

## Churches in Shettleston and Tollcross

Free Church of Scotland ("Wee Frees") was created in 1843 after 200 ministers split from the Established Church, Free Presbyterian Church ("Wee Wee Frees") split in 1893 over a theological technicality, two ministers refused to sign a Declaratory Act passed by the General Assembly in 1892. Associated Presbyterian Churches split from the Free Presbyterian Church in 1989 after an acrimonious dispute when the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, and elder in the Free Presbyterian Church, attended the Roman Catholic funeral of Lord Russell of Lillowen, a High Court judge. (He also attended the funeral of Lord Wheatley but that was not part of the charge.)

In the beginning, there was the Barony Parish, extending from the River Clyde at Westthorn, around the east and north sides of the City of Glasgow to the River Kelvin at Killermont, a distance of about 8 miles. The parish kirk was at the top of the High Street of Glasgow, near the Cathedral. This meant a considerable walk for people living at the extremities of the parish so in 1751, it was decided to build a preaching station near Shettleston to serve the inhabitants of the east end of the parish, and also those of the west end of the adjoining parish of Old Monkland.

Land on the north side of the Airdrie road, just after it passed from Middlequarter into Eastmuir, was given by James and George Reston, the then proprietors of the Budhill Estate, in return for a pew in the kirk and a lair in the kirkyard. The Bogle family, who had done well from the tobacco trade, were among the principal subscribers and their crest, a three masted ship in full sail, was displayed as a weathervane on the spire.

The church opened for public worship in 1753 but it was not until 1788 that it acquired its own minister when it was designated a Chapel of Ease. Rev. Henry Mushet stayed until 1825 when he was succeeded by William Black who was followed by John Thompson in 1828. Meanwhile, in 1761, the Relief Church split from the Church of Scotland for "the relief of oppressed Christian congregations" over the question of patronage and in 1806, when some folk in Tollcross decided that they wanted a church in their own village, it was the Relief Church which they joined. An acre of ground between Tollcross and Auchenshuggle was given by Mr. Caddell of the Clyde Iron Works, for kirk and kirkyard and the building, designed by the architect John Brash, was in use by the end of the year at a cost of £2,300 and with accommodation for 1231 worshippers. A tower with spire was added in 1834-35.

- 1753 open for public worship
- 1788 became a Chapel of Ease to Barony Kirk, Henry Mushet Minister until
- 1825 William Black, Minister until
- 1829 John Thompson, Minister - seceded at the Disruption in 1843 to found Shettleston Free Church renamed Sandyhills United Free Church from 1900 - 1928.
- 1844 John McR. Leckie, Minister until 1861
- 1847 Shettleston disjointed from Barony Parish.
- 1893 John White, MA, Minister until 1905
- 1900 start building new church in Church Street, now Killin Street
- 1903 new church opened.
- 1905 John White left Shettleston, succeeded by Hector MacKinnon (died 1913, funeral 7 February)
- 1929 Reunion of Established Church and United Free, renamed as Shettleston Old Parish Church.

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- 1843 **Shettleston Free Church** formed by John Thompson who seceded from Shettleston Parish at the Disruption. Worshipped in a barn then in a wooden building in Goldie's Land between the Parish Kirk and the Kirk House Inn.
- 1847 stone building at north west corner of Gartocher Road opened as a Mission Station, subsided and demolished within three years. Materials used for new church adjacent to Sandyhills Pit
- 1854 ? new church opened
- 1876 became a Sanctioned Charge.
- 1900 new, larger church opened 16 Dec on same site, name changed to **Sandyhills United Free Church**.
- 1929 reunification of Established and United Free churches, renamed **Sandyhills Church**
- 1975 building unsafe, possibly demolished 1983, replaced on same site but possibly not until 1986

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- 1896 Sep 6 **Shettleston United Presbyterian Church** established as a preaching station in Eastbank School
- 1897 Feb 28 first communion service, 40 members, 61 adherents
- 1899 worshiped in a hall at the corner of Budhill Street and Station Road (now Old Shettleston Road & Annick Street)
- 1902 Oct 11 foundation stone laid beside hall by Mr. John Adam of Larchgrove
- 1904 Mar 4 opened  
name changed to **Shettleston Eastbank United Free Church**
- 1929 name changed to **Eastbank Church** when re-united with Established Church

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- 1900 - 1965 **St. Michael's Carntyne** Parish Church, Hill Street (now Edrom Street)
- 1904 church built as a Chapel of Ease for Shettleston Parish Church using surplus funds subscribed for the new church in Killin Street.
- 1914 disjointed
- 1965 dissolved. Building sold for commercial purposes and later demolished

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- 1893 **Carntyne Free Church** (minister James Allan until 1921) opened in June at the corner of Shettleston Road and Wellshot Road, now linked with Eastbank.
- 1900 name changed to **Carntyne United Free Church**
- 1926 became **Carntyne Old Church** when re-united with Established Church now linked with Eastbank Church

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### **Shettleston Free Church**

- 1900 Those who rejected the union of the Free Church of Scotland with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland formed Shettleston Free Church.
- 1909 church opened in Wellshot Road.

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### **Shettleston Baptist Church**

- 1899 Feb 24 meeting of those interested in establishing a Baptist Church in Shettleston
- Mar 5 worship in a local shop
- Aug constitution drawn up and signed by 18 foundation members
- a few months later, Mr. Thomas Stewart was appointed as Pastor
- 1900 a site at the top of Springfield road (now Amulree Street) was acquired
- 1901 the original "Tin Kirk" opened
- 1904 Sep 18 affiliated to Baptist Union of Scotland
- 1923 building fund started for new church
- 1931 building started
- 1932 Mar 5 new church opened

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### **Trinity Methodist Church**

- 1889 "Tin Tabernacle" opened following open-air meetings initiated by William Brown.
- 1901 Apr 27 foundation stone laid for church in front of Tin Tabernacle which became hall
- 1902 Jan 1 church opened at 1114 Shettleston Road
- 1965 amalgamation with Parkhead and Easterhouse societies to form Trinity Meth. Church

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### **St. Serf's Episcopal Church**

- 1914 about worshipped in Eastmuir School
- 1917 corrugated iron structure in South Chester Street dedicated as mission church of St. John's, Baillieston
- 1934 new church opened in Shettleston Road
- linked to Christ Church, Brook Street then on its own for a short time then re-linked with St. John's

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- 1857 **St. Paul's RC Church, Eastmuir** - stone building replaced a wooden one. Fr. Patrick McLaughlin, previously Chaplain at Good Shepherd Convent, Dalbeth
- 1912 - 1945 priests resided at St. Mark's Presbytery
- 1923 Fr. James Kearney, native of Wexford, previously served in St. Patrick's, Shotts and St. Mary's, Largs, PP of combined St. Paul's and St. Mark's until his death in 1945. Frequent visitor at Westthorn Cottage.
- 1959 new church opened
  
- 1905 **St. Mark's** starts building under Fr. Paterson
- 1906 chapel-school opened
- 1927 Jun - church opened, destroyed by fire Feb 8 1974
- 1980 Sep 21 new church opened

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### **St Barnabas**

- 1950 established as a daughter church of St Paul's, converted the Premier Picture House in Shettleston Road.
- 1962 September 16 - new church opened in Darleith Street.

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