

GROUPS **** INTERESTS **** ORGANISATIONS **** ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

Beginners	3-4 years old
Primary	P1 –P3
Juniors	P4-P7

The children share in the first 15 minutes of the 9.45 am Service before being taken to their different groups in the Church Halls. A crèche is available at the 9.45 am Service for children under the age of 3.

Bible Class

Young people in all years at Secondary School meet at 9.45 am in Church for the first part of the Service and then go to their own meeting in the Session Room where a multi-media approach is used to present the Bible with topical input.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from September to May, in the Church Lounge. Its aim is to encourage people to read their Bibles with understanding and to apply the insights gained to their everyday lives.

Share a Prayer

Informal meetings for prayer take place on Thursday mornings from 10 am—11 am in the Church Hall Lounge. You are welcome!

The Guild

The Guild meets in the Church Hall on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7.30 pm and occasionally at 2.30 pm. The motto of the Guild is “Whose we are and whom we serve” and the varied programme is designed to suit all ages and interests.

The Church Choir

The Choir meets in the Session Room on Thursday evenings to practise in order to lead the singing of the hymns on the following Sunday. The Choir also provides an anthem once a month from October to April, reflecting the seasons of the Church calendar.

Intro and Mini Intro

Intro meets monthly to practise new hymns to introduce to the congregation. Where possible, we meet the first Sunday of the month in the Session House from 7.00-8.00 pm. *Mini Intro* is a small group of young people, aged from 7 years, who meet to sing praise in the Church for special occasions, eg Harvest Festival, Mothering Sunday, Christmas.

We practise our songs for a couple of weeks before any performance in the Small Hall after Sunday School, from 10.45-11.15 am. If you like to sing come and join in the fun.

Flower Fellowship

Anyone is welcome to join the Flower Fellowship or give a donation to the Flower Fund. Each week members arrange the flowers for the Sunday Services. The flowers are then delivered to the sick, housebound and the bereaved. The Church is also decorated for Easter, Harvest, Christmas and other special occasions.

Boys’ Brigade—The 1st Alloway Company

The Boys’ Brigade is a Christian Organisation in which every Company exists to support the work of its Church. The object is the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness. The Company is made up of Anchor Boys (Primary 1 & 2), Junior (P4, 5 & 6) and Company (P7+) sections. There is a wide ranging programme in all 3 sections.

Alloway District Guiding

This is an active District catering for girls of all ages through Rainbows (5-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-15), Young Leaders (14-18) and Adult Leaders (18+). The Units undertake many activities at their meeting place and outside, and also at District or County levels.

Scout Group—100th Ayrshire (Alloway)

This is a Church sponsored group which is made up of:- a Beaver Colony (age 6-8), Cub Pack (8-11) and a Scout Troop (11-14). In all sections the boys carry out a pre-planned scheme of training to help in their personal, social and moral development.

Summer Opening

Alloway Church opens its doors to visitors for 14 weeks during the summer—from the beginning of June until early September—from 10 am - 4 pm Monday to Friday. On average we have around 3,000 visitors from all over the world, who enjoy the tranquillity and the beauty of the surroundings, especially our magnificent stained-glass windows.

Knitting and Craft Group

A small group of ladies from the Church and Guild meet on alternate Wednesdays throughout the year in the Church

Lounge. We make blankets [knitted and crocheted], a variety of other knitted garments and different kinds of craft goods. The major part of our work goes to Charities, such as Blythswood Trust, Oxfam and the Women’s Refuge, while the craft items are sold at Fetes held in Church and at the Guild Daffodil Tea.

Winter Coffee Mornings

In the winter months of October to March, an informal coffee morning is held on the first and third Wednesday of each month in our Church Halls (excepting *Dec*, which is on the first Wednesday only, and *Jan* the third Wednesday only). The emphasis of this get-together is fellowship and the chance to get out to enjoy a coffee in a friendly atmosphere.

Soupa Sweet

From September until April, usually on the last Thursday of each month, lunches are served in the Main Hall from 12.00-1.30 pm. Monies raised go to the Church’s selected Charities.

Wednesday Worship

During the summer months June-September, members who wish to worship during the week are given the opportunity to do so on a Wednesday morning in the Octagonal Hall from 10.45-11.00 am. Tea and Fellowship follows.

Ayrshire Tat & Chat

Our friendly informal group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month 10-12 am. Tatting is a handmade lace formed using thread and a small shuttle. Traditional and modern items made. Come and join us—beginner or experienced.

Parent and Toddler Groups

Groups meet on Tuesday & Friday mornings from 10-12 am and on a Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3.30 pm in the Church Halls. Toddlers up to the age of 3 are welcome.

Fund Raising

Alloway Parish Church is a Fund-raising Church and over the years has been able to send much-needed funding to needy causes, both here and abroad by holding various events.

An **Alloway Parish Church Newsletter** is delivered monthly to the homes of members and an **Annual Magazine** to everyone in the Parish