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Clackmannan Parish Church of Scotland
linked with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton

July/August 2025
Scottish Charity
Number SC002324

Minister
Rev Austin Wicks



CHERISHED TREASURES

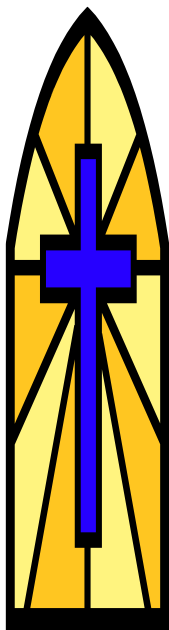


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CLACKMANNAN PARISH CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

“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
6th July	11.30 am	Worship Group
13th July	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in Church Hall
20th July	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks. Fair Trade Stall
27th July	11.30 am	Worship Group
3rd Aug	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
10th Aug	11.30 am	Worship Group
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in Church Hall
17th Aug	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks. Fair Trade Stall. Sunday School restarts
24th Aug	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
31st Aug	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks. Magazine issued
7th Sep	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
14th Sep	11.30 am	Rev Austin Wicks
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service in Church Hall
Crèche available every Sunday		

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Good morning to you my dear friends,

Today is just as cloudy, misty, and mysterious as the previous one, inviting me to wonder and marvel again at God's creation. The grass needs sunshine as much as it needs rain, in the same way that we need to both busy our days and find days of rest. Which is why I'll be taking some much needed rest this summer. I haven't had a holiday since January, and also my parents are coming to visit!

They wanted to meet my churches so even though I'll not be working during their visit, I will be preaching on August 3rd when they come to church with me. I'm sure it will be a great day for worship.

Even though Summer is a time to rest for many people, our Events Team is hard at work looking forward to our next events that we might enjoy together. Details are not set in stone yet, so please be sure to keep an eye and an ear out for information to come.

As indeed, there is much to do in the coming days. I have high hopes for our building survey, which still must go before the Session, before going before the congregation, before being voted on in Presbytery, before being approved by the General Trustees, before we may begin work. Which sounds like a long process, but I believe we are getting closer all the time.

I also have high hopes for our continued good work with our friends at the CDT, the Clackmannan Community Council, and the Primary School. We have done wonderful things with our neighbouring organisations and I hope to continue doing good things together.

We had many friends from the CDT and across town join us for our wonderful Cherished Treasures, we (hopefully) had a wonderful Peace in the Park with the Community Council, and I've had a wonderful time working with our youngsters in the Primary school and welcoming them to the church for assemblies.

I say this frequently, but I mean it every time, there is much to do in the life of our church together. I hope you'll continue to support our combined ministry and mission efforts as we go into the future together!

Love and Peace,
Austin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have had a very busy year at Sunday School as many of you will have heard when we shared our work at the Family Service on 22nd June 2025.

The Sunday School Staff would like to thank all the families for their support over the year. Thanks also to Margaret Kidd who has agreed to be Sunday School representative at Session meetings.

We wish all the children a happy and peaceful holiday and look forward to hearing their news when Sunday School starts back on 17th August.

Sharon, Nancy, Denise and Fiona

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR MAY 2025

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Offerings	3,669.90	Giving to Grow	3,754.50
Investment Income	121.80	Salaries	673.59
Donations	1,000.00	Insurance	473.67
Easyfundraising	25.72	Heat and Light	381.51
		Telephone	44.63
		Office, stationery, postage	24.00
		Fabric	1,177.00
		Communion Wine	18.69
		Spill the Beans	12.00
		Floral Gift	25.00
Total Income	4,817.42	Total Expenditure	6,584.59
Deficit	-1,767.17		

Deficit for year to date is £5,123.77

RAGBAG

The Ragbag bin has now been emptied. The Ragbag bin is located at the back of the Church Hall and can be accessed from Kirk Wynd.



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.

All September dates are still available.

July/August Flowers		
July	Contributed by	Arrangers
6th	Elizabeth MacDonald	} Jean Hillis
13th	Flower Fund	
20th	Flower Fund	
27th	Flower Fund	
Aug	Contributed by	
3rd	Mary Bramham	} Margaret Kidd
10th	Jean Hillis	
17th	Flower Fund	
24th	Flower Fund	
31st	Flower Fund	Mary Millar

JUST A WORD OF THANKS ...

My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the flowers, cards and messages of sympathy received after the passing of my husband. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Ryna Marshall

Ishbel Paterson (née Fyfe) from Kincardine sent in a lovely 'thank you' card – thanking the Pastoral Care team for the beautiful flowers and card she received during her recent stay in hospital. She is now home and feeling better.

Thanks for the flowers I got on Sunday after the service in the Church Hall and thanks to Duncan who runs me there and back.

Margaret Duncan

Ronnie and Freda Blair really appreciated receiving the church flowers.

PASTORAL CARE

Please 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.

TO BOOK OR HIRE THE CHURCH HALL-Contact the **Office** (01259720583).
ALL meetings should be entered in the diary held in the Office.



A PEW WITH A VIEW

At communion last Sunday Jim kindly reminded me to sit in the front pews. Out of habit I normally sit in the family pew where you get a good view of the minister, pulpit, choir and the congregation. Maybe that is why my ancestors chose that pew 😊. I always feel uncomfortable down at the side pews turning to the left or right. Near the end of the service my neck was sore so I had a look around the Remembrance Book area and a picture frame caught my eye ... it looked familiar! After the service I had a closer look and discovered it was a sketch of the church by Alec Fyfe (my Grandfather) and dated 1956. He was a keen artist and donated many of his sketches to local historic groups. He was an Elder in the church for many years and he was also in the choir. He encouraged his family to attend church and used to give my sister and I a penny to put in the plate

(1950s). His love of the local countryside inspired him to write Clackmannan Tower poem (page 9) and every Sunday after church we all walked to the local beauty spots.

I was so surprised to see the sketch again after all these years and it brought back so many happy memories ... So ... I'm glad I sat in a "pew with a different view".

Thank you for displaying the sketch.

Doreen Gallagher



CLACKMANNAN TOWER

*Clackmannan Tower stands lofty & high
Where hero's dwelt in days gone by
And there from it's height wondrous views can be sighted
And there on the ground floor Robert Burns was knighted*

*Robert Burns was knighted by the old lady of the place
Who handled the sword with dignified grace
Just a reminder of his Scottish Tour
For Mrs Bruce of Clackmannan was over four score*

*Around by the braes & the woodland beside
Flows the Black Devon in murmuring pride
Where courtiers cuddle doon under the spell
And there to each other their love secrets tell*

*Round by the wagon road among the green thorn
Then up by the range onto bonnie Gartmorn
Then ower by the mairs & better still
Are the falls at the Hamlet of bonnie Linnmill*

*To this lovely spot mother nature was kind
Scenes such as these are aye on my mind
To drink at the Cauld Well Water Rock
Wi' the auld water wheel at the back o' the cot*

*Up through the wids in the long summer hours
Plucking the Bluebells & other wild flowers
Here again you will find in the summer night breeze
The rush of the waterfalls under tall waving trees*

*Oh Maggie ma lassie when out wi yer laddie
Ne'er think o' number nine or round Tullibody
Best come to the places I've left ye in rhyme
They're a' in their splendour in the braw summertime*

Alec Fyfe

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>JUNE</i>		<i>JUNE (continued)</i>	
1		16	Gayleen Thomson and Family
2	Mr and Mrs Hugh Livingstone, Kirkcaldy	17	Bill and Margaret McKenzie
3	Mrs Jan McTaggart	18	
4	Mrs Irene McKay	19	
5		20	Mrs Rosemary Ramage
6	Mrs R Donald	21	
7	Mrs R Donald	22	The White Family
8	Mrs Rosemary Ramage	23	Bill and Margaret McKenzie
9		24	Bill and Margaret McKenzie
10	Bill and Margaret McKenzie	25	
11		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			

COMMUNITY HERITAGE GROUP EVENT

Drop-In Sunday on 29th June from 2-4 pm. Ian Russell will be giving a talk on Old Clackmannan in the Bruce Lounge and the **Historic Clackmannan Timeline** will be on display. Tea/coffee will be served.

CHURCH is open to visitors every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 pm—4 pm until 11th September 2025.

<i>JULY</i>		<i>JULY (continued)</i>	
1	Mrs Margaret Murphy	17	
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	Mrs Mary fletcher and Lynn
9	Mrs Lysbeth Fleming	25	Mrs Mary fletcher and Lynn
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, Essex
15	Mrs Jan McTaggart	31	Mr Ian Smith
16	Mrs Lorraine Lindsay		

August dates available: 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 25th, and 30th

CLACKMANNAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July meeting on Wednesday 17th July and August meeting on Wednesday 20th August 2025 both in Clackmannan Town Hall at 7 pm.

Bingo Tea - 26th August 2025 in Bowling Club. Doors open at 7 pm and eyes down at 7.30 pm.

Bingo Tea - 30th September 2025 in Bowling Club. Doors open at 7 pm and eyes down at 7.30 pm.

DEADLINE DATE FOR SEPTEMBER WINDOW - 17TH AUGUST

E-mail articles to **windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk**
Magazines will be available on **31st August 2025.**



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Cherished Treasures—we weren't able to include photographs of all displays in the magazine but the event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

Many thanks to all the "treasure holders", the tea/coffee/baking providers and also to our visitors who made the day worthwhile.