



# The Window

Clackmannan Parish  
Church of Scotland

July/August 2011

# The Gathering

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Sunday School



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**We want  
to hear  
from  
you!**

*If you are interested in sharing your news or views please get in touch with any one of the Editorial team or hand articles in to the Office on a Tuesday or Friday morning between 10 am and 12 noon. **Please note deadline date below.***



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**Sunday 21st  
August**

This is the deadline date for receipt of material for the September issue of *The Window*. Magazines can be uplifted on Sunday *4th September*.

**Church  
Services**

Summer Sunday School/Crèche is held every Sunday.

Transport is also offered each Sunday. Contact Nan Marshall on 01259 722366 if you require transport.



Date	Time
3rd July	10 am Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
10th July	10 am Morning Worship 3 pm Afternoon Service in BMH
17th July	10 am Morning Worship
24th July	10 am Morning Worship
31st July	10 am Morning Worship
7th August	10 am Morning Worship
14th August	10 am Morning Worship 3 pm Afternoon Service in BMH
21st August	10 am Morning Worship
28th August	10 am Morning Worship
4th September	11 am Morning Worship

**NB** Services during July and August will begin at 10 am.

*Dear Friends*

Here we are again at the end of another session and the beginning of the holiday season. The older I get the faster the time seems to pass. As usual I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have worked in our organisations, groups, and congregation, to provide all the services and activities we've enjoyed over these past months.

Of course, although things tend to wind down over the summer break, the work doesn't stop. There will still be Services each Sunday, and for the duration of July and August these begin at 10 am each Sunday, and we still have a Summer Sunday-school for any children who may be in Church during these weeks. In addition I am currently preparing the materials for our Holiday Club, "Mission: Rescue", taking place at the beginning of August, and a group of our folk are meeting regularly each week to build the set and prepare the Town Hall for the arrival of the children God will call to come among us during that week.

There is a tendency to think that just because the summer holidays are upon us, everything goes 'off' for the duration, including, for some, attendance at worship. But a wise man keeps reminding me that Christians are never 'off'. They may take a break now and again, but they never stop being Christians, they never go 'off'. What that means is that even although the summer break gives us an opportunity to rest, we shouldn't neglect our responsibilities as Christians. We need to maintain our Christian growth, and to do that means finding a place of public worship on the Sundays we are on holiday, or being in our place Sunday by Sunday when we are at home.

Part of our growth as Christians is allowing ourselves to take our rest, rebuilding both our spiritual and physical energies which will allow us to return to the work refreshed, ready and fit for the challenges of the new session.

In his summer church magazine my friend, the Revd Jim Reid from Kinghorn Parish Church, was reflecting on a challenge given to a large group of teenagers attending a youth worship event called PowerPoint which takes place in Edinburgh every month (something I'd love our

teenagers to attend). The challenge was “Are you FIT?” It seems a fitting challenge to all of us as we all take our summer break.

The challenge isn’t just to be physically FIT, but spiritually FIT. We know how to be physically fit, by taking exercise, eating the right foods, a balanced diet, taking appropriate rest and so on, but what about our spiritual fitness? How do we know if we are spiritually fit?

According to Jim the young people at PowerPoint were asked three questions:

Are you deepening your **F**riendship with Jesus?

Are you **I**nfluencing others in faith, hope and love?

Are you working together in **T**eamwork?

So, are you **F I T**?

Jim helpfully gives a Bible focus for each of these headings. I reproduce it with his permission.

**FRIENDSHIP** with Jesus: “I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection” (Philippians 3:10)

**INFLUENCING** others: “Let your light shine before people” (Matthew 5:16)


**TEAMWORK:** “And the Lord worked with them and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it” (Mark 16:20)

If you are taking your holidays in the next few weeks may I wish you a very relaxing and happy time.

I am looking forward to the new session, with its possibilities, and even its challenges. There is as always much to do, and I hope that I will be able to do for you all that is needed, all that God requires of me as your minister and friend.

Until then, may we all know God’s refreshing in our souls.

Yours in Christ



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THANK YOU

*Many thanks to everyone for their prayers, get well cards  
and good wishes during and after my recent spell in  
hospital. Your care and concern was very much appreciat-  
ed.*

*Tom Ramage*

A time to read and meditate briefly on the scriptures is provided

*Prayer Group*

every Wednesday evening at 8 pm in the  
Bruce Memorial Hall. Please do

consider coming along.

If you know of someone who is ill, or would appre-  
ciate being remembered in prayer, please tell the  
Minister.



**THE MINISTER'S WIFE**

She's a Godly woman, she has such grace  
Always a warm greeting, a smile on her face.  
She's always encouraging, she knows her place.  
She is - The Minister's Wife.

She has to always look just right  
Always on time, though the schedule's tight.  
From early morning, 'til late at night  
Always - The Minister's Wife.

She's such a Lady, everyone's friend  
She serves with love from deep within.  
All the rifts she tries to mend  
Oh she's - The Minister's Wife.

She carries your burdens, she prays for you  
Sometimes she cries the whole night through.  
But you won't know when she's feeling blue,  
'Cause she's - The Minister's Wife.

At church as she starts to walk up the aisle,  
So many need to stop and talk for awhile.  
Though she is tired, she has her own trials  
She's patient, she's - The Minister's Wife.

Her life, her time, is not her own  
There's always a need, they go on and on  
With a knock at the door, or a ringing phone.  
That's the life of - The Minister's Wife.

Her husband she shares with a whole congregation  
She humbly accepts his intense dedication.  
In loneliness she kneels to see consolation  
God Bless - The Minister's Wife.

She will someday reach the end of this race  
As she meets her Master face to face  
Surely our God has a Special Place  
In Heaven for - The Minister's Wife!

*Composed and written by: Judy Dycus, March 10, 1992*

**HOW VERY TRUE!!**

In the line at the supermarket, the cashier told the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bag because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."



The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. The former generation did not care enough to save our environment."

She was right, that generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the factory to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so that it could use the same bottles over and over. They were recycled.

***But they didn't have the green thing back in that customer's day.***

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks.

***But she was right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.***

Back then, they washed the baby's nappies because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in a 220 volt energy gobbling machine - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

***But that old lady is right; they didn't have the green thing back in her day.***

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of a cricket pitch. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for them. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. They didn't have air-conditioning or electric stoves with self-cleaning ovens. They didn't have battery-operated toys, computers, or telephones.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn fuel just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They used hand operated clippers to trim the shrubs. They exercised by working - so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.





Preparations for our 2011 Holiday Club for Primary School Children, MISSION: RESCUE, are well underway, and we hope and pray that many youngsters will attend. Invitations have been given to children in Clackmannan Primary School, and are available for any children associated with the Church or connected to church families, by application to the Church Office.

Details of the programme for MISSION: RESCUE were published in the April edition of The Window, and we hope that many young people from our church and community will want to come along and get involved in what we hope will be a wonderful week of fun.

If you have any primary school age children staying with you over the holiday club week (1st to 5th August) we would be delighted to see them at the Club, taking place each evening, Monday to Friday, from 6.30 pm till 9.00 pm, in the Town Hall, Main Street, Clackmannan.

You can pre-register your children using registration forms available from the Church Office until the week of the Club. Children can also be registered on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at the Town Hall from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm, or simply on the evening of their first attendance.

The cost for registration is £3.50, and this allows free entry all week. MISSION: RESCUE is open to all who have been at Primary School (P1 – P7) until June 2011.

Registration forms, invitations, and further information can be downloaded from our dedicated web page.

<http://www.clackmannankirk.org/holidayclub2011.htm>

We look forward to a happy week full of fun. Please do support us.



## Tribute to Andrew Horne

With the passing of Andrew Horne, the congregation of Clackmannan Kirk has lost a very faithful and dear elder and friend. Along with the late Jim Mackay, he was in very many ways for many years a “pillar of the Kirk”. Andrew was a man of deep faith, which saw Him give faithful service to the Lord and to his Church. Ordained as an Elder in November 1956, this year he would have celebrated fifty-five years. His service as an Elder was marked in 1999 by a Long Service Certificate signed by the then Moderator of the General Assembly, and was again celebrated in 2006 marking 50 years. Andrew and Jim were very much a team in the early days and were instrumental in welcoming new members along to the Church. Indeed one member of our Prayer Group reminded me that the two of them acted like her ‘minders’ as they accompanied her along each week.

Andrew was a stalwart at our weekly Bible Study and Prayer meeting until ill health made it impossible for him to attend. He also was a faithful attendee at our weekly Coffee Morning, where he would always provide posies of flowers for the table decorations.

Andrew's story began 93 years ago in Alva, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 1917. One of eight children born to Lily and Andrew Horne, the others being Alec, Frank, David, Margaret, Annie, Lily, and Mary. He found love with his beloved Mary



with whom he had three children, Sandy, Maureen and Lily, and they in turn blessed him with six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson, Callan, who was born just three weeks ago, and who features in a picture and article in last week's Alloa Advertiser, along with the previous four generations of the family, including Andrew. Sadly Andrew didn't get to see the picture published, but it remains a treasured possession for the family. It was a blow too when Mary passed away some eighteen years ago.

Andrew spent his working life as a gardener, and every testimony of him mentions his truly green fingers. His working life took him all over Scotland, most notably to the estate of Lord Dura in Ayrshire, and most recently to Kilbagie, before coming to Kennet Village. As he got older he roped in his grandchildren to help him, and worked until he retired in his eighties.

Trooper Andrew Horne was posted to France during the latter part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, serving in the Hussars and the Tank Regiment.

Super-lead Andrew was a committed and accomplished bowler. Sport was an abiding interest, and he was extremely supportive and proud of his grandchildren's successes.

Age took its toll on Andrew with particular health problems. In order to keep him grounded, a highlight of recent years for Andrew was the opportunity to go for runs in the car, especially to Limekilns to sit at the water-side in a place where he could feel close to Mary, and also back to Alva, to visit all the places he knew when he was younger.

With great sadness on our part we give our brother and senior elder, Andrew, back to the Lord, but we rejoice that he is where he will want to be, in the presence of his God, and alongside Mary, and others in his family who have gone before.

## ***APPEAL FOR CAR DRIVERS***

We are looking for car drivers who could do an occasional pick-up in Kincardine to bring a member to church. Please speak to Nan Marshall or call her on 01259 722366.



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## ***OPEN CHURCH 2011***



This summer the church will be open from Monday 13th June to Friday 9th September between the hours of 2 and 4 pm. If you are able to volunteer to welcome visitors, even for one or two days, then please enter your name

and telephone number in the diary in the vestibule of the church. If you need more information please speak to Anne Paterson or call her on 751742.

- ⇒ Clackmannanshire Council Doors Open Days take place on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 September. The Church will be open on Saturday from 11.00 am till 5.00 pm and Sunday from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm.
  - ⇒ Clackmannan Tower will be open by appointment on the Saturday. (For further details contact Susan Mills, Museums and Heritage Officer - telephone 216913)
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## From Rags to Riches .....

Did you know that the “rag bag” recycling bins in the Church Hall and behind the Manse have now earned us the magnificent sum of **£493.80** in less than two years?

At a time when our hands never seem to be out of our pockets, this scheme is a way that we can help the Church’s finances without having to give our own money....and it helps the environment as well, as the donations are recycled rather than going to landfill sites.

Help us to become a “greener” Church by donating the following unwanted items, **in bags**:

All men’s, ladies and children’s clothing

Paired shoes (tied together)

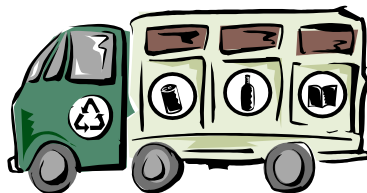
Handbags, bags, ties & belts

Soft Toys

Blankets

Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc...

Household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc...



To find out what happens to the textiles once they have been collected, you may want to visit the Rag Bag website:

[http://www.rag-bag.co.uk/textile\\_recycling\\_what\\_happens.html](http://www.rag-bag.co.uk/textile_recycling_what_happens.html)

You may be surprised to hear that they can turn low-grade textiles which are not suitable for re-use into industrial wiping cloths, so nothing is wasted! Next time you are having a clear out, don’t forget that you can help the Church at the same time.



**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR MAY 2011**

	May £	May £
Offerings	4,750.65	
Donations	565.00	
Fundraising	57.60	
Office	45.00	
Wedding/Funerals	200.00	
<b>Total income including above</b>		<b>5,716.02</b>
<b>Expenditure*</b>		<b>7,708.78</b>
<b>Deficit</b>		<b>-1,992.76</b>

\* Includes

Mission and Ministry	}	
Council Tax		
Telephone		
Insurance		5,346.17
Gas and Electricity (quarterly)		1,131.03
Salaries		595.00
Office Expenses		235.75
Fabric Expenses		282.00
New gas fire and chimney liner for Manse		1,501.20

<b>Total Income Jan-May</b>	<b>30,747.42</b>
<b>Total Expenditure Jan-May</b>	<b>33,208.09</b>
<b>Total Deficit Jan-May</b>	<b>-2,460.67</b>

We apologise for the fact that a line of print was omitted at the printing stage in last month's magazine. The article should have stated that Aileen Birrell has already sold some recycled jewellery to raise **more funds for the Church Windows Appeal**.

We have to agree with the sentiment that—  
 Anyone can make mistakes, That fact is true indeed.  
 But to really foul things up—a computer's what you need!

**Grace Armstrong** would like to pass on her thanks for the church flowers.

## Pause For Thought

### FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY

In Florida, an Atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy Days.

He hired an Attorney to bring a Discrimination Case against Christians and observances of their holy days. The Argument was that it was unfair that Atheists had no such recognized days.



The case was brought before a Judge.

After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case Dismissed!"

The Lawyer immediately protested against the ruling, saying, "Your Honour, how can you possibly dismiss this Case? The Christians have Christmas and Easter. The Jews have Passover and other festivals. Atheists have no such holidays."

The Judge replied, "But you do. Your Client, Counsel, is woefully ignorant." The Lawyer said, "Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or Holiday for Atheists."

The Judge said, "The Calendar says April 1st is April Fools' Day.

Psalm 14:1 states, 'The Fool says in his heart, there is No God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is No God, then he is a fool.

Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.

### A REQUEST

Do you have any photos or memories you could share of when the Bruce Memorial Halls were built and dedicated? It will be the 25th anniversary of the building of these halls this September and we hope to mark this event.

**Baking Rota for Tuesday Coffee Mornings****Date Elder****District****July**

<b>5th</b>	Aileen Birrell	Castle St/Castle Terr/Lochies Rd
	Chris Fyfe	High St/Main St
	Bill Johnstone	Alloa Rd/Livingstone Way/Mar Terr
<b>12th</b>	Gordon Stanners	Bruce St/Garden Pl/Garden Terr
	Sandy Jack	Laird's Dr/Marquis Dr
<b>19th</b>	Elizabeth M <sup>ac</sup> Donald	Duke St/Alloa Rd
	Lysbeth Fleming	South Pilmuir Rd/Zetland St
	Betty Cameron	Cattlemarket/Dundas Cr/Izatt Terr
<b>26th</b>	Helene Paterson	Chapelhill
	Gina Gemmell	South Pilmuir Rd
	Catrina Mackey	Mannan Dr/St Serf's Gr

**August - No Coffee Mornings on 2nd and 9th August**

<b>16th</b>	Mary Millar	Brucefield Cr/Mercat Pl/Northfield Gdns
	Helen Paterson	Kennet/Kennet Vill/Ladywood
	Anne Paterson	Alloa/Bonnybridge/Brightons/Dunipace/Stirling
<b>23rd</b>	Les Pike	Forestmill/Helensfield/farms
	Anne Dawson	Carse/Kincardine/farms
	Kenny McCall	Alva/Coalsnaughton/Dollar/Fishcross/Menstrie/ Tillicoultry/Tullibody
<b>30th</b>	Bob Somerville	Alloa/Sauchie
	Robert Fleming	Burnside Cr/Cherryton Dr/Riccarton
	John Young	Alloa Rd/Mill Rd/Millbank Cr

**September**

<b>6th</b>	Alex Birrell, Roberta Davidson, Nan Marshall	Devonway
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## Floodlighting our Church



June contributors are listed below. If you wish to sponsor any future dates please contact **Rosemary Ramage**, our Floodlighting Co-ordinator. The cost to light up the Church for one night is **£5** and, if you wish to contribute, your request can be given on slips which are available from Rosemary. Spare copies are also at the door of the church, in the church office and in the church hall. The names and dedications of those who sponsored in June will be on display at the Church entrance during July.

<i>June</i>		<i>June (cont)</i>	
1	The Hamilton Daughters and Son	19	
2	Andrew and Nancy Airnes	20	
3	Jean Thom	21	
4	Mrs Irene McKay	22	The White Family
5		23	
6	Mrs Margaret Kelly	24	Jean Thom
7	Mrs Margaret Kelly	25	
8	Mrs Margaret Kelly	26	
9	Mrs Margaret Kelly	27	Anonymous
10	Mrs Margaret Kelly	28	
11	Mrs Margaret Kelly	29	The Ferguson Family
12	Mrs Margaret Kelly	30	
13		31	
14	Mrs Lorraine Lindsay	July dates available (as at 18th June): 5th, 6th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 27th and 30th.	
15	Donald Milligan	Perhaps one of the dates available means something special to you. Please contact Rosemary Ramage if you wish to sponsor any of the above or any other dates.	
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18			

**Flower Contributors**

<b>July Contributors</b>	
3rd	Mary and Jim Millar
10th	Jenny Pollock
17th	Flower Fund
24th	Flower Fund
31st	Flower Fund

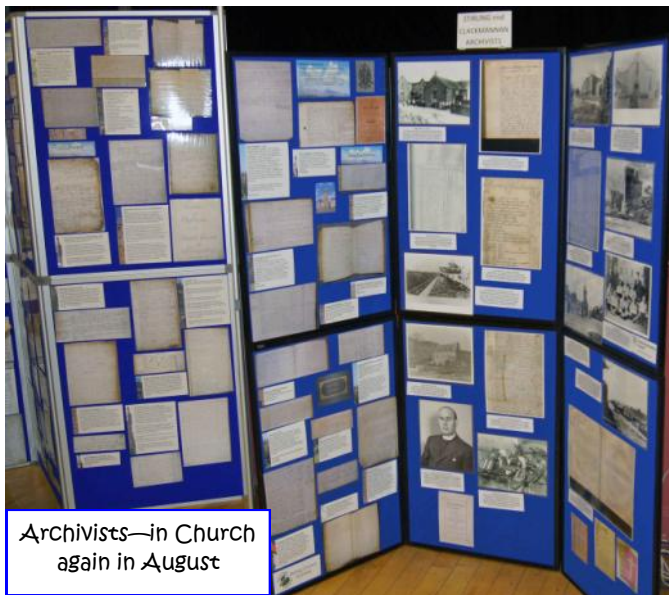
We all appreciate the contributions made to the Flower Fund and the people who take a special date, but we are sadly lacking people for the months of June, July and August, and the Flower Fund is running very low to cover all these dates. I do understand that a lot of the congregation are on holiday over this time, but we would all miss seeing the flowers in church every Sunday. Any contribution is very wel-

<b>August Contributors</b>	
7th	Flower Fund
14th	Flower Fund
21st	Flower Fund
28th	Wedding

come and if any of the dates available is suitable please give me a call, or put your name in the diary in the vestibule. Thank you all for your support. *Elsbeth*

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Archivists—in Church again in August

Some more of the displays



World Concern



Clackmannan Toddlers



Craft Group



Scouts



Prayer Group



Fair trade



Clackmannan Primary