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Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland



Our Mission

We, the people of Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church, seek to celebrate God's presence and love through prayer, worship, fellowship and service in the life of our Church, our community and in the wider world.

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Church Weekly Calendar

- Sun Morning Worship, at 11:00am
Crèche, during morning worship, for babies & children aged 0-3 years
After church tea/coffee, in the Church Hall
12:00 noon
- Tue The Guild
2:00pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday
(Oct - Mar)
Church Board & Session Meetings
7:00pm-9:00pm,
2nd Tuesday (Sept-June)
"Messy Church"
4th June (TBC)
- Thurs Property Maintenance Group
a.k.a "Dad's Army"
10:00am-12:00noon
Carpet Bowling Group
2:00pm-4:00pm (Oct - Apr)
Boys Brigade Junior Section
7:00pm-8.30pm
- Fri Boys Brigade Anchor Boys
6.00pm-7.00pm
Boys Brigade Company
Section
7.30pm-10.00pm

For more details on any of the above activities, please contact the Session Clerk (details on the back page), or see the church website,

www.airdrieclarkstonparishchurch.org.uk

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"Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church"

Newsletter Dates



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Congregational Register

Funerals

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

With sadness we record the death of the following church members.

Rhona Cunningham

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium

on 5th September 2023

Alex Black

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium

on 25th October 2023

Janey Baxter

Funeral held at Co-op Funeralcare, Airdrie

followed by burial at Old Monkland Cemetery

on 28th December 2023

Margaret Crane

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium

on 3rd January 2024

George Robertson

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium

on 5th March 2024

Frances Campbell

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium

on 18th March 2024

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families

Ministerial Matters

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;

endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Dear friends,

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the earliest days of the Church, the Gospel (or good news) of the Christian faith was summed up in just three simple, but life changing, words: 'He is risen!'

This is the heart of the Christian faith. We believe that on the third day, following his crucifixion, Jesus was raised from the dead. As his followers visited the tomb on the first Easter Sunday, they discovered that the stone had been rolled away! The tomb was empty! The grave clothes neatly folded up, no longer needed!

From that day, 2000 years ago, Christians have shared with the world the Gospel truth – 'He is risen!'

But we don't just celebrate an empty tomb. We celebrate a risen Lord! A Lord who appeared to his friends over the next 40 days. He showed them his wounds – it was really him! He ate with them – he was not a ghost! He spoke words of peace

and promised to be with his followers until the end of the age!

After those 40 days, Jesus ascended into glory, where he took his seat by the right hand of his Father. All authority in heaven and on earth was given to him. And one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! And one day, Christ will return, and the new creation, the new heaven and the new earth will be complete.

Easter is a wonderful time of the year. It is a time of triumph! It is a time of celebration! We celebrate Christ's victory – his endless victory – over death and sin. When Jesus walked out of his tomb, the world forever changed. We were set free from sin and death! Death has lost its sting! And in our Lord's risen life we catch a glimpse of our own future, when we too will be raised from death. For Jesus is the 'firstborn from among the dead' (Colossians 1: 18). Or as John says in one of his letters:

We are children of God, and what we will be has not yet

been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

What a wonderful promise! One of many beautiful promises that God speaks to us at Easter. These promises give us hope. And this hope sustains us.

The Church of Scotland is going through a difficult time, and many across the church feel tried and frustrated. The Church is likely to face many more challenges in the years ahead. Closer to home, our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale, is going through many changes. These changes mean a reduction in the number of ministers and, at the same time, an increase in the size of parishes.

But rather than becoming discouraged, we remain a people of hope. For we have a glorious Gospel to share! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! This hope has sustained the church for 2000 years, through all sorts of challenges and hardships. This hope will continue to

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sustain us in the months and years to come.

So let us be a people of hope! A people who love! A people who sing and praise God! Let us follow the example of Peter, who in one of his letters, offers this beautiful act of praise:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

(1 Peter 1: 3-4)

God bless you and all those you love, this Easter Season, and forevermore. Amen.

Hanna

Messy Church has been very busy over the past three months.

The first Messy Church of 2024 was held on 30th January. We looked at the



story of Jesus healing the Ten Men. The focus was on remembering to give thanks for all God's gifts and making sure that everyone around us knows what He has done.

This was quickly followed by a very successful VINTAGE MESSY CHURCH on the morning of Pancake Tuesday - 13th February. Through worship, fellowship, reflection, crafts and hospitality we thought about the 40 days of Lent which lead to the joyful celebration of Easter.



On Tuesday 5th March we held our Easter Messy Church where we heard about key events of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the surprise of Easter morning and Jesus's resurrection and the joy of knowing that Jesus lives.

Everyone also enjoyed the yummy sausage, mash and beans dinner!

Our final Messy Church for Session 2023 - 2024 will be on Tuesday 4th June (TBC) when we are going to have a BBQ in the church grounds.

Barbara Sefton

Organisations News



3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

All sections of the company have had a very successful few months of the session taking part in all battalion competitions.

The Anchor boys took part in the 140 competition which was to celebrate 140 years of the Boys Brigade. The boys had to do various tasks within 140 seconds working as teams in which they were excellent and won the competition. This is the first trophy the Anchor boys have won so they are very pleased with each boy taking the trophy home for a week. In December we had a Christmas fun night with games and a bouncy castle, we made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday



2nd Airdrie Rainbows

The Rainbows were delighted to welcome Lucy our assistant leader back after her maternity leave. We have also been busy welcoming new Rainbows to the

and made Mother's Day cards in March.

The numbers are still excellent with 25 boys attending most weeks.

The Junior section has 30 boys attending weekly and we have been working hard on badge work and competitions which tie in with each other with some good results achieved in the competitions, as follows.

3rd in PT with 15 boys taking part

1st in the 5 a side football with 22 boys taking part in 3 teams where all the teams were unbeaten.

2nd in the Mind and Creativity where the boys had to make a medallion depicting space.

4th in the Figure Marching, beaten by a 1/4 of a point.

unit and they are all settling in well.

We have had lots of fun with various activities such as making bird feeders for the Rainbows to hang up in their garden at home. They also enjoyed junk modelling with a wide variety of interesting models constructed! After those two activities it was time to calm things down with an evening of

The next competitions coming up are Scripture Knowledge and the Sports.

The Company section continue with 15 boys. We won the vaulting in February and came 4th in the Scripture Knowledge; coming up we are taking part in the Drill competition on 22nd March and the 5 a side on 27th March. We also have Cameron Miller attending Carronvale on 16th/17th March on his Queens badge completion course.

The full company will attend Airdrie Jackson Church on March 24th for our battalion spring parade and our parents night will be 17th May at 7pm.

Archie Easton

Captain

3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

table top and floor activities which was enjoyed by all the Rainbows. The favourite activity was decorating a cupcake with chocolate fudge icing, chocolate buttons and smarties....they really did enjoy that activity but couldn't wait to eat it when they got home!

Margaret MacFall

2nd Airdrie Rainbow Leader

Church services over the Easter period

Listed below are the special services taking place during the Easter period that you may wish to attend.

Thursday 28th March: 7:00pm At Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church **Hall**
Tea/coffee & cake followed by Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion service

Friday 29th March: 7:00pm At Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church
Good Friday service

The following services will all take place at
Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church

Saturday 30th March: 7:00pm Holy Saturday Service
followed by refreshments

Sunday 31st March: 9:00am Sunrise service
(open air informal Communion service in the
Remembrance garden)
Followed by a children's Easter egg hunt,
bacon rolls and tea/coffee

11:00am Easter Sunday Morning Service

Joint services at Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church

On the following date our Sunday morning worship service will be a joint one with the other three churches in the proposed cluster. These services will take place at Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church.

Please note that there will NO services taking place on this date at Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church.

Sunday 7th April 2024 at 11:00am

If anyone requires assistance getting to Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church to attend these joint services then please speak to your Elder, the Minister or the Session Clerk.

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