



## East Kilbride South Parish Church of Scotland

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**Sundays, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Contacting the Church:** Rev. Calum Stark of Avendale and Drumclog Parish Church is our Interim Moderator. If anyone needs the services of a minister, they should contact our Session Clerk, Fiona McEwan, in the first instance. Her contact details are above.

**Church Services:** As the church building has been closed, members are encouraged to attend the Claremont Parish Church service at 10.30am. Anyone unable to attend in person can access the Claremont service online on their website - <https://www.claremontparishchurch.co.uk/>. Just below the welcome banner there is a tab with *Live Stream*. Simply click on that to access the service.

**Offerings / Free Will Offering Envelopes:** Please note that there are no Free Will Offering envelopes for this year. Anyone attending Claremont and Mossneuk should put their offering in an envelope marked 'South Parish' in the box and add the FWO number if possible. These will be passed on to our treasurer to help pay for our on-going expenses.

**EK Community Foodbank & Café:** The Foodbank and Café are now based at St. Mark's Church on Thursdays from 11.00am - 12.00 (noon).

**Bible Study:** The Bible Study meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Primrose Room at Claremont. All are welcome.

**Congregational Board & Kirk Session:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm followed by an informal meeting with the Claremont Kirk Session to discuss the way forward with the union.

**Smarteenies:** The Smarteenies meet on Wednesdays at 9.15am at St. Mark's. If anyone would like to volunteer as a helper, even once a month, please speak to Wendy Kerr.

**Boys' Brigade:** Anchors (P1-P3) - Wednesday 6.30 – 7.30pm / Juniors (P4-P6) - Wednesday 7.00 – 8.30pm / Seniors (S3-S6) - Friday 7.00 – 10.00pm. Follow them on social media @2nd7th\_EKBB or send an email to 2ndand7thEKBB@gmail.com or speak to any of the leaders.

**Girls' Brigade:** The Girls' Brigade meets on Wednesdays in Heathery Knowe Primary School from 6.30 – 8.30pm for all sections.

**Murray Hub:** The Murray Hub is a South Parish outreach to the Murray community. It is held in St. Mark's church on Tuesdays from 1.00-3.00pm. We will be serving soup and chatting, perhaps with some board games or entertainment. Please come and join us. All welcome.

**Data Protection:** Claremont and the South are looking for someone to take charge of data protection. If you are interested, please speak to Fiona McEwan or Moraig Drumgold.

**Volunteers Wanted!:** Claremont are looking for volunteers to go on the rota for the All Age Talks at the Sunday service. If you can help, please speak to Fiona McEwan or Moraig Drumgold.

**Accounts:** Treasurers of organisations should submit their annual accounts to Archie Gardner as soon as possible.

**Prayer Meetings:** Claremont are looking for volunteers to start and finish prayer meetings after the Sunday services. This would involve starting with a Bible reading or comment and an introductory prayer and closing the meeting with a short prayer. If you let Barrie Crawford know if you're interested and your name will be passed on to Christine Knox, who coordinates this for Claremont.

**Ring-pulls:** Please note that we are no longer collecting ring-pulls.

**Archibald Kelly Court:** We will be holding a service for the residents at Archibald Kelly Court on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. Members are very welcome to come along to the service and chat to the residents.

**Food Safety at St. Mark's:** We're in the process of obtaining food safety registration with South Lanarkshire Council for our activities held in St. Marks (Murray Community Hub, Smarteenies and the Food Bank drop in). Claire Johnston will try to get a chat with those who are cooking at St. Mark's to talk about what this involves. Sandra Mackenzie and Claire will be getting together to look at developing the local "house rules" and if anyone would like to join in with developing guidance, or if there is anyone among the congregation who holds a REHIS Level 2 or level 3 qualification who might help in areas that are tricky, please let Claire know (07908 895183).

**Congratulations:** We are delighted to announce that David McKee, who was our locum during the summer of 2023, has been appointed the new minister of Carmunnock and Castlemilk Churches. We wish him every blessing in his new post.

**Graham Kendrick Concert:** Tickets (£15) for this concert which takes place on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in Claremont are available at the end of the Sunday service.

**Girls' Brigade Coffee Morning:** The GB are holding a Coffee Morning in Claremont on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March from 10.00-12.00 (noon) in aid of Team Jak, a cancer charity that supports children and young people.

### **Bible Readings**

Today	Psalm 25	Thursday	1 Samuel 23: 7-29
Monday	1 Samuel 19: 1-24	Friday	1 Samuel 24: 1– 22
Tuesday	1 Samuel 20: 1-17	Saturday	1 Samuel 25: 1- 22
Wednesday	1 Samuel 20: 18-42	Sunday	Psalm 26

You can access an online guide to the readings at

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive>

"This is the unique element in the gospel, which tells us that what we could never do, God has done. We cannot climb up to heaven to discover God, but God has come down to earth, in the person of his Son, to reveal himself to us in the only way we could really understand: in terms of a human life.

**J. N. D. Anderson**

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