



# The Window

April 2025  
Scottish Charity  
Number SC002324

Clackmannan Parish Church of Scotland  
linked with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton

Minister  
Rev Austin Wicks



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Photos from the World Day of Prayer Service on 7th March which was written by women from the Cook Islands. We were joined by women from the Guild of Sauchie and Coalsnaughton.

## 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
6th April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
13th April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service—Church Hall
17th April	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service in Clackmannan Parish Church
18th April	7.00 pm	Good Friday Service at Sauchie UF Church
19th April	7.00 pm	Holy Saturday Service at Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church
20th April	11.30 am	Easter Sunday - Rev Austin Wicks Fairtrade Stall
27th April	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
4th May	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
Crèche available every Sunday		

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## CHURCH DIARY

8th Apr	7 pm	Board and Session Meetings in Church Hall
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Happy almost Easter to you all! As we make our way through Lent preparing to walk the path with Jesus through Holy Week, I hope you have found our time together in Lent meaningful. Last month marked our one year anniversary together, time sure flies when you're having fun. We have had long term service recognitions, a baptism, and joyful new friends to be a part of worship with us. Incredible church events and church services spent together. Our journey together has been wonderful so far and I look forward to our journey together in the days and weeks and years to come.

I anticipate another worshipful Holy Week spent in conjunction with our linked family at Sauchie and Coalsnaughton and our friends from the UF church. I hope you will be able to come along to at least one Holy Week service and have your faith bolstered and fostered when you do so.

As usual I have my eyes fixed on our future together and wondering what that's going to look like in a month, in 6 months, in a year, and beyond. Spring is a time for new things and we have been trying something new with these little survey questions. I hope to share some of the findings with you in the future, and will certainly be giving the information discovered to our Board and Session.

As we prayerfully consider what it means to be God's people and what it means for our church to be God's home I hope you will continue to have patience with us as we move forward in the feasibility study. It has been a long time, and we are far from over, but soon I will be able to share with you drawings and the architect's feelings and I am excited for when that day comes.

The road ahead has become no shorter since my arrival, but we have great company to walk down the path together. I am excited to find out what sort of new ministries we will engage in together, and new missions we will embark on.

Love and Peace,

**Austin**

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Offerings	3,619.60	Giving to Grow	3,754.50
Investment Income	29.22	Salaries	660.34
Hall Lets	108.00	Insurance	473.67
Ragbag	16.80	Heat and Light	619.64
Sale of books	10.00	Telephone	40.44
Gift Aid Claim	4,623.84	Fabric	2,919.00
		Office, stationery, postage	309.69
		Spill the Beans	12.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,407.46</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,789.28</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-381.82</b>		

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is on each week during school term times. We enjoy catching up with the children and have been starting to focus on The Bible. Leading up to the Easter holidays the focus is the Easter Story.

We would love to have more children join us so please spread the news to friends and family. Sunday School will be off on 6<sup>th</sup> , 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Sharon, Nancy, Denise & Fiona**

### Stamp Project Update

A parcel weighing almost 3kg was sent off last month and there has been a very good response to the appeal for used stamps in support of the hospital in Gaza. Please continue to save them up and bring them in. No need to trim them.

*Deadline Date for May Window—**Sunday 13th April***

Email [windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk](mailto:windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk) or hand articles to **Mary Millar**. Magazines available on 27th April.

## 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>	
<b>1</b>		<b>19</b>	Mrs Christina Innes
<b>2</b>	Mrs Lilian Clark	<b>20</b>	
<b>3</b>	Mr Alastair Todd	<b>21</b>	Margaret and Bill McKenzie
<b>4</b>	Mrs Margaret Murphy	<b>22</b>	
<b>5</b>	Mr Alastair Todd	<b>23</b>	Mrs Lorraine Lindsay
<b>6</b>	Mr Alastair Todd	<b>24</b>	
<b>7</b>	Sam and Margaret Harris	<b>25</b>	Mr Garry McPhee
<b>8</b>	Mrs Jo McTaggart	<b>26</b>	Mrs Janette Wilkie
<b>9</b>	The Ross Family/Margaret Easton	<b>27</b>	Mrs Jan McTaggart
<b>10</b>	Mrs Jan McTaggart	<b>28</b>	Reid Family/Mrs Joyce Reid/ Inverurie
<b>11</b>	Mrs Louie Birrell	<b>29</b>	
<b>12</b>	Karoline and Norman Bridgeman	<b>30</b>	Mr Alastair Todd
<b>13</b>		<b>31</b>	Anonymous
<b>14</b>	Mrs Freda Lambie	<b>April dates still available:</b> 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th.	
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<b>16</b>	Mrs Louie Birrell		
<b>17</b>	The Ross Family/Margaret Easton		
<b>18</b>	Mrs Christina Innes		

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wednesday 16th April**—Clackmannan Community Council meeting in Clackmannan Town Hall at 7 pm.

**Saturday 26th April**—Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Guild Coffee Morning 10 am—11.30 am in Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Church Hall.

**Tuesday 29th April**—Monthly Bingo Tea in Clackmannan Bowling Club.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

Many thanks to the flower contributors — your generous support is much appreciated by the recipients. Remember to contact **Helen White** 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.

<i>April Flowers</i>		
<i>Apr</i>	<i>Contributed by</i>	<i>Arranged by</i>
6	Maureen and Duncan Brember	Margaret Kidd <i>Distributed by</i>
13	Mary Bramham	Linda Sloan, Helen White, elders and others
20	Agnes Walker	
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## JUST A WORD OF THANKS ...

Just wanted to say thank you very much for the flowers given to me on the birth of my granddaughter. It was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated.

***Sheila McCall***

Many thanks to the Church for the lovely flowers I received recently. Also thank you to Linda for delivering them. It was much appreciated.

***Jenny Trevino***

Thanks to Clackmannan Church for the flowers recently delivered by Elizabeth. We had a fine chat.

***Emily Stanners***

We thank Clackmannan Church for the lovely flowers and also Jim Millar for delivering them. We had a nice chat, and it brightened our day. Thanks also to the Pastoral Care Team for the lovely card.

***Bert and Christine Lang***

Thank you for the flowers, card and the many words of kindness received from our church family after our very sad loss. Myself and my family were touched by the thoughts and prayers received from everyone. Thank you Helen.

***Mary Bramham***

Just wanted to express our thanks for the lovely flowers from the afternoon service, and thanks to the tea ladies for the afternoon tea.

***James and Elspeth Cuthbertson***

***Betty Walker*** would like to thank Austin for his visit recently. She felt truly blessed. Also thanks to Helen for bringing him to see her.

## CHURCH EVENTS

First off thank you to everyone who helped make the Rock Choir event a huge success. Whether it was home baking or a welcoming presence you helped make the Rock Choir event wonderful. We raised £880 for our future renovation projects. Short video can be viewed on church web site - [www.clackmannankirk.org.uk](http://www.clackmannankirk.org.uk).

We are trying something new and exciting in May. On **17th May** we will be hosting our first ever **Cherished Treasures** event. We will be hosting displays of collections and treasures that people in our community hold dear. Whether it's our minister's Dungeons and Dragons stuff, someone's treasured stamp collection, or photographs of days gone by, we hope to share those things that bring us joy.

Please be sure to share this event with others who would like to come along in the afternoon and if you have a treasured collection you would like to talk with others about please let Pastor Austin know and we will get you signed up for a display stand.

**Christian Aid Week this year is from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May.** We hope to have a **Soup and Sundae lunch** as usual after worship on **11<sup>th</sup> May** and look forward to your usual generous participation in this event.



— 17 MAY, 2025 —

CLACKMANNAN PARISH CHURCH

12:00PM - 4:00PM

DISPLAYING THE COLLECTIONS  
THAT WE HOLD DEAR.



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THE  
STIRLING  
ROCK  
CHOIR  
8th  
March  
2025

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