



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 or the Mossneuk Parish Church service at 10.00am.

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.

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: Meetings take place in Claremont at the meeting times below. Spaces are available for any young people in P1-S6 to come and join up.

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, but there are still spaces in all sections. They meet 6.30 – 8.30pm for all sections.

Claremont Tea Rota: We are looking for volunteers to help with the tea duty on Sunday's at the end of the service. At present you would be on once a month, but the more volunteers there are, the less you would be on. If you can help, please speak to Fiona McEwan.

Murray Hub Volunteers: The Murray Hub is a South Parish outreach to the Murray community. It will be 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. The purpose is to connect with the community with a view to starting up activities/groups lacking in the area. If you can help, please speak to Wendy Kerr, Fiona McEwan or Donna McIntosh.

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.

Ordination: David McKee, who was our locum in the summer of 2023, has now completed his studies and will be ordained on Monday, 9th December at 7.00pm in Jackson Parish Church, Airdrie. He would love to see friends from the South Parish at this service. If anyone without a car would like to go the service, please contact Barrie Crawford (acrawford27@btinternet.com or 07505870112) to arrange a lift. Also anyone who has spaces in their car and could take someone, please contact Barrie.

Memorial Service: Claremont holds a service each December, primarily for people who have been bereaved during the year and for whom Christmas is a difficult time. This year the service will be on Sunday, 15th December at 2.00pm. It's open to anyone, but we invite people we know whose funerals we have done during the year. Usually there are a few elders / pastoral carers on hand, in case anyone wants to have a wee chat or a quiet prayer. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer for that purpose? If so, please let Fiona McEwan know. Also, if you know of other families who might benefit, please inform her of their details.

Loaves & Fishes Selection Boxes: In previous years we have collected selection boxes for Loaves & Fishes at Christmas. We would like to continue this. Please leave any donations in the box in the hall outside the church

Food Bank Help Needed: We are appealing for helpers on Wednesdays at 2.00pm to get food bags from the unit to St. Mark's. A car is not needed as you can be paired with someone who has a car. It should only take 30-45 minutes. It would be on a rota v=basis, so hopefully just once a month. If you can help, please speak to Wendy Kerr or Fiona McEwan.

Care Home Servces: We have arranged to hold service at Archibald Kelly Court on Monday, 9th December and Whitehills Care Home on Wednesday 18th December, both at 2.00pm. If any church member would like to attend, you would be very welcome.

Bible Readings

Today	Psalm 15	Thursday	Acts 9:32-43
Monday	Acts 9:1-8	Friday	Acts 10:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 9: 9-19a	Saturday	Acts 10:9-23a
Wednesday	Acts 9: 19b-31	Sunday	Psalm 16

You can access an online guide to the readings at

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

“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes - and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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