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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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Holy Week & Easter Church services information

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"
24th March
12th May
- 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.airdriecClarkstonparishchurch.org.uk

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Newsletter Dates

Next Edition Summer

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Congregational Register

Baptisms

"Let the children come to me"

Sunday 30th November 2025

Robyn Lilly Mclenaghan

New Church Hall activities

Tea Dances and children's acrobatic dance classes

Calling all church members, family and friends, do you enjoy foot tapping music? Then come along and join in the 'Tea Dances' that are being held on the last Friday of each month. The next one is on the 27th March at 1pm to 3pm in the large hall. The cost is £6.00 per person and you will have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee with a large selection of cake and biscuits. If you would like to learn how to do these lovely slow dances you will have good tutors, at no extra costs and it's a great way to get extra exercise.

The halls have been newly refurbished so come along and enjoy.

For the children, there is an "Acro" (acrobatic dance) class on a Wednesday night from

5.15 to 6.00pm. This is a class for all ages. It is held in the large hall – plenty of space.

In the middle hall on a Saturday morning dance classes for ages 2 – 4 years run from 9.30am to 10.15am and from 10.30am to 11.15am for 5 – 12 year olds. A variety of steps and exercises are taught by qualified dance teachers.

Party time – the halls are available for any kind of family get together, or celebration; there are plenty of tables and chairs and plenty of space, either in the middle or the large hall. For more information please contact me at church or through the church website.

Betty Kennedy

Organisations News



2nd Airdrie Rainbows

The Rainbows have been busy as usual and on the 22nd February six girls attended a GirlGuiding Thinking Day Centenary celebration in Cumbernauld.

The girls had a great time at the event and took part in all the activities. One activity they particularly enjoyed was a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) one, which consisted of a small wooden chute with three alternative surfaces on it;

smooth plastic, sandpaper and the bare wood itself, along with a small toy car to run down the chute.

The Rainbows used all three surfaces in turn to see which surface was the best for the car to run down. Our girls then came up with the idea of making bridges at the bottom of the chute with their legs apart which then told them how far the car went, which impressed all the other unit leaders.

After an enjoyable afternoon the girls all went home with a goodie bag and badges.

Margaret MacFall

Unit Leader

2nd Airdrie Rainbows

Ministerial Matters

Dear friends,

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

Greetings from the manse! As I write this letter, I can see the rain pouring down outside. But even though winter's long shadow still hangs over us I know that, soon, it will be spring! A time of renewal. New life. New beginnings.

At this time of the year, we turn our attention once again to the story of our Lord's glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday we are shown that death and suffering do not have the final word. Jesus has the final word! And his word is one of love, compassion, and mercy. On the cross, Jesus defeated death and opened to us the gate of eternal life. Life in all its fullness and joy. These wonderful truths

give us hope even when times are hard and the road ahead uncertain. As Paul says in Romans chapter 8, verse 18: *'I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us'.*

Christians are people of hope.
People of joy. People of faith.
People of love.

I have felt so much of that love in my time as the Minister of Clarkston. I am writing on the 13th of March which is the eighth anniversary of my ordination. It is also just a few days before Mothering Sunday. Over the past eight years I have felt so loved by the congregation. You have nurtured and cared for me, and I am so grateful to God for each and every one of you. You have been and remain such a blessing to me.

As we move forward in 2026 there are still so many questions facing us about the future of the church. We do not yet know for sure how everything will work out. But rest assured that the Kirk Session have been working hard behind the scenes. We have a great team, and I am sure that we will reach the destination that God has already mapped out for us. Please pray for our Elders as we continue our conversations with partner churches across our cluster.

When it comes, I hope you have a wonderful Easter. I pray that you will know the abundant blessings of our wonderful God. May you know that you are held in his arms. That you are precious in his sight. May the joy of Easter be with you and remain with you forever.

God bless

Hanna

Organisations News (cont'd)



3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

The boys have had a busy time since the last magazine.

We have now 33 Anchor boys regularly on a Friday night; the boys continue to have their usual fun and games along with themed nights.

We had a Christmas party in December with two large inflatables in the large hall. We also had a Burns night in January where the boys enjoyed some Scottish food and Irn Bru. February saw the boys making Valentine cards and we also had a video of David and

Goliath which the boys enjoyed.

The Junior section have been busy with various competitions. They came second in the PT, are waiting on the results from the marching and were winners of the five a side competition, winning all our five games. We have the mind and creativity competition on the 10th March and scripture knowledge on the 18th March, so a busy time ahead.

The Company section won the vaulting competition and were second in the scripture knowledge; we have ten boys competing in the cross country at Bellahouston Park on the 14th March and the five a side on the 17th March. We are also

practicing for the drill competition to be held in our church hall on the 27th March. The boys are continuing with badge work and hopefully three boys will gain their Presidents badge in May and two boys will gain their Kings Badge after completing their training at Carronvale House at the end of March.

We also have a battalion parade on the 22nd March in Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church.

So a busy time for all three sections.

Archie Easton

Captain
3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

Church services for Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday 2 nd April:	7:00pm	Communion service at Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church
Good Friday 3 rd April:	7:30pm	Service at Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church
Easter Sunday 5 th April:	9:30am	Sunrise Communion service at Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church
	11:00am	Easter Sunday service at Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church

The first Messy Church of 2026 was held on Tuesday 27th January. The theme was 'Perseverance'.

Everyone had a lovely time and we were delighted by the



turnout of families on the evening.

Our Easter Messy Church will be held on Tuesday 24th March.



The VINTAGE MESSY CHURCH to celebrate the start of Lent on Tuesday 19th February was thoroughly

enjoyed by all who attended. We welcomed members of our own congregation, community members and people from

other churches within the district. A fun and reflective morning for all.

Barbara Sefton

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