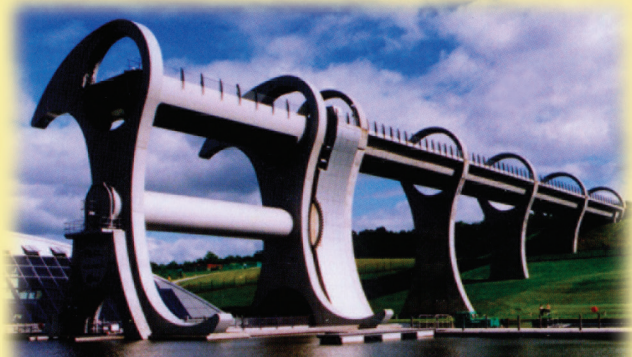




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FALKIRK

Heart of Scotland



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It's been said that if Central Scotland were a dart board, scoring a bullseye would land us in Falkirk! But of course, there's much more to local life than geographical location.

Having played a key role in Scotland's Industrial Revolution the bustling town of Falkirk can look forward with confidence to a promising future with new enterprises in technology and tourism, an example being the Falkirk Wheel.

Yet despite all that the town and surrounding area has to offer residents and visitors alike, it's what lies at the centre of our lives that will, in the long run, prove most important of all...



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Lasting Security

The town of Falkirk today owes much to the many industries that were to be found in and around the town in the past, the iron foundries being an example.

But times change and Falkirk has moved on with the times, meeting the demands of modern living in attracting new companies to the area, creating employment for people and making it a great place to live.

This is a reminder perhaps that we all need a sure foundation underpinning our lives and many have found this through entering into a personal relationship with God...

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God... in whom I take refuge...*

Psalms 18:2

Sadly, many of us are building our lives on a false sense of security and won't realise it until it's too late. But

God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ, invites us to experience the greatest security of all when He says..

*I am the way and the truth and the life.
No-one comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6



Real Change

As we view the structure of the Kelpies we have seen the transformation of under used land into a thriving urban greenspace. Yet, if we're really honest with ourselves there are those things in our lives that hinder us from seeking real lasting change!

*...sexual immorality,
impurity... hatred...
jealousy, fits of rage,
selfish ambition...
envy... drunkenness.*

Galatians 5:19-21

Even the best of us have failed to live up to the standard God sets for us...

If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

...and one day we'll all be called to give an account of how we've lived our lives....

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, there is real hope of change for us in Falkirk today...



Costly Commitment

Completing the structure of the Kelpies has been achieved at a huge cost financed by various groups supporting the project. However, despite the enormous cost of this achievement, it still pales into insignificance when compared with the coming of an even greater event 2000 years ago on the Cross of Calvary when Jesus gave His life for us...

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

Of course the benefits of this are not forced upon us. With His help we must be ready to turn away from all we know to be wrong... seeking His forgiveness...

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness...

1 Peter 2:24

In asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we not only receive forgiveness, but a new start altogether, with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17



Unique Achievement

The Kelpies are erected beside the Forth and Clyde Canal which was first opened in 1790, and is the waterway that links the River Forth and River Clyde and still is an attraction in Falkirk today. This is a challenge to all who would become a true follower of the Lord Jesus... that our faith would similarly stand the test of time.

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

He also promises to be with us every step of the way...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

Some people are proud to be a Falkirk 'bairn', but in entering into a personal relationship with Him we'll discover an identity even more precious...

...to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12

Personal Invitation

The Kelpies, the 30 metre horse head sculptures are now a landmark situated at the very heart of the Helix Park. It's a visual and consistent reminder... challenging us to consider that at the heart of God's love is the death of Jesus His Son on the cross, a continual reminder of His love for us.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Make the right choice, don't ignore or reject Jesus because...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:18

In reaching out to Him you'll find that He is already reaching out to you!