

**THIS IS THE CLUSTER MISSION PLAN FOR ST JOHN'S-RENFIELD CHURCH, JANUARY 2025**

Please fill out this Cluster Mission Plan pro forma and return to [audrey@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk](mailto:audrey@presbyteryofglasgow.org.uk).

**Five Marks of Mission**

Outline the extent to which each of the congregations in your cluster is currently engaging with the 5 marks of mission.

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<b>St John's-Renfield</b>	<p>We do this by: Trying to live our lives through Christian values</p> <p>Worship – we are an open, welcoming and inclusive congregation, having <b>“A Faith to Proclaim: A Fellowship to Share”</b></p>	<p>We do this through: Pastoral Care by Minister, Pastoral Care Team and District Elders</p> <p>Approaches for baptism, funerals and weddings</p> <p>Adult Education: Bible Study New Members Group</p>	<p>We do this by: Elders, Pastoral Care Team and members of the congregation visiting and caring for members and parishioners</p> <p>Twice-monthly live streaming of Sunday Worship for those unable to attend.</p>	<p>We do this by: Raising awareness within congregation via Worship, Church Magazine and Social Media</p> <p>Supporting eg Christian Aid LHM Foodbank Olive Tree Valerie Taylor Trust</p>	<p>We do this by: Taking forward process to become an Eco Congregation</p> <p>Reminding congregation regularly of things to do to reduce consumption and waste through Worship, Prayer and Church Magazine.</p>

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<b>St John's-Renfield</b>	<p>Through our: Messy Church Boys' Brigade Pastoral Care Team</p> <p>Linking with local Care Home</p> <p>Opening Church for thought and prayer on special occasions, (e.g. Ukraine)</p> <p>Annual Service of Grieving and Gratitude</p> <p>Working with our local schools and at their end of term services</p> <p>Twice monthly streaming of Sunday Worship</p> <p>Social Media presence</p>	<p>(when required) Worship Team Themed Discussion Groups</p> <p>Messy Church Boys' Brigade</p> <p>Working with our local schools and at their end of term services</p>	<p>Offering to provide transport to Sunday Worship</p> <p>Coffee and chat after Sunday Worship</p> <p>Regular Time &amp; Talent review to encourage involvement of members and friends in Church life</p> <p>Supporting Christian Aid</p> <p>Supporting LHM, raising funds and donating goods</p> <p>Supporting St Gregory's RC Church (Wyndford) Foodbank, donating food and making regular cash contributions</p>	<p>Amnesty International's Christmas card campaign</p> <p>Supporting Mission Partner</p> <p>Retiring collections in response to urgent appeals</p>	<p>Installation of A rated boilers throughout along with sophisticated control systems</p> <p>Modern, water efficient toilets have recently been installed in the church building</p> <p>Energy efficient lightbulbs have been fitted to reduce the building's environmental footprint</p> <p>Recycling facilities available</p> <p>Care of extensive church grounds, including mature trees</p> <p>A significant, energy</p>

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St John's-Renfield			<p>Responding to and initiating Appeals: eg Glasgow Caring City, Ukraine Red Cross</p> <p>Offering Opportunities for fellowship: Community Pop-in-Café Community Craft Group Walking Group Badminton Group</p> <p>Hosting groups such as Kelvindale Toddlers All sections of Girl Guiding</p> <p>Through many members of the congregation being involved in a variety of charities</p>		<p>saving upgrade to the Manse is being planned</p>

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St John's-Renfield			We provide a welcoming rehearsal and performance space for 2 major Glasgow choirs, as well as Opera Bohemia and professional recording companies		

Looking at the responses from each congregation, identify areas of common missional endeavour which could be building blocks for your mission plan

<b>To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom</b>  <i>Common areas</i>	<b>To teach, baptise and nurture new believers</b>  <i>Common areas</i>	<b>To respond to human need by loving service</b>  <i>Common areas</i>	<b>To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation</b>  <i>Common areas</i>	<b>To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth</b>  <i>Common areas</i>
<p>To seek to develop better partnerships with our Parish communities</p> <p>Collaboration to hold joint services during Holy Week/Advent and at other times outwith a Sunday morning</p> <p>Also Special Event services for example Remembrance, Thanksgiving, Grieving and Gratitude</p> <p>Share Worship Team experience</p>	<p>Work with, and inform our Youth Organisations and other groups about Christianity</p> <p>Expand Messy Church across the Cluster</p> <p>Engage with local care home and other groups within our communities e.g. primary schools</p> <p>Ministers and Pastoral Care Teams to provide appropriate pastoral care across the Cluster</p>	<p>Identify routes into local organisations, to see where we could assist</p> <p>Continue to make available our buildings for a range of uses</p> <p>Consider ways to open our outdoor space/gardens for community use</p>	<p>Christian Aid Work with other organisations to raise awareness of issues</p> <p>Co-ordinate retiring collections to support just causes</p> <p>To raise awareness of social injustices, both with our congregations and also our communities via webpage, Facebook, Twitter etc</p>	<p>Working towards becoming an eco-congregation</p>

Which particular common areas generate energy and enthusiasm?

Good News: Joint Services, Worship led by Worship Team  
Nurture: Bible Study, Discussion Groups  
Loving Service: Pastoral Care, hospitality and welcome for all, engaging more with our communities  
Prophetic Voice: Working with different organisations, and Community Groups  
Caring for Creation: Community Gardens, Eco-Congregations, Missional Opportunities

Which particular common areas are time intensive and produce little missional endeavour?

Building management and fabric repairs and maintenance, the general administrative burden and financial issues. The “behind the scenes” activities.

Are there areas of unique missional endeavour in particular congregations, which are engaging effectively with the local community?

Outline below.

- support and involvement in St Gregory’s Church food bank that serves Maryhill and the Wyndford Estate;
- members’ support for the Lodging House Mission;
- members are major contributors to Christian Aid Week as well as activities during the year;
- Messy Church;
- Community Pop-in Café;
- has long -standing links to choirs and professional music organisations welcoming them as part of the church community;
- host School events, prize-givings, concerts and end of term services;
- All halls and buildings are well used to the benefit of the local community, and business enterprises eg Baby Sensory Groups, Karate Group,

- Dance School, etc in an area where there are very limited alternatives available;
- Annual Church Fetes, Bonanza and Spring Fair welcomed and very well supported by the local community

What do you consider to be the assets which each congregation in your cluster brings to the mission plan?

e.g. people resources, buildings, teaching/discipleship, community engagement, communication

Messy Church experience, streaming services twice-monthly. Established Boys' Brigade and Guiding. Well developed committee structure. The sanctuary is a sought- after venue for musical events and recordings because of its excellent acoustics, well maintained organ and grand pianos. Our accommodation is well used throughout the week.

**The journey ahead**

In one or two sentences and drawing on the information from answers in the previous section, outline the mission plan for your cluster.

What will help you achieve your mission plan?

e.g. teaching/discipleship, community engagement, communication, volunteer training?

There is a strong desire to work together as a cluster, share resources and expertise, share worship and engage with our communities

Which resources will you need to help you achieve your mission plan?

e.g external funders, prayer support, buildings, personnel?

Full Ministry allocation



Outline the steps which you will take to achieve your cluster mission plan

Step	Time line	Resources required	What will success look like?
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

Please add more steps if appropriate

**Buildings Categorisations**

Congregation	Category (A or B)	Disposal Date (if applicable)	Comments
St John's-Renfield	A (both church and Brotherton hall)	N/A	St John's-Renfield is the only readily available, multi-purpose community building in the parish. It provides a mission focus and gathering space for all age groups and denominations in Kelvindale and the wider community. The Church and Halls are in a good state of repair and the congregation intends to maintain the property for the duration of the Plan and beyond.

Thank you for completing the pro forma. Please feel at liberty to add any other information below which you think may be helpful.