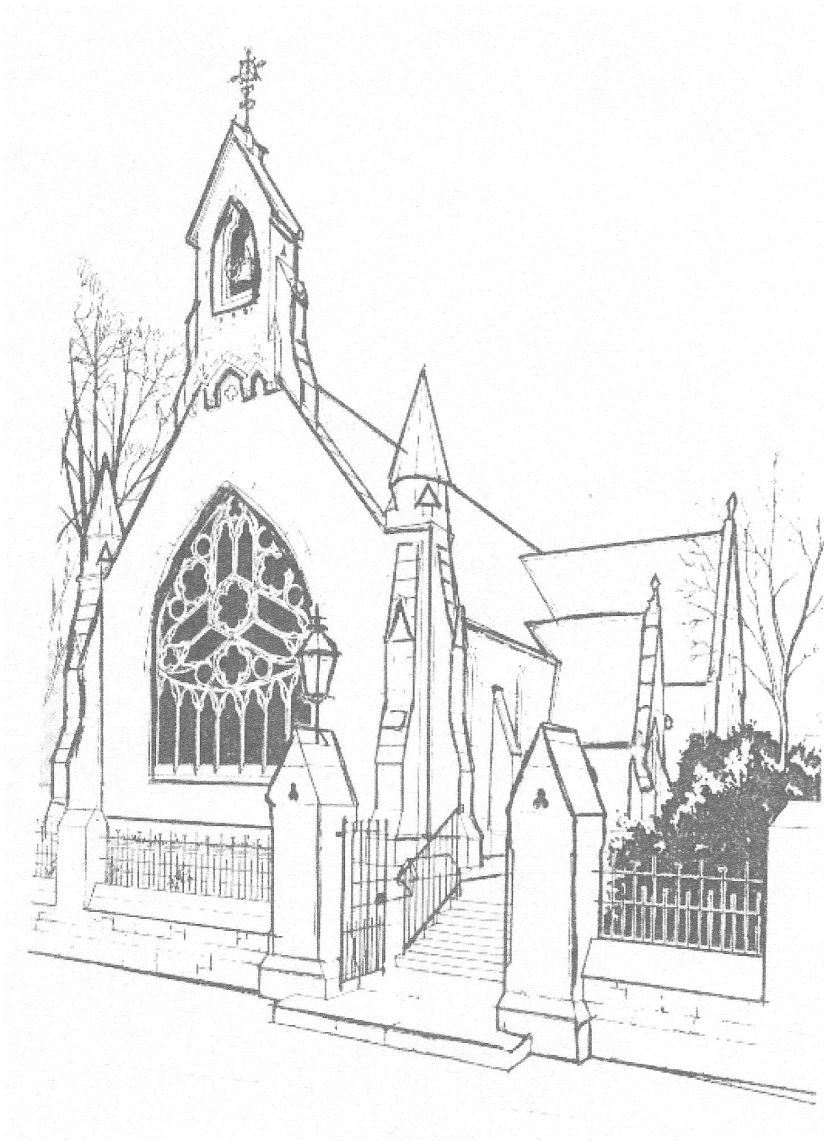


ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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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Eric and Helen Ness, 3 Barnford Crescent, Alloway. Tel: 01292 443800.

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The Church of Scotland's governing system is presbyterian, which means that no one person or group within the Church has more influence or say than any other. The Church does not have one person who acts as the head of faith, as that role is the Lord God's. Its supreme rule of faith and life is through the teachings of the Bible.

The Kirk's status as the national Church in Scotland dates from 1690, when Parliament restored Scottish Presbyterianism, and is guaranteed under the Act of Union of Scotland and England of 1707.

Individual congregations belong to a larger presbytery, which is overseen by a Presbytery Clerk. There are currently just over 20 presbyteries in the Church of Scotland, although the Church is currently undergoing a mission planning process that will see the number of presbyteries reduced to around 10 over the next few years.

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

For example The Faith Impact Forum helps presbyteries and congregations identify ways to work with both local organisations and the world church on issues that impact the wider world as well as those closer to home.

The Church delivers and supports a range of social care programmes in Scotland through its Social Care Council, which operates under the name CrossReach.

As one of the country's largest provider of social services, CrossReach services include care for older people, help with alcoholism, drug and mental health problems and assistance for homeless people and those with special learning needs.

Here 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 time, talents and money, we work for the fulfilment of our Church's Mission.

Guide for New Members

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth



THE CHURCH IN ALLOWAY

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.

THE CHURCH IN FOCUS



Sunday Services are held at 10.30am.

Sunday School is available during term time. The children share in the first 15 minutes of the Service before being taken to their different groups in the Church Halls. During the summer months, a Holiday Club is available during service time for children of Sunday School age.

Tea/coffee and biscuits are served in the Church Hall or in the Fellowship Lounge after the Sunday Service.

Printed Intimation Sheets are provided each Sunday.

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

Look up the Church's website www.allowaychurch.org or see the monthly posters outside the Halls and Church if you wish to check Service times.

An **Alloway Parish Church Newsletter** is available monthly from September to June. This is available in hard copy or electronically by emailing the Secretary at secretary.allowaypc@gmail.com

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CHURCH CONTACTS

Designation	Name	Tel. No.
Minister	Rev. Neil McNaught	441252
Schools and Family Worker	Rev. Dr David Hume	07858966367
Session Clerk	Mr. Eric Ness	443800
Asst. Session Clerk	Mrs. Helen Ness	443800
Treasurer	Mrs. Lorna Howes	07702822836
Gift Aid Treasurers	Mr. Bert Cruickshank	442096
	Mrs. Lorraine McEwan	440027
WFO Treasurer	Mr. Allan Menzies	440346
Roll Keeper	Mrs. Maureen Leitch	443842
Church Secretary	Mrs. Jan Duncan	440560
Flower Convener	Mrs. Oonagh Allison	288599
Halls Convener	Mrs. Jean Kerr	441899
Mission Convener	Mrs Helen Ness	443800
Property Convener	Mr. Donald Ross	443416
Publicity Convener	vacant	
Social Conveners	Mrs. Eileen Michie	443244
	Mrs June Parker	864478
Stepping Stones	Rev. Dr David Hume	07858966367
Table Convener	Mrs. June Black	443383
Worship and Development	Mr. Donald Kemp	440700
Youth Convener	Rev. Dr David Hume	07858966367
Youth Worker	vacant	
Sunday School Contact	Ms. Jenny Andrews	07703184374
Cradle Roll	Mrs. Shirley Russell	618020
Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mr. Bill Duncan	440560
Web Manager	vacant	
Newsletter Distribution	Mrs Pat Palmer	442987

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Quiet Time of Prayer

Informal meetings for prayer take place weekly on Thursday mornings at 10.30am in the Fellowship Lounge in the Church Halls. You are welcome!

Wednesday Worship

Members who wish to worship during the week are given the opportunity to do so every Wednesday mornings in the Octagonal Hall at 10.30am. (except for the first Wednesday in the month from September to June). Tea or coffee and Fellowship follow the service.

Coffee and Chat

During the months of September to June an informal coffee and chat is held on the first Wednesday of each month in our Fellowship Lounge. The emphasis of this get-together is fellowship and the chance to get out to enjoy a coffee in a friendly atmosphere. Donations raised go to our chosen charity.

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.

Parent and Toddler Groups

Groups meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.45—11.15am in the Church Halls. Toddlers up to the age of 3 are welcome.

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.

Leisurely Lunches

From September until May, lunches are served in the Main Hall from 12.00—1.30pm on pre-announced dates. Monies raised go to the Church's selected charities.

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GROUPS MEETING IN ALLOWAY CHURCH HALLS

Group	Meet	Times	Contact	Tel
Ayr Music Club	Saturday as req'd		mwmcin@mwmcin6woodlea.plus.com	
Ayr Photographic Soc.	Tuesday	7.30 -9.30pm	Mr A Graham	
Ayr Rock Garden Club	1st Wednesday	7.30pm	Mr R. George	500231
Ayrshire Tat & Chat Lacle	2 nd Sat	10.00—noon	Mrs Irene Lewis	570663
Badminton Club	Mon & Wed	1.30—300pm	Mrs R. Andrews	445280
	Monday	8.30—10.00pm	Mr J. Lamont	442056
Ladies Carpet Bowling	Friday	1.30-3.30pm	Mrs June Black	443383
Messy Church	2nd Saturday	4.00-6.00pm	Rev David Hume	07858966367
Musical Memories	2nd Thursday	2.30pm	Mr Malcolm McNeil	440423
			Mrs Mary Goodall	282185
OIR Drawing & Art Class	Tuesday	10.00—noon	OIR Office	260086
	Wednesday	1.30—3.30pm		
	Friday	10.00—noon		
Parents & Toddlers	Tuesday	9.45—11.15am	Mrs Hazel Hoyle	440381
	Friday	9.45—11.15am		
Quiet Time Prayer Group	Thursday	10.30—11.15am	Mr Malcolm McNeil	440423
Wednesday Worship	Wednesday	10.30am	Rev. Neil McNaught	441252
Zumba Gold	Monday	10.15-11.15am	Gilly Ferguson	07889049479
	Thursday	9.00-10.00am		

*To book the use of the Church Halls, .
Please contact Mrs Jean Kerr (01292) 441899*

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

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.

If your daughter wishes to join the Guiding movement, log on to the following website, <http://www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk/get-involved/joining-for-girls/>.



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.

Group Scout Leader

Mr Adam Pamment—adam.pamment@icloud.com.



THE BOYS' BRIGADE— 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. All sections meet in Alloway Primary School.

Boys' Brigade Captain:

Mr Stewart Robertson—442217





Acts 2:42: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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