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Clarkston Church Record

The newsletter from
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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News from the Boys Brigade, the Rainbows and Messy Church

Community Fun Day report

and the return of the Clarkston Church Community Cafe

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 Church Board & Session
Meetings
7:00pm - 9:00pm,
2nd Tuesday (Sept-June)
"Messy Church"
4th November
9th December
- Thurs Property Maintenance Group
a.k.a "Land Army"
10:00am-12:00noon
Community Cafe
10:00pm-2:00pm (Oct - Mar)
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

or follow us on Facebook at
"Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church"



Newsletter Dates

Next Edition Winter

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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.

Marion Armstrong

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium
on 19th July 2025

Bill Kidd

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium
on 22nd August 2025

May Dunsmore

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium
on 10th September 2025

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends

Special Church services over the autumn period

The following special Church services are due to
take place during autumn.

Sunday 26th October Holy Communion Service

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Service

Joint services at Airdrie: Cairnlea Parish Church

Joint services at Airdrie: Cairnlea Parish Church will
be held on the following dates.

28th September

16th November

Please note that there will be NO services held at
Airdrie: Clarkston Parish Church on these dates.

Ministerial Matters

Dear friends,

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

As I write this letter, our long and glorious summer is turning into Autumn. The leaves are beginning to change colour and there is definitely a change in the air.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who were involved in arranging the Fun Day which was a great success – a truly wonderful way to bring the summer to a close. Hundreds of children and adults came along to enjoy good food and fun, raising money for our ongoing project to re-develop our hall. So much hard work went on behind the scenes to make the Fun Day possible and we are grateful to everyone who helped out on the day. The food was amazing as once again Clarkston's finest baking was on display, alongside hot dogs and cups of tea and coffee.

We are such an amazing team here at Clarkston Church and I was so proud to see everyone working so hard to make the day such a wonderful success.

I mentioned the halls a moment ago, and I want to express my huge appreciation to all who have worked so tirelessly to renovate our hall. The hall looks fantastic and is a wonderful community space for mission. Campbell Sefton in particular has worked so hard to raise funds and oversee the project and we are so grateful to Campbell for all that he has done and continues to do to complete the works on the hall.

Work is also ongoing as we continue on our journey into a union with Cairnlea, Calderbank, and Chapelhall. Peter Donald, minister of Cairnlea l/w Calderbank, and I met online with ministers and mission workers from other congregations in Scotland who have already embarked on the

path of Team Ministry. This was a very helpful meeting which gave us much food for thoughts as we continue to explore what ministry and mission will look like as we enter into the union. Please continue to pray for all the representatives from each congregation as they continue to explore new ideas and possibilities.

As we journey forward, we know that the Lord is with us –

our good shepherd, who provides us with all that we need (Psalm 23).

Jesus is leading us into the future that he has prepared for us. He has plans for us –

plans to prosper us and to give us a future (Jeremiah 29: 11).

And so even in uncertain times for the church across Scotland, we can look forward in faith, hope, and love.

God bless,

Hanna

Church Recipe Book



We are delighted to report that there has been a total of 72 recipe books sold so far raising the sum of £720, which has been passed to the Church (ring fenced for the hall refurbishment works)

The recipe books are still available to purchase; to obtain a copy please speak to Brenda Robertson on a Sunday morning or else contact the church using the contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

Organisations News



2nd Airdrie Rainbows

At the start of this new session we welcomed nine new Rainbows to our unit and they are all settling in well to our weekly meetings.

To help the new Rainbows to settle in we have been doing lots of fun activities using the

new Rainbow badge book that has been launched which has lots of new, fun badges. We dived straight into the badge book starting with the Laughter badge, which certainly got us laughing. One of the activities was to make a pair of silly, decorated spectacles out of card and our Rainbows came up trumps! There were stickers everywhere, both plain and sparkly, large and small and we had some very happy Rainbows.

A few of the Rainbows and their Leaders attended a special GirlGuiding event at Blair Drummond Safari Park on Saturday 13th September.....you will be able to read all about it in the next Church newsletter!!!

Margaret MacFall

Unit Leader

2nd Airdrie Rainbows



3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

The new session started on 21st and 22nd of August. The Anchor boys have had an average of 24 boys attending although we only had two new primary one boys which is a little disappointing. It has been the usual fun and games with all the boys enjoying being back in the large hall.

The officers are organising the usual crafts and themed nights throughout the session which the boys really enjoy.

The Junior section has had a good attendance of 21 boys each night with seven boys moving up from the Anchor boys. The boys are continuing with their badge work and practicing for competitions.

The Company section has had 20 boys attending with one boy moving up from the Junior section and five boys coming to us from Cairnlea Church as unfortunately their Boys Brigade has closed due to lack of numbers which is very sad; the new boys have been made very welcome and are enjoying their time with us. We continue to do badge work and all the usual activities, and we will also be

taking part in battalion competitions.

The Battalion officers dedication and communion service is taking place in our church this year on Sunday 14th September at 7:00 pm. Meanwhile, the dedication service for all the uniformed organisations at our church is taking place on Sunday 21st September at 11:00am with all parents and friends invited to attend.

Archie Easton

Captain

3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

The first Messy Church of Session 2025/2026 was held on Tuesday 16th September.



Future Messy Church dates are:-
4th November
9th December

All are Welcome

Vintage Messy Church

We will be holding an Advent Vintage Messy Church for the over 50's, on Tuesday 25th November.

10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Please put the date in your diary.

Community Fun Day

The Fun Day on 6th September was a great success and enjoyed by all - young and old. Lots of people turned up on the day and we were blessed with dry, sunny weather. Activities included Face Painting, Tombola, Photo Booth, Sand Play, Transfer Tattoos, Beat the

Goalie, Hook the Duck, Golf Target, Hoopla, Corn Hole, Basketball, Target Throwing. The young people who came along enjoyed hot dogs, chocolate fountain treats and ice cream whilst the tea room was very popular with others.

The Clarkston Church Bakers had been very busy preparing lots of lovely sweet treats for the visitors to enjoy.

Thanks to all who made the day possible.



A selection of the sweet treats on offer in the tea room, courtesy of the Clarkston Church Bakers

Trauma Teddies for the Micah Project in Troon - a update from Betty Kennedy

You may remember my appeal in the last edition of the Church newsletter for volunteers to knit Trauma Teddies for the Micah Project in Troon, Ayrshire.

These teddies are used by firemen and police to give to children of all ages who have had a traumatic experience. However they have also been distributed to Ukraine, so that in itself is a wonderful charity.

If anyone is on Facebook they can follow the Micah Project's history, which includes a photo taken at the Ayr and District Flower Show of all the trauma teddies.

Thank you to the ladies of Clarkston who helped.

The photo below shows all the teddies that I collected; contributed by Brenda Robertson who knitted seven, Pat Muir knitted nine, a friend of mine knitted ten, the ladies of Airdrie Library also knitted ten, and in just under a month I knitted 24, making a grand total of 60 to take to the display at

Ayr and District Flower Show with me.

Exhibitors at the flower show whose teddies went into a competition there totalled another 23, and other extra donations knitted by the competition ladies made a total of 47.

On Monday 18th of August, a member of the flower show committee delivered all 130 teddies to the charity in Troon. A great achievement to help children.



The photo below shows the display made by the Flower Show committee members, for the public viewing of the extra teddies



And the photo below is of the table displaying the teddies that were to be judged, 23 of them



Clarkston Church

Community Cafe

re-opens on
Thursday 30th October
10am - 2pm

Warm Welcome, Warm Place, Warm Food

Lead by a dynamic, helpful caring team

Come along and relax

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