



# The Window

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linked with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton

March 2024

## Looking to the future—welcome Austin and Alicia



### CLACKMANNAN PARISH CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*adopted by Kirk Session 17th November 2001*

“God has called His people in Clackmannan Parish Church, under His guidance, to be a congregation committed to sharing Jesus’ Word and Love with the community.”

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## Church Services

Date	Time	Service
3rd Mar	11.30 am	<b>Rev Ken Russell</b> (last Sunday of pulpit supply)
10th Mar	11.30 am	<b>Rev Austin Wicks—Sacrament of Communion and Mothering Sunday</b>
	3 pm	Afternoon Service—Rev Austin Wicks
17th Mar	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
24th Mar	11.30 am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> —Rev Austin Wicks
28th Mar	7 pm	<b>Maundy Thursday at Sauchie UF Church</b>
29th Mar	7 pm	<b>Good Friday at Clackmannan PC</b>
30th Mar	7 pm	<b>Holy Saturday at Sauchie and Coalsnaughton PC</b>
31st Mar	11.30 am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Rev Austin Wicks
7th Apr	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
Sunday School and Crèche every Sunday except holidays		

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Austin Wicks and I will be your new minister going forward starting on 7th of March. I have been serving the Kinross community the past 18 months as an assistant minister.

I thought perhaps before we meet in person a little backstory might be in order. I have lived in multiple states in America. I was born in Ohio, moved to New Jersey, then to Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, and now Scotland! We moved around a lot as children, my two brothers and I, with our parents who are both ministers for the PCUSA the same denomination I served before coming here.

I have one older and younger brother, both are lawyers, but we weren't always so different. We grew up playing tennis and football together, and yes I mean soccer—I have been working on my language skills since arriving (ha ha). We all loved music learning piano together with our mother and singing in church choirs since we were very little.

In high school I used to participate in the marching band, playing saxophone, singing in the school choir, and performing in musicals. When I went to university I started out studying computer science learning how to program. When I realized I was quite bad at it, I switched to a degree in economics which in some small part resulted in me going into ministry.

I got married to my lovely wife Alicia right after I finished university and she finished her masters degree in higher education administration. I went on to seminary afterwards where we met many of our wonderful friends. We still keep in touch with most of them online—two of whom are planning to be here for my first Sunday on 10th of March! So hopefully you will have a chance to meet a small piece of our past as we move into the future together.

I'll not keep typing on and on, at least for now. There are many more stories yet to tell about my life and family, many of which will likely turn up as sermon illustrations and short stories for the all age address.

But I hope this gives you a little snapshot of who I am and where we've come from.

Love and Peace,

***Austin Wicks***

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about what happened next after the birth of Jesus. We also learned about the story of Jonah and the Whale. We spent time thinking about what Love means and the story of Adam and Eve being the first love story. How do we know we are loved and what can we do to show we love our family?



After the February holiday we will be thinking about what it will mean to have our new minister Rev Austin Wicks being part of our Church family and planning ways to welcome him and his wife to our congregation. We will also be remembering the Easter Story through arts, crafts and stories.

We are still a very small group each week so would welcome new faces to join us. We have children from nursery through to high school ages. If someone in your family would like to join us, please speak to one of the team or simply bring them to church to see what we do. All are welcome.

Sunday School will run each week but will be off during the school holidays - Sundays 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April.

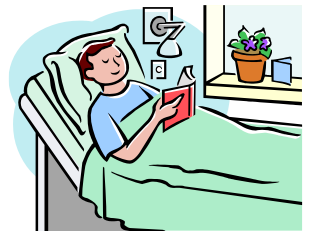
***Sharon, Nancy, Denise and Fiona***

## PASTORAL CARE

Remember to contact **Helen White** (Co-ordinator) by **phone (07900837546)** or email:

**white-helen3@sky.com**

if you know someone who needs a card or a visit, either at home or in hospital.



## DEADLINE DATE FOR APRIL ISSUE - 17TH MARCH 2023

Email articles to **windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk** or hand to **Mary Millar** or place in the "Window" box in the **Church Office**.

Magazines will be available on **31st March**.

## World Concern Group

The group continues to administer the Fair Trade stall, the collection of used stamps and fundraising for Christian Aid Week as well as Souper Sunday in aid of the Church of Scotland HIV Programme. We are grateful for the generous response to the Christmas Appeal for the work of Christian Aid's partner working in Israel and Gaza.

The loyalty of customers at the monthly Fair Trade stall is much appreciated and, while this stall is as much about encouraging support for just and environmentally friendly trade as it is about fund raising, the stall does offer a range of goods which are quite often at a lower price than found in other outlets. There was encouraging support for Embrace the Middle East and Crossreach, through your purchase of cards and calendars at Christmas. Easter cards will shortly be available.

A parcel of used stamps weighing 0.67kg has just been sent to the project which this year is funding the planting of trees in Malawi where deforestation made the effects of Cyclone Freddie more severe in hilly areas.

Anne is very thankful to those who buy her jam and marmalade and to folk who recycle their jars in her direction. The funds raised support girls' secondary education in Malawi, latterly through the Chesney Trust but also through Mamie Martin Fund.

The 'Group' has dwindled in numbers in recent years and would welcome any new members with an interest in any or all of the above activities. Just speak to Anne or Fiona.

**Anne Dawson**

### **TUBS2PUBS**

*Joyce Morrison would like to say a sincere thank you to all who donated sweetie tubs for the Tubs2Pubs MacMillan Cancer Care appeal. Twenty seven tubs were collected and handed in.*

# “Hello” & “Cheerio”



Yes the picture on the left is Hilary and me, but the one on the right is not. As you know, I have quite often enjoyed adding photographs to my contribution to The Window. My first contribution was for the June 2022 edition and in that piece I included the picture of us on our side by side tandem on the Clackmannan to Dunfermline Cycle Path. A route that we enjoy and cycle often. So I thought that for my last contribution a photo of us heading away would be good. But as I don't have one I have cheated by copying one from the internet!!

It has been a real joy to be with you for these 21 months. You have been very appreciative and encouraging of my preaching and conduct of worship week by week. I have also greatly enjoyed the monthly afternoon services and the friendship and fellowship both in the service and in the cup of tea and cakes which follow!

It has been great to see your journey move forward as you engaged in discussions with other churches then with the Presbytery Mission Plans which in time led to Linkage with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton. It was a real privilege and pleasure to participate in the service of linkage. Then the real fun began! A Nomination Committee was formed and they set to work. This happily and successfully culminated in them inviting Rev Austin Wicks present to preach as Sole Nominee on 14<sup>th</sup> January when Austin was unanimously elected. This is an exciting time of new begin-

nings for the linked charge of Clackmannan with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton and the very first minister of the linked charge.

Hilary joins with me in wishing all of you and Austin and Alicia every blessing for the journey ahead.

***Ken Russell***

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

From **Sunday 3rd March** the Sunday morning services will commence at **11.30 am**. This will also be the last Sunday when **Rev Ken Russell** will be preaching as pulpit supply so try to come along to say “farewell”.

A **Service of Induction** for **Rev Austin Wicks** will take place in **Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church on Thursday 7th March at 7 pm** followed by tea/coffee, cake and chat.

There will be **Communion Services on Sunday 10th March at 11.30 am and 3 pm**. As well as being Mothering Sunday this will be the first Sunday of preaching by our new Minister Rev Austin Wicks. We would want to give him and his wife, Alicia, a warm welcome.

## EASTER SERVICES

28th Mar	<b>Maundy Thursday-Sauchie United Free Church 7 pm</b>
29th Mar	<b>Good Friday-Clackmannan Parish Church 7 pm</b>
30th Mar	<b>Holy Saturday-Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church 7 pm</b>
31st Mar	<b>Easter Sunday-Clackmannan Parish Church 11.30 am</b>

Please note the different venues for Holy Week services

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR JANUARY 2024

<b>INCOME</b>	£	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	£
Offerings	3,753.72	Pulpit supply	250.00
Investment Income	30.49	Salaries	340.00
Hall lets	32.00	Travel	91.85
		Relief Organist	280.00
		Heat and Light	646.33
		Telephone	66.95
		Insurance	559.19
		Office, stationery/postage	351.83
		Website	39.97
		Worship Group	12.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,816.21</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,638.12</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>1,178.09</b>		

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL EVENTS IN MARCH

**March 10th**

**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in the Bowling Clubhouse**

Tickets £10 adults, £5 children 12 and under.

Entertainment – Little Gem.

Event starts at 2 pm.

There will also be a raffle.

**March 27th**

**Bingo Tea in the Bowling Clubhouse**

Doors open at 7 pm.

These events will also be posted in the Notice Boards around the town.

***Garry McPhee***



**World Day of Prayer**  
**will be held in**  
**Sauchie and Fishcross United Free Church on**  
**Friday, 1st March, 2024 at 2 pm.**



**“I Beg You ... Bear with One Another in Love”**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. A service is held annually on or near the first Friday in March.

This service was developed in the context of the COVID 19 pandemic and bore in mind, in particular, the changed realities of world suffering which the global pandemic brought about.

This year the service has been written by the Christian women of Palestine who, despite all the suffering and injustice in the land of the Holy One, have maintained their sumud (steadfastness) through mostly non-violent resistance, and a genuine effort to advocate and work for justice together with Muslims and Jews who believe in equal rights. They ask everyone to bear with them in love and to pray for an end to all human suffering; to stand with them to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

The World Day of Prayer is for everyone – men, women, and young people.

A warm welcome awaits you at your local service, and you are invited to share your faith, joy and hopes.

*Please speak to Helen White (07900837546) if you wish to attend and require transport.*

**TO BOOK OR HIRE THE CHURCH HALL OR BRUCE MEMORIAL HALL —**

Contact the Office — 01259214238 office@clackmannankirk.org.uk  
Please enter all bookings/meetings in the Diary in the Church Office.

**Find us at [www.clackmannankirk.org.uk](http://www.clackmannankirk.org.uk)**

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

To provide the flowers for a specific Sunday please place your donation in an envelope in the vestibule and put it in the collection plate. Add your name to the Flower Diary. It costs about £20 to provide the flowers.

**March Flowers**

<b>Mar</b>	<b>Contributed by</b>	<b>Arranged by</b>
3rd	Flower Fund	<b>Distributed by</b> Karen Brander Linda Sloan Helen White Elders and others
10th	Jan McTaggart	
17th	Flower Fund	
24th	Garry McPhee	
<b>There are still dates in April available.</b>		

**JUST A WORD OF THANKS ...**

Many thanks for the lovely church flowers. Also thanks to Helen for her cheery chat when delivering them.

***Cathie Howie***

On behalf of the Norris Family I would like to thank you for thinking of us on our loss, also the flowers we received and the visit from the elder. Your kindness was very much appreciated. Kind regards.

***Linda***

After a lovely afternoon service we were surprised and delighted to receive some beautiful flowers. Thank you also goes to all the hard work all the helpers who organise and give us a cup of tea at this service. It is a social time to catch up and keep in touch with the happenings in the church. Wishing Ken and Hilary all the best and thanks for making it such an enjoyable afternoon. Regards,

***Elspeth and James Cuthbertson***

Many thanks for the church flowers I received recently, and thanks to Helen for delivering them. Thanks also to the Pastoral Care Group for the lovely card I received. Flowers and card were much appreciated.

***Chris Fyfe***

I would like to say thank you to the Church family for the lovely flowers I received on my 80th birthday.

***Roberta Davidson***

Please accept my grateful thanks for the flowers I received recently. They came at a time when the family was feeling very sad after losing our dog Rosie. Thanks also to Helen for her kind thoughts.

***Gayle Fisher***

The Family of **Elaine and Jim McCallum** would like to say a heartfelt thanks for the flowers that their Mum, Elaine, received and thanks to Helen and Kathryn for delivering them to her in hospital.

### FLOODLIGHTING OUR CHURCH

Contributors are listed below and their names and dedications will be on display at the Church entrance. If you wish to sponsor any future dates please contact **Maureen Brember** (01259 220690). The cost to light up the Church for one night is **£5**.



<i>February</i>		<i>February (continued)</i>	
1		19	Mrs Jan McTaggart
2	Sam and Margaret Harris	20	Mrs Helen McCallum
3	George and Doreen Gallagher	21	Mr Ian Moorhouse
4	Mrs Chris Fyfe	22	Sam and Margaret Harris
5	Mrs Grace Hamilton	23	
6	Mrs Freda Lambie	24	
7		25	Lysbeth Fleming
8	Sam and Margaret Harris	26	Sam and Margaret Harris
9		27	Ronnie and Freda Blair
10	Mrs Irene McKay	28	The Russell Family
11	Mrs Grace Hamilton	29	
12	Anne and Robert Paton (Turriff)		
13			
14	Bill and Margaret McKenzie		
15			
16	Duncan and Maureen Brember		
17			
18	Mrs Marjory F Gray (Essex)		
		<b>March dates still available:</b>	
		1st, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 28th, 29th and 31st.	

At some point during the Tree Festival in Church the Young family gave me an envelope for 2 days' floodlighting, one of which I can accommodate. Unfortunately I don't have a note of where I can contact them. So if they read this then would they please contact me on 01259 220690. Thank you.

**Maureen Brember**



## The SWEET Truth of Easter

These candies tell a story~  
the best news you'll ever hear.  
~It's about Jesus dying on the cross  
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...  
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for... Easter....  
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.

It reminds us of the cross  
and the way God rescued sinful man  
The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave....  
By His death, His children He did save

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed  
as He died in our place.  
and the miracle of the resurrection  
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us... that He alone  
is worthy of our worship and praise  
and calls us to be His witnesses  
around the world for all of our days.

by Bethany Tapp  
<http://ministry-to-children.com/easter-poem/>

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