

THE LINKED CHARGE OF
CUMBERNAULD: ABRONHILL CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(SCO29326)
CUMBERNAULD: CONDORRAT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
(SCO11839)

PARISH PROFILE



Condorrat Parish Church



Abronhill Parish Church

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Introduction

Cumbernauld Abronhill Parish Church and Cumbernauld Condorrat Parish were linked on 28th August 2025, with the implementation of The Presbytery Plan. Both churches are vacant due to retirement of their ministers, Abronhill from March 2024 and Condorrat from August 2022

The congregations of Cumbernauld Abronhill and Cumbernauld Condorrat worked together before the linked charge, sharing an MDS. We continue to be active centres of faith in our respective communities, building on the missional work we are currently engaged in, and exploring new ways of serving, sharing the gospel and growing in faith.

Brief History of Linked Charge

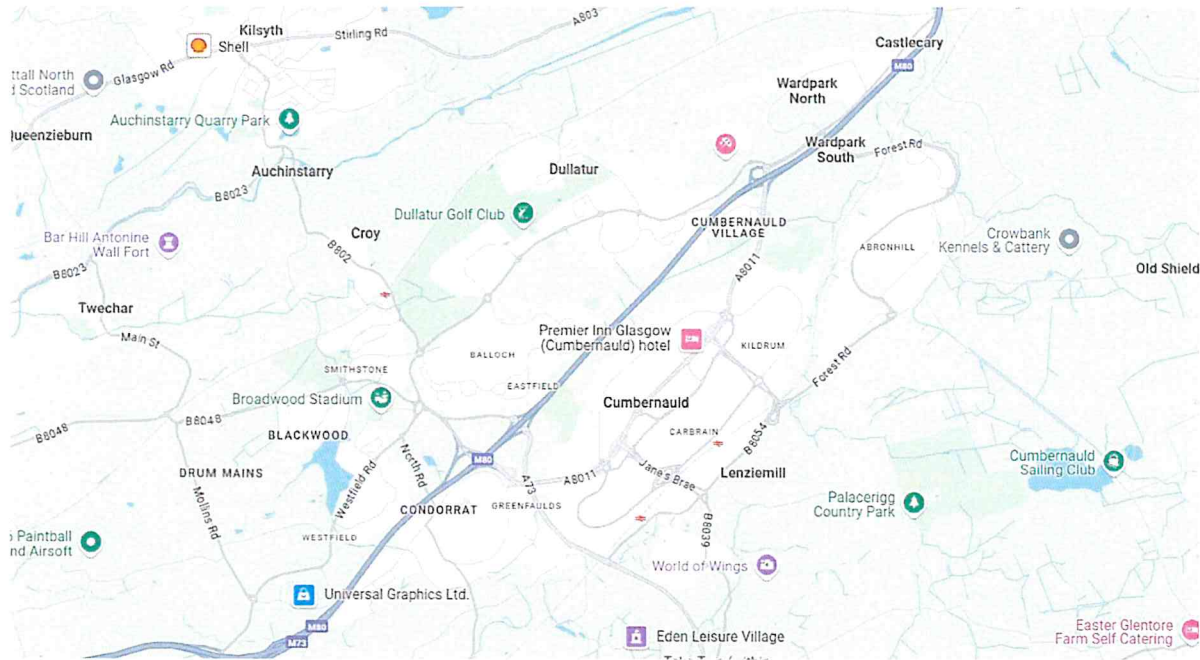
There is a physical distance between the two churches of 6 miles, with no direct public transport (see map), and the area that divides them is entirely the parish of the new Cumbernauld Trinity.

The two communities are distinctly different, each with their own specific priorities, and for this reason it is important that they retain their individual identities, eg. Abronhill is a more recent addition to Cumbernauld new town, established in the 1960s, and the parish church opened in 1965. Condorrat is a historic village, originally comprising of weaving and mining families and agricultural workers. The church was established in 1872, meeting in the old school. Current members of the church can identify several generations of their families having attended over the years. The church buildings at Condorrat were built in 1875 and after regular updating the Sanctuary was refurbished in 2013/14, the pews being replaced with individual seating, which allows the Sanctuary to be a more flexible space. The organ was also refurbished with the involvement of a local schools' project. In contrast, the more modern Abronhill Parish Church building was built in the mid-1960s, with several halls of varying sizes suited to a range of uses. In the last few years the roof has been replaced, a ventilation system fitted, new electricity boards installed and new heating boilers.

Both areas have a mix of private and social housing. Both buildings are well used by local groups dependent on local accommodation, for example: badminton group, guild of friendship, cocaine anon, St Andrew's ambulance training, Gaelic choir, BB and GB, Guild, Alcoholics Anon, food bank, warm space, community groups, dog training, mother and baby group.

Both churches have built connections with local nurseries and primary schools, and they are in different secondary school catchment areas.

Despite these obvious differences both congregations are committed to working together across the two communities, starting with a missional audit of the specific needs of each community, and considering how we might best meet these, followed by a detailed 5-year action plan. There will be an increase of population in Abronhill as major housebuilding is currently taking place, which should provide a rich resource of people with whom to share the good news. Both congregations would hope to grow our churches and increase our worshipping congregations as we seek to spread the gospel locally.



Abronhill – history

The church community in Abronhill was established in 1965, originally meeting in the manse and then in a hut until the foundation of the current building in 1973, with the opening in 1975. The building's primary purpose is for worship and as a base for mission and spreading the Good News in the community of Abronhill and beyond

Governance

Abronhill church adopted a Unitary constitution in 2016 so there is no Congregational board. The congregational roll was recently revised and is currently 121 and 15 adherent members.

There are currently 10 elders on the Kirk Session; 8 women and 2 men, who are the trustees. The church has no employees, and the treasurer, other office-bearers and members of the various working groups whose work is delegated by the Kirk Session operate on a voluntary basis with no payment.

Mission statement: *'Worshipping and working together to share Christ's love through fellowship, prayer and compassion.'*

There are policies and procedures in place including Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Fire Safety.

Each of the groups that meet in the church has a designated elder that visits at least three times per year.

Condorrat – history

Condorrat Parish Church was established in 1875, built with money that was raised by the local people. More information on History on church website.

“Everything is possible for the person who has faith”

Our Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a church which seeks to inspire the people of our community and beyond with the good news of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities.

During our vacancy we have continued to maintain our worship services with the help of a locum, an MDS and many pulpit supply preachers. It was challenging at times being without a leader; whilst we had a vacancy for a session clerk, our clerk to the Board filled the gap until thankfully a new Session Clerk came forward to fulfil the position. We also have had three interim moderators during our vacancy which has had its own difficulties. During these times some aspects of congregational life and contacts with local community have suffered.

Governance

The Congregational Roll has 221 members plus 9 adherents with 76 on Supplementary Roll. On average we have 70 attendees for Sunday worship despite our elderly congregation. Over the last 5 years we have had 17 new members and welcomed many more casual visitors who are participating regularly.

At present we operate as a Kirk Session and Congregational Board but we are progressing towards a Unitary Constitution.

Kirk Session operates with 23 active members 11males and 12 females, inclusive of two new Elders ordained on 11th January 2026. with 3 Congregational Board Members.

We have a Safeguarding Policy, which is well established, with a Safeguarding Panel and co-ordinators in place.

Under the auspices of the Board there is a Finance Group, Fabric Group, and Social & Fundraising Group.

The Kirk Session oversees the Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Guild. We are fortunate at present to have the services of a student from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland as our organist, the Kirk Session is responsible for her well-being.



Condorrat church interior



Abronhill church interior

Community Profile

Cumbernauld

In the mid - 20th century was designated a 'New Town' in East Dunbartonshire. This led to rapid expansion and building from a population of 3,000, and the new town population, mainly arriving from Glasgow, quickly increased the population to 50,530 today. By the 1970s, Cumbernauld had evolved from a place to rehouse people from overcrowded Glasgow to a hub for economic growth, attracting diverse businesses and industries, and many people moved here for work.

In 2024 North Lanarkshire announced a major redevelopment of the town centre. It will create "a multi-purpose town hub which will become the lifeblood of communities and be a constant in people's lives. The town hub will provide a range of services including education, leisure, public services, commercial opportunities and flexible workspaces, bringing communities together in one central area"

The town of Cumbernauld is situated 15 miles from Glasgow, 12 miles from Stirling and 45 miles from Edinburgh. An excellent road network provide links to all areas via M8, M73, M74, M80, M876 and M9. Local bus services are available with bus links to the cities. Buses to Aberdeen, St Andrews and Dundee can be accessed from Cumbernauld town centre. Rail links to Glasgow, Falkirk, Stirling, Motherwell and Edinburgh from Cumbernauld or Greenfaulds railway station, with a soon to be daily direct train from Greenfaulds station to London. There is also Croy railway station is located to the north of the town.

The major hospital Monklands District General Hospital is located nearby in Airdrie, provides a wide range of acute and specialist services including emergency care and surgery to the North Lanarkshire area.

Cumbernauld offers a variety of shopping options, in the Antonine Centre and retail parks with major supermarkets throughout the town.

Lanternhouse is a performing arts centre jointly managed by North Lanarkshire Council and Cumbernauld Theatre Trust which offers a variety of entertainment on stage and on screen in the separate cinema. Also, community engagement with various classes and performance spaces.

There are a variety of sport and leisure facilities available in Cumbernauld to suit all ages, Broadwood Stadium and Leisure Centre and Tryst Sports Centre.

Cumbernauld is well served with green spaces in local parks, Cumbernauld Glen, Palacerigg Country Park and Broadwood Loch. Numerous cycle and walking paths are located throughout the town and local areas. Outdoor sports such as rugby, football, bowling, cricket, tennis and golf are available at local clubs.

Cumbernauld Village is a conservation area and has historical buildings.

Abronhill profile

Abronhill is possibly best known as the setting for the 1980 film Gregory's Girl, and its sequels.

The population is diverse, including people of all ages and a range of nationalities and cultural backgrounds. The church enjoys good relationships with Abronhill Regeneration Forum and the local Housing Association and is also the local resilience hub, holding equipment on behalf of the Local Authority.

In recent years we have held an annual 'garden party' for the whole community (free of charge) to celebrate events such as the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's coronation.

Sadly, parts of Abronhill have been designated by North Lanarkshire Council as areas of deprivation as a 'priority for targeted action'. There are pockets of drug use, anti-social behaviour and poverty within the area.

Abronhill has three primary schools, a health centre, library, dentist, community centre and a small shopping centre, which is adjacent to the church. Also nearby is a complex of retirement sheltered housing as well as a number of supported accommodation homes for people with additional support needs. Secondary age pupils travel to Cumbernauld Academy for their education.

The church is situated in the centre of Abronhill providing easy access to and from all areas of the parish. There are two outdoor play areas in Abronhill for children.

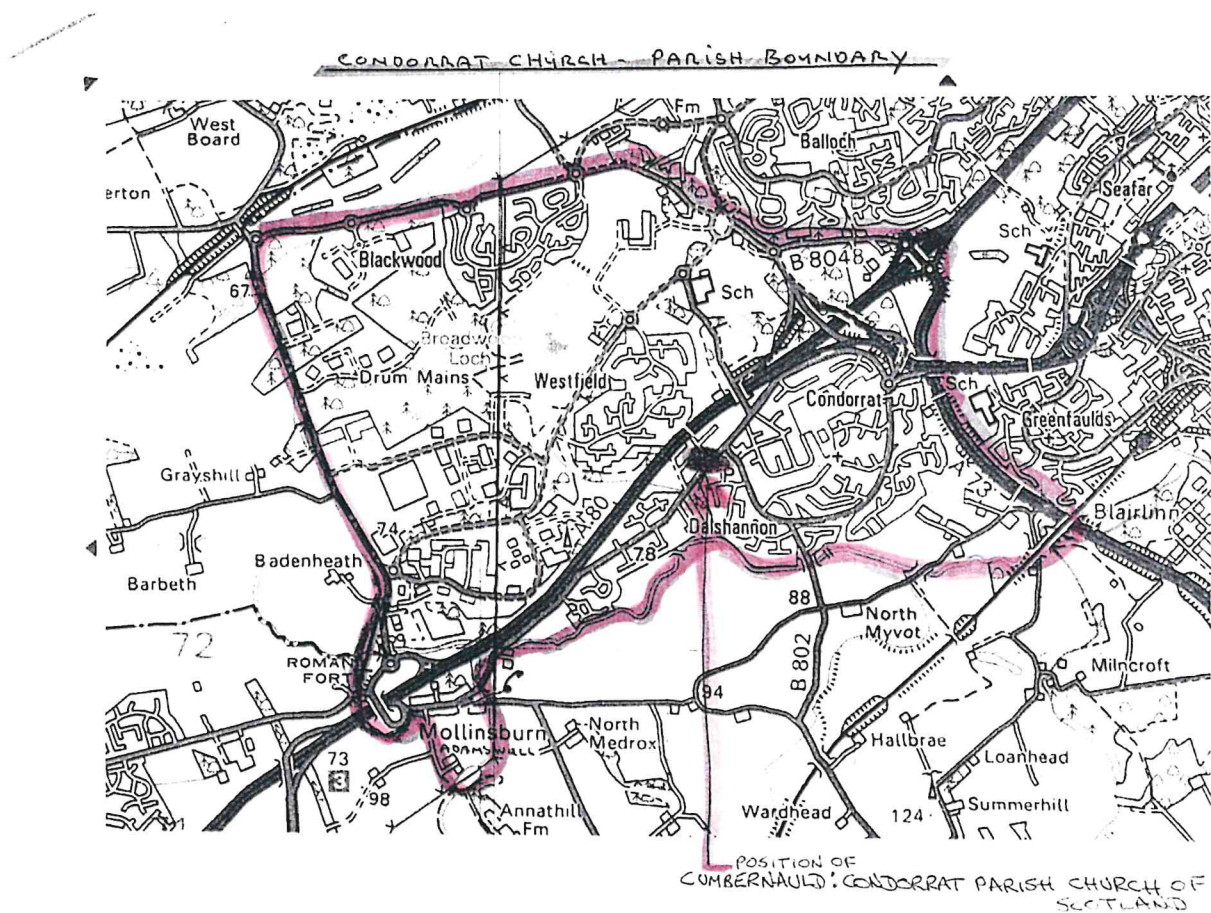
There is a good, regular bus service to the Town Centre and Glasgow and easy access to the motorway system to all areas of Scotland and south to England. The area around Abronhill is mainly farmland and woodland, and it is close to green spaces having Palacerigg Country Park and Fannyside Loch nearby.

Condorrat Profile

Cumbernauld Condorrat Parish Church of Scotland is situated on the Main Road of Condorrat Village which is part of the town of Cumbernauld and is within the bounds of Glasgow Presbytery.

The village of Condorrat has maintained its own identity and character with local amenities including shops, library, pharmacy, post office, health centre, nursing home, veterinary practice, community facilities, coffee shops, bowling and rugby clubs. There is another retail shopping centre nearby, and Broadwood Stadium offers social fitness facilities, with a gymnastics academy beside the stadium.

The parish comprises of Condorrat village, the village of Mollinsburn and the housing areas of Westfield and Blackwood.



There are three local primary schools, one of which provides Gaelic Education for North Lanarkshire and local nurseries. Secondary school children travel to Greenfaulds High School or Cumbernauld Academy.

Historically the parish minister was a school chaplain to local primary schools, and our previous minister was involved in workplace chaplaincy.

Condorrat Village has a good local bus service to Cumbernauld town centre and surrounding area. Also, express bus service to Glasgow, Stirling and Falkirk. Excellent road and rail links throughout the central belt and beyond.

Worship Life

Abronhill

Services are currently held at 11.30am on Sundays and the congregation averages 40-50 attendees. Most of the worshipping congregation are in the 60+ age range, although there are several younger people attending regularly. Our Sunday service is streamed live to social media.

Communion is celebrated five times a year, on the first Sundays of March, June, September and December and Holy Thursday. We also hold 'special services' at various points in the year including Plaza Praise, Christmas Eve Watchnight, Holy week (evenings), Harvest and Remembrance.

During the vacancy we have appreciated different styles of worship from worship leaders, most recently through pulpit supply. Before the linkage the Kirk Session, Session Clerk and the then Family Development worker led services internally, without the need for pulpit supply, and members of the Kirk Session and congregation are able and willing to participate in leading worship, something we would like to continue in consultation with a new minister.

A recent donation enabled us to update our AV systems, and we use power-point to project the hymns, readings and order of service to the congregation. Currently, having no regular organist, we use downloaded backing music to accompany our singing.

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Weekly Sunday worship, 10.00am to 11.00am which is live streamed. Our worship is traditional but not old fashioned nor rigid. We are open to new ideas and are accustomed to a relaxed, participative style with members of the congregation enjoying reading the bible lessons.

The congregation sits comfortably with Church of Scotland practices of openness to all and the desire to serve the parish.

At present services are prepared and conducted by Pulpit Supply and Congregational Worship Group. Pew Bibles (GNB), CH4 Hymn Books and Mission Praise are provided. Our singing is accompanied by an organist and a few choir members. A printed order of service is distributed to congregation by the welcome team at the door. Communion is celebrated 5 times a year. We have had 15 Baptisms in the past 5 years.

Special Services: Holy Week, Transformation of the Cross, Harvest, Remembrance, Carols by Candlelight, Christmas Eve Family Service, toddlers Praise, dedication Services for Guild, GB & BB.

Joint services with Abronhill and our Cluster Group.

Delivery of Parish Newsletter 10 months of the year to every member

Primary Schools are invited to hold Christmas Services in the sanctuary.

Pastoral Care

Abronhill

We are currently establishing a 'pastoral care' group comprising volunteers from the congregation. This group will regularly visit people in the community and local nursing and care homes who would appreciate a visit from 'the church', including those who, for various reasons can no longer attend. Members, however, take an active role in keeping in touch with others who are unable to attend and keep the Kirk Session up to date on any specific pastoral care needs.

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Due to our current vacancy, we do not have a pastoral care team, however, elders visit members in their district. The church support Alcoholics Anonymous weekly group (free of charge) in Church House and Guild Projects.

Our weekly Foodbank in Church House is supported by our congregation and many local businesses, nursery school, and St Helens RC Church. There is a weekly flower ministry within the parish, and we support St Helen's RC church's warm hub.

Volunteers drive elderly members to church on a weekly basis and there is a residential care home in the parish where previously services were held for the residents.

Christian Education

Abronhill

Prior to our previous minister retiring, we had a bible study group, Sunday evening worship and our Kirk session had quarterly 'study times'. We have also, in the recent past held Alpha and CAP courses. We have strong links with two of the local primary schools and our former MDS was involved in class teaching in line with the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence, as well as visits to the church by the children.

Although we have several children regularly attending worship we don't currently have a Sunday School but every Sunday we provide worksheets for them relevant to the theme of the service.

Condorrat

At present we have no Sunday School, although several young people regularly attend. We have thriving Girls' and Boys' Brigades, and until recently we had Toddlers Praise 5 times a year.

Over recent years Bible Study Groups, Ecumenical Lent Study, Alpha Courses and Discipleship Courses have taken place.

Ecumenical Profile

The Cluster Group comprising of Abronhill, Condorrat, Cumbernauld Trinity and Moodiesburn, meets monthly. There are joint Services with the linked charges and our Cluster Group, as well as informal partnerships with churches of other denominations.

There is a total of 17 churches of various dominations within Cumbernauld.

Relations are good with the other denominations, Condorrat works very closely with Our Lady & St Helen's RC Church Condorrat. Condorrat also work alongside Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Cumbernauld with provisions for the Foodbank.

Until recently Abronhill church enjoyed joint services with St Lucy's held in both churches and developed strong links with them at the time. A number of members of St Lucys' RC church in Abronhill attend our Guild of Friendship and Warm Spaces.

World Church

Abronhill

We make regular donations to charities that support areas in the world where there is need for relief. We have specifically sponsored Wycliffe Bible Translators working with the Weera people in Africa, translating the bible into their native language. We also support Scottish Bible Society, Salvation Army and Glasgow City Mission.

Condorrat

We carry out an Annual Christian Aid Collection and collect Stamps for World Church.

We also collect Smalls for All and recycle Ink Cartridges to aid people in Africa and UK, and plan to investigate becoming Fairtrade Church.

Finance and Stewardship

Abronhill

Until becoming vacant we held an annual stewardship service at which we focussed rotationally on time, money and talents. More recently our treasurer has given an update on congregation finances and at that time an appeal was made for people to increase their giving broadly in line with inflation and to consider giving through standing order and/or Gift Aiding their offering.

In the year to December 2025 the church remained able to meet all financial commitments, although offerings are generally on a downward trajectory relative to the number of regular contributors. In the last year we have received grants and donations totalling £10487. We have recently replaced our outdated and inefficient boilers. The general Trustees hold funds on our behalf for use on fabric related expenditure. Having agreed that the manse for the linked charge will be the one in Condorrat it is anticipated that the manse at 26 Ash Road will be sold.

While our halls are currently let to community and charitable groups free of charge, groups often make voluntary donations although they are under no pressure to do so.

Annual accounts are available on request.

Giving to grow allocation for 2026 is £30,143	2025 £39,869	2024 £25,606
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Surplus for 2024 = £13,826	2025 = £11,607
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Condorrat

Accounts available on request 2024/2025.

Giving to grow allocation for 2026 is £33,901.	2025 £34,313	2024 £25,543
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Deficit for 2024 = £8,372	Deficit for 2025 is £4,643
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As a congregation we continue to meet all our annual financial commitments.

Staffing

Abronhill and Condorrat shared an MDS until our linkage in August 2025 when she was made redundant due to the linked charge.

Abronhill

There are two cleaners who are paid a nominal amount monthly. There are no other paid staff.

Volunteer key-holders open and close the building for Sunday worship and occasional hall lets. Groups using the halls regularly are registered key-holders and are responsible for the security of the building while they are using it.

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There is an unpaid Church officer responsible for Sunday worship. A retired church officer volunteers to open Church House for weekly groups. Volunteers attend to the practicalities of the hall lets e.g. equipment, furniture etc

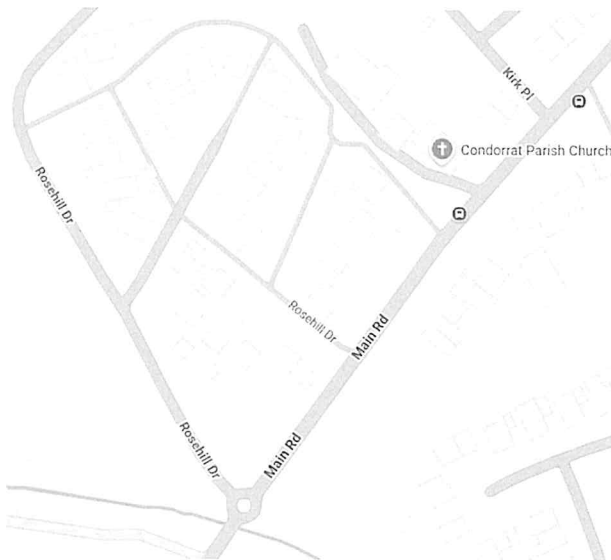
The church and halls are cleaned weekly by an employed cleaner.

Our organist is paid monthly.

Church Manse and Halls

Profile of Condorrat Parish Manse which is the residence for the Linked Charge

11 Rosehill Drive, Condorrat G67 4EQ



General Description

The house is a detached, two-storey property situated in a quiet residential neighbourhood. Built in the early 1970's it blends traditional British architecture with modern amenities. The exterior is finished in grey brick, wooden fascia and white harling with UPVC white window frames and a slate-tiled roof, reflecting the local aesthetic.

- Front garden, landscaped with a selection of native plants and shrubs
- Back yard stone chipped
- Driveway with space for two cars
- Single garage
- Open style landscaping, Fences to back and sides but open outlook to the front

Interior Layout

Room	Description
Lounge	Spacious, with large window, neutral décor, and walk through into dining room
Kitchen	Good size kitchen with entry door, ample cupboard space and electric oven and gas hob, fridge/small freezer, washing machine & dishwasher installed

Dining Room	Semi-open plan to lounge and adjoining the kitchen, suitable for family meals.
Bedrooms (4)	Master bedroom plus 2 double and one single bedrooms.
Bathrooms (2)	Family bathroom upstairs with bath and separate corner shower, also guest WC with walk in shower downstairs

Utilities and Technology

- Central heating system (gas-fired boiler)
- Double glazing throughout for energy efficiency
- Integrated smoke and carbon monoxide detector

A detailed schedule of the manse is available on request

Location and Accessibility

The house is conveniently located about 200 yds from Condorrat Church

Local amenities including shops, schools, and public transport are all available in Condorrat village. A retail park is a two-minute drive away. Access to major roads and motorways makes travel straightforward. The area is known for its safe environment and friendly community spirit.

This house offers comfortable family living with style and practicality.



Front



Rear



Single garage

Abronhill hall usage

As previously stated, the church is situated in the centre of Abronhill, close to other local amenities. The church building incorporates a kitchen and a suite of modern halls of various sizes, suitable for a range of purposes and a grassed outside space used in the summer for our annual 'Garden party' open to everyone in the community.

The church is situated close to a car park sufficient to accommodate a large number of vehicles. Over the years the halls have been used to support a range of groups and organisations.

There is a number of regular hall lets and additional 'occasional' lets, for example for meetings and 'one-of' events.

Currently the halls are let, free of charge to community, not for profit organisations and charities.

Condorrat Church, Church House and Halls.

The Church is situated on the main road towards Condorrat village, when coming from the west. There is vehicle access within a large plot incorporating the church buildings, and sufficient parking for up to 20 vehicles.

Church House (originally the Manse) is attached to the west side of the Sanctuary building.

These buildings are built of fawn sandstone, which was cleaned a few years ago, and the recent photo attached shows that it is still clean and bright.

As previously referenced, the sanctuary was fully refurbished in 2012/14. and the Bell tower was restored and calls worshippers to the Service every Sunday. Modern lighting was also installed, and the sound system updated to modern amps, speakers and microphones.

More recently, in early 2022, Wi-Fi was installed along with a laptop. A single camera and sound interface allow connection to the internet and broadcasting of services.

'Church house', attached to the Sanctuary provides a Vestry, meeting rooms/office, toilets and a small kitchen. Some of the facilities in Church house need refurbishment.

The bright modern halls with kitchen and toilet facilities were built in 1972, adjacent to the church are used weekly for fellowship after Sunday Service, BB and GB, Church Guild, community groups, church events and children's parties. Weekly groups include Puppy Training, Mother and Baby hub, antenatal classes and as a polling station during elections.

Little Hands Nursery utilise the hall for all-day events 4 times a year

Church events include Social and Fundraising Group coffee mornings; craft fayres are held several times a year which include the wider community. There are also joint social events with Abronhill Church annually.

The halls are also available for training courses and joint meetings as well as children's parties of which there were 44 last year.

Hall lets are managed by two volunteers who oversee the administration and arrange the practical aspects of hall letting with another volunteer.

Summary

With God's guidance we seek to be led by a minister called to this charge, who by preaching and teaching will help us grow in our faith and share the good news of Jesus with our communities, parishes and beyond. As linked congregations and Kirk Sessions, we are committed to ensuring our new minister feels supported.

Both congregations wish to improve and encourage one another, build positive links and mutual trust and respect. This might take the form of periodic joint services, Kirk Session meetings and social events.

We maintain the traditional position of the Church of Scotland regarding same sex relationships.

Contacts and Communication

Vacant Linked Charge

For further enquires please contact Reverend Jonathan Keefe

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Congregational Action Plan

Planning for the future

Vision

It is important for us to have a well-defined intention of where we are going in order to properly set our actions. This section should help you articulate where you are and where you are going, with the subsequent action plan showing us how to get from here to there. Your planning should realistically take into account the resources available to you and your local context.

Vision Statement: Our vision is to be a church which seeks to inspire the people of our community and beyond with the good news of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities.

Briefly describe the current state of your congregation, indicating areas of strength and growth alongside areas that need development

Our congregation has remained loyal during almost four years of vacancy. Despite our elderly congregation, we have only lost a few members due to the change in service time, when we entered a linkage with Abronhill Parish Church in August 2025. The majority have been amenable to the change. Our congregation have supported a locum and pulpit supply participating in the worship by delivering weekly the bible readings and our worship group organising Carol Services. Our congregation has experienced variety in worship with different pulpit supply but keenly feel the lack of leadership due to our vacancy.

We are fortunate to support an active Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade within our church halls. The companies participate in a Dedication Service, Remembrance Service, and Carols by Candlelight. Dialogue is needed to encourage the youth members to attend a church service more frequently with the possibility of the reintroduction of the Boys & Girls Brigade Bible Class.

Where do you see your congregation in 5 years time?

Our Congregation intend that by late 2026 or early 2027 we have been successful in appointing a minister of word and sacrament to our Linked Charge. Working alongside the new minister, we will continue to develop our current programme of activities with the focus on the younger generation and family interests. We anticipate ongoing growth within the congregation. The current leadership cannot deliver at the level of a minister and replacing this role will support the congregations' efforts to raise the profile of our church within the Community, local schools, shopping and business centres.

Action Plan

Please identify at least one action for each of the prescribed categories, even if this is only the action(s) required to maintain the existing status.

“Desired Outcome” should help you define actions that are specific to your plan, and that their effectiveness is measurable upon completion.

The “Status” box should be filled in as follows:

- For actions that have not yet reached their start date, enter “Not started”
- For actions that have passed their start date, but have not yet started, please colour the box Orange
- For actions that have started and are on target, please colour the box Green
- For actions that have started but have fallen behind, please colour the box Orange
- For actions that will not meet their target date (or are already overdue) please colour the box Red
- For actions that have been completed, please colour the box Green, but enter “Completed” and the date of completion

There is the opportunity for each section to indicate any areas of resourcing or training that Presbytery could provide to help you with your proposed actions, although individual action points should not solely rely on outside helps for their completion.

Worship and Teaching

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Carols by Candlelight	Welcoming the community, worshippers from our cluster churches and St Helens RC to share joy at Christmas time. This service involves GB & BB, and members of our congregation. We strive to warmly welcome everyone and allow them to enjoy the shared experience of worshipping and the fellowship after the service.	Started 2022 (without Minister Guidance)	Ongoing	Worship Group	
Joint Remembrance Service	After linking with Abronhill in August 2025 we worshipped together for The Remembrance Service in November at Condorrat Parish Church. Both congregations worshipping together despite the physical distance.	Nov 25	Ongoing Annually	Joint KS 's and Pulpit Supply	
Joint Cluster Services	The four churches in our cluster shared worship in each local church during Holy Week. Strengthening relationships and enjoying fellowship together.	April 26	Ongoing Annually	KS's , Ministers and Pulpit Supply	
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Encouraging gentleman of all faiths and none, to meet on the last Saturday of the month to share the word of God. Planning, organising and advertising being initiated at present.	Sept 26	Ongoing	Session Clerk	Not Started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Our new initiative of Men's Prayer Breakfast will find other experiences, that have already been tried and tested, to be very helpful.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Reinstate a Pastoral Care Group	Connect with Elderly and Housebound in our community	September 2026	January 2027	Kirk Session, Safeguarding & Congregation	Not started
Session Social Annual Event with Abrohill Parish Church	Building relationships and sharing fellowship with Abrohill Kirk Session. An Annual Event at alternate church halls, sharing a meal then quiz or entertainment.	Started 2024	Ongoing	Kirk Session	
Teas after service on Sunday	The fellowship after church service is well established. Now being in a linkage, our service time has changed, and our pulpit supply cannot spend time with the congregation after worship. Our Session Clerk and elders are making themselves very available to support members of our congregation.	Started Sept 25	Ongoing	SC & KS	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Volunteers training within presbytery for Pastoral care visiting

Volunteers PVG

Youth and Children

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Reinstate Toddlers Praise	Encouraging pre-school children into the church family with songs, games, crafts and bible stories. Toddlers praise will take place on a Sunday afternoon in church hall, initially bimonthly. Families on Baptismal Roll will be invited to join Toddlers Praise.	Sept 2026	Dec 2026	Two Volunteers with helpers	Not started
We have 2/3 primary children who regularly attend church, also the younger members of the GB & BB, and one of our local schools, has reached out to the church after a change of headmistress. We will encourage the children to attend church.	Develop a Sunday School /Club to encourage children into the church family and share teaching, activities at a level of understanding for their age. Meet with the local school staff to discuss our objectives and find where we have common ground and where our future interests overlap.	Jan 27	June 27	KS, Cong Board Congregation Minister when in situ	Not Started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Safeguarding training in place for volunteers and helpers PVG

Local Mission / Community Engagement

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Warm Space Hub with St Helens RC Church. We have supported St Helens with volunteers and when their hall was damaged, we provided our halls for temporary use. The venture has been so successful at Condorrat that the Hub will be permanently in our halls on a Monday every week. When St Helens Hall is repaired, they will open again on a Wednesday, so servicing the community with two days per week.	St Helens RC and Condorrat working together to promote to all local groups and the community, a place to meet share fellowship and talk. A warm space in the winter months. All free.	Feb 26 Emergency support	June 26	Congregation Volunteers with KS & Board Approval	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Wider Mission (including ecumenism, interfaith and world missions)

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Investigate becoming a Fairtrade Church. Contact the local Fairtrade Representative based at one of the local churches and invite her to talk to the congregation about Fairtrade process.	Support Third World Communities	Sept 26	January 2027	Discussion at Kirk Session / Cong Board. Congregation	Not Started
Ecumenical Joint Service with St Helens RC	Discussed with Father Paulinus and Session Clerk and he is happy to take this forward once a new minister is in place.	Discussion Dec25	ASAP	New Minister AND Father Paulinus	Not Started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Finance

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Written and verbally encourage the congregation to increase giving and remind them of gift aid. Givings to include any type of donation not purely Offering on a Sunday.	Increase in Givings. Givings to include any type of donation.	Sept 26	Nov 26	Finance Committee and Congregational Board	Not Started
Reinstate a Stewardship Campaign	To re-energise the congregation	Feb 27	Mar 27	New Minister Finance Committee and Congregational Board	Not Started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Written and verbal communication. C of S Stewardship and finance resources

Communications

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Improve and update Church Website.	Promote our church family and welcome new worshippers with access to all church information, activities, fundraising, church groups, uniformed organisations.	Aug 26	Jan 27	Webmaster, Session & Cong Board	Not started
Live streaming of church services on website and /or YouTube	Improve quality of livestreaming with new equipment and training. Move to YouTube instead of Facebook to improve visibility.	Live streaming of service is on going	Constantly Evolving	AV Team & K.S.	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

More volunteers from congregation to be trained to assist in live streaming the service. Website design, advice & support would be useful.

Property

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Heating replacement program Halls – 2 boilers Church house – 1 45kW boiler Sanctuary – 1 30kW boiler	This will update the boilers be high efficiency, and with greatly improved reliability. It is expected that gas energy costs will reduce by £900 per annum.	August 2026	Sept 2026	Fabric Convenor and team – using contractors	Not started
Eliminate use of gas for heating Sanctuary. In winter-time, the boiler runs 72 hours continuously up to Sunday Service. Change this to installation of Infra-Red radiant Panels at ceiling will create an immediate downward heat– total 40kW which will save £2.5k per annum	The Infra-red panels will be rated at 40kW. They are switched on 30 mins prior to the Service. This is enough time to heat the seating area. The result will be a significant reduction in carbon footprint and a savings calculated at £2.5k per annum.	Sept 2026	Oct 2026	Fabric Convenor and team – using contractors	Not started
Updating Electricity Distribution boards and wiring	New wiring to avoid issues with current 50 year old installations. Upgrade to RCBO's for improved protection with less disruption in earth leak event.	July 2026	August 2026	Fabric Convenor and team – using contractors	Not started
Also noted with EICR and Surveyor that our 130 year old Organ (registered and insured for £100k) uses an electric motor to drive the compressor for the air supply to the organ. The Grenfell Tower incident findings are that it was a spark from a domestic appliance electric motor that started that incident.	The given wisdom for such circumstances is to install an Ark Fault Detection Device to our organ. The AFDD will trip out at the smallest spark on the motor armature. This effectively stops any fire before it gets started. The AFDD is not a large expenditure in itself, (circa £100- £140) but does require an up to date Consumer Unit to accommodate the AFDD. So installing while re-wiring is an obvious choice.	July 2026	August 2026	Fabric Convenor and team – using contractors	Not started

Update all lighting to LED during electrical work	Better lighting with variable controls – especially for the Halls to tune to events while also using less power	August 26	September 26	Fabric Convenor and team – using contractors	Not started
Since Church house offices will be in some upheaval, use this opportunity to upgrade toilets and kitchen to the back of Church house	Modern toilets, all ceramic ware and increase space to cubicles by bringing additional room (storeroom) into use as the kitchen	September 26	November 26	Fabric Convenor and team – using contractors	Not Started
Share manse expenses with our linked congregation (Abronhill))	Manse Upkeep and expenses will be agreed jointly with both KSs and shared appropriately	August 25	Ongoing	KS and Treasurers	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

N.B. – This requires attention of the Congregational Finance team – whom the Property and Fabric handbook notes are exclusively responsible for this item. This is noted so that it is not missed.

MDS / Staffing

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
We engaged a student organist from the RCS in December 25. Our student organist now plays for both Condorrat & Abrohill services and is transported between churches by the pulpit supply. We have recently engaged another student to cover the summer holidays.	To allow our joint congregations to be open to learning new hymns with live music. We are also supporting students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland by expanding their experience of playing church organs.	April 26	Ongoing	KS 's & Cong Board	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Relationship to Presbytery Plan

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Joint Kirk Session Meetings	To meet at least twice a year. Our joint Sessions working together to enter discussions and continue to develop our linkage partnership	Sept 26	Ongoing	Minister & Kirk Sessions	Not Started
Joint Social Events	Congregations' opportunities to meet in social settings, e.g. quizzes, entertainment evenings, fish supper night etc, to develop friendships	2024	Ongoing	Social & Fundraising Group	
Convene Nominating Committee	Nomination Committee made up of people from both congregations meet together, to appoint a new minister to the joint linked charge	January 26	Ongoing	Nomination Committee	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Congregational Action Plan

Planning for the future

Vision

It is important for us to have a well-defined intention of where we are going in order to properly set our actions. This section should help you articulate where you are and where you are going, with the subsequent action plan showing us how to get from here to there. Your planning should realistically take into account the resources available to you and your local context.

Vision Statement Rooted in Christ, growing together in faith and friendship, sharing God’s love, connecting with one another, and serving our community with hope and compassion.
Briefly describe the current state of your congregation, indicating areas of strength and growth alongside areas that need development The congregation is mainly people over 60 years old, although there are a few younger attendees. Visitors comment on our warm welcome and find it easy to integrate. We are a pro-active congregation where everyone has the opportunity to contribute to planning. The majority of our members have a good grounding in the Gospel message. We have a versatile, well-kept building which is used by a number of community groups. Areas for development include improved outreach. We are currently in vacancy and, along with our newly linked congregation hope to appoint a new minister in the near future.
Where do you see your congregation in 5 years time?

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There are 700 new houses currently under construction in our parish which, with the right outreach will provide an opportunity to grow our congregation. As things stand, and if we are not able to attract new worshippers our congregation will decrease due to some of our members being unable to attend.

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Action Plan

Please identify at least one action for each of the prescribed categories, even if this is only the action(s) required to maintain the existing status.

“Desired Outcome” should help you define actions that are specific to your plan, and that their effectiveness is measurable upon completion.

The “Status” box should be filled in as follows:

- For actions that have not yet reached their start date, enter “Not started”
- For actions that have passed their start date, but have not yet started, please colour the box Orange
- For actions that have started and are on target, please colour the box Green
- For actions that have started but have fallen behind, please colour the box Orange
- For actions that will not meet their target date (or are already overdue) please colour the box Red
- For actions that have been completed, please colour the box Green, but enter “Completed” and the date of completion

There is the opportunity for each section to indicate any areas of resourcing or training that Presbytery could provide to help you with your proposed actions, although individual action points should not solely rely on outside helps for their completion.

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Worship and Teaching

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Restart bible study	Congregation will be given opportunities to better understand the bible messages	November 26	Ongoing	Kirk Session	Not started
Joint services with linked congregation and cluster congregations eg Holy week, advent	Congregations mix together to share worship and fellowship. Familiarisation with each other and closer relationships. All buildings are used	Aug 25	Ongoing	Cluster ministry team	
Joint services with linked church – remembrance, Holy week (Annually)	Both buildings used for joint services where practical, although limited by distance between them and lack of public transport	November 25	Ongoing	Kirk Sessions	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Bible study resources such as 'Dwelling in the Word' and/or 'Lectio365'

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Create new pastoral care team	To maintain contact with members no longer able to attend	Feb 26	Sept 26 (awaiting PVGs)	Session clerk	
Establish flower ministry	To distribute church flowers to those who are nominated by members of the congregation eg bereaved, sick etc	Feb 26	Ongoing	Flower working group	
Joint Kirk session meetings	Joint KS meetings at least twice/year taking turns with which church is used	Sept 2025	ongoing	Minister & Kirk Sessions	
Joint social events	Congregations' opportunities to meet together in social settings eg quizzes, entertainment evenings, fish & chip nights etc. Events are held at least twice/year	2024	ongoing	Social working groups	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Youth and Children

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
To ensure regular elder visits to groups using the church building	Encourage and support young hall users eg boxing club, Gaelic choir	Feb 26	Ongoing	Kirk Session and group leaders	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

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Local Mission / Community Engagement

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Provide weekly (Tuesday 11-2.00) 'Welcome space' for company, fellowship and refreshments for anyone in the community	Engagement with attendees and encouragement to attend other church activities and events eg fund-raising, garden party etc	November 23	Ongoing	Welcome spaces co-ordinator	
Continue provision of 'Creative prayer' space	Provide a point of contact with the church and a place for quiet reflection and/or prayer. Access to sanctuary as required	November 23	Ongoing	Congregation volunteers	
Community social events	Community involvement in events eg Garden party, quiz, fund-raising events leading to familiarisation of church environment and exposure to bible texts displayed	June 23	Ongoing at least annually	Kirk Session and other volunteers	
Consider leaflet drop to new houses detailing what's on in the church	Encourage new tenants to get involved in the life of the church	When house building is complete		Congregation volunteers	Not started
Extend Christmas Plaza praise to include an Easter service	Provide an opportunity for passers-by to engage with worship without coming into the building	March 27	Annually	Minister and Kirk Session	Not started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Wider Mission (including ecumenism, interfaith and world missions)

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Re-establish links with Wycliffe Bible translators, specifically the Weera people on Kenya	The congregation will support bible translation into appropriate language to give minority communities access to the Word in their own tongue	September 26	January 27	Kirk Session	Not started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

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Finance

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Sale of Manse	Successful sale generating funds for property matters	March 26	December 26	Property working group and 121	
Annual finance update to congregation	To inform members of the state of finances and to encourage giving by standing order and Gift Aid	March 25	Annually	Treasurer	
Increased fund-raising activities	To increase revenue through social events such as quizzes, music, Burn's / St Andrew's evening, afternoon tea	March 26	Ongoing	Fund-raising working group	
Consider using 121 Stewardship resources as instructed	Investigate 121 finance resources eg Bearing Fruit	September 26	Ongoing	Treasurer and Kirk Session	Not started

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Presbytery and General Trustees approval of sale. Advertising.
Bearing Fruit and other 121 finance resources

The annual stewardship update is part of a service and is given by the treasurer and not part of an ASM. It's mainly to give information to the wider congregation about the current state of finances, eg where the money comes from and how it is spent. As stated, it's also an opportunity to encourage the congregation to add Gift Aid to their giving and/or to donate by standing order.

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Communications

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Re-introduce quarterly newsletter	Newsletter distribution/ available to local community and groups using the church building, as well as the congregation	February 26	Ongoing quarterly	Communications working group	
Establish new web page	To provide up-to-date and relevant information about the church eg contact details and activities available	September 26	December 26	Communications working group	Not started
Continue to develop our existing Facebook page	To reach a wider audience through social media and to stream Sunday services	May 24	Ongoing	Communications working group	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Expertise in web design and building

We have a member of our congregation who has contacts who will help with website design and maintenance

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Property

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Replace all lights with LED	All lights LED and saving electricity	October 2025	January 27	Property working group[	
Paint main hall	Refresh décor in main hall	January 27	January 27	Property working group[	Not started
Share Manse expenses with our linked congregation (Condorrat)	Manse upkeep and expenses will be agreed jointly with both KSs and shared appropriately	August 25	Ongoing	Kirk Sessions	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Relevant trades people
Funds available from sale of manse

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MDS / Staffing

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Student from RCS engaged by Condorrat and now plays also for Abronhill	Each congregation enjoys live music. The young woman is transported between congregations by the pulpit supply person. We are also supporting students to expand their experience by playing church organs.				

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?

Relationship to Presbytery Plan

Planned Action	Desired outcome	Aim to start by	Aim to complete by	Who will take this forward?	Status
Linked charge established	Abronhill and Condorrat Parish churches linked	2023	August 25	Presbytery	Completed August 25
Convene Nomination committee	Nomination committee made up of people from both congregations meet to appoint a new minister to the joint linked charge	January 2026	ongoing	Nom Com	

What kind of resources and training would assist your congregation in moving forward?