

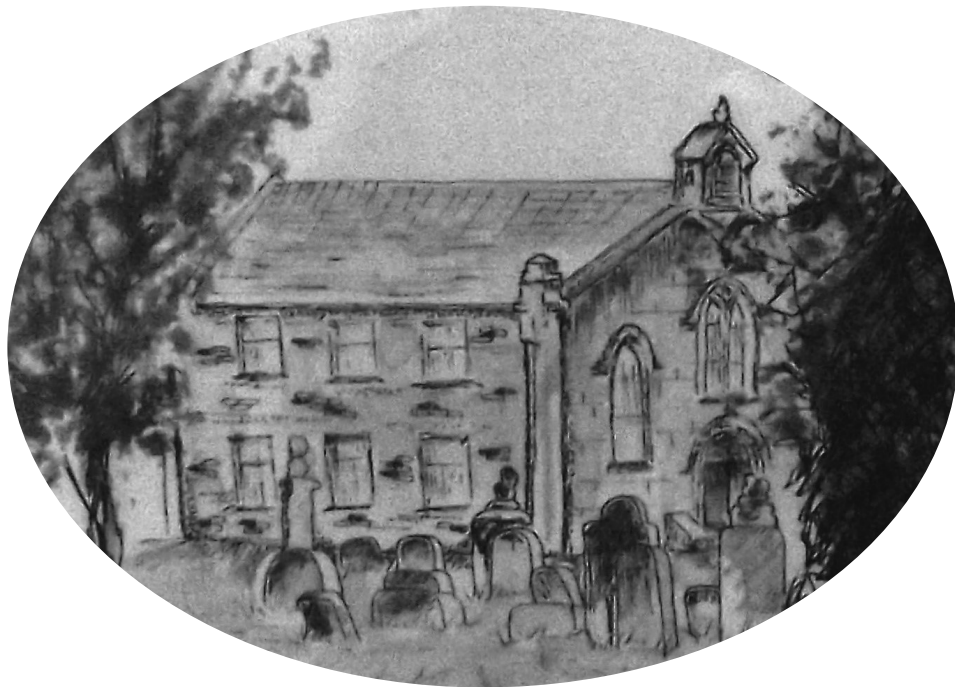
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Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church of Scotland



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 Church Board & Session
Meetings
7:00pm - 9:00pm,
2nd Tuesday (Sept-June)
"Messy Church"
1st April 2025 (TBC)
- 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,

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"Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church"



Newsletter Dates

Next Edition Summer

Publish Date 22nd June (TBC)

Congregational Register

Baptisms

"Let the children come to me"

Sunday 16th March 2025

Remi Mary Dalrymple

Funerals

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

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

Elizabeth (Betty) McCrone

Funeral held in Clarkston Church
on 28th November 2024

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends

Organisations News



2nd Airdrie Rainbows

The Rainbows have been very busy over the last few months with lots of activities including attending a GirlGuiding Thinking Day event at Summerlee Museum. There

they took part in a weaving activity which they were then able to take home. We also explored the whole park and the cottages but they really enjoyed the fun park with chutes, swings and a lot more. The Rainbows had great fun and so did the Leaders!

Margaret MacFall

Unit Leader

2nd Airdrie Rainbows

Church services for Holy Week

Please note the location for each service

Monday 14th April: 7:00pm At Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church

Tuesday 15th April: 7:00pm At Airdrie Clarkston Parish Church

Wednesday 16th April: 7:00pm At Calderbank Parish Church

Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm At Chapelhall Parish Church
17th April (Communion service)

Good Friday 18th April: 7:00pm At Airdrie Cairnlea Parish Church

Ministerial Matters

Dear friends,

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

I hope that you are well. As I write this letter, it is the beginning of March and spring will soon be upon us. Every year I enjoy watching our garden as it awakens from its long winter slumber. The first spring flowers start to bloom, and the trees will soon be covered in blossom. After months of frost and snow, and dreich rainy days, all of a sudden, the garden shall soon be full of colour once more. The garden, which for the long winter months appeared to be dead, will soon be full of life.

We often take these wonderful scenes from nature for granted, especially in today's technological age. So many people sit staring at the tiny

screens on their phones whilst miracles take place all around us, every day. The world is incredible and full of wonder – made by an incredible God for us to enjoy.

As the winter turns to spring; as the cold retreats, and warmth returns, we also turn our minds to another incredible miracle - the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inside a desolate, cold tomb, our Lord Jesus was raised from death to life. After rolling up his grave clothes, Jesus walked out of his tomb, into a beautiful spring garden, symbolising that one day all things will be made new again. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. Death will be no more. There will be no more tears, or pain, or sorrow. Jesus will be with us and in his smiling face we see a love for us which has no end.

As we journey through the last days of winter into spring, as we journey through Lent into the season of Easter, I hope and pray that you will know the peace of Christ's presence. In Christ we have such wonderful hope. In Christ we have such a wonderful future awaiting us. Even in these difficult times of change and uncertainty, we know that God is unchanging and his purposes for us are certain. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His love for us will last for all eternity. So let us look ahead in faith, knowing that the Lord, our God, is with us.

May God bless you and all those you love.

Hanna



3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

The Anchor boys continue to have between 22 and 28 boys each week and are enjoying their crafts and games each night. The boys have made Valentines cards and had a Burns night where "Tam" o' "Shanter" was read; they also made sheep's faces after watching the parable of the lost sheep.

The Anchor boys have also come 1st in their Minute To Win

Organisations News (contd)

It competition for the second year in a row which is a great achievement.

The Junior section have been taking part in a number of competitions and are doing very well, coming 2nd in the PT, 2nd in the Figure Marching, 2nd in the Football five a side and 4th in Mind and Creativity. We are practicing for the Scripture Knowledge and Sports competitions which are coming up in the next few weeks.

The Company section also have been doing well in competitions coming 1st in the Vaulting and 3rd in the Scripture Knowledge. We are practicing for the squad

drill and are taking part in the Cross Country and Five a side football competitions in the next two weeks.

We have two boys working towards their Kings Badge and are going on the completion course to Carronvale House in Larbert on the 15th & 16th of March; we wish them well on their journey to the Kings Badge.

All in all we are having a very busy and successful session.

Archie Easton

Captain

3rd Airdrie Boys Brigade

.....Lots of fun at our February Messy Church as we heard about the parable of



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector and what this teaches us.



Our VINTAGE MESSY CHURCH for LENT took place on Tuesday 4th March.

Visitors from Cairnlea, Calderbank, Chapelhall and other local churches joined

with members of our own community for a time of reflection, prayer, song, superb craft activities and of course a lovely helping of pancakes.

Thanks to all who helped to make the morning such a success.

Barbara Sefton

Church Recipe Book



We are pleased to report that the long-awaited

Church recipe book is planned to be available around Easter, so you can all celebrate the end

of Lent by indulging in some of the tasty recipes contained within the book!

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