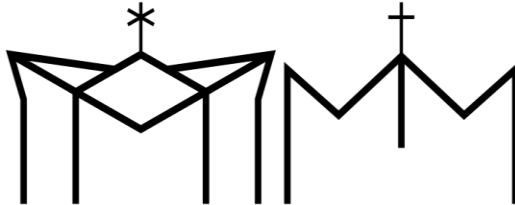


Claremont & South Parish Churches

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



Sunday, 4 January 2026

"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 John Collard

APPROACH TO GOD

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

Call to Worship

Hymn Light of the world

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 *Claire Johnston*

Hymn You’re the word of God the Father

Bible reading John 1: 1-18 *Fiona Mair*
Ephesians 1: 3-14

Your grace will never be forgot

Sermon The gift

Hymn Come, people of the risen King

RESPONSE TO GOD

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

Lord’s Supper: Invitation
Narrative
Apostles’ Creed
Prayer
Sharing Bread and Wine
Prayer

Prayer for Others *Maureen Thomson*

Notices

Hymn Thou didst leave Thy throne

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10am - Café Clare and Food Bank (open 10am-12 noon)
Thursday 1.15pm - Good Companions (Jolly Bs)

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

TEAM ON DUTY NEXT WEEK – Team 4 – Dorothy Linn

TEA/COFFEE ROTA

THIS WEEK:

Duncan McD/Andrew B
Jan W/Lesley W
Sandra McK/Jim I

NEXT WEEK:

Moraig D/Eleanor W
Valery S/Isabel Duncan
Anne J/Lizeth H

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

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***

SP KIRK SESSION: There will be a meeting of the South Parish Kirk Session on **Sun, 11 Jan** after the church service.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS for Dorothy Arnott: Dorothy's funeral is booked for **Thurs, 8 Jan at 14:00** in South Lanarkshire Crematorium.

SAD NEWS: We are sad to share the news of the passing of **Ken MacDonald**. His funeral is now booked for **Mon, 12 Jan at 10am** in the church, **11am** at South Lanarkshire Crematorium. Please remember the family in your prayers. Retiring offering for Kilbryde Hospice.

CHURCH ORGANISATION TREASURERS: Please have your accounts submitted to ***Stephen Hay*** for early January.

BIG CHRISTMAS CARD: £460 was raised by The BIG Christmas card this year for the Kilbryde Hospice. This is a great amount to send to them so thank you so much to everyone who donated to this.

NOTICE FROM WIN: I have a washing machine, tumble dryer and metal workbench with bolted on tools that I wonder if they would be of any use to anyone? They are in East Kilbride and need to be uplifted, as I have no transport. Please contact me if interested. **Win Baddon**

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!

The Murray Hub and Foodbank will be closed over the festive season. They will resume on **6th and 8th January**.

South Parish Based Weekly Activities

Tuesday	1.00-3.00	Murray Hub (St. Mark's)
Thursday	11.00 -12.00	Foodbank & Café (St. Mark's)

Bible Readings

Today	Psalm 70	Thursday	Genesis 41: 17-32
Monday	Genesis 39	Friday	Genesis 41: 33-43
Tuesday	Genesis 40	Saturday	Genesis 41: 44-57
Wednesday	Genesis 41: 1-16	Sunday	Psalm 71

You can access an online guide to the readings at
<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive>

“Enter the coming year with renewed hope in the power of God to do through you what you cannot.”

John MacArthur

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