



# The Window

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Clackmannan Parish Church of Scotland  
linked with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton

July/August 2024



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The Bruce Window was gifted by the Hon Victoria Bruce in memory of her sister, the Hon Jean Bruce who served for 23 years as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace. The window was made by Professor Herbert Hendrie. It depicts, in the centre panel, St Margaret, Queen of Scotland. The left panel shows Jesus and the Canaanite woman who pleaded for healing for her daughter. The right panel declares “This woman was full of good works” and is the story of Tabitha who spent all her time helping the poor. She took ill and died and her friends called for St Peter who raised her to life again.

## CHURCH PLAYS HOST TO CLAN BRUCE

On Saturday 15th June our Session Clerk and 3 elders hosted a visit of 68 members of the Clan Bruce from the USA. The visitors were given a short history of the church and were then encouraged to explore our beautiful church, its windows and in particular the Bruce Window and the Coronation Window. (They were interested in hearing about the visit of Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.)

They also visited the graveyard and were particularly interested in the Bruce grave stones.

### CLACKMANNAN PARISH CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

“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.” *Adopted by Kirk Session 17th November 2001*

**Church Services**

Date	Time	Service
7th July	11.30 am	Morning Worship –7th after Pentecost
14th July	11.30 am	Morning Worship
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in BMH
21st July	11.30 am	Morning Worship—Fair Trade Stall
28th July	11.30 am	Morning Worship
4th Aug	11.30 am	Morning Worship
11th Aug	11.30 am	Morning Worship
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in BMH
18th Aug	11.30 am	Morning Worship—Fair Trade Stall
25th Aug	11.30 am	Morning Worship
1st Sep	11.30 am	Morning Worship—magazine issued
8th Sep	11.30 am	Morning Worship
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in BMH
10th Sep	11.30 am	Morning Worship—Fair Trade Stall
* Bruce Memorial Hall (beside Manse)		Crèche available every Sunday

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As I sit down to write this Window article I am looking forward to some time off in my June Calendar. It can often feel like preparing to go on a holiday is additionally exhausting as you plan travel routes, things to do, and advance prep work so that when you are away others will not be burdened by your absence.

Hopefully though a proper holiday is filled with rejuvenation and rest. Even the Bible has many instances of the human need to take breaks and the divine nature to rest and recover.

If we take a look at the Genesis story you might recall that after God created the universe, and all that was in it, God almighty took a sabbath day. We believe in an all-powerful God who does not tire, who does not slumber nor sleep. What purpose then is the Sabbath day to God? It is a reminder to us God's children that even the divine took a moment to take in the marvel that is creation. It is a reminder that every day belongs to God, but the Sabbath should be set aside for God and for rest specifically.

Another story of much needed rest in the Bible I often think of is a story of Elijah. In 1 Kings 19 we see the specific story I am talking about. Elijah was a prophet for God and the current king and queen of Israel were more interested in pagan Gods. A drought and famine came upon the lands and after King Ahab met with Elijah, Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest to light an offering aflame with simple prayers. It is one of my favourite stories in the Bible and is a fun read. Long story short Elijah wins, and puts the prophets of Baal to the sword. Queen Jezebel hears about this and begins a search for Elijah to kill him.

While Elijah is running for his life he comes across a tree and collapses from exhaustion hoping only for death. He sleeps and is fed and cared for by an angel to overcome his despair. He then continues on his journey to meet with God and be restored for the trials he will face ahead. I enjoy the commentary that someone added online to this Bible reading saying, "Sometimes all you need is a snack and a nap, the Bible says so."

As someone who grew up in a community that was very work focussed, I sometimes struggle to remember to take breaks. I have come very far from where I used to be. I usually get to take Thursdays off as my Sabbath

day and that's an improvement. I am also making an effort to use my weeks of holiday for restoration and rest, or to show family around Scotland as I did last summer with my parents.

I hope that you are also able to make some time for yourself this summer, and throughout the year to pause and rest. Remember, though work is a good and useful thing in our lives - it is not by our works that we are granted Salvation. It is by the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So take some time to rest, and partake in that which is holy. I hope that you have some restful time worked into your summer holidays here. I pray that it is rejuvenating and revitalising, for we will need to be full of new life as we make our way into the future together.

May God's blessing be upon you and your restful time this summer.

Love and Peace,  
Rev Austin Wicks

### PASTORAL CARE

Remember to contact **Helen White** (Co-ordinator) by phone (07900837546) or email—[white-helen3@sky.com](mailto:white-helen3@sky.com) if you know someone who needs a card or a visit, either at home or in hospital.



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

Contact the **Office** (01259 214238). **ALL** meetings should be entered in the diary held in the Office.

**DEADLINE DATE FOR SEPTEMBER WINDOW - 18TH AUGUST**  
**Contributors please note this is a change from the original date.**

Articles for the Window may be placed in the "Window" box in the Office OR emailed to

**windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk**

Magazines will be available on **1st September 2024.**



## OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open to visitors on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between the hours of 2 pm and 4 pm from 11<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

We will need volunteers to be on duty during these times. If you can help with this, please add your name and telephone number to the appropriate date in the diary which is now available in the vestibule.

We will also be taking part in Clackmannanshire Doors Open Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available closer to the time.

For more information phone Anne Paterson on 01259 751742.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

What a quick year this has been. We have had a great time with our friends in Sunday School and have covered so many topics as some of you will have heard at our presentation at the end of the summer term.

We hope that the boys and girls have a lovely holiday from school and look forward to catching up with them all on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

With best wishes from Sharon, Nancy, Denise, Karen and Fiona.

## VISIT BY CLAN BRUCE

Members of the Clan Bruce on a visit from the USA descended on Clackmannan on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024. They enjoyed a tour of Clackmannan Tower with members from Historic Environment Scotland; explored the church and visited the Bruce gravestones in the church graveyard with 4 church members acting as guides; enjoyed a short walking tour of the town accompanied by local volunteers and ate lunch in the Town Hall provided by Toni's bakery.

They were accompanied on the visit by Lord and Lady Bruce.

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR MAY 2024

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Offerings	3,809.34	Giving to Grow	3,691.20
Investment Income	124.51	Salaries	930.67
Hall lets	64.00	Heat and Light	561.11
Funeral	100.00	Telephone	129.45
Easyfundraising	31.17	Insurance	559.19
Ragbag	16.20	Pulpit Supply	90.30
		Council Tax	111.25
		Fabric	678.27
		Office, stationery, postage	268.49
		Spill the Beans	12.00
		Floral gift	30.00
		Removal Expenses	752.60
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,145.22</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>7,814.53</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-3,669.31</b>		

The above expenses include some items which are now being shared with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church, such as pulpit supply, minister's telephone, manse expenses and council tax. Also shown is our share of the minister's removal expenses.

### **1 Timothy 6:17-19**



**17** Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

**18** Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

**19** In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

## PENTECOST in Scots

His pairtin wurd tae them wis, 'Bide ye tryste';  
 Belyve they socht the weil-loed upper room  
 Wi aa its waesum memories o Christ  
 The nicht afore men drave him tae the tomb.

Foregethert wi accord they bade in prayer:  
 They mindit, though they didna unnerstaun  
 Sum wirts he spak, that he wad aye be thair  
 As near tae them as their ain fit or haun.

They mindit hou he lowned the win at sea  
 The time they speired, 'wis he tae lat them droun?'  
 An hou wi Jeames an John he wadna gree  
 Fan they'd hae brunt wi fire the fremit toun.

A suddent blast gaes rummlin roun the hous,  
 Win reemishes an shaks the verra waas,  
 Fae airt oonseen the lowpin fire braks loose  
 An flambeau sets on lika heid it faas.

Upo them comes, wi force o win an flame  
 The Halie Ghaist wi tokens o his micht;  
 In ilka toung wi pour they preach God's Name,  
 An set ableeze the age-auld mirk wi licht.

*Ivo Macnaughton Clark (1883 -1950)*



**What do you call a Scottish cow that can play the bagpipes?**

A "moo-sician"!

**Did you hear about the lonely prisoner?**

He was in his cell.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Flower Fund which covers the dates when no-one has chosen a particular date.

The flowers are sorted into bouquets by Linda Sloan and Helen White ready for distribution by elders/ volunteers. Some September dates are still available.

July/August Flowers		
July	Contributed by	Arrangers
7th	Elizabeth MacDonald	Karen Brander
14th	Maureen and Duncan Brember	
21st	<i>Flower Fund</i>	
28th	<i>Flower Fund</i>	
Aug	Contributed by	
4th	<i>Flower Fund</i>	Pat Cochrane
11th	Jean Hillis	
18th	<i>Flower Fund</i>	
25th	<i>Flower Fund</i>	

## JUST A WORD OF THANKS ...

Belated thanks for the best wishes, get well cards and beautiful flowers I received during my lengthy stay in hospital. It was very uplifting to be remembered by so many friends and neighbours. God Bless to all.

**Anne Byrne**

**Margaret White** would like to thank the Pastoral Care Team for the lovely flowers received and card sent following the recent passing of her husband, Jackie.

I would like to say thank you for the lovely flowers which I received after my recent fall and time in hospital, and thanks also to Garry for delivering them. I am making good progress and hope to be back to normal soon.

**Lillian Wilson**

Thank you so much for the beautiful card and flowers which I received following my wee op. It was very kind and much appreciated. Thanks also to Anne Paterson for delivering them and a lovely catch up.

**Fiona Breingan**

I was delighted to receive flowers from the church on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This kind gesture was much appreciated – flowers delivered by Jim Millar.

**Betty Walker**



Thanks for the flowers we received from the church and we had a nice chat when Helen White delivered them.

***Bert and Christine Lang***

***Sarah and Johnstone Renton*** would like to thank the congregation for the flowers they received from the church on the death of their mum, Margaret Renton from Devonway.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Heather Scott will be running Stained Glass classes in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 pm—3 pm and on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm—7.30 pm starting on the 16th of July. All materials are provided.

If your are interested email [heathers156@gmail.com](mailto:heathers156@gmail.com) for further information.

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Fashion Show in Clackmannan Town Hall**  
(see poster on back page)

**24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Bingo Tea in Clackmannan Bowling Club**  
Doors open at 7 pm and eyes down at 7.30 pm.

## COMMUNITY WEEKLY EVENTS

Wednesday	2.00 pm	Wee County Walkers—meet at Town Hall
Friday	10.30 am	Knit and Natter—CDT Office

Please get in touch with [editor@clackmannankirk.org.uk](mailto:editor@clackmannankirk.org.uk) if you wish a mention of a community event.

## **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**.



<b>JUNE</b>		<b>JUNE (continued)</b>	
1		16	
2	Mr and Mrs Hugh Livingstone, Kirkcaldy	17	
3	Mrs Jan McTaggart	18	Mrs Margaret MacPhie
4	Mrs Irene McKay	19	
5	Carolyn Bones and Rosemary Finlay	20	Mrs Rosemary Ramage
6	Mrs R Donald	21	
7	Mrs R Donald	22	The White Family
8	Mrs Rosemary Ramage	23	
9		24	
10		25	
11	Mrs Margaret MacPhie	26	
12	Mrs Freda Lambie	27	
13	The Bramham Family	28	Mrs Louie Birrell
14	Mrs Grace Hamilton	29	Mrs Louie Birrell
15	Mrs Margaret Duncan and Family	30	
See next page for July Floodlighting			

- When was Joseph mentioned playing tennis?

*When he served in Pharaoh's court.*



- What kind of plants didn't Noah want on the ark?

*Leeks.*

<b>JULY</b>		<b>JULY (continued)</b>	
1	Mrs Margaret Murphy	17	Mrs Irene McKay
2	Jim and Mary Millar	18	
3	The Hill Family	19	
4	Mrs Jan McTaggart	20	
5	Mrs Helen Crews	21	Mrs Mabel Davidson
6	Mrs Helen Crews	22	Mr Ian Smith
7	Mr Ian Smith	23	The Russell Family
8		24	
9	Mrs Lysbeth Fleming	25	
10	The White Family	26	
11	George and Doreen Gallagher	27	The Bramham Family
12	Mrs Freda Lambie	28	Mrs Janette Wilkie
13		29	Mr James Lindsay
14	The Russell Family	30	Mrs Marjory F Gray
15	Mrs Jan McTaggart	31	Mr Ian Smith
16	Mrs Lorraine Lindsay		

**August dates still available**

**3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th,  
22nd, 25th, 27th, and 31st**



How many of each animal did Moses bring onto the ark?

None!

Moses was never even on the ark!

Come on, didn't you Noah that?



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Friday 6th September 2024

## Clackmannan Community Council

Clackmannan Town Hall, Main Street, Clackmannan, FK10 4JA

**Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm**

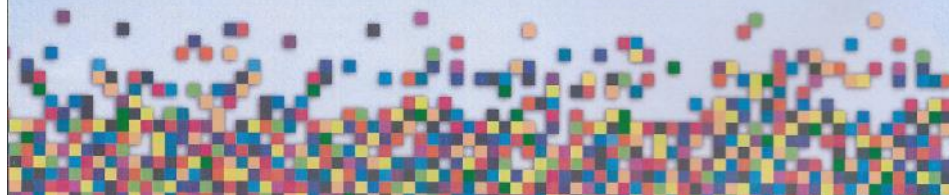
**Tickets: £5** *includes a glass of prosecco*

Tickets to be purchased in advance

**Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!**

For tickets and more information please contact:

**Helen White - 07900837546 - white-helen3@sky.com**



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