



# **Dunbarney And Forgandenny Parish Church**



The Parish Profile

## **INTRODUCTION**

Dunbarney and Forgandenny Church became a single parish church at a service on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005. Before this we had been a linkage for many happy years.

Dunbarney Church is situated in Bridge of Earn close to Junction 9 of the M90 motorway which gives easy access to all major routes north/south; with Edinburgh only 45 minutes away, Glasgow just over an hour and Perth city centre only 10 minutes. Forgandenny is 3.5 miles West of Bridge of Earn.

The population of Bridge of Earn and its surrounding area is 2800. That of Forgandenny and the surrounding area is 600. A planned major development in Bridge of Earn could add up to 1200 houses and a development in Forgandenny an extra 20 houses.

Both villages have a primary school and these feed into Perth High School for secondary education.

Most residents in both villages commute to Perth, Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow for employment.

## **AMENITIES IN BRIDGE OF EARN**

Bowling Green	The Institute
Football Pitch	Tennis Courts
2 Food "Take Aways"	Chemist
Victory Park	Three Restaurants
Medical Centre	Dental Practice
Petrol Station/Garage	Local Taxi Service
Private Nursery	Post Office
Shop	Small Business Park

## **AMENITIES IN FORGANDENNY**

Post Office/ General Store  
Garage  
Taxi Service  
Village Hall  
Small Park

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Guild meets regularly at Dunbarney  
Keep Fit Dunbarney  
Study Group Dunbarney  
Dunbarney Women's Group  
Monday Club Dunbarney  
Scout Movement Bridge of Earn  
Guiding Movement Bridge of Earn  
Youth Group Bridge of Earn  
Brig in Bloom Bridge of Earn  
Kids Club Bridge of Earn  
Playgroup Bridge of Earn

## **SCHOOLS and SOCIAL SUPPORT**

Dunbarney primary school has 200 pupils aged 3-12 and Forgandenny 65 aged 5-12. Both schools have traditionally enjoyed a good relationship with the church, and the minister visits the schools regularly. Adjoining Bridge of Earn is the village of Kintillo where Kilgraston School is located. Kilgraston is a private school that takes all faiths but is run under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church and has its own chapel. It maintains good relations with the local church. Forgandenny hosts Strathallan School, which is also a private school, and has its own Chaplain and Chapel. The Parish Minister has involvement with both schools and takes the occasional assembly at Kilgraston.

The Parish Minister has also conducted regular services in the community for the elderly and the infirm:

Moncrieffe Nursing Home fortnightly  
Earn bank Sheltered Housing monthly  
Servite Sheltered Housing monthly

In the absence of the minister these services are being maintained by members of the congregation.

Members of the congregations readily take part in many social events throughout the year and have included a Safari Supper, Music in May and a Flower Festival in September.

## Main Street, Bridge of Earn



The manse, below, is situated in Bridge of Earn next to the church and close by the school.

The single storey modern manse was built in 1991 and conforms to the Church of Scotland recommendation for manses.



# Dunbarney Church



The present church was built in 1787 and replaced an earlier building.

Dunbarney Sunday services are held at 9.30am with the Adventurers (3-12) and the Explorers (12-18) meeting each week at the same time. A crèche is available in the recently built church hall. Audio tapes of the service are produced and distributed to the housebound on a weekly basis.

We have a church secretary who works two mornings per week in an office in the grounds of the church.

Dunbarney has a choir, a small pipe organ and electronic piano.

There is a rota of organists who work across the parish.

# FORGANDENNY CHURCH



Forgandenny Sunday services are held at 11am with the Sunday School meeting alternate weeks.

There is a small choir, an electronic organ and a piano.

The present building dates from the mid 1700's and was altered to its current state in the early 1900s, when the communion table and pulpit were moved to the east end. Within the building are plaques to the Ruthven and Oliphant families, and there is also an inscription, dated 1687, to Andrew Brodie, a covenanter.

There has been a Christian witness in the Earn Valley for at least 1300 years.

# STATISTICS

## Church Membership

	Dunbarney	Forgandenny
Members	560	91
Regular Worshippers	150	30

The Kirk Session of 39 elders meets monthly and has several sub-committees reporting on a regular basis.

