about us at <https://www.parishoftraprain.org.uk/> and on our Facebook page.