

# Kilmorack and Erchless



*photograph: looking across the river to Struy Church*

## *The Parish of Kilmorack and Erchless*

The parish is in one of the most beautiful parts of Scotland and centres around the historic and picturesque village of Beauly which is 12 miles west from Inverness and 9 miles south of Dingwall. The two other places of worship are Struy, 10 miles south west from Beauly, and Cannich, 7 miles further up Strathglass, en route to Glen Affric.

### **Kilmorack East Church, known also as Beauly Church**



The Church is located on Croyard Road, Beauly.

### **Struy Church**

Struy Church is located on the left side of the road, 10 miles from Beauly on the A831, about 100 m before you reach the village of Struy.



### **Cannich Church**



The Church is located in the village of Cannich. Approaching Cannich from Beauly on the A 831, turn right after crossing the bridge and proceed about 50 m up the hill where you will find the Church on the right hand side.

### **St Columba Hall**

St Columba Hall is an excellent facility next to the Beauly Church.





# Church Services Information

Model Constitution; 10 elders, around 200 members and adherents.

## Services

**Beauly** - weekly, at 11.30 am

**Struy and Cannich** - alternate - at 10 am

## Communion Services

Beauly :-1st Sunday of March, July and November

Struy: May

Cannich : October

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service

There is a combined service using each Church by turn. This is followed by a picnic lunch (weather permitting.)



*Beauly Church*



*combined service picnic at Cannich*

## Other Information:

- There is a welcome area at the back of the Church in Beauly, which is also suitable for parents with young children.
- The parish uses the Good News Bible in the pews, and the CH4 Hymn Books are used in Beauly. CH3, Mission and Praise, and Songs of God's People, are used in Struy and Cannich.
- During the services in Beauly, we use a powerpoint presentation to display the hymns, and anything else the Minister may wish to show.

## *Other Church Activities*

### The Guild

The Guild has an active membership.

### Singing Group

Beauly Church has a Singing Group which meets regularly in Beauly Church after Sunday services. This group gives performances at various occasions in the course of the Church's ongoing activities.



*Singing Group*

### Craft Group

The Craft Group provides an opportunity to enjoy convivial company whilst sharing talents in various handicrafts. One result of the combined talents of this group is the provision of very decorative pew cushions.

### Service at Residential Home

Also on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, there is a short service at Urray House Residential Home in Muir of Ord, with members of the congregation coming along to help with the singing.

### Tea and Coffee

Tea and Coffee is served after each service at Struy and Cannich, and on the last Sunday of the month in Beauly.

### Coffee Morning

There is a Coffee morning in the Hall in Beauly on the last Tuesday of the month.

### Ladies' Fellowship

The Ladies Fellowship has winter meetings for Bible Study meeting fortnightly.

### World Day of Prayer Service

The World Day of Prayer service is shared with St. Marys RC Church.

### Social Group

The Social Group arranges various functions through the year to bring the Parish together, e.g. walking group, Garden Day, coffee mornings, and a ceilidh.



*plant sale*

### Christingle Service

A Christingle Service has been held in Struy Church the last three years. All friends in the parish have joined together for this service.

### Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored was recently used in the Church.

### Lent Bible Studies

In the past, Lent Bible Studies have been held with a good number attending from our own Church and St Marys RC Church.

### Blythswood Boxes

The Church supports the Blythswood Shoebox appeal annually.

### Food Bank

The Food Bank, which is a Blythswood initiative, is ongoing all year round to support the vulnerable in the area.

### Sunday School

There is a Sunday School in Beauly, the children being in Church for the first part of the service. Numbers can vary each Sunday, but we have a few very regular attenders. Struy Church also has a Sunday School.

### Youth Fellowship

A small group of teenagers has come along to the Youth Fellowship. The Youth Fellowship has been held on a Sunday evening.

### Holiday Club

This has been successfully held in August with about 30 children attending, and has proved very popular with families within the Parish.



*Photographs of the Holiday Club*





## The Manse



The Manse is situated in Croyard Road, directly across the road from the Church in Beaulieu.

Accommodation comprises :-

### Ground floor

Sitting room ( 18' x 13' ),  
Reception ( 13' x 13' ),  
Living room ( 12' x 12.6' )  
Kitchen/dinette

### Mezzanine floor

Small bedroom / box room

### Upper floor

Three double bedrooms  
bathroom (with shower )

Garage alongside building

At the front there is a small garden area with two flower beds leading round to the rear and the South facing garden area comprising flower beds and a vegetable area.

There is a concealed laundry drying area.

## Local Services

There are two medical practices and an optician's in Beauly, and there is a hospital in Inverness.

There are three Primary Schools in the area, Beauly, Teanassie and Cannich. The Minister is Chaplain to these schools.

Secondary Education is provided by Charleston Academy, Inverness for pupils from Beauly, Kilmorack and Struy. Glenurquhart High School, Drumnadrochit provides secondary schooling for pupils in Cannich and Tomich.

Beauly is well served with a good range of shops, generally privately owned with two small supermarkets, two major banks, a world famous tweed shop and a hardware shop. These are complimented by butcher, baker, chemist, post office, newsagents, ladies dress shop, delicatessen, hairdressers, beautician's, antique shop, cafes and gift shops.



*The Old Priory ruins*



In Beauly, there are flourishing hotels, a number of restaurants with a variety of cuisine, together with numerous Bed and Breakfast facilities. Car repair and maintenance services, a filling station with a laundry/laundrette attached, also add to the services available.

*Beauly*

Struy is a residential area with a hotel and an inn. Near to the village, there is a new complex with log cabins for letting. At the entrance to Glenstrathfarrar, there are also chalets which have brought visitors to the Church.

Cannich is served with a village shop/post office. There is also a restaurant with self-catering units to let. The Parish also includes Tomich which is 4 miles west of Cannich. Tomich is a conservation village, built in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century as a model township. It has a hotel, chalet complex and letting cottages in the restored Guisachan farm steading. There is also a swimming pool in the complex for guests and locals.

There are large employers in the area. This Highland rural area is very close to the city of Inverness. Beauly has a well-used train station which provides a short commute to Inverness, and links to all areas of Scotland and beyond. There is an international Airport located at Dalcross, approximately 8.5 miles from Inverness city centre .

## *Recreation*

The local and extended area offers opportunities too numerous to enter in detail but include walking at levels from pleasant stroll along the River Beauly through mild gradient hill walking to "Munro bagging." For those of an energetic nature, such pursuits as game fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and sea going activities are supported by several companies in the region.

There are first class traditional sports facilities and a fine sports centre within easy reach. Inverness has an ice rink, indoor bowling arena, ten pin bowling alley, leisure pool, golf courses and other like attractions.

Top flight football can be watched in Inverness or Dingwall. This is an area deeply involved in the sport of shinty.

The Eastgate Shopping centre in Inverness contains a wide range of major high street outlets and there are several retail parks. Both Dingwall and Inverness still retain small individual shops.

Eden Court Theatre, set in the very attractive area close to the River Ness and in view of the Castle, attracts a comprehensive range of productions and performers and contains two cinemas. There is also a multi screen cinema complex.

The area really does have something to offer everyone.



*Struy*



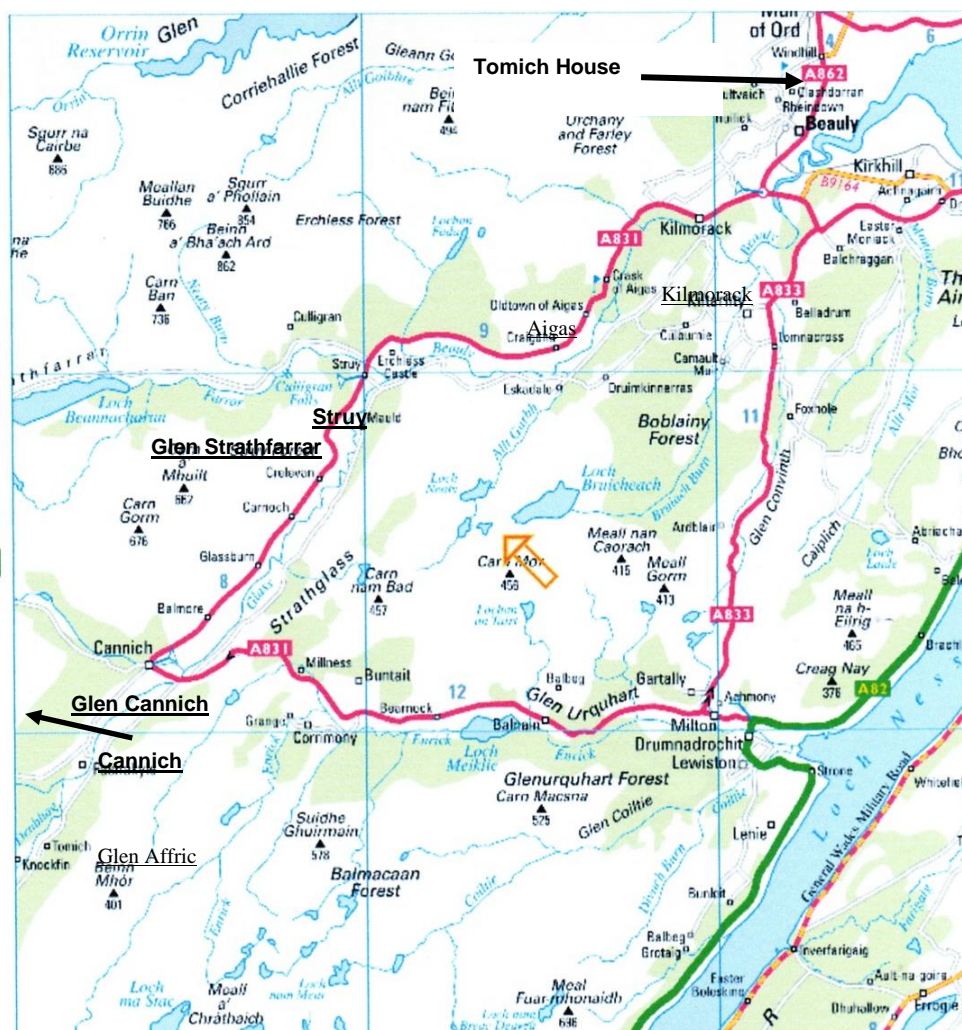
## *Community Activities*

There are many community organisations and activities which operate within the Parish. The following are some of the activities which are on offer:

- Community Councils in Beaully, Kilmorack and Cannich
- Social and Country dancing in Kilmorack Hall
- Senior Citizens in Beaully
- The Royal British Legion has a branch in Beaully
- Brownies in Beaully (meeting in the Church hall)
- Mother and Toddler Group (meeting in the Church hall)
- Pre- school playgroups meet in Beaully and Kilmorack. Balnain has a pre-school playgroup which serves Cannich children
- Indoor and Outdoor bowling
- Badminton
- Shinty in Beaully and Cannich
- Highland dancing in Beaully
- Golf courses at Muir of Ord, (18 hole), and Aigas, (9 hole)
- Aigas Field Centre
- Beaully village centres around a square which during the Summer months has beautiful flower displays and has won a, "Britain In Bloom", award in the village category. It is justly proud of its own Pipe Band, "The Beaully Firth and Glens," which performs in the square in the summer.
- The village hall in Beaully, (the Phipps Institute), hosts many community events

## Parish Area

The northern parish boundary commences with the old county boundary between Inverness-shire and Ross and Cromarty at Tomich House, half way to Muir of Ord and includes the communities of Beaul and Wester Balblair. It then generally follows the river upstream to Tomich Village and Cougie and includes Kilmorack, Crask of Aigas, Struy, Cannich and Tomich. The glens of Strathglass, Glenstrathfarrar, Cannich and Affric complete the extent of the Parish. The map below is intended only for an appreciation of the areas involved and their relationship to each other.



## *And Finally...*

If you would like any more information, or to discuss the vacancy, please contact:

The Interim Moderator, **Rev Dr Derek Brown:**

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- 01862 810296 or 01463 704463

### Applications:

Applications, in the form of a CV, should be sent to the Assistant Clerk to the Nominating Committee,

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*one of the Stained-glass windows in Beauly Church*

Our website address is: <http://www.beaulychurch.org.uk/>