



The Church of Scotland  
**BISHOPTON PARISH CHURCH**  
Erskine Ferry Road, Bishopton, PA7 5PP

## Public Access Statement

Bishopton Parish Church is a Congregation of the Church of Scotland, based in Bishopton, Renfrewshire.

We are an active Congregation with a wide mix of Congregants, and our Parish covers the Renfrewshire villages of Bishopton, Dargavel Village (a new and rapidly growing community) as well as parts of Inchinnan and Erskine.

We have two principal premises, which serve different parts of our Mission and Outreach. These are

1. The Parish Church, which is a Grade “B” Listed building, located on Erskine Ferry Road, and about 1km from the main village of Bishopton. This building, which dates from 1815, was originally built to service the hamlet of Kirkton of Erskine – part of the estate that is now represented by Marr Hall Hotel and Country Club. The Church is our primary location for services of Worship, and is also used for both Weddings and Funerals. However, the Church is increasingly being used for other activities such as musical concerts, having hosted over the past few years a number of major Choirs (e.g. Glasgow Phoenix Choir). In support of these activities, the Church is fortunate in having ample car parking and a recently refurbished Extension Hall with provision for basic catering. However, the siting of the Church building on a hillock does make full access for persons of limited mobility more difficult than we would have wished, but efforts have been made recently to make such improvements as can be reasonably expected.
2. The “Cornerstone” Halls, located fairly centrally within the Village of Bishopton. These premises, built in 1899 as the Erskine Halls but extensively modernised in 2007, serve as a secondary place of Worship, used for Youth activities (Sunday School, Boys and Girls Brigades) and also for more informal Sunday and Thursday worship activities. However, the Cornerstone has become over the past few years a centre for many more other activities, hosting social events, the Bishopton Out-of-School Club, Zumba classes and many other activities, both on a regular basis and for one-off events (such as Birthday Parties). The Cornerstone, as would be expected, has been fully refurbished to provide full accessibility, and for this reason is being used to provide an alternative location for regular worship activities.

Our Parish is very fortunate in having both a loyal and committed Congregation, but also has a challenging opportunity to attract and retain new Congregants from the rapidly developing community of Dargavel Village. We are working to make the best of this opportunity.

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We also, however, recognise that we have valuable facilities that can be used by many other Groups for other activities, which can help with community building in both the old and the new village.

We welcome enquiries from individuals and groups regarding ongoing use of the Church facilities, and enquiries for new lets or other one-off events. Enquiries should be addressed initially to the Halls Administrator by letter to The Cornerstone, Greenock Road, Bishopton, PA7 5JW, by telephone (Answering Service) on 01505 862583, or by email to [office@bishoptonkirk.org.uk](mailto:office@bishoptonkirk.org.uk). Information about the Church and its activities can be found at our website [www.bishoptonkirk.org.uk](http://www.bishoptonkirk.org.uk) or our Facebook Page at <https://en-gb.facebook.com/bishopton.parishchurch/>.