

Church Roof Update and Gift Sunday

Church Roof Update

At a recent Kirk Session meeting, the elders decided that it would be helpful to update the congregation about our progress towards funding a new church roof. We are pleased to do so now. The estimated cost for a new church roof (December 2025) is £115,000. This is clearly a considerable sum. In the Spring edition of the church magazine, we set a target of raising this amount as follows: £40,000 from already available funds; £40,000 from grant funding; £35,000 from fundraising and specific giving. It is good to be able to report that to date £50,505 has been given or pledged towards a new church roof. This is made up of: £40,000 from already available funds; a £5,000 grant from the Baird Trust; £5,505 from fundraising events and donations. We have submitted six grant applications in total. One has been successful, one has been unsuccessful, and we are waiting to hear back on the remaining four. We also expect to submit an additional grant application to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland.

Gift Sunday

We will be having a Gift Sunday on Sunday 26 April with all proceeds going towards the cost of replacing the church roof. Please do give this your prayerful consideration. Please also be aware if you are a UK taxpayer, that your gift can go further with gift aid.

There are two ways to give on Gift Sunday:

1. *By Gift Envelope.* Gift envelopes marked for the Roof Fund are now available at the main church entrance. Gifts (cash or cheque) for the new roof may be placed in a gift aid envelope in the 'New Roof' donation basket that will be at the main church entrance on Sunday 19 April and Sunday 26 April (and at the Midweek Services on Wednesdays 22 and 29 April). If you already give to the church by gift aid, please put your name on the envelope so that gift aid can also be applied to this donation. Anyone who wishes to give by gift aid envelope, but is unable to attend Sunday or Midweek Services, should contact their elder or Neil for assistance/advice.

2. *By electronic transfer.* Alternatively, you can make a specific gift towards the roof fund by electronic transfer. Please put 'new roof fund' as the reference. It would also be helpful if you could let Neil Bathie, our Treasurer, know the amount that you are giving. If you already give to the church by standing order and are signed up for gift aid, then gift aid will automatically be applied to your gift. If you wish to give by electronic transfer, and your bank details are not already known to the church and/or you are not already signed up for gift aid, then please do speak first to Neil. Copies of the church bank account details are available at the main church entrance.