



The Window

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Clackmannan Parish Church of Scotland
linked with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton

April 2024

The Induction



The Induction of Rev Austin Wicks took place at Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church on Thursday 7th March 2024. Photo (left to right)— Rev Mike Goodison, our Interim Moderator, Rev Scott McInnes, who preached the sermon, Rev Donna Hays, Moderator of Perth Presbytery, who led the service, Rev Austin Wicks, our minister and Mr Edward Morton, Deputy Presbytery Clerk, who read the citations.

It was an excellent service with the church full to capacity with members from both churches as well as visitors from Kinross and Presbytery—a memorable service followed by a delicious supper.



Stained glass
cross presented
to Austin as a
welcome gift

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.”

Church Services



Date	Time	Service
7th April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
14th April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service—BMH
21st April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks + Fairtrade Stall
28th April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
5th May	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
* Bruce Memorial Hall (beside Manse)		Crèche available every Sunday

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Church Diary

9 Apr	7 pm	Board and Session in Church Hall
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*Deadline Date for May Window—**Sunday 14th April***

Hand articles to **Mary Millar**, deliver to **Church Office** or email to **windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk**. Magazines available on 28th April.

Happy Easter everyone,

As I write this newsletter article to you on a wonderful sunny afternoon, the light is hitting the Ochil hills just right to give me a stunning view, accompanied by that uplifting feeling we indeed live in a world where God our father and creator has had a hand in shaping it.

I continue to feel gratitude and gratefulness for all the people who have worked so hard for Alicia and I to find our way here to Clackmannanshire. I have worked hard this month preparing for Easter, and Holy Week services, in addition to unboxing and trying to pull together our new home.

It will take some time for us to adjust to a house double to nearly triple the size of our last flat, but with some incredible generosity from Clackmannan, Sauchie and Coalsnaughton, and even Kinross, Alicia and I were able to move into a fully furnished home on our first night here at the end of February.

I am hopeful that as of the delivery of this newsletter there will be more news regarding the progress of my licence and procurement of my own vehicle. As of this writing, I had my first lesson with Suzanne learning how to drive a manual car. I felt that it went well, though starting and stopping will take some getting used to.

As we go forward together in this new experience of being two churches with one minister, I hope that I have the chance to meet all of you at some point. In addition I hope that you will continue to share with me your stories and hopes for the future.

Inducting your new minister in Spring, just before Easter feels so poetically perfect it's almost as if someone had planned it. The season that reflects new growth and new life, the time of year when we reflect on Christ's resurrection and the life eternal hereafter, are both excellent things to have in our hearts and minds as we begin to forge our pathway ahead together.

With a fresh future, built in the roots of the past, given nutrients and room to grow thanks to the Son. May your Eastertide be blessed and full of wonder, and your school holidays full of peace and restoration.

Love and Peace,
Austin

MEET OUR ORGANIST—ANNA TEBBET

Anna is delighted to take up her permanent role as organist for Clackmannan Church. She has played in several churches in the area and is truly grateful to Jim Millar and to Austin for offering her a permanent musical home, and also to the congregation for being always so welcoming and full of song.



She is originally from York and trained as a pianist and accompanist at Birmingham Conservatoire. She has worked as a teacher of Music and English and Support for Learning, at various levels from Early Years to Postgraduate. She began her organ training in Perth, playing for several churches and leading choirs up and down the A9. More recently, she completed a Masters in Music degree at Hull University, with a focus on ethics in teaching and music for liturgy. This led to a brief spell as organ scholar at Hull Minster, much interrupted by Covid.

She has four children. The three boys are currently at three different universities and her eldest, Emily, is married to a lovely man, Alex, from Michigan. Austin and Alex could easily have known each other! Emily is awaiting her Green Card and a new life in the USA beckons.

Anna is now remarried, to Jeremy. They were allowed five people at their lockdown wedding, including themselves!

Anna has been brought to Alloa by a job with Scottish Autism. However, her true calling is holistic therapies, including reflexology, sound therapy and kinesiology. She has begun her own practice in Sauchie, which is building up nicely. She organises workshops in therapeutic sound and finds the Ochil Hills beautifully inspiring; gongs and singing bowls up Alva Glen, why not?

She loves the prospect of working within the Clackmannan (and Sauchie

Coalsnaughton) church community and hopes to revitalise the musical/ choral life, which Covid tried hard to destroy. With Austin’s support, she is keen to rebuild a choir as soon as possible, but any and all musical offerings to support our worship will be enthusiastically welcomed! These are exciting times, new opportunities emerging from the current challenges.

We are delighted that Anna will be joining us in April and it would be wonderful to swell the sound from the choir since their numbers have decreased in recent years. Please give prayerful consideration to lending your voice to the choir when practices start again—the more voices singing together the better the sound. Speak to Anna if interested.

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>March</i>		<i>March (continued)</i>	
1		19	Mrs Christina Innes
2	Mrs Lilian Clark	20	Mrs Mary Fletcher and Lynn
3	Mr Alastair Todd	21	Alex and Janet Forsyth
4	Mrs Margaret Murphy	22	Mrs Mary Fletcher and Lynn
5	Mr Alastair Todd	23	Mrs Lorraine Lindsay
6	Mr Alastair Todd	24	
7	Sam and Margaret Harris	25	Mr Garry McPhee
8	Mrs Jo McTaggart and Family	26	Mrs Janette Wilkie
9	The Ross Family/Margaret Easton	27	Ronnie and Freda Blair
10	Mrs Jan McTaggart	28	
11	Mrs Louie Birrell	29	
12	Bill and Margaret McKenzie	30	Mr Alastair Todd
13		31	
14	Mrs Freda Lambie	April dates still available: 3rd, 7th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th.	
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16	Mrs Louie Birrell		
17	The Ross Family/Margaret Easton		
18	Mrs Christina Innes		

CHURCH FLOWERS

Many thanks to those who continue to donate flowers on specific Sundays— their generous support is much appreciated by the recipients.

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.

April Flowers

<i>Apr</i>	<i>Contributed by</i>	<i>Arranged by</i>
7	Anne Dawson	Pat Cochrane
14	Mary Bramham	<i>Distributed by</i> Linda Sloan
21	Flower Fund	Helen White, elders and
28	Flower Fund	others

19th and 26th May are still available

JUST A WORD OF THANKS ...

John and Mary Ferguson would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers and cards received recently due to the passing of their sister Margaret, and to Elizabeth and Helen for delivering them.

Just a note of thanks for the lovely flowers I received from the church recently, on the passing of my sister Margaret. They were much appreciated. "Thank you."

Jenny Trevina

A visit from Linda bringing lovely flowers from church was very welcome and uplifting. Thank you.

Barbara Wilson

John and I would like to thank you all at Clackmannan Parish Church for the beautiful flowers we received on our 65th Wedding Anniversary. It was a lovely surprise. With the linkage of Sauchie and Coalsnaughton with Clackmannan I'm sure we will all meet from time to time. I think starting with the Induction of our New Minister on 7th March. Lots of love.

John and Ishbel Paterson

Thank you for the lovely church flowers also thank you to Linda for delivering them. Kind Regards

Margaret Campbell

Many thanks for the flowers we were given at the last afternoon service. We appreciate the kind thoughts from the folk in the kirk. Thanks again

May and Frank Cowe

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Offerings	3,662.66	Ministry	2,961.70
Investment Income	30.49	Pulpit Supply	550.00
Hall lets	110.00	Travel	93.00
Gift Aid	4,768.25	Relief Organist	280.00
Easyfundraising	58.95	Heat and Light	464.88
Fairtrade	35.50	Telephone	66.95
		Insurance	559.19
		Salaries	340.00
		Office, stationery, postage	8.68
		Music licence	626.37
		Fabric	120.00
Total Income	8,665.85	Total Expenditure	6,070.77
Surplus	2,595.08		

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

First of all, a big thank you from the Community Council to everyone who attended the Mothering Sunday afternoon tea in the Bowling Green Clubhouse and making it a great success.

Our next event will be our Bingo Tea on Wednesday 27th of March at 7 pm for eyes down at 7.30 pm. Please note the change of evening from our usual Tuesday to WEDNESDAY for this month.

The April Bingo Tea will be held on Tuesday 23rd April at 7 pm in the Bowling Green Clubhouse,

The Clackmannan Heritage Group is holding a Spring Fayre in the Town Hall on Saturday 30th of March from 1 pm until 4 pm. There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade from the Tolbooth at 12.30 pm to start proceedings and in the hall there will be Market Stalls and home baking.

Garry McPhee

Many thanks to all the bakers who provided delicious home baking for the Induction service. It was a fantastic contribution.

A great big THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Hilary and I were given a very warm and generous send off on Sunday 3rd March. It was delightful when, at the start of the service, Session Clerk Jim introduced the Sunday School who brought forward a beautiful orchid and some lovely cards and pictures. Then at the end of the service Jim said some very kind words which I greatly appreciate. Hilary received some beautiful flowers, and I was given a very generous cheque. At the door as people left, there were many more individual kind words.

As you probably know, Hilary and I enjoy going away for wee holidays. We have often thought about having a night at Fairmont Hotel in St Andrews. But it's no cheap!! So we haven't done it yet! However, we have decided to spoil ourselves. With your cheque we have booked TWO nights there in the autumn. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. It is hugely appreciated.

Warmest best wishes
Ken & Hilary



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