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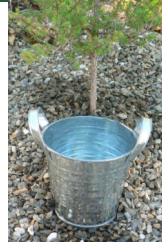
Alexandra, Clyde, Lauder  
Union Parish

*“We aim to be a reflection of God to the community”*

Bi-monthly Newsletter of The Alexandria, Clyde Lauder Union Parish ~ Feb /March 2022

### Ministers Musings

My two-year-old son Theodore loves water. Little surprise as an infant I would often hold him as I watered the garden. It became an evening ritual for us. These days he is less likely to want to help with the hose, but while I am watering, he regularly comes to me wanting a small cup to be filled to the brim so he can independently water the plants of his choosing.



We are about to start another year of the journey through Lent towards Easter. As we journey, we will be following material entitled “full to the brim – an expansive Lent”. Primarily this will be expressed through our Sunday Worship services. But also, an accompanying devotional and bible study group will seek to deepen our understanding. This resource includes readings, art-work, and poetry.

Traditionally Lent has emphasized restraint, confession, and piety. The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. This is perhaps best illustrated in the tradition of Shrove Tuesday. It was traditional in many societies to eat pancakes or other foods made with the butter, eggs and fat that would be given up during the Lenten season. For British Christians this is believed to have begun in the 16th century. This would typically lead into a season of fasting for the 40 days of Lent, when only simple foods would be consumed. This was a way of stepping back from the regular grind of life, to take time and to ponder again

the meaning and life made possible by a life based in our baptisms and the promise that God has already claimed us as God’s own. A promise that is so secure that there is nothing that we can do to erase or change God’s everlasting love for us.

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The scriptures that we will encounter this Lenten season are stories of God’s limitless grace abounding through parable and promise. Grace that is undeserved, grace that we cannot earn yet. Just like water it overflows and when we allow ourselves to be filled by God’s lavish love, that love cannot do anything but overflow, and touch everything and everyone in our path.

We will ask the question “If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love’s promises? It reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace.

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### Come Rain or Shine

“I will keep on.”  
That’s what I heard him say.  
I will keep on  
driving out demons  
and healing people,  
speaking the truth  
and loving endlessly,  
searching for the lost sheep  
and crying for the broken hearted,  
feeding the hungry  
and welcoming the outcast.  
“I will keep on.”  
That’s what he said, right

after he said my name, right  
after he called me beloved, right  
after he welcomed me home  
and saved me a seat.  
And I knew,  
there was no stopping him.  
I was under his wing.  
Come rain or come shine,  
today and tomorrow,  
this love keeps on.

**Poem by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed**



Rev Andrew Howley, Parish Minister, Alexandria, Clyde, Lauder Union Parish Phone: 021 518 053

## Treasurers Report

Some successful fundraising has been held over the last month or so with the **Christmas Baking Stall** making **\$762.00** and the **2 Clyde Market Days, Garage Sales and Raffles** making **\$2,010.00**.



Thanks to everyone involved. **Special thanks to the Paulin Family** who supplied cherries for both Clyde Markets. They certainly helped boost our sales. We greatly appreciate your support.

The new chairs for St Enoch's have arrived and put to the test with a wedding on January 22<sup>nd</sup> with the church filled to capacity. At the half way mark of our financial year, we are slightly better off than last year:-

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Income	\$64386.00	\$56314.00
Expenses	\$68803.00	\$61362.00
Deficit	-\$4417.00	-\$5048.00

With the imminent start of St Enoch's earthquake strengthening we will lose about 6 weeks of income from the hire of the lounge and Church. This could be quite considerable given that Community House needs more space for meetings, etc., due to Covid restrictions. Hopefully the work will be completed quickly!

At the start of the year our parish received a \$15,000.00 Wesleydale grant from the Methodist Church to purchase permanent technical equipment and provide training which will enable live-streaming and recording of services giving wider access to our parishioners. This was most unexpected but we are extremely grateful for this funding.

Thank you to all of you who give regularly either through the internet or envelope systems. We appreciate your continuing support of our Parish.  
**Linda Armstrong, Treasurer.**

### **A NOTE FROM MALCOLM MOORE Convenor of the Property Committee re: The Earthquake Strengthening of St Enoch's Church.**

We have been waiting for **CODC approval** of the Building Consent for the earthquake strengthening. This application triggered an update of the fire requirements for the building as well. Also being a heritage building has created some more issues. These have all been addressed and we hope to have the approval to start the work possibly in the coming week. (14 02 2022) The work is being undertaken to ensure the safety of those in the premises should an earthquake occur.

**"I know the Plans I have for you."- Jeremiah 29:11,**

**Artist: Angie Fox** is an Embroiderer and Vestment Designer. Growing up in Norfolk, she learned to knit and sew from her mother but has continued learning new needlework and other craft skills throughout her life.

Angie is married to Peter. They have 3 sons and 2 grandchildren and live in Castle Donington near Derby. As an Anglican Priest's wife, she has lived in many places, including two stints in Papua New Guinea. Her first child was born there and, later, she returned to PNG when her husband became Bishop of Port Moresby.

A love of traditional worship has inspired her in designing and making church vestments. At one stage, together with a group of clergy wives in Port Moresby, she was sending vestments to Australia to raise funds for the church. She now designs and makes bespoke vestments to order. "I get some of my best designs when I should be listening to my husband's sermons!" she laughs. Angie recently received the Certificate in Hand Embroidery from the Royal School of Needlework. "I have enjoyed the discipline of learning afresh skills I thought I knew; understanding ancient techniques of hand embroidery, passed down through the generations."

"I am thrilled to be chosen to represent, in art, the prayers of the women of my country. I have so many memories of organising and participating in WDP services at home and abroad and I love the feeling of togetherness, knowing that, all over the world, the same prayers are being offered in many languages, and cultures, churches and meeting places."



#### **Artist's Explanation**

Medium: Textile – Embroidery, Appliqué and Metalwork.

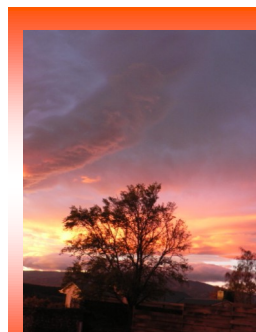
Following the theme given, I have used several images to depict the key words as follows:

Freedom: an open door to a pathway across an endless open vista.

Justice: broken chains. God's Peace and Forgiveness: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement.

Over all, a rainbow which has come to represent all these things from the story of Noah through to the modern day. It is a symbol of the overreaching love of God.

**ALEXANDRA WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 10.00am, March 4th at St Aidans Church—Killarney Street—Alexandra**



**Our thoughts and prayers to the families and friends of...**

**Alexander Morell Anderson - 20th January 2022**  
– St Mungo's Church Clyde

**Joyce Marjory (Marj) Hutton 26th January 2022**  
St Enoch's Church Alexandra

**Elsie Dorothy Cockeram died (aged 97)**  
3rd February 2022 in Christchurch



# Parish News & Events

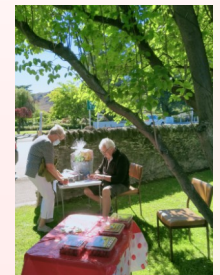


The Christmas Baking Stall

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Christmas Baking stall. Your support is much appreciated.

We certainly have some talented bakers amongst us

The Christmas Baking Stall and Raffle made \$762.00



Women's Afternoon Fellowship enjoy their Christmas Meeting at June & Dave's Place.

**CHRISTMAS ANGELS** Last year members of the community and parish members made knitted angels which were placed around the main streets of Alexandra in the lead up to Christmas. People are encouraged to keep the angels they find or gift them to someone else.

Thank you for organising this event again Ruth.



## Lenten Study

Starts Tuesday 8th March to 5th April 2022

For enquiries phone 448 8049



**Prayer** Dear God, thank you for being our mother hen, our safe space where we are loved and protected, even when we run away from you. Remind us that we always have a home in your love. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**CHILDRENS PAGE with help from Parent/s**



### Directions for Chicken

**Paint some grass** or hills with the green paint, along the bottom of the paper or canvas.

**Use the blue** paint to paint the sky above the grass. Let dry completely before moving on.

**Use a paintbrush** to brush the brown paint onto your child's open hand. Firmly push your child's hand down slightly above the grass (be sure to leave room to make the legs), with their fingers pointed upward.

**Gently pull their hand** straight up to avoid smearing any paint. Let the handprint dry completely.

**Once dry**, use the markers to draw on the wattle, comb, legs and beak.

**Use the black marker** to draw on a wing and outline the other parts of the chicken.

Rev Anna Strickland  
Sanctified Art & Prayer

### Tissue Paper Dyed Easter Eggs

#### Materials:

1. Hard boiled egg/s
2. Squares of tissue paper in many different **BRIGHT** colours (1 1/2 inch squares are about right)
3. Must be fresh tissue paper... not old reused pieces recycled 200 times tissue paper.
4. Spray bottle of water or bowl of water



#### Directions:

- ☉ Spray bottle or dip egg in water (get it all wet)
- ☉ Pick up squares of tissue paper one at a time and lay around the egg. Feel free to use different colours and to overlap them.
- ☉ Use Spray bottle with water if the tissue paper didn't get completely wet. Set aside in a bowl or margarine container to dry.

When the egg dries, the tissue paper will fall off, but the pretty colours will stay behind. It gives something of a stained glass look to the eggs.

**Make a Prayer Chain.** Cut strips of coloured paper for a paper chain and each day of Lent write a person or situation on each strip. Make a paper chain with your child/children. Each day of Lent remove one link and pray for that person or situation with your child/children.

## REGULAR MEETINGS AND GROUPS

### Weekly

**Lenten Study** Every Tues 10.00am 3a Mayfair Grove  
From 8th March to 5th April Alexandra

### Monthly

**Afternoon Fellowship** 4th Thursday of the month 1.30pm Various  
Contact: Various

**St Mungo's Fellowship** 3rd Wednesday of the month 2.00pm Various  
Contact: Sheryll Hanning 449 2703

**Parish Council** 3rd Wednesday of the month St Mungo's Clyde  
Contact: Kathy Milligan 021 0261 5866

**Parish Evening Group** 4th Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Various  
Contact: 447 3612

**Please note: Rev Andrew Howley will be keeping regular office hours at:-**

**The Alexandra Community House.**

**Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.30 noon**  
**Wednesdays 1.30pm - 4.30 pm**  
**Fridays 9.00am - 12.00 noon**

**Rev Andrew Howley can be contacted on 448 8511 or**



**EDITORS NOTE::** The next ACLaim will be April/May 2022 please have any articles to me by **Monday 21st March 2022**. Phone 448 8486 Thanks to Jackie for helping me with proof reading the ACLaim.

– كلنا معا جميعنا **We are together, all of us.**

– انتم نحن **You are us.**

– القوة تكمن في الوحدة والتعددية **There is strength in unity and diversity.**

The above was included in a newsletter the Otago Polytechnic sent out to their Alumni after the shootings at the Christchurch Mosques.

**Your Pastoral Visitor Message:**

## Upcoming Worship Services 2022

Feb 13th	Clyde	9.00am	
Epiphany 6	Combined Parish Service		

Feb 20th	Parish River Bank Service-Poplar Grove		
Epiphany 7	Alexandra	11.00am	Earnsclough Road

Feb 27th	Clyde	9.00am	
Transfiguration	Combined Parish Service		

**March 4th World Day of Prayer St Aidans Church**  
**Time : 10.00am**  
**Vaccine Passes Needed**

March 6th	Clyde	9.00am	Communion
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Lent 1	Combined Parish Service		
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March 13th	Clyde	9.00am	
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Lent 2	Combined Parish Service		
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March 20th	Clyde	9.00am	
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Lent 3	Combined Parish Service		
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March 27th	Clyde	9.00am	
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Lent 4	Combined Parish Service		
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**If you require transportation to church please ask. You can Telephone Jennifer Bowie: 448 7369 Sue & Don Melville 448 9233**



**St Enoch's Alexandra CLOSED for Earthquake Strengthening until further Notice.**

## Contact Us

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## Worship Times

**Clyde: 9.00am**

**Sunday: Service Times**

**& place may be different than advertised. Please check with your Pastoral Care Visitor or Rev Andrew Howley while the Earthquake Strengthening is undertaken at St Enoch's Alexandra.**

**St Mungo's Clyde will be used for most Parish Services during February/March 2022. Please see above dates for February/March 2022 Services**

