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Dear Friends

**"The Church is wherever God's people are praising  
Singing their thanks for joy on this day  
The Church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
Remember his story and walk in his way."**

On behalf of the Kirk Session and congregation of Alloway Parish Church, may I welcome you to the area and to the parish we serve.

As you will read, this Church of Scotland congregation is an active and busy one. We have historic roots. However, we hope that you will discover no similarities between the Alloway Parish of the 21st Century and that which Burns himself described in the 18th as being the "Auld Haunted Kirk". A warm welcome awaits the young and young-at-heart as we seek in our worship and service to witness to Jesus Christ and to discover what it means to be his disciples today.

May God Bless you

Yours in Him

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# \*\*\*\*\*GROUPS \*\*\*\*\*INTERESTS\*\*\*\*\*

## Funday 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.

## Quiet Time

Informal meetings for prayer take place monthly on Thursday mornings from 10.00—10.30 am in the Church Hall Lounge. You are welcome!

## Wednesday Worship

Members who wish to worship during the week are given the opportunity to do so on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of the month in the Octagonal Hall from 10.45 am—1.00 pm. Tea and Fellowship follow.

## 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 as required.

## Intro and Mini Intro

*Intro* meets to practise new hymns to introduce to the congregation. When necessary, they 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, e.g. 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.

## The 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 and 2), Junior (P4, 5 and 6) and Company (P7+) sections. There is a wide ranging programme in all three sections.

## \*\*\*\*\* ORGANISATIONS \*\*\*\*\* ACTIVITIES \*\*\*\*\*

### **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.

### **Parent and Toddler Groups**

Groups meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10.00am—12 noon in the Church Halls. Toddlers up to the age of 3 are welcome.

### **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. They make blankets (knitted and crocheted), a variety of other knitted garments and different kinds of craft goods. The major part of their work goes to charities, such as The 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.

### **Ayrshire Tat and Chat**

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

### **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 December, which is on the first Wednesday only and January, 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 noon to 1.30 pm. Monies raised go to the Church's selected charities.

### **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.

### **Third World Issues**

As well as supporting local charities, Alloway Church is a fund-raising Church for the Third World. Much-needed monies are raised via Traidcraft and various local initiatives involving every age group.

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

# Church of Scotland

The Church of Scotland regards itself as the National Church. Since 1690 its settled government has been Presbyterian. There are 46 Presbyteries in Scotland with the congregation of Alloway belonging to Ayr Presbytery.

The Church of Scotland has been described as being a 'broad Church'. The eldership has been open to women since 1966 and the ministry since 1968. The Church is served by several Boards, most of which have offices in 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

For example, the Board of World Mission works in partnership with other churches in over 30 countries. It involves itself in education, healing, community developments and evangelism.

The Church of Scotland's Board of Social Responsibility, known since June 2005 as the Social Care Council, or CrossReach, has more than 80 care establishments and is Scotland's largest social work agency in the voluntary sector. CrossReach employs approximately 1,500 staff and has an annual expenditure of £43 million. In Christ's name they provide support for those in need of specialised care as well as care of the elderly and homeless.

Thus in Alloway Parish we seek to play our part in supporting the work of the church, both at home and abroad.

Through generous giving of our time, talents and money, we work for the fulfilment of our Church's prayer vision.

**"That the people of Scotland in all its parts  
May hear clearly the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
See the life of his Spirit among his people and  
come to know the love of God the Father."**

*Sunday Services are held at 9.45 am and 11.15 am with occasional Family Services at 10.30 am.*

*There is a crèche at the 9.45 am Service.*

*Services of Holy Communion are held on the second Sundays of March, June and September and on the first Sunday of Advent.*

*These take place at 9.30 am, 11.15 am and 6.30 pm.*

*Full details of the church's activities can be found on our web-site—  
[www.allowaychurch.org](http://www.allowaychurch.org)*