

About Us What we believe

At **Viewfield Baptist Church**, we try to live our lives - both as a community and as individuals - in faithfulness and love for Jesus. This is expressed in our vision statement:

"We exist to enable people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

In order to fulfil our vision, we have a number of Core Values which shape the culture and ministry of the church. We will achieve this by being:

A missionary community
The church in its very DNA is a sent community to go into all the world sharing the Gospel in word and action.

A discipling community Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Mt. 28 We are called to be a discipling community. Our desire is to enable believers to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

A loving community The New Testament emphasises the importance of committed relationships. We are saved as individuals but we are called to express and grow in our faith in a community of love. (ie. The local church)

A worshipping community
In all we do our desire is to lift high the name of the Lord and glorify him.

A serving community The Bible describes the church as the body of Christ. Every one of us has a part to play in the life of the church and we want to equip, enable and empower each person to serve the Lord.

It is essential that our vision and values are underpinned by **individual and corporate prayer**, and outworked by our God gifted congregation. In our recently introduced Structures, ministries are supported under the headings of Prayer, Children and Families, Discipleship, Support Ministries, Fellowship, Mission, and Pastoral Care.

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Prayer

The Bible is unequivocally clear on the importance of prayer in any and every congregational assembly.

In Matthew 21:3 Jesus quotes from Isaiah 56:7: "My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples."

In Viewfield there is an expectation of every member's commitment to praying for this and the wider church together, with personal and other individual needs. The church is committed to informing members of congregational and significant wider prayer needs. To aid this dual commitment the following are in place:-

- Prayer guidance notes accompany the weekly bulletin
- Viewfield is affiliated to the "Try Praying" initiative
- There is a prayer room in the Viewfield Centre, providing a quiet place with appropriate resourcing for personal contemplation and prayer, generally available during office hours.

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What's On Sundays

You are very welcome to join us for our **Sunday morning service at 10:30am** (and usually finishes by 12noon).

In these services, we have something to suit all ages. During the first part of the service we have all age worship where everyone joins together exploring the theme of that particular service. This is done through such things as singing, prayers and a talk. There is a small area on the left hand side of the church for pre-walking babies, with soft mats and toys. A visual timetable of the service using Board Maker symbols is positioned at the front of the Church.

We aim to use a wide variety of traditional hymns and modern praise songs. From time to time we have, poetry, testimony, group and solo voices - all to enrich worship and glorify God.

We observe Communion most Sundays at one of our services - all who love the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, of whatever Christian tradition, are welcome to participate as we meet around His table.

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Toddlers takes place on Thursdays from 10-11.30am and 12.45-2.15pm in the Church. As well as a wide range of toys and activities for the children, this is also a great place for adults to chat and get to know one another. Sessions include a Bible Story time and occasional special activities such as music or crafts. The cost is £1.50 (per family) each week. This includes a snack and drink for the children, and refreshments for the adults. All pre-school children are welcome - including babies.



Treasure Hunters usually takes place on Saturdays around 4 times in the year. These events are for children from aged 3 to Primary 7, with high school young people having the opportunity to come along as helpers. The events include games, crafts, stories and other fun activities.

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Opportunities for Praying Together



Sunday mornings:

- Pre-service prayer time at 10am, held in the room at the rear of the platform.
- Prayer ministry is available following each service, facilitated by the Prayer Ministry Team.
- On the last Sunday of each month there is a gathering for prayer following the morning service.

Midweek Prayer

- Most weeks there is an opportunity to meet for prayer with each of the following taking place monthly
 - Monday afternoon in person
 - Tuesday evening, in person
 - Thursday evening on Zoom
- Dates are published in the bulletin and in the weekly Prayer Diary which is distributed with the bulletin
- At the World Mission Prayer meeting, held roughly every six weeks, we pray for our BMS prayer partners, and others we know with overseas mission connections



Prayer Events, calling the church together for special times of prayer are notified in the Bulletin and/or by email.

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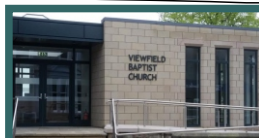
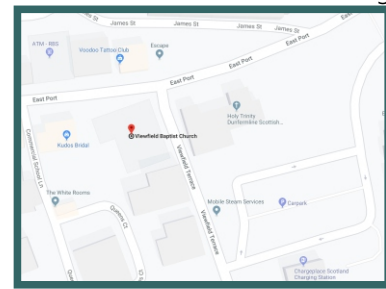


About Us Location



Viewfield Baptist Church is located near the town centre of Dunfermline and is easily accessible by car or bus. In addition to the main, multi-purpose sanctuary, we have a large hall, a range of smaller rooms in the "Viewfield Centre" next door to the main church building, and also "The Garage" (primarily our youth room) entered from the Church car park. There is a council car park situated on Viewfield Terrace, opposite the Viewfield Centre, which is free on Sunday mornings. The small church car park (between the two buildings) is reserved for people with mobility difficulties, who can enter the building from the car park, and access the Sanctuary via a lift. The church is also within a 10 minute walk of Dunfermline Town Train Station (although be prepared for the hill should you choose this method!) and Dunfermline Bus Station. Our main doors to the church building are situated on East Port.

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"Oasis" is open 12noon-3pm on Tuesdays, in the Viewfield Centre, providing a place where people who are vulnerable or isolated can come to find people who will listen to them, befriend and offer relationship with them. Food and refreshment are offered in a welcoming environment. This is a safe place where advice, or direction to where to find it, is also available. Where the isolated are welcome, to where they can belong.

Open Church The Sanctuary is open on a Friday morning from 10am until 12noon. Anyone who would value a place of quiet and/or a chat, with tea and coffee available, will be welcome.

Knit & Natter is a friendly group of people that meets in the Church Hall at 10am each Wednesday. There is the opportunity to chat to each other while knitting. We can provide yarn, needles and patterns and help to get you started to knit or crochet or if you want to just natter that is fine too. Everyone is welcome.

Praise Fitness takes place in the Church Hall on a Saturday at 9.30am and on a Wednesday at 12 noon. Have fun and get fit whilst listening to praise music! The Wednesday session is geared towards exercising whilst being seated. Wear comfortable clothes and trainers, and bring a bottle of water.

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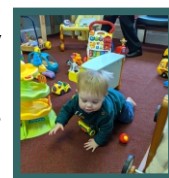
During the service, some groups leave to give an opportunity to explore the Bible in a way that suits them.

Children's Church takes place every Sunday (except when there are All Age Services) and caters for ages 2-12(S1). After participating in the start of the 10.30am service, we go down to the hall for activities, beginning all together, then splitting into four age groups. Activities include games, stories, quizzes, songs, videos, drama etc. all based around the theme or Bible Story for each week. We use the Scripture Union material which covers the core themes and passages of the Old and New Testament in a three year cycle.

Connected is our Sunday morning group for young people aged 13(S2) to 18. They meet most weeks at the same time as Children's Church, for discussion and Bible exploration. Sometimes they remain in the main service giving an opportunity to learn and contribute.



The **Crèche** runs during every Sunday morning service and caters for children under the age of 2. The group normally starts when the children leave for Children's Church but if required, can start earlier.



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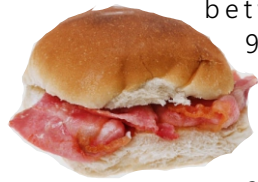
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Men's Breakfast is an open and friendly group who meet in the Viewfield Centre on the second Saturday each month between 8am and 9.30am (come when you



can, leave when you need to). After some chat and bacon rolls, we move on to a short Bible study and prayer. Our sessions are both informal and confidential.

Fusion is a collective of 20-40+ year olds who are looking for chances to meet and get to know each other socially. "Sunday Lunches" is an informal spin off aimed squarely at meeting together once a month for lunch after a Sunday morning service at a local pub, café or restaurant.



Craft & Chatter meets in the Coffee Shop on Wednesdays 10am-12noon. There is a charge of £5 per session, covering the cost of supplies and tea/coffee. In a relaxed setting, you will be able to try a variety of crafts. Each week will be different so you can come for a single session if you'd like.

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World Mission



BMS World Mission (Baptist Missionary Society) works in a considerable number of countries in the world. The Church has link missionaries in Mozambique, Thailand and other parts of the world. We pray for them on a regular basis in the World Mission Prayer Meeting, have regular updates on their situation and also enjoy visits from them when they are at home. We have enjoyed working with BMS Action Teams, young people who spend part of their year in one of the areas that BMS serve, then come back to the UK and share what they have been doing during their time abroad.



The **BMS Birthday Card Scheme** helps support all the valuable work BMS and its local partners do in poorer countries and provides relief for those caught up in natural disasters.

The **BMS "Globes"** can be used as containers for all your small change. Donations received from these are sent to BMS twice a year to finance their work overseas.

New members are always welcome for both kinds of fundraising. To find out more, pick up a leaflet from the noticeboard in the Hall.

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Serve Playing our part



1 Corinthians 12:27 says:
"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

Paul goes on to explain that God gives us all different gifts and that we all have a part to play in the life of the church.

As a medium sized church we are able to employ a few staff members to assist with the work, but the vast majority of the mission and ministry of our church relies on the contributions and commitment of the whole church family.

Everyone has a part to play, using the gifts, abilities, and availability which God has given them. And, as described in 1 Corinthians 12, every part is equally important in God's eyes.

We invite you to give prayerful consideration to how God might be calling you to serve Him in the life of Viewfield, whether that may be getting involved for the first time, changing your areas of service, or contributing in new ways.

If you would like to volunteer, or chat with someone about how you might get involved, please complete the form overleaf and put it in the box at the tea bar, or hand it in to the Church Office.

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Finance



As a growing church, with new and developing ministries, an increasing staff team, and buildings to maintain, we trust God for the provision of the financial resources which are needed to enable our

work and ministries.

About 85% of our income is provided by donations from within the Viewfield Family.

As we continue to develop our ministries, and follow God's leading to share his love with our community, we will need

increasing financial resources, so we encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving to the Lord's work.

Funds: The **General Fund** is used for all of our ongoing income and expenditure for Viewfield Ministries.

Specific Funds are used to channel donations to external causes such as our Harvest and Christmas offerings.

The **Project Fund** is used to raise funds for major projects (including seeking grants). Currently we are raising funds to install Soft Play and a Sensory Room and establish a Café in the Church Hall, and also to upgrade our AV/IT equipment

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Vision Romania works with Christian partners in and around the city of Hunedoara to deliver a programme of support to underprivileged young people and people with disabilities. In addition to weekly Good News groups taking place in the rural outskirts of the city, children from an orphanage are taken out for trips and treats. The Charity supports a local initiative working with children with Autism and also enables a monthly food drop to a small community of around 20 families living in shacks which lack even basic amenities. Vision Romania teams from Scotland work with Romanian partners to deliver two week long residential respite camps every year: one for young adults with disabilities and the other for children. The charity organises a shoe box appeal with around 2000 boxes per annum being sent to young people for Christmas. visionromania.org



Africa Inland Mission (AIM) is an organisation which aims at reaching the unreached people groups in Africa. Georgette Short has been serving with them for over 10 years, firstly in Kenya and now at Tilsley College in Motherwell.



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Small Groups are a vital part of our life together, a safe place where questions can be asked, needs shared, help and encouragement found - a place where we can build life-giving relationships.

Most small groups decide on their own programme of events, but sometimes all the groups follow a single theme which we are exploring as a whole church. Each small group is different, offering a variety of approaches to "doing" small groups. Groups meet on various different days in the afternoon or evening.

To find out more, please contact our small group coordinator, Lindsay Bowmaker, or email the Church Office.

Food & Fellowship is a gathering for fellowship at 5pm on the last Sunday of each month in the Centre. This is a great opportunity to have a good catch up before moving on (if you want) to the Communion service at 6.30pm. If you are able, please bring some simple food to share.



Brew & Blether takes place every Monday, between 2 and 4pm, in "Canmore" on the ground floor of the Viewfield Centre. It is primarily for people living with Dementia, and their carers and friends. A safe space to have a time of socialising with others through chat, games and plenty tea and cakes.

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How to give

If you pay UK tax, please consider signing a Gift Aid Declaration. This allows us to claim back the tax which you have already paid on your donations, and in so doing, increases the value of your donation by 25%.

Options for giving by Gift Aid:

- set up a standing order
- make payments by BACS
- use weekly or monthly offering envelopes and place them in the donations box in the Sanctuary.

By using a reference number, your donations will be confidential, with only the Treasurer needing to know how much you are giving (in order to keep appropriate records).

- If you prefer to give anonymously, you can set up an account with CAF (cafonline.org) or Stewardship Services (stewardship.org.uk) who will claim the Gift Aid, then pass on your donations (anonymously if you wish) to Viewfield or any charities of your choice.

If you do not pay tax, you may still give by any of the above options, or you can put cash straight into the donations box.

For more information about any aspect of Church Finances, or to sign up for Gift Aid, please speak to Evelyn Stewart, or email finance@viewfield.org.uk.

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If you are willing to give some time to serve God by getting involved in any Viewfield ministries, please complete this form (by ticking as many boxes as are relevant) and return to the Church Office.

Name.....

Email (or phone number).....

I would be interested in finding out more and/or getting involved in one or more of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Stewarding	<input type="checkbox"/> Practical tasks (e.g. set up for events, gardening, cleaning etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Communion preparation	<input type="checkbox"/> Admin tasks
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral care
<input type="checkbox"/> Catering (e.g. food prep, setting up, washing up etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Building maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Work (including Children's Church, Toddlers, Creche, Events)	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio/visuals
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Events organisation
<input type="checkbox"/> Janitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Music
<input type="checkbox"/> Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:-

- I would like to get more involved, but am not sure how I can best serve - please get in touch to chat with me about this.
- I would like to get involved in one or more of the above activities, but need to lay down current responsibilities first.
- Please provide information about giving financial support to God's work at Viewfield.
- Please provide information about how I can be more actively involved in praying for God's work at Viewfield.

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