

Who We Are & What We Believe - Two Buildings, One Family, Bound by Grace

Welcome to West Calder and Polbeth Parish Church. We are a united congregation worshipping across two local hubs: The West Kirk of Calder and Polbeth Harwood Church.

Our faith is rooted in the [Church of Scotland](#) tradition, shaped by God's love, and lived out through a commitment to being an open, inclusive, and active community.

Our mission is to walk together under the banner of God's love, ensuring that everyone who crosses our thresholds finds a community of real hope, genuine forgiveness, and mutual support. We endorse the Church of Scotland's Five Marks of Mission, agreeing the Church to be fit for purpose in the 21st Century. They are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Our Statement of Faith

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth, who - in love - made the world and all that is in it. We trust the Father who sustains life, knows us each by name, and calls us to be stewards of creation and neighbours to one another.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Born of Mary, he lived among us, shared our joys and sorrows, healed the broken, and proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom of God. In his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, he overcame sin and death, offering new life and eternal reconciliation to all.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who binds us together with the glue of God's love. The Spirit gives life to the Church, awakens us to faith, comforts us in trouble, and empowers us to serve our local communities in West Calder, Polbeth, and beyond.

We believe the Word of God, as revealed in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, is our rule of faith and life, directing us to truth, justice, and peace.

We celebrate our unity in Christ. Brought together as one united parish family, worshipping in our dual home of West Kirk of Calder and Polbeth Harwood Church, we commit ourselves to practical care, compassionate witness, and an open welcome for all who seek God's grace. We strive with continuous improvements to ensure our buildings are physically accessible to everyone.

We celebrate our intergenerational family. Brought together as one united parish worshipping across our dual home at West Kirk of Calder and Polbeth Harwood Church, we believe that every generation holds equal value in God's eyes. From our youngest children in the Sunday Club and JAM Club to our oldest members and those receiving home communion, we are enriched when we learn, pray, and grow together.

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