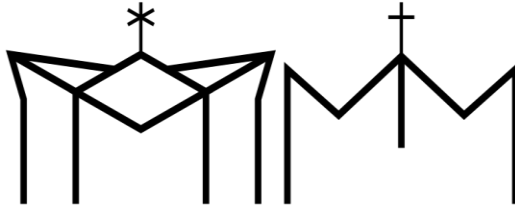


Claremont & South Parish Churches

*'Living the Lord's Way, Loving the Lord's People,
Sharing the Lord's Message'*



Sunday, 23 November 2025

"Welcome"

We are delighted to see you at Claremont and South Parish Church. Visitors are welcome to sit anywhere. Please sign our Visitors' Book, which is on the Welcome Desk in the Sanctuary. Also, you are invited to join us after the service for tea or coffee.

Toddlers and younger primary can stay in the church for first 15 minutes and thereafter are invited to join the Junior Church in the Primrose Room.

The Bookstall and the Library are open after the service.

Copies of the sermon can be found on the table in the vestibule. Large print copies can be obtained by contacting the office. The sermon notes and audio of the sermon are available on the church website.

We continue to live stream our morning service each Sunday. Via our website "Live Stream" will give you the most recent service, so it can be watched at times other than 10.30am on Sunday morning.

Should you wish to join our service by telephone link, the number and code you need are below. This is **NOT** a catch-up service, so only works at the time the service is being broadcast, 10.30am on Sundays.

Sunday Service @ 10.30am – 02039372973 PIN: 352598857#

If any of the church organisations would, at any time, like particular events highlighted on Facebook, please let Jenni McLaren know on [**social@claremontparishchurch.co.uk**](mailto:social@claremontparishchurch.co.uk)

ORDER OF SERVICE

The preacher today is Bill Henderson

APPROACH TO GOD

- we focus on who we are engaging with in our services today

Call to Worship

Hymn

I serve a risen Saviour

Prayer of Approach and Confession – Lord's Prayer

-in this prayer we include a prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

WORD OF GOD

Family Talk

Edith Gordon

Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus

Bible reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Douglas Johnston

Luke 23: 32-43

Hymn

Meekness and majesty

Sermon

The Criminal Teacher

Hymn

From heaven You came

RESPONSE TO GOD

-we express our response to God for his Word to us

Apostles' Creed (a statement of faith; one of the earliest and most widely affirmed in the World Church today)

Prayer for Others

Lorna Love

Notices

Hymn

Above all powers

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
both those we love, and those we find it difficult to love,
now and evermore. Amen.**

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10am - Café Clare and Food Bank (open 10am-12 noon)
Tuesday 1.30pm - Ladies Circle – Lesley McIlhagger
Thursday 1.15pm - Good Companions

NEXT SUNDAY: 9.30am - Prayer Meeting before the service – All welcome!
10.30am - Morning Worship – Congregational Prayer Meeting

TEAM ON DUTY NEXT WEEK – Team 5 – Jan Weir

TEA/COFFEE ROTA

THIS WEEK:

Eleanor D/Douglas J
Helen & Alan C
Fiona McEwan/Andy Wilson

NEXT WEEK:

Janey H/Rose R
Lesley G/Marg P
Anne J/Jim Irwin

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

FLOWERS in the sanctuary are provided by *Christine Ross*.

PASTORAL SUPPORT: If you are aware of anyone who is unwell or would appreciate the flowers, please leave their name in orange book on high table or leave a message with Church Office. *Edith Gordon, Pastoral Care Coordinator*

PROVISIONAL FUNERAL DETAILS for Mike Matthews: Wed, 3 Dec at 2pm - SLC.
There will be a collection in aid of EK Hospice at the service if you wish to donate.

SAD NEWS: We were saddened to hear of the passing of *Mary Wyllie*, our much valued member. Mary's Service will be on **Fri, 5 Dec at 11am – SLC**.

Next **CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING** will be on **Tues, 25 Nov**.

LADIES CIRCLE COFFEE MORNING on Sat, 29 Nov (10am-12noon). Tickets £2.
Donations of home baking/raffle prizes on the day would be gratefully received.

20TH EK GUIDES are having a Christmas coffee morning on **Sat, 6 Dec**. £2 entry, rolls & sausage/home baking/raffle, plus some homemade Christmas crafts by the guides & rangers guides. Donations of home baking or raffle prizes would be very welcomed.

CHRISTIAN BASICS GROUP: I'm going to run a Christian Basics group for anyone interested in becoming a church member – or just refreshing on the basics of Christian belief. It will run online (Zoom) for 6 weeks, at times convenient to the participants. Each meeting will be approx. 1 hour. If that's something you'd be interested in, please get in touch. **John Collard 07762 567813, jkcollard@blueyonder.co.uk**

The **2026 FLOWER DIARY** is now on the noticeboard – please leave your details if you would like to donate the flowers in memorial.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Bereavement Service Sunday 14th December at 3pm

Uniformed Organisations Service Sunday morning 21st December at 10.30am

Christmas Eve Family Service 24th December at 6.30pm

Christmas Day service 25th December at 10.30am

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2025: Leaflets available of items required if you would like to support this. If you would like to help out with packing or delivery, please add your name to lists beside hamper. Thanks

EKin CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: Would you like to offer some extra Christmas cheer? We are planning to give some essentials to the EKin men in the Bruce Hotel. If you are able to help, collect a gift bag before **15 Dec**, then fill with any of these items: Sports socks, boxers, hats and gloves, deodorant and body wash, chocolate. Please leave your filled bags on the table at the back of the church/the church office/Cafe Clare. Thank you! **Maureen Thomson & Anne Collard**

EKin: Thank you for the generous donations you keep on giving! It is very much appreciated. I have had a request for things which are particularly in demand at the moment. If you can help with any, we would be very grateful. Donations can be left in the red box in the foyer or ask **Anne Collard** for help with transport. Duvets, blankets, pillows, double bed sheets, cooking pots and pans, men's clothing especially small and medium sizes, waterproof shoes, trainers, new trainer socks, underwear, working hooovers, microwaves, drawers, small tables etc.

SAFEGUARDING: Please see noticeboard for leaflet giving all course options.

PVG: Disclosure Scotland Legislation now requires that any Claremont/South Parish member who visiting a care home (even as part of a worship group) now needs to hold the relevant PVG. Please speak to **Ishbel Campbell** if this includes you!

Bible Readings			
Today	Psalm 65	Thursday	Mark 13:1–13
Monday	Mark 12: 28-34	Friday	Mark 13: 14-31
Tuesday	Mark 12: 35–37	Saturday	Mark 13: 32-37
Wednesday	Mark 12: 38-44	Sunday	Psalm 66
You can access an online guide to the readings at https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive			

"God doesn't take you in a straight line. There are twists and turns. It may not happen the way you thought, but the disappointments, the bad breaks are all a part of God's plan."
Joel Osteen

SOUTH PARISH ENQUIRIES: Please contact Session Clerk: Fiona McEwan

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