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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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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"
29th September
- Thurs Property Maintenance Group
a.k.a "Land Army"
10:00am-12:00noon
Community Cafe
11:00pm-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

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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.

Elizabeth (Betty) Jeffrey

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium
on 10th August 2026

George Main

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium
on 24th August 2026

Ruth Steele

Funeral held at Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church
followed by Holytown Crematorium
on 7th September 2026

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families and friends

Special Church services over the autumn period

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

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| Sunday 4 th October | Harvest Service |
| Sunday 18 th October | Church Organisations Dedication Service |
| Sunday 25 th October | Holy Communion Service |
| Sunday 8 th November | Remembrance Service |

Joint services at Airdrie: Cairnlea Parish Church

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

27th September

1st November

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

Ministerial Matters

As I write this letter to you it is early September and I will soon be having some time off. My husband and I decided not to take a summer holiday this year and instead work through until now. This will be the final year of being able to take our holiday time as we please as this time next year our daughter Mary will be starting school and so we will need to take our holiday according to the school term. We can hardly believe that Mary will turn four years old later this year, where does the time go?

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm sure you are wondering what is happening to our church in Clarkston. Week by week we continue to worship on Sundays at 11am but we anticipate that Clarkston Parish Church could close its doors for the last time in the next few months. We don't have an exact date as yet and as soon as we do, we will let you know. This is all happening in order for a union to take place between three churches; Cairnlea, Calderbank and Clarkston. Once the union takes place, worship will take place on Sunday at 11am at what is now known as Cairnlea. When the union takes place, we will have a church name to reflect the new parish church which will serve all three parishes.

The idea of Clarkston church closing is not a nice one. The church has stood there for almost 200 years. The church has stood the test of time all these years. But we take comfort in knowing the God we worship is faithful and will never

abandon us instead he gently leads us on to new pastures.

And we know this to be true if we look back at church history. What came before Clarkston Parish Church in 1837? Where did Christian's worship? Christians have always gathered to worship together, whether it be in churches, grand cathedrals, castles or lowly barns and in ordinary family homes. What matters is that they gather and we know that where just two or three are gathered the Lord is in their midst. The Lord is with us when we come together and through the Holy Spirit we can share the gospel and reach those who do not yet have the hope we have in Christ.

It's amazing to think that a 1st century religion that began in the Holy Land made its way to Scotland long before airplanes and the internet. Christianity came to Scotland by the many faithful saints such as St Columba, St Ninian and St Mungo.

Today we continue our task to share the gospel with the people of Airdrie. As we do we draw from the past. We take our inspiration from ancient saints and those who have gone before us.

Our Christian witness will not be broken if we immerse ourselves in prayer as we set off on this mission.

This is a new chapter in our church history but the mission is ancient and we still draw from the example of the disciples 2,000 years ago. In the second

chapter of Acts we read of the early church;

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ *Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.*

⁴⁵ *They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

God came into the world so that those that belong to him may live a life free in Christ. The world needs God today more than ever. So, as we give up our church, we unite with other believers for the sole purpose of welcoming people back into a relationship with God.

As we pray together, we know God will bless our mission a mission that began before the beginning of time, when God chose us in Christ to be his holy people.

Please pray for this next chapter that we embark upon and God bless you.

God bless,
Hanna

Organisations News



2nd Airdrie Rainbows

The Rainbows have all settled back in after the summer holidays and we have welcomed four new girls to the unit.

The Rainbows are all busy working on attaining their Helper Badge. This badge has a number of parts, one of which involves the girls helping their parents at home with some chores.

The girls will also be helping their community by being encouraged to give a toy and a

book to charity. The last part of the Helper Badge is to help the planet, and to do that the girls will be planting flower seeds help the bee population.

Margaret MacFall

Unit Leader

2nd Airdrie Rainbows



3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

The three sections started back on the 20th and 21st August. We have had great numbers in the first three weeks with 31 Anchor boys, 17 Junior Section and 24 in the Company Section.

The founders day parade is being held in our church on the 4th October at 3pm where all the company's from Airdrie and

Coatbridge will be attending. Rev Hanna will be conducting the service and all our congregation and friends are welcome to attend.

The Anchor boys made some figures and coloured in letters to decorate our notice board in the hall. The boys always like the arts and crafts which we do most weeks.

The junior section and Company section are practicing for up-coming competitions which we hope to do well in again this session.

We have 6 boys working towards their Kings Badge and they are doing various activities within the company and community.

The dedication service for all the uniformed organisations at our church is taking place on Sunday 18th October at 11:00am with all parents and friends invited to attend.

Archie Easton

Captain

3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

NEW - Seasonal Yoga classes

Seasonal Yoga, Tuesday evenings 6:15pm

Come and join our friendly yoga group in the church halls to practice Seasonal Yoga. All levels are welcome but it is strictly adults only at the moment. The cost is £7 per class or £30 for 5 classes in an 8 week period.

Booking can be done online at

<https://bookwhen.com/lynnyenyoga>

Any questions please email me on

lynnyeneka@gmail.com

Lynny Yeneka



Trauma Teddies update - Scottish Ambulance Service

Hello everyone. In the last newsletter I mentioned that there was another project that Brenda and I, three ladies from Airdrie Library and one from New Wellwynd knitting groups were working diligently on to knit some more trauma teddies.

The upper picture below shows the amount of teddies that fit into one banana box, and I had three more boxes, already filled, to deliver.

This time they were going to the Scottish Ambulance Service across Lanarkshire. The teddies are shown in the lower picture below displayed on the front of the ambulances, and I am informed that all of the ambulances across Lanarkshire are stocked. The teddies are given to children and adults who the ambulance paramedics feel are traumatised and need calming in whatever situation that they are attending. It's a pleasure to help.

The total knitted for the ambulances was 120, as Coatbridge ambulance station had 60 units to cover.

I also have two banana boxes full of large trauma teddies to go to the Micah Project in Troon, which I will deliver in September sometime. If anyone who received a pattern from me to knit a teddy and would like to contribute I am willing to uplift, just contact me.

Betty Kennedy



Community Fun Day 2026

The sun shone brightly at our Church's Community Fun Day on Saturday 29th August with lots of visitors attending. (Approximately 350)

Everyone, young and old, had a fantastic afternoon.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who contributed their time and energy on the day and in the weeks of planning and preparation.

Thanks also to the members of our congregation who donated tombola prizes and provided baking for the tearoom.





Clarkston Church

Community Cafe

re-opens on
Thursday 29th October

11am - 2pm

Warm Welcome, Warm Place, Warm Food
Lead by a dynamic, helpful and caring team
Come along and relax
&
Let the team look after YOU

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