



# The Window

Clackmannan Parish Church of Scotland  
linked with Sauchie and Coalsnaughton

Minister  
Rev Austin Wicks

September 2025  
Scottish Charity  
Number SC002324

**Congratulations to our two nonagenarians who each celebrated their 90th birthday in the summer.**



Congratulations to Bill Izett who celebrated his 90th birthday in August.



Frank Cowe also celebrated his 90th birthday back in July. Congratulations Frank.

## **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 Sep                                                                 | 11.30 am | Morning Worship—Rev Austin Wicks                 |
| 14th Sep                                                                | 11.30 am | <b>Communion</b> —Rev Austin Wicks               |
|                                                                         | 3.00 pm  | <b>Afternoon Communion Service</b> - Church Hall |
| 21st Sep                                                                | 11.30 am | Morning Worship—Rev Austin Wicks                 |
| 28th Sep                                                                | 11.30 am | Morning Worship—Rev Austin Wicks                 |
| 5th Oct                                                                 | 11.30 am | <b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> —Rev Austin Wicks    |
| 12th Oct                                                                | 11.30 am | Morning Worship—Rev Austin Wicks                 |
| <b>Collections for The Gate will take place every Sunday in October</b> |          |                                                  |
| Crèche available every Sunday                                           |          |                                                  |

| Position                   | Name              | Tel No      | Email address                       |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Minister                   | Rev Austin Wicks  | 07547392248 | AWicks@churchofscotland.org.uk      |
| Session Clerk              | Jim Millar        | 01259217361 | sessionclerk@clackmannankirk.org.uk |
| Depute SC + Clerk to Board | Anne Dawson       | 01259219350 |                                     |
| Treasurer                  | Joyce Morrison    | 07557537611 | treasurer@clackmannankirk.org.uk    |
| Window Editor              | Mary Millar       |             | windoweditor@clackmannankirk.org.uk |
| Organist                   | Maciej Piszczalka |             |                                     |
| Church Officers            | Willie Hunter     | 07775686664 |                                     |
|                            | Garry McPhee      | 01259219235 |                                     |
| Church Office              | Tues 10 am        | 01259720583 | office@clackmannankirk.org.uk       |

TO BOOK OR HIRE THE **CHURCH HALL**—Contact the **Office (01259 720583)**. **ALL** meetings should be entered in the diary.

***Deadline Date for October Window—Sunday 14th September.***

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 28th September.

Greetings my friends,

It has been unseasonably sunny and warm, but I think I've been enjoying it more than normal because I've been gifted the opportunity to share it with my parents. The last time my parents visited Scotland it rained every day! Perhaps though, the frequent clouds and rain are what give us a willing spirit to enjoy the sun more fully.

I want to express my gratitude to the members of the events team for co-ordinating the welcome back barbecue we all enjoyed together after worship today. Good food, good friends, what more could we ask for?

I am enjoying spending some time reminiscing and thinking about the events that have come and gone and celebrating our victories and joys together. Especially because I can see the road before us is a difficult path. We have made our vote and staked our claim on which building we will choose to renovate. This means we will need to work on some major fund-raising efforts as well as grant writing projects.

Of course the project cannot simply begin once we have made our vote. Presbytery must approve a project of this large scale. Once we have the Presbytery's approval it will go to the General Trustees, and once they give us the green light we can begin the slow and steady process of renovating our worship space and the place we call our church home.

We will find ourselves on a long journey, but if the past three years I've spent in Scotland is any indication, I think we will find the time passing quickly together as we continue to spend time together as the worshipping body of Christ, as we expand our missional outreach into the community, and as we rededicate not only our building but our very selves to Christ's service once more.

I hope we can count on your continued support!

Love and Peace,

**Austin**

**CHURCH DIARY**—Meeting of the Congregational Board followed by the Meeting of the Kirk Session will be held on Tuesday 16th September.

## Open Church 2025

As in previous years we have been opening the church to visitors over the summer months. This year we will be open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon between the hours of 2 pm and 4 pm from 10<sup>th</sup> June – 11th September.

We 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 in the vestibule.



## Clackmannanshire Doors Open Days

We will also be participating in Clackmannanshire Doors Open Days on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September and will need volunteers on those days. A sign up sheet will be made available closer to the time. For more information speak to Anne Paterson – telephone: 01259 751742 or 07766475877.

### COMMUNION

Communion will be celebrated on

**14th September**

at

11.30 am and 3 pm.

**NO COMMUNION CARDS**

**There will be a retiring collection for our  
Mission Partners**

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

will be on Sunday 5th October.

All donations will be given to The Gate and we will continue to collect for The Gate on every Sunday in October.

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2025

| INCOME              | £                | EXPENDITURE              | £                |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Offerings           | 7,393.20         | Giving to Grow           | 7,509.00         |
| Investment Income   | 54.49            | Salaries                 | 1,347.18         |
| Donations           | 983.00           | Council Tax              | 356.82           |
| Funeral             | 115.00           | Heat and Light           | 320.06           |
| Hall Lets           | 396.00           | Telephone                | 256.42           |
| Fundraising         | 183.80           | Office, stationery, post | 402.80           |
| Fairtrade           | 65.00            | Fabric                   | 2,377.50         |
|                     |                  | Pulpit Supply            | 100.00           |
|                     |                  | Travel                   | 49.30            |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>9,190.49</b>  | <b>Total Expenditure</b> | <b>12,719.08</b> |
| <b>Deficit</b>      | <b>-3,528.59</b> |                          |                  |

Deficit for year to date is £8,652.36

## CHRISTMAS GIFT

Starts aglow on frosty nights,  
 Firs, adorned with twinkling lights,  
 Standing tall for all to see -  
 Is this what Christmas means to me?

Children's eyes, alive with joy,  
 Looking for that special toy  
 Placed by Santa 'neath the tree -  
 Is this what Christmas means to me?

Bonds of love that bind the heart  
 Though distance keeps ;us far apart.  
 Those precious to the memory -  
 Is this what Christmas means to me?

Laughter, giving, happiness,  
 Love and peace, togetherness,  
 Shared with friends and family -  
 Is this what Christmas means to me?

Yes, it means all this, but more,  
 It means an open stable door  
 God's gift to us - eternity -  
 That's what Christmas means to me

*Marian Cleworth*

**An early intimation that the theme for this year's Festival of Christmas is The Gift of Christmas—so start your planning now!**



August  
BBQ



Photos—Duncan Brember and Margaret Kidd



### [Blythswood Care Christmas Boxes](#)

Yes I actually did type the C..... word, but c'mon it is August, only 3 months until the shoeboxes will be filled again and sent to the parts of the world that are more in need of them than us. We have been busy all year round, buying and being gifted so many items that my summerhouse and Eleanor's are bursting at the seams. Never let it be said that she does not seek out the bargains! As in previous years for £20 we can fill a box on your behalf. We have some shoeboxes but don't let that stop you from buying more shoes/boots – they never go wrong. Last year we sent 222 filled boxes. That was a bumper year and you all should be commended for this. Any queries please contact me on 07900837546 – I will happily take your money or your box.

In anticipation, many thanks.

***Helen White***

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### [Shoe Box Appeal \(from Blythswood Care\)](#)

Thank you so much for your continued support for our Shoe Box Appeal. Your unwavering support has enabled us to send over 85,000 shoeboxes to eight different countries – Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. From those we deliver these gifts to, thank you so very much.

Since our first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993 we have sent more than 2.7 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need.

Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



## ***FLOODLIGHTING OUR CHURCH***

Contributors are listed below and their names and dedications will 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**.



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| <b><i>AUGUST</i></b> |                             | <b><i>AUGUST (continued)</i></b> |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                    | Mrs Joan Davidson           | 17                               | Mrs Lorraine Lindsay        |
| 2                    | Mrs Rosemary Ramage         | 18                               | Bill and Margaret McKenzie  |
| 3                    |                             | 19                               | Mrs Lillian Wilson          |
| 4                    |                             | 20                               |                             |
| 5                    |                             | 21                               | Bill and Margaret McKenzie  |
| 6                    |                             | 22                               |                             |
| 7                    | Mrs Janette Wilkie          | 23                               | Mrs Freda Lambie            |
| 8                    | Mrs Isobel Bell             | 24                               |                             |
| 9                    |                             | 25                               | Bill and Margaret McKenzie  |
| 10                   | Joyce and Harry Fox (Elgin) | 26                               | Mrs Margaret Hill           |
| 11                   | The Russell Family          | 27                               | Mrs Margaret Hill           |
| 12                   |                             | 28                               | The Reid Family (Inverurie) |
| 13                   | Mrs Lorraine Lindsay        | 29                               | Sam and Margaret Harris     |
| 14                   |                             | 30                               |                             |
| 15                   | Bill and Margaret McKenzie  | 31                               | Duncan and Maureen Brember  |
| 16                   |                             |                                  |                             |

Dates available in September—19th and 30th

## **A WEE REMINDER**

The Rag Bag collection point is now located at the back of the Church Hall—enter from Kirk Wynd. The church still gets monetary donations for the clothing etc lifted from the collection point. It's painted a bright green.



### Flower Contributors for September

|      |                 |                                                                                                                                              |
|------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7th  |                 | <b>Arranged by</b><br><i>Jan MacTaggart</i><br><b>Distributed by</b><br><i>Linda Sloan</i><br><i>Helen White</i><br><i>Elders and others</i> |
| 14th |                 |                                                                                                                                              |
| 21st | Maureen Brember |                                                                                                                                              |
| 28th | Garry McPhee    |                                                                                                                                              |

Just a reminder that if you know of anyone at all who is either sick, in hospital, bereaved or just 'under the weather' – let Helen White know (07900837546). A card, even a bunch of flowers, can make such a difference.

### JUST A WORD OF THANKS ...

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers from the church thinking about the loss of our sister Cath. They were delivered by the lovely Linda. Thanks again.

***Andrew and Anne Hamilton***

I would like to thank the Church for the beautiful flowers I had delivered on the one year anniversary of my mum's passing (Jean Mitchell). They were very much appreciated. Also a big thank you to Anne for delivering them.

***Ann Mortimer***

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Joyce Morrison for all her hard work in researching our family tree. It was very much appreciated.

***The Lambie Family***

***Gordon and Emily Stanners*** would like to say many thanks for the flowers on the birth of our great-granddaughter Matilda on 28th June and also our great-grandson Jamie born on 6th July.

I would like to thank the church for the flowers and get well card for my stay in hospital. I am home now and on the mend. Thank you to Mary Millar for bringing me the flowers.

***Andy Davidson***

My sincere thanks to Helen, Elizabeth MacDonald, Pastoral Care Team and church members for the many cards and for the beautiful flowers which were all appreciated.

***Bill Izett***

Many Thanks for the lovely flowers from the church family delivered by Helen who always has a smile and a kind word.

***Susan and Willie Paterson***

Please express my thanks for the card after my short stay in hospital and for the lovely flowers from the afternoon service.

Well done to Anne, Joyce, Maureen, Duncan and Mary. They did an excellent service, and of course the tea and chat afterwards.

***James and Elspeth Cuthbertson***

***Janet Hawke*** would like to thank Helen for the lovely flowers she received from Church on the passing of her beloved friend – Betty Walker.

***Freda Lambie*** was very appreciative of the flowers delivered to her on the anniversary of her husband's passing.

***Margaret MacPhie*** thanked Helen, Helene and Kathryn for visiting her in Bellfield Hospital and was very pleased to receive the flowers from Morning Worship.

## **Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Care Team is keen to hear from anyone that you may know of who is possibly housebound, been in hospital, or in a care home. A visit makes such a difference and cheers folk up no end. If you know of any one please contact Helen White (Co-ordinator) 07900837546.

## **Another Word of Thanks ...**

A big "thank you" to the members of the Worship Group for covering 3 services while Austin was on holiday. Your efforts are very much appreciated, as well as the fact that you save us money on pulpit supply.

## **Clackmannan Community Council**

**Monthly Meeting** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Clackmannan Town Hall at 7 pm.

**Bingo Tea** – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Clackmannan Bowling Club, doors open at 7 pm and eyes down at 7.30 pm.

Photos—Duncan Brember



# July's strawberry Tea

