



Weekly Bulletin

13th August 2026

VACANCY LIST

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Representative Elder Training

As we are just about to head into a new Presbytery session, we thought it would be good to hold a training evening for new, or fairly new, Representative Elders before our September Presbytery meeting. This will take place on **Tuesday 8th September at 7pm** in the Presbytery Office. If you would like to book in to this training session, please book using the following link:

[Register for Representative Elder Training](#)

There are only 20 places available, so if you are a new or newish Representative Elder (within the last year) please do sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Property Roadshow!

Date for your diary – the Presbytery Property Stewardship Committee are holding two **Property Roadshows on 9th and 12th September 2026** for anyone who is involved in looking after the fabric of ecclesiastical buildings.

Invites will be sent out nearer the time, however if you would like more information, please contact the Presbytery Buildings Officer, Mhairi MacLeod mhairi.macleod@churchofscotland.org.uk



Deadline for Property Application for Works

The deadline for Property Applications for Works is **Wednesday 19th August**. Any applications received after that date will be considered at the next Property Stewardship Committee meeting.

Places of Worship – Ecclesiastical Exemption

The General Trustees would like our congregations to complete this survey and also to let Presbytery know if they have responded to the survey, so we would be grateful to have your responses in due course using fvandc@churchofscotland.org.uk

We recently published an article through Insite on the benefits of the ecclesiastical exemption. A link to this item is provided below.

<https://thechurchofscotland.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/SitePages/National-Office-News--15-June-2026.aspx?fromNewsL2=true&locale=en-us>

As the article explains, congregations of the Church of Scotland benefit considerably from the ecclesiastical exemption. Its presence within the Town and Country Planning framework enables internal projects to churches to be progressed with significantly greater ease than would otherwise be possible.

We have, however, been notified that the Places of Worship Forum intends to consult on whether the existing ecclesiastical exemption system remains fit for purpose. The General Trustees view this as a considerable risk to both their work and that of congregations who are seeking to modernise their buildings.

Many congregations are working to make their buildings warm, comfortable, flexible and suitable for modern worship and wider community use. Without the protection of the exemption, projects would require listed building consent for each application. This would inevitably introduce additional time, expense and risk. In some cases, these added burdens could render projects unviable, notwithstanding the possibility of applications not ultimately being approved.

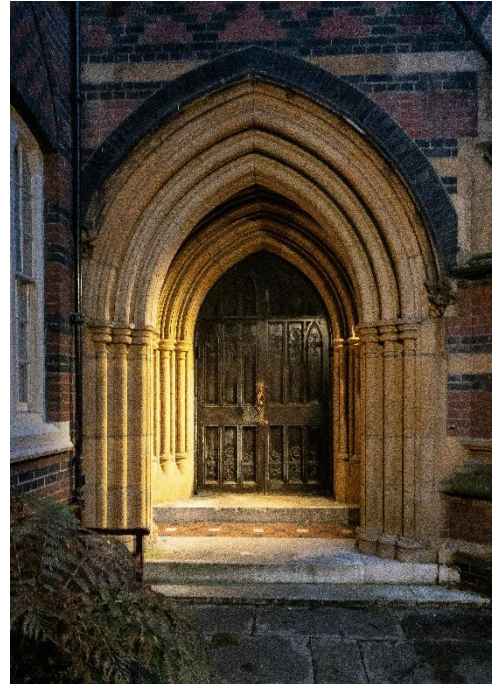
We would therefore strongly urge congregations, particularly those that have benefited from the ecclesiastical exemption over the years, to engage with the consultation survey and express their support for its continued inclusion within the planning system.

The more that the Church of Scotland and other denominations are able to articulate the clear benefits of the exemption, the greater the likelihood of averting this potential threat to our wider programme of building improvements. A link to the survey is provided here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PF38HBM>

The closing date for the survey is 1 September 2026.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Job Opportunity – Youth Development Leader

Youth Development Leader, Viewpark Parish Church of Scotland, 400 Old Edinburgh Road, Uddingston, Glasgow, G71 6PJ

20 hours per week (1 FTE = 35 hours); 3 years fixed term

We have an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic individual with experience in youth work to be our Youth Development Leader.



We are looking for someone who is passionate about the Good News of Jesus Christ and the spiritual development of young people. You would be expected to worship at Viewpark and be actively involved in the life of the congregation in order to become familiar with the congregation and the wider work undertaken there. The successful applicant's main focus will be to facilitate and further develop our TeenSpace Project. This involves working with young people from 11 to 17 in conjunction with a range of ecumenical partners and other voluntary and statutory bodies. A wide range of volunteers is involved.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have experience of working with young people,
- Be experienced in starting projects and delivering to completion,
- Have an awareness of current issues affecting young people,
- Be someone who has led teams of volunteers,
- Be an effective communicator in many settings,
- Be both self-motivated and an adaptable team player

For further information, contact: Stuart Forrester – sforrester321@btinternet.com

For application pack, please send your CV with note of interest to Stuart Forrester – sforrester321@btinternet.com

Closing date for application: 5pm on Monday 31st August

Scottish Charity No: SC 009991

Scottish Church Planting Network Event

We warmly invite you, and others from your presbytery, to Aberdeen for a Scottish Church Planting Network day with other denominations from across Scotland. This will be a day of gathering, reflection, learning and conversation as we explore the future of church planting together.

Church planting is woven into our story and Church of Scotland heritage. Throughout our history, God has called people to establish new Christian communities in response to changing times and needs. While we recognise the challenges facing the Church today, we also believe there are significant opportunities before us.

As we seek to discern God's leading for the future, what might faithful witness and mission look like in the years ahead?

Could God be calling someone within your presbytery to explore church planting? Might there be individuals, congregations or communities already sensing a call to develop new expressions of church? We hope this day will help identify, encourage and connect those who are exploring such possibilities.

We are excited about the opportunity to gather people from across our denomination to pray, think creatively and discern together how God may be inviting us to participate in His mission in this generation.

We would be delighted if you could join us and encourage others from your presbytery to attend. Please find the event flyer and a booking link below.

[A Vibrant Church Everywhere \(21-Nov-2026\) · CharitySuite Events](#)

Sing A New Song...



On **Sunday 23rd August** there will be a special songs of praise service with Phill Mellstrom, Worship Development Worker with Faith Action, in **Newarthill and Carfin Church at 6.30pm**. Churches across the Presbytery are warmly invited to attend.

Using new songs from *God Welcomes All*, and working with some worship leaders from the Presbytery, Phill will take the theme of Refreshment. His hope is we will leave feeling uplifted and encouraged. *God Welcomes All* brings together songs written within the last twenty years from a broad range of musical styles exploring contemporary themes.'

It would be helpful for catering purposes to know how many people will be attending, particularly if a group from your church is attending. Please contact Rev Muriel Pearson so that she has an idea of numbers: MPearson@churchofscotland.org.uk

An Evening with Jonathan Veira

On **Saturday 12 September** we at Carluke and Law Church are delighted to be hosting this very special concert.

So ... who is Jonathan Veira?

Jonathan is an extremely talented musician with a wonderful voice who plays and sings a rich variety of beautiful and well-known songs across many musical styles.

Jonathan shares his Christian faith in a very natural and honest way. He tells stories from his professional and his personal life which are often moving and at times hilarious and his concerts are suitable for all ages.

To hear more about what to expect from a Jonathan Veira concert just click on this link <https://youtu.be/pdop6VCaqlk>

Tickets are available by phoning 07846 954663 or by sending an email to office@carlukeandlawchurch.com
Adults: £15; Under-16s: £5

