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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"
September
(Date to be confirmed)
- Thurs Property Maintenance Group
a.k.a "Land 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

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



Newsletter Dates

Next Edition Autumn

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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
member.

David Campbell

Funeral held at Holytown Crematorium
on 1st May 2025

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends

Appeal to our knitters - from Betty Kennedy

Do you have left over double
knitting yarn/wool in lots of
colours? Would you like to knit
a Trauma Teddy for the Micah
Project in Troon.

It is a Scottish registered
Charity, which is a volunteer
led charity to reduce waste by
providing simple solutions for
families.

This includes:

Running a sustainable
clothes closet,

Distributing food surplus

Delivering wellbeing
workshops.

All activities aim to benefit the
local and wider community.

If you would like a knitting
pattern please contact Betty
Kennedy – 01236 754012 in
the evening, and I could
deliver it to you.

If you decide to knit a Trauma
Teddy I would need to collect
by 1st August, as I could take it
with me to our Ayr and District
Flower Show which will be
held at the Ayrshire
Racecourse in Ayr on Friday
15th and Saturday 16th August.

Thank you.

Joint services at Airdrie: Cairnlea Parish Church

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

29th June
17th August
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.

I hope you are well. As I write this letter, the sun is shining, and a gorgeous day has turned into a beautiful evening. All day the birds have been singing in the trees, and the world is bathed in a glorious light. Summer is truly a great blessing, giving us a glimpse of the New Eden, when human beings will walk with God once more in the cool of a summer's evening.

Speaking of blessings, I would like to share with you two rather remarkable verses from scripture which speak of the way that God showers us with his many blessings. In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul writes these wonderful words:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in

him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Ephesians 1: 3-4)

What amazing verses!

God loves us so much that we have been blessed with *every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places!!! Every blessing!* Not just one or two, but all of them! Just imagine how many blessings there must be in the heavenly places! Too many to count! More than the grains of sand on all the world's beaches! More than the stars in the night sky!

And all these blessings have all been given to us! Not because we have earned them – but because we were chosen in Jesus *before the foundation of the world*. These blessings are a gift, given in love.

This reminds me of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. When the young son returns home afraid that his father may turn him away, the father lavishes gifts upon his son – every gift that he can imagine. New shoes! A robe! A ring! A feast, with the

prize calf! You get the impression that the father will continue to bless his son with gifts every single day, so glad is he that they have been reconciled.

So, it is the case with our heavenly Father. Now that we have been reconciled to the Father through the blood of Jesus shed on the cross (Colossians 1: 20), God will never stop blessing us! In fact, he never has stopped blessing us!

As Paul says in that marvellous quote from Ephesians above, before God made us, in fact before God made anything, before there was even time, God had decided to bless us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in heaven. That truly is amazing grace!

It is my prayer that you would know this amazing grace in your heart this day and forevermore.

With love and blessings,

Hanna

Community Fun Day

This year we are again holding a Community Fun Day, on Saturday 6th September from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm.

We would really appreciate new/unused items that could be used as Tombola prizes.

Also if anyone has cuddly toys they would like to re-home please bring along to the church or speak to Barbara Sefton who will arrange collection.

MOST IMPORTANTLY please support us by coming along and enjoy all the fun that the day offers - side shows, games, tombola, food, snack stalls and tearoom.

Organisations News



2nd Airdrie Rainbows

The Rainbows have been busy working towards two interest badges, Animal Lover and Drawing. We talked about their pets and all the Rainbows enjoyed sharing how they care for their pets. The drawing badge was great fun, the

Rainbows enjoyed drawing large pictures and portraits of themselves or a friend. The big challenge was to draw the impossible and they certainly did!!

On our last night of the session we had an enjoyable and fun meeting outside; we played games and the girls made fridge magnets and tattoos on to paper; they had great fun with the glitter!!

Two of our Rainbows are moving to Brownies in August and we wish them every success in their Brownie adventures. Meanwhile, we look forward to welcoming new Rainbows to the unit in August.

Margaret MacFall

Unit Leader

2nd Airdrie Rainbows



3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

We have had a very successful session with the Anchor boys winning the Anchor Boy trophy for the third year in a row. We have had 28 Anchor Boys attending each Friday night with our usual games and crafts along with Halloween and Christmas party's.

We attended the gymnastics centre in Cumbernauld in April and had our annual walk along the burn in May.

The Junior section won the sports trophy again; this is the third time in a row and they also came 3rd overall in the Battalion trophy. We have been across in Katherine park during the fine weather in May, playing games.

The Company section have enjoyed a very good session, winning the Battalion trophy. This is a great achievement by the boys who competed in all the Battalion competitions.

Conor Murphy gained his President's badge during the session with Max Milligan and Jack Hegarty gaining the Kings Badge, the highest award in the Boys Brigade which they have worked hard to gain over two years; well done to all three young men.

Our annual parents evening took place on Friday 13th June and was a great success.

Archie Easton

Captain

3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

Church Recipe Book



We are delighted to report that the long-awaited Church recipe

book is now on sale, priced at £10. 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. And remember, all

proceeds from the sale of each recipe book go towards funding future refurbishment works in the Church Hall, to make it more suitable and welcoming for the future.

Recalling the Dad's Army workgroup song

The words for this song were written by David Campbell in 2017. It was performed in Church one Sunday morning by the then members of the "Dad's Army" workgroup, suitably

attired in their working clothes, to the tune of "Ally's Tartan Army"

Unfortunately a lot of the members mentioned in the song are no longer with us including

David who so cleverly wrote the words and so we would like to share this as a memorial to them.

They are all sadly missed.

WE ARE YOUR "DADS ARMY"

1. On a Thursday morning there for all to see, is our own Dad's Army full of joy and glee. We are ever ready for any task in hand, with skills in an abundance and a song and dance.

Chorus

**We are your Dad's Army
strange as it may seem, of
many shapes and sizes but
always full of beans.**

2. George is the director, who keeps us on our toes and

always on the lookout to cure our pains and woes. He is a hard task master, though always kind and fair, so we all do our utmost to keep right out his hair.

3. John B keeps the grass just perfect, he works both day and night, he even does the bowling green to everyone's delight. He's such a willing worker, he rarely takes a break, he's always at the ready with his brush and rake.

4. Big John R is our true craftsman, his talents they abound, he paints and cuts and hammers, no job is out of bounds. He is always very

willing to answer any call, and it doesn't even matter if its the Church or in the hall.

5. Bill K is the head gard'ner he knows how all seeds grow, he keeps us all in order with flowers in a row. His eyes are always on us, to watch that we don't stray into his lovely flower beds and squash his fine display.

6. Arthur, Bill and David, Alex and Robert too, all of us together help make up the crew. We are not divided, all one body we, we're all alike in spirit as everyone can see.



A photograph showing the "Dad's Army" workgroup performing the song in the church one Sunday morning in 2017

Photo courtesy of Betty Kennedy

As the weather was rather cold and damp we had to hold our Messy Church BBQ indoors but the atmosphere in the hall on Tuesday 3rd June wasn't at all affected and everyone had a great time, as our photographs testify.



A huge thank you to all of the Messy Church team for their hard work and commitment this session.

Our next Messy Church will be held in September.





Clarkston Church

Community Fun day

is

back this summer

on

Saturday 6th September

From 1pm until 4pm

Tombola, Tea room, Clarkston Beach,
Burgers, Face Painting, Beat the Goalie,
Ice Creams and a whole lot more....

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