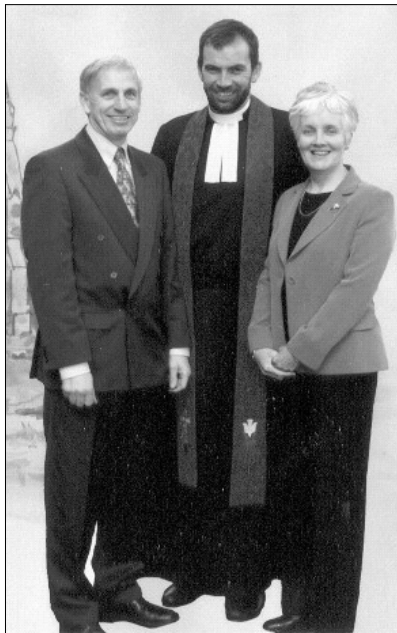


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*Minister Rev. Neil McNaught with  
Session Clerk, Mr. Eric Ness and  
Assistant Session Clerk,  
Mrs. Helen Ness*



*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

***Rev. Neil McNaught***

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## THE 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.

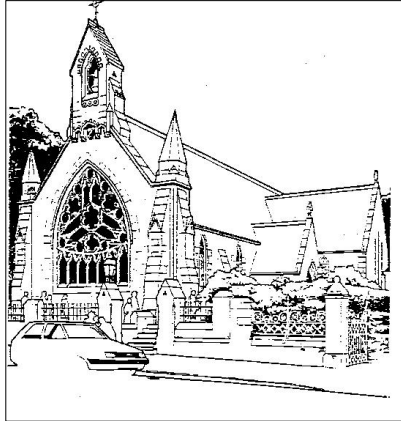
The Church of Scotland has been described as being a “broad Church”. The eldership has been open to women since 1966 and the ministry since 1968. The Church is served by several Boards, most of which have offices in 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

For example, the Board of World Mission works in partnership with other churches in over thirty countries. It involves itself in education, healing, community developments and evangelism. As a congregation, we have a missionary partner who provides us with a window into the world-wide work of the Church.

The Church of Scotland’s Church and Society Council, formerly the Board of Social Responsibility, has more than 80 care establishments and is Scotland’s largest social work agency in the voluntary sector. 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.”***



## THE CHURCH IN ALLOWAY

### Alloway Kirk

The Story of Alloway Parish Church begins in the thirteenth century. The first hint of its existence is in the charter by King Alexander II of Scotland, dated 20th April 1236, by which he conveyed in feu-ferme to his burgesses of Ayr the lands of Alloway, Corton and Carcluie. These lands came to be recognised as the Parish of Alloway. The exact location of the place of worship at that time is not known, but it is likely to have been on or nearby the site of the now ruined Alloway Kirk which, though much altered over the centuries, bears traces of the earlier foundations.

The parish was annexed to the Auld Kirk of Ayr in 1690, a time of great political and ecclesiastical upheaval. Worship continued in the old building but, by the 1740s, it was also being used as a school. By 1790 it had fallen into such a ruinous state that it provided a natural setting for Robert Burns to use in his narrative poem "Tam o' Shanter", and to describe it as "Alloway's Auld Haunted Kirk".

Burns had been baptised in 1759 in the cottage just along the road by the Reverend William Dalrymple, the minister of the Auld Kirk of Ayr who was also responsible for the Church at Alloway. The poet's father is buried in the churchyard at Alloway Kirk.

### The Present Alloway Parish Church

The people of Alloway had been without a place of worship for quite some time when, in 1856, they got together to raise a subscription for the building and endowment of a new church.

It was opened for worship on 10th October 1858 and, in 1859, the first minister was called to the re-established *quoad sacra* parish of the Church of Scotland at Alloway. The building, originally rectangular with a north transept only, was brought to its present shape by additions in 1878 and 1890. The suite of halls beyond the churchyard was erected in 1965, the Session House in 1977 and the Octagonal Hall in 1987.

As a congregation we owe much to the faithfulness of previous generations in having such buildings as these in which to worship and share our common interests.

## **AN ELDER'S VIEW OF THE CHURCH**

### **What Good Does the Church in Alloway Do?**

As a Christian Church, Alloway Parish Church is founded on Jesus Christ as the example and teacher for living as God intended; this requires both loving God and our neighbours. Having been long established in Alloway, the Church has built up resources in property, people and organisations to benefit the local communities of Alloway and Doonfoot.

The Church primarily provides a sanctuary for the worship of God and, in addition to the regular services, it provides a hallowed setting for the special events of baptisms, marriages and funerals. The Church buildings are attractive with a fine collection of stained glass windows and, along with the old, ruined Alloway Kirk, help to attract summer visitors to Alloway. The Church Halls provide a venue for organisations serving the community with a special emphasis on those developing fellowship and service in young people.

The congregation and leadership of the Church enhances the local community through a pastoral network which provides pastoral and counselling care. Individual church members express their faith through a commitment to charitable bodies providing both local and global benefits. In addition to leading worship and providing pastoral care, the ministry of the Church is closely involved with the local schools, assisting with the religious and moral education of Alloway's young people.

### **How the Church can benefit you**

The worship provided by the Church provides an opportunity to step back from everyday pressures and contemplate events within the context of God's purpose for us all. In an increasingly hectic existence we all tend to neglect the contemplation that worship provides unless it is part of a regular routine. Reflecting on God's promises and seeking his guidance provides security to face the trials of everyday life and gives a clear sense of direction against which to make the everyday choices that confront us. This means that each week can be met refreshed by the reassurance of worship.

The fellowship of church membership means that there is a care network to share joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. In the Church of Scotland, the pastoral ministry is shared between the minister and elders and so each member has a special point of contact when needs arise. Of course, life is meant to be fun and the Church provides

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facilities for people to enjoy themselves. A wide range of organisations in the Church is listed and these provide a meeting ground to share leisure interests.

Helping others brings its own rewards and the Church provides many opportunities both to serve the development of the Church and to reach out to the wider community of Alloway, Doonfoot and beyond.

As in most communities, the presence of a Christian Church in Alloway brings many benefits and belonging to that Church can help you enjoy life more.

### **THE CHURCH IN FOCUS**

Sunday Services are held at 9.45 am and 11.15 am with an occasional Family Service at 10.30 am only.

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.

Check the Church Notices in 'The Ayrshire Post' or look up the Church's website [www.allowaychurch.org](http://www.allowaychurch.org) if you wish to check Service times.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

During the summer, the Church is open to visitors from Monday to Friday: 10 am till 4 pm. Visitors from many parts of the world are to be found admiring the beauties of the sanctuary. Volunteers from the congregation staff the church on a rota basis.

Also in the summer months, a Summer Club is run on Sunday mornings during the time of the first service for children of Sunday School age.

Wednesday Morning Services are held during the summer months in the Octagonal Hall at 10.30 am.

Tea/coffee and biscuits are served in the Church Hall twice a month between Services.

A variety of Fund-raising events are organised through the year.

Printed Intimation Sheets are provided each Sunday.

Alloway Parish Church is a lively church with something to appeal to all age groups, whether it be in the youth organisations or in other ways.

We hope you will enjoy being a member of Alloway Parish Church.

## **CHURCH CONTACTS**

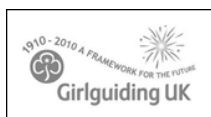
<b>Designation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Tel. No.</b>
Minister	Rev. Neil McNaught	441252
Associate Minister	Rev. Andrew McPhail	282108
Session Clerk	Mr. Eric Ness	443800
Asst. Session Clerk	Mrs. Helen Ness	443800
Clerk to the Board	Mr. Ian Stewart	443951
Roll Keeper	Mrs. Maureen Leitch	443842
Finance Convener	Mr. Jack Pirie	262355
Gift Aid Treasurers	Mr. Bert Cruickshank	442096
	Mr. George Spankie	442216
WFO Treasurer	Mr. Allan Menzies	440346
Flower Conveners	Mrs. Mollie Milliken	441186
	Mrs. Christine Bryson	441714
Halls Convener	Mrs. Jean Kerr	441899
Mission Convener	Mrs. Susan Searle	441721
Property Convener	Mr. Murray Hutchison	443979
Publicity Convener	Mrs. Sue Parker	443479
Social Convener	Mrs. Sandra McEwing	282519
Table Convener	Mrs. June Black	443383
Worship and Development	Mr. Bob Leitch	443842
Youth Convener	Mrs. Jackie Magill	264727
Youth and Schools Worker	Mrs. Julie Griffiths	443867
Bible Class Leader	Mr. Eric Ness	443800
Sunday School Superintendent		
Creche	Mrs. Anya Rae	500545
Cradle Roll	Mrs. Jan Duncan	442924
Child Protection Co-ordinator	Mr. Bill Duncan	442924
Webmaster	Mrs. Sheila Murray	442904
Newsletter Distribution	Mrs. Eileen Rosenburgh	443152
Church Secretary	Mrs. Jean Russell	443391
Church Officer	Mrs. Ishbel Murnin	443101
Organist		

## YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Day Meet</b>	<b>Time Meet</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Tel No</b>
<b>Rainbows</b>	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Jenny Andrews	611703
	Thursday	6.00 pm	Allison Davidson	440154
	Thursday	6.30 pm	Bethany Kelly	880976
<b>Brownies</b>	Tuesday	6.15 pm	Joanna Mowbray	440373
	Thursday	6.15 pm	Joanne Atkinson	440599
	Thursday	6.15 pm	Helen Duthie	442531
	Thursday	6.00 pm	Lise Whittle	441821
<b>Guides</b>	Thursday*	6.30 pm	Jeanette McMath	443758
	Thursday	7.30 pm	Linda Bamford	445592
			Pat Graham	445456
	Thursday	7.30 pm	Lynn Cooke	269732
<b>Rangers</b>	2nd & 4th Thurs.	7.30 pm	Pat Graham	445456
<b>Explorers</b>	2nd & 4th Tues.	7.45 pm	Jackie Magill	264727
<b>Beavers</b>	Monday	6.15 pm	Austin Cooke	269732
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	Monday	7.00 pm	Darlene Hogg	442863
<b>Scouts</b>	Friday	7.30 pm	May Gaffney	443234
<b>Anchor Boys</b>	Friday	6.30 pm	Fiona McQueen	440213
<b>Jun Boys' Brigade</b>	Friday~	6.45 pm	Rosalind Fairlie	880520
<b>Co Boys' Brigade</b>	Friday~	7.15 pm	Stewart Robertson	442217
<b>Youth Club</b>	Every 2nd Sun.	7.00 pm	Ken Donnelly	442919

~ Meet in Alloway Primary School; \* Meet in Doonfoot Primary School

All others meet in Alloway Church Halls



### District Commissioner for Guides, Brownies & Rainbows:

Mrs Bethany Kelly—880976

### Group Scout Leader:

Mr Iain Matheson (440382)

### Boys' Brigade Captain:

Mr Stewart Robertson (442217)

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## GROUPS MEETING IN ALLOWAY CHURCH HALLS

<b>Group</b>	<b>Meet</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Tel No</b>
ADFAS (Fine Arts)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	1.30—3.30 pm	Mrs S. McLean	286400
Alloway After School Club			Mrs. K. Williams	443011
Alloway and Southern Ayrshire				
Family History Society	3rd Thursday	7.30—10.30 pm	Mrs. Pat Weston	442319
Alloway WRI Choir	Tues as req'd	1.30—2.45 pm	Mrs Olwen Begg	265954
Auchincruive Flower Club			Mrs. V. Fisher	570627
Ayr & District Ramblers	Wed as req'd	7.30—8.30 pm	Mrs. J. King	280779
Ayr Flower Club Committee	Thursday	7.30—9.00 pm	Mrs A. Woods	443696
Ayr Music Club			Mrs. J. Stewart	441393
Ayr Rock Garden Society	1st Wednesday	7.30 pm	Mrs. A. Sinclair	01560 485990
Ayrshire Clarinet Choir	Alt. Mondays	7.00—9.00 pm	Mrs. Sheila Murray	442904
Ayrshire Tat & Chat Lace	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	10.00—12.00 am	Mrs Irene Lewis	570663
Badminton Club	Monday & Wednesday	8.30—10.00 pm	Mr John Lamont	442056
	Wednesday	2.00—3.30 pm	Mrs Rene Andrews	445280
Meeting Point	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7.30— 9.00 pm	Mrs Madge Irving	442963
Church Choir				
CosyCoffeeHouse	Last Sunday	7.00—9.00 pm	Mrs. Julie Griffiths	443867
Craft Work Party	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.00—12.00 am	Mrs. Margaret Ball	442586
Guild	1st & 3rd Wed.	7.30—9.00 pm	Mrs. Margaret Ball	442586
Intro Singing Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	7.00—8.00 pm	Mrs Shona Mitchell	442676
Mini Intro Singing Group	Sun as req'd	10.45—11.15 am	Mrs Julie Griffiths	443867
OIR Drawing & Art Class	Tuesday	10.00—12.00 am	Mr Bill Kerr	441899
	Wednesday	1.30—3.30 pm	Ms. Carol Hayes	260168
	Friday	10.00—12.00 am	Ms. Ann Mott	800738
	Friday	1.30—3.30 pm		
Parent & Toddler Groups	Tuesday	10.00—12.00 am	Mrs. E. O'Callaghan	441839
	Friday	10.00—12.00 am	Mrs. E. O'Callaghan	441839
Presbytery	Tuesday	7.30—9.00 pm	Rev. Neil McNaught	441252
Presbytery Prayer Group	Tues as req'd	7.30—9.00 pm	Mrs Madge Irving	442963
Quiet Time Prayer Group	Thursday	10.30—11.00 am	Mrs. Madge Irving	442963
Soupa Sweet Lunches	Last Thursday	12.00—1.30 pm	Mr. George Laing	445425
Summer Wednesday Worship	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.30—11.15 am	Rev Neil McNaught	441252
Winter Coffee Mornings	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	10.30—11.30 am	Mrs E Rosenburgh	443152

*See more details of the organisations on the following pages.*

*To book the use of the Church Halls*

*Please contact Mrs Jean Kerr (01292) 441899*

## 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.

### Quiet Time

Informal meetings for prayer take place monthly on Thursday mornings from 10 – 10.30 am in the Church Hall Lounge. You are welcome!

### 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 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.

### Intro and Mini-Intro

**Intro** meets monthly to practise new hymns to introduce to the congregation. Where possible, we meet on 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.

### **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 (P1 & 2), Junior (P 4,5 & 6) and Company (P7+) sections. There is a wide ranging programme in all three sections.

### **Alloway District Girlguiding**

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 and 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 am—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 meets 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 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 & Chat**

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

### **Summer Opening**

Alloway Church opens its doors to visitors for 14 weeks during the summer—from the beginning of June until early September—from 10.00 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**, entitled 'Signpost', to every home in the Parish in March, giving details of Easter Services.

# THE PARISH : OUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. The Parish of Alloway
- 2. The Local Urban Area

