



# Learn

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## PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE

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# 3. PASTORAL CARE IN AN URBAN CONTEXT

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# Queensferry Parish Church linked with Dalmeny



# What does Queensferry and Dalmeny look like?



# Queensferry Parish Church linked with Dalmeny

- 1 x full time Minister
- 1 part time Honorary Associate
- Position vacant at the moment for a children and families worker
- Communion roll: QPC approx. 500 Dalmeny 94
- Worshippers on a Sunday
  - Dalmeny 25-35
  - Queensferry 100-120

wide range of activities across both congregations





# Church Teams

Pastoral  
Discipleship  
Worship  
Communication  
Children and young people  
Community  
Finance  
Property Premises and Environment  
Administration

**Forum**  
**Congregational Board**  
**Kirk Session**



# Church Vision



The 2020 vision for QPC is that we would like to Grow Wider, Deeper, Closer and become

A welcoming worshipping Church which uses the gifts of its people to reach out, serve and engage with different parts of the communities in which we are involved.



# Pastoral Team

- Team meetings to discuss strategy, ideas, project work, support for pastoral visitors.
- 4 Pastoral visitors- meet weekly with ministerial team to share and identify visits needed, discuss visits made and provide support for one another, prayer and learning/ teaching
- Confidential list of names of those requiring visits- those in hospital, care homes ill, bereaved, isolated, elderly
- Links with elders





# What do we do?

- Visits by pastoral visitors
- Timed visits after bereavement and card to mark first anniversary
- Home communion where needed or requested
- Birthday cards for children up to 3 who have been baptised or blessed
- Church flower distribution
- Gardening
- Involvement with 'Safe Families'
- Development of resources/ tool box for visitors e.g. prayer cards



# What do we do?



- Bereavement group
  - Model used: Tom Gordon's 'Stepping stones'
  - 6 sessions with topics and speakers
  - Community resource
  - Run jointly with other local Churches and undertakers and registrar
  - Meet in neutral space
  - Faith shared if asked
  - extra session for individuals to access if they wish on 'religious perspectives on death and dying'



# New Initiatives

- Supper club for those who have been bereaved
- Minister's 'afternoon tea'
- Exploring materials for working with young families. Care for the families 'Parentalk'
- Expand our pastoral team and visits for younger families/ parents in need





# Identifying the right people/ learning and teaching

- Invitations from the minister to those with pastoral gifts: alongside SHAPE seminar (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences)
- Good communicators and listeners, caring and interested in others, some have professional background
- Monthly breakfast and book study - growing deeper/ developing faith
- Annual away day - Bield
- Dementia awareness and strategies
- Bereavement and being a good listener workshop

