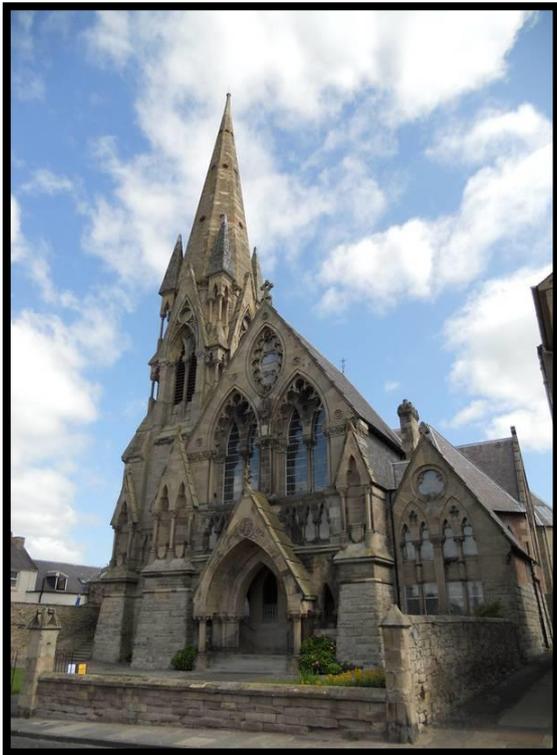


Kelso North and Ednam Parish Church



Parish Profile



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About the local area



Kelso is an attractive market town, in the Scottish Borders. It stands at the confluence of the Tweed and Teviot rivers. The town centre, with its ancient, cobbled Square, is surrounded by a wide selection of business and retail outlets. With a population of some 6000 inhabitants, Kelso serves the surrounding agricultural areas. The population is mainly employed in the service industries and in Electronic and Precision Engineering, on the modern Industrial Estate.

Ednam is a village of some 160 inhabitants, situated 2 miles from Kelso. It stands on the banks of the Eden River, a tributary of the Tweed.

A wonderful sense of community exists within the Kelso area, the highlight of which is the "Kelso Civic Week", held annually, in July.

Facilities

Kelso is served by one Secondary School, two Primary Schools and Nursery provision. There are also Playgroup facilities. Ednam is served by its own Primary School.

A new Secondary School is being built and a replacement Primary School is to be built at Broomlands.

The modern Health Centre is served by a Group Practice, Dentists and Visiting Specialists. Kelso Hospital caters for day patients, respite care and care of the elderly. The area is served by the Borders General Hospital, which opened in 1987. There are two residential care homes and two sheltered housing complexes in the town.

Kelso has good transport links, with regular bus services to Edinburgh and Borders Towns. We are in close proximity to Berwick Railway Station and the recently opened Borders Railway Station, at Tweedbank.

The venue at Springwood Park plays hosts to a number of events during the year, including the Annual Border Union Show.

There is a wide range of recreational and sporting facilities, including golf courses, ice rink, tennis courts, swimming pool, fitness centre and various sporting grounds.

There are also opportunities to become involved in music, drama and arts/crafts through local groups and appreciation societies

Worship

The mission of Kelso North and Ednam is "a Church at the heart of the community, with the community at its heart". We believe that worship is the core of our mission and life together, as a congregation.

The main services of worship take place on a Sunday, at 9.30 am at Ednam, with an average attendance of 40, and at 11.00 am, at Kelso North, with an average attendance of 120. Worship has been richly enhanced with the addition of screens and monitors at both Churches. Regular church service DVDs are available to those who are not able to attend Church. There is a group of older children S1 – S4, the Spirals, who meet monthly on a Sunday evening. At present there is no Junior Church, but a crèche is available.

Special Services are held during Holy Week, Harvest and at Christmas. The Bible Study Group meets every two weeks, for most of the year.

Holy Communion is celebrated four times a year in each Church and on other occasions during the year. Home Communion has been offered in the past.

Our services are typically informal and warmly welcoming.

The Church roll is currently 976. There are 66 Elders. During 2015 the Minister conducted 12 Baptisms, 6 Weddings and 35 Funerals.

Music at Worship is led by very able musicians, Grace Payne at Ednam and Jamie McKenzie at Kelso North. There is also a choir at Kelso North.

Areas of Ministry

The Ministry of our Church is understood to be inclusive, offering pastoral care to any in the community.

Kelso North and Ednam Parish Church has, for many years now, encouraged its members to participate in Worship, e.g. leading prayer, reading scripture. In that time it has also trained up a number of people who are comfortable conducting services.

Church Groups

The Guild – The Guild meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm. There are about 20 members of the Guild.

Women Together – Women Together meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 7.30pm. There are about 12 members.

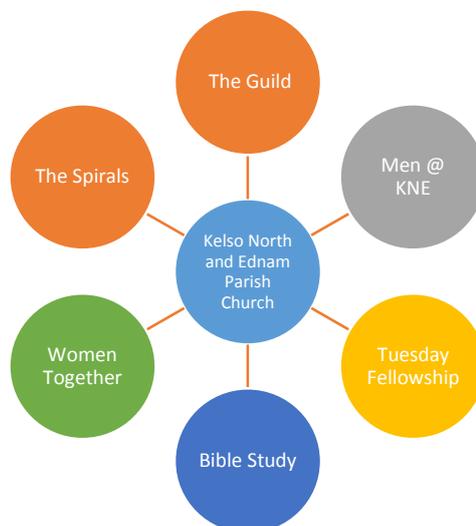
Bible Study – A group of members meets regularly, to deepen their understanding of the Bible.

Tuesday Fellowship – The Tuesday Fellowship meets weekly, from September to March.

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Spirals – A group of S1 – S4 young people who meet monthly, on a Sunday.

The following diagram shows the areas of ministry at a glance.





Other Activities

The Church premises are used by a large number of community-wide organisations, which include:

Toddlers, Playgroup, Local Schools, Children 1st, Borderlinks, Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Addiction Support, Kinetics, Weightwatchers, Country Dancing Group, Choirs, Junior Fiddlers, Drama etc.

The premises are also used to host committee meetings, fund raising events of charities and other groups in the town.

A weekly Saturday Coffee Morning takes place, to raise funds for charity and the work of the congregation. It provides an important meeting place for many within the community.

Kelso North and Ednam is a wholehearted supporter of Christian Aid. We host a Christian Aid Concert, organised by the local Christian Aid Council, and participate in the annual quiz and house/street collection.

Communication

Kelso North and Ednam Church has a Church magazine, "The Messenger", which is published four times a year. It is delivered to members and adherents, by the District Elders. There is also a mailing list of recipients. This is the main communication tool for the congregation and all organisations and members are encouraged to contribute. The church has a website, which is regularly updated. The weekly Order of Service contains a detailed Notices leaflet, which includes church and local events.

School Chaplaincy

School Chaplaincy is shared among the local clergy, on a rotational basis. They serve Kelso High School, Broomlands Primary School, Edenside Primary School, Ednam Primary School and Sprouston Primary School. Local churches are used for end-of-term assemblies and any special occasions. The Church enjoys a good relationship with the schools.

Church Property

The Manse



The Manse, at 20 Forestfield, Kelso, is a traditional stone, detached property, located in a quiet one-way street, within walking distance of the town centre. The property has been very well maintained by the previous Minister and by the Congregation, and provides the following accommodation on two floors:

Ground floor – lounge, dining room, study/office, snug, cloakroom with toilet, kitchen and utility room.

First floor – lounge, master bedroom (en-suite), three further bedrooms and family bathroom.

Outside – detached garage, garden to front and rear, outside log store and WC.

Kelso North Parish Church

Kelso North Parish Church was completed in 1866, making this year its 150th anniversary.

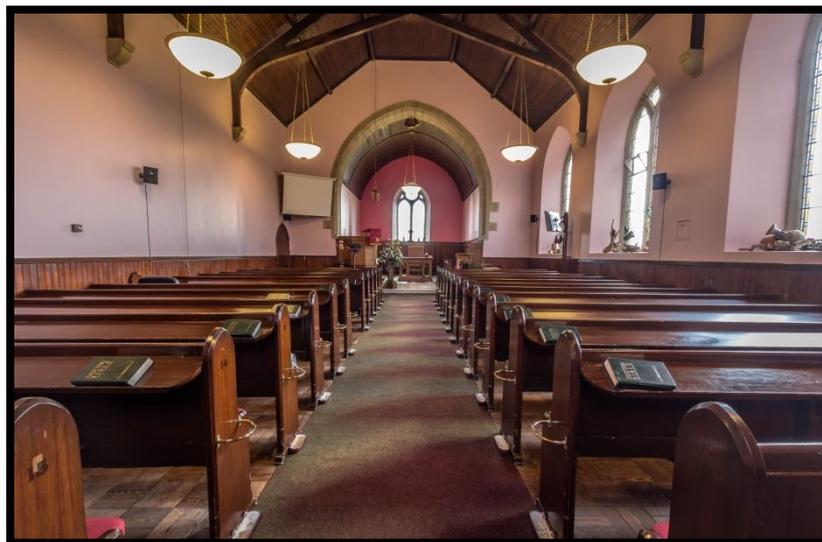


The building was designed by Thomas Fredrick Pilkington and has a tall spire, forming a distinct landmark and feature of the skyline. Pilkington also designed 14 other churches, including Trinity in Irvine and the Barclay Memorial Church in Edinburgh. Adjoining the Church, on the Bowmont Street side, is a suite of well used halls, meeting rooms and church offices. Plans, currently on hold, have been prepared for the re-development of the office and halls.

Ednam Parish Church

Ednam Church was the first registered parish in Scotland and celebrated its 900th anniversary in 2005. The present church, constructed in 1802, is located in the village and overlooks the Eden Water. The property has been well maintained and is used for regular Sunday worship and special services and events.

A regular maintenance programme is overseen by the Fabric Committee, to all the Church buildings and the Manse.



Finance

The principal source of income is the offerings of the congregation. Kelso North and Ednam Parish Church meets all Ministry and Mission contributions. The total income of the congregation in 2015, amounted to £168,843, of which £145,772 was from weekly offerings, donations & tax recovered. The balance of the income came from hall lets, weddings and funerals and fundraising events. The expenditure incurred was £171,884. At the end of 2015 the congregation held reserves of £30,432.

Full copies of the annual accounts are available on request from the Clerk to the Nominating Committee.

Professional Staff Appointments

The continuing work of the Church is supported by a part-time staff team comprising: Office Secretary, Cleaner, Musical Director, Organist, 3 Church Officers and 1 Caretaker

Working with other Churches and Denominations

Kelso Parish Grouping

As well as Kelso North and Ednam, the Church of Scotland has two other charges, serving the Kelso area. These are Kelso Old and Sprouston, Kelso Country Churches linked with Oxnam, and together all three make up the Kelso Parish Grouping, which has been operating successfully for a number of years.

All three charges are currently vacant. Kelso North and Ednam is the only 1.0 appointment. The other two are 0.75 appointments, but it is hoped by the congregations, that the Ministry to the Kelso area will be expressed collaboratively, as each vacancy is filled.

Kelso Churches Together

Kelso Churches Together (KCT) is committed to exploring ways in which we can serve God, both within our church families and in and around our local communities. The group of KCT shares occasional services and some outreach work, with the other local Church of Scotland, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church and the Society of Friends.

The churches share responsibility for certain services during the year. KCT organises a Pancake Supper, on Shrove Tuesday. In Holy Week, a church will host lunchtime services, leading worship and providing lunch for worshippers. An outdoor service is held annually, during the summer months. Last year KCT manned a tea tent at the Borders Union Show.