

This whole ministry is one of Christian hospitality and for that reason we make no charge for any aspect of your stay. (If we were to charge a commercial rate, this would put it beyond the reach of most ministers.) However, we realise that your church or organisation may wish to make a contribution to our ongoing work.

Please contact us by telephone or e-mail to book. We suggest anything from a few days up to one week and for availability reasons we ask that you have several alternative dates and also try to avoid major holiday times. We also request that you make every effort to honour a definite booking as once dates are in our diary they cannot be offered to anyone else!

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Burnside Lodge

a retreat resource for those in Christian Ministry



Set in one of the most beautiful of the Angus glens and easily accessible from Scotland's 'Central Belt', Burnside Lodge is set in its own grounds at the foot of Glen Prosen and provides a place of 'retreat' for those seriously involved in Pastoral Ministry.

“Pastoral ministry is deeply rewarding and an immense privilege. But the role brings with it particular vulnerabilities and peculiar pressures. The Gospel may be unbreakable treasure but the messengers of the Good News are positively fragile”¹

¹ Andrew Rollinson *Models of Good Practice for the Pastoral Care of Pastors*

² Frederick Buechner *Listening to Your Life*

³ C H Spurgeon *An All-Round Ministry*

⁴ Psalm 46:10 *The Message*

⁵ Mark 6:31 *NIV*

This is a place to be silent...

“we are none of us very good at silence. It says too much”²

This is a place simply ‘to be’...

to be open before God first of all and, if it is your wish, to speak in complete confidence of the diary of your own soul, be it of the terrors of a living hell or of the tender mercies of God...

“it would be a dreadful thing to be a pastor without cares... but some are overloaded with cares, and overweighted with sorrows”³

This is a ministry of The Northern Light Trust, whose mission is one of “Encouraging Christian Leadership”. We seek to encourage an understanding of the true nature of authentic pastoral ministry in Christ’s church, of whatever denomination.

Your hosts at Burnside Lodge are Oliver and Valerie Vellacott, now retired from full-time pastoral ministry but continuing this ‘retreat

ministry’ which they started in 1994 at Orlig House in Caithness. They have more than thirty years’ experience in local church-based ministry, extending from the South of England to the North of Scotland.



“Jesus said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” ”⁵

Arrangements

Oliver and Valerie have their own self-contained accommodation on the premises and invite you at your option to join them for a main meal every day. Aside from this, we prefer you to self-cater, which may mean you prefer to come with your spouse, or maybe a close friend. Everything will be supplied, including groceries etc as the need arises, an initial supply of which will be here for you when you arrive.



You have the exclusive use of the main house, which is all on one level, and includes a fully-fitted kitchen, sun-room, snug, dining room, bathroom and shower room, with one double and two single bedrooms.

There are many delightful walks directly from the house or further up Glen Prosen or Glen Clova. You may also be interested to know that the house has a historic connection with Scott of the Antarctic.

