



East Kilbride South Parish Church of Scotland

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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.

Kirk Session & Congregational Board: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th March at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

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.

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

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).

Pompom Ladies: As part of our schools outreach, Jean MacDonald and Valerie Stewart (from Claremont) and Claire Johnston are going into Mount Cameron Primary School on Friday afternoons for a "Craft and Chat" time where we sit with a small group of children and introduce them to new craft activities. This helps the children learn new skills and gives them time and encouragement to chat to caring adults. Because of the first activity we introduced, we have been nicknamed "The pompom ladies." The class teacher (who is present throughout) is keen that we continue to visit the school on a weekly basis, so we are looking for any additional helpers who might want to become involved on an occasional or a regular basis. Please note, you do not have to be a lady! Craft experience is not necessary - if you can hold a pencil, cut with scissors and be friendly to our little crafters that would be enough. Please speak to Claire, Jean, Val or Bill Henderson if you are interested.

Bible Readings

Today	Psalm 29	Thursday	Isaiah 24: 14-23
Monday	Isaiah 14: 1-17	Friday	Isaiah 25: 1– 12
Tuesday	Isaiah 22: 1-14	Saturday	Isaiah 26: 1- 21
Wednesday	Isaiah 24: 1-13	Sunday	Psalm 30

You can access an online guide to the readings at

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

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."

St. Francis de Sales

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