

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER**

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends

If at first you don't succeed

Did you know that Thomas Edison tried two thousand different materials in search of a filament for the light bulb?

When none worked satisfactorily, his assistant complained, "All our work is in vain. We have learned nothing."

Edison replied very confidently, "Oh, we have come a long way and we have learned a lot. We know that there are two thousand elements which we cannot use to make a good light bulb."

To be successful requires skill, determination, perseverance and hope. Success rarely lands on our plate without a lot of blood, sweat and tears.

Throughout the summer months, we heard repeatedly of British sporting successes, in the field of Rugby, Cycling and of course Tennis.

I imagine that just about everyone in Scotland was keeping at least one eye on the Wimbledon Final, if not both eyes, whilst riveted to their seat as the cliff hanger finally resulted in outstanding success for the "Boy from Dunblane."

Andy Murray has worked tirelessly in pursuit of his goal from the age of about three. He has endured criticism and praise. He has known the sorrow of failure and the joy of success. Behind it all, he has had the support and encouragement of his family, his friends and a great big team of fitness experts, tennis coaches, nutrition advisors, physiotherapists, to name but a few.

The whole of Scotland rejoiced in his glorious success and humble way in which he received it. What Christ like qualities of courage in the face of adversity, hope in the midst of failure, gratitude in the light of success, and generosity in the glare of increasing wealth, he has displayed.

As we too learn from our mistakes and strive for the successes Christ will bring our way, as we work tirelessly to promote the good news of the gospel, may we never forget, that for every venture that does not work, we are brought closer to the one that will.

Your minister and friend,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2013

28th 11.00am Worship – Mrs Sandra Mathers

August

4th 11.00am Worship – Mrs Sandra Mathers

11th 11.00am Worship – Mrs Sandra Mathers

18th 11.00am Worship – Mrs Sandra Mathers

23rd 6.30pm Preparations for Garden Party

24th 1pm – 3pm **GARDEN PARTY**

25th 11.00am Worship – Mrs Sandra Mathers

September

1st 11.00am **COMMUNION in the church**
3.00pm **COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh**

3rd 6.45pm Presbytery Meeting - Falkirk

8th 11.00am Worship

9th 7.30pm **CONGREGATIONAL BOARD**

14th 10am – 5pm **SAFARI PARK OUTING**

15th 11.00am Worship

17th – 19th **Training for Supervising Ministers'**

20th 7.30pm **COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT**

22nd 11.00am Worship

2pm – 4pm **POETRY in MOTION WORKSHOP**

23rd 10.30am **Local Area Fraternal Meeting**

23rd 7.30pm **KIRK SESSION MEETING**

29th 11.00am Worship

October

2nd 9am- 3pm **CLOTHING COLLECTION**

6th 11.00am Worship – Harvest Foodbank

13th 11.00am Worship

20th 11.00am Worship

21st 7.30pm **KIRK SESSION**

27th 11.00am Worship

6.30pm Evening Praise

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

July 1st - August 26th

Please Note

With the Minister undertaking a significant STUDY LEAVE PROJECT during this period, pastoral services & worship, will be provided by:

Mrs Sandra Mathers (Reader) 872253

Rev Catriona Ogilvie (Interim Moderator) 01236-721912

For local church administrative matters, please, contact the Session Clerk: Mr Alex Cook – 822903

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The Board meets next on **Monday 9th September** at 7.30pm in the large hall.

KIRK SESSION MEETING

The Session meets next on **Monday 23rd September** at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

Please note: the Board and Session is open to all members and adherents. If you would like to share in the decision-making and vision-making aspects of church life, come along and have your say. We need to balance fresh ideas with the desire to remain faithful to that which Christ has called us. If you can treasure the past, be creative today, and hold onto hope for tomorrow - come along - we need you.

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GARDEN PARTY & FUN DAY

Saturday 24th August
1pm - 3pm

STALLS GALORE

HOME BAKING

TEAS £2.00

All Are Welcome

Donations can be brought down to the hall on Friday 23rd August at 6.30pm or early on the Saturday morning. If you can help in any way whatsoever with a stall, please, let the Session Clerk know.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated at
11am in Dunipace Church
And at 3pm in Tygetshaugh Court on
Sunday 1st September 2013
A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Distribution of the Elements on 1st September at 11am

Communion Table

Jim Perry

Jim Winning

Barnego Road Side

Organ side

Wine Front

Alex Cook

Wine Front

Ian McVicar

Wine Back

Fiona Bruce

Wine Back

Abbie Johnstone

Bread Front

Ann Blair

Bread front

Jean Gray

Bread Back

Angus Cameron

Bread Back

Aileen Sneddon

Reserves: Sandra Cook, David Turnbull, Anne Marchant, Betty Russell

If unable to do your duty, please, contact one of the reserves to arrange a replacement or contact Mr. Alex Cook, Session Clerk (822903) Thank you.

SAFARI PARK OUTING

Saturday 14th September

The date for the church and community outing has now been set and lots of people will be desperate to put it into their diary. It's always a very popular outing, thanks to Barbara Fulford who arranges it all.

Please, contact Barbara (824249) for details with regard to the entry fee and cost of bus etc. Barbara will also be able to confirm the departure time from the church and from the safari Park (It's usually about 10am at the church and 5pm at the Park) but Barbara will give you the precise details.

We hope that as many people as possible will join with us and help ensure it continues to be one of our successful outreach events.

So come on folks, speak to Barbara soon and order your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

PS: don't forget to bring some friends along too.

Thank you Barbara, in anticipation of what will be another great outing.

COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT

In Dunipace Church Hall

Friday 20th September at 7.30pm

**TEAMS of FOUR
Invited to take part
£12 per team**

No need to register in advance - just come along on the night

**Shield Awarded on the night
Light supper provided**

From one successful event to another, this is a night you don't want to miss. It's open to everyone in the community, so come on folks, again, tell your family and friends about it and encourage them to take part. Let word of mouth be the trumpet that heralds the coming of this fun filled community oriented night.

Jim Perry, building on the high standards of Tish Graham, always manages to pitch the questions at a level that makes us think but doesn't leave us bamboozled. So there's NO EXCUSE for not taking part. For more info speak to Jim.

Poetry in Motion Workshop 2

Sunday 22nd September

2pm - 4pm

Earlier on in the year we held our first Poetry in Motion Workshop in the Reading Room. A number of local poets read some of their work. Others recited some of the classics. It was a great afternoon, enjoyed by all ages. Certificates were awarded to the two youngest poets. The response to the event was encouraging and the request made for another similar event to be held in September.

The date has been set for Sunday 22nd September from 2pm - 4pm.

So come on folks, put your poets hat on during the summer and see what you can come up with, or simply come along and enjoy listening to others. Further information is available from the Minister.

Keeping you Informed - 125 PROJECT

Did you know that in June 2015, Dunipace Parish Church celebrates its 125th Anniversary?

To mark this momentous occasion, the Board would like to commend the **125 PROJECT** set up to refurbish the halls, with new toilets and kitchen. To do this we need your help to raise the money required. In the years 2014 & 2015 we need 125 people to pledge £125 pounds purely for the **125 Project**.

Could YOU be one of those 125 people?

CLOTHING COLLECTION October Uplift

Just to let you know that the next Rag Bag Clothing Uplift is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd October. I know it seems a bit close to the last uplift, but we go forward in faith.

Unwanted textiles, including all types and quality of clothing, paired shoes, bags, hats, belts, towels, soft toys, curtains and bed linen, accepted.

We do not accept duvets and pillows.
Nor do we accept books or bric-a-brac

All items must be clean and dry and should be put into a strong black bag.

Bags of clothing for the uplift can be brought down to the church hall, anytime the halls are open, in advance of Wednesday 2nd October when the uplift takes place.

Oh, be ruthless folks and clear out those cupboards. This is the ideal opportunity to get rid of all those skirts, trousers, and tops that you KNOW will never fit you again!

Every bag makes a difference.

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

We hold in prayer those who mourn the death of their loved one:

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| Mr David | McIntosh | 15 Chestnut Crescent |
| Mrs Mary | Erskine | 11 Tygetshaugh Court |
| Mrs Grace | Lewis | 23 Barnego Road |

May God comfort and strengthen those whose grief is raw.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

We give thanks to God, for the faithful witness of Mrs Mary Erskine who died at the glorious age of 103. Her life was lived dedicated to God. She was a great encourager and warmed the heart of many with her charming smile and positive outlook on life. She enriched the life of all who knew her and was loved dearly in the Complex by the staff and residents alike. To God be the glory for the great things she hath done in the name of Jesus Christ her Lord.

Baptism

On Sunday 23rd June 2013, we welcomed **Katarzyna Margaret Waledzik** into God's family through Baptism. Katarzyna is the second child of Steven and Alison and a baby sister to Leo.

Thank You

A sincere word of thanks is extended to Mrs Sandra Mathers and to the Rev Catriona Ogilvie who are looking after the Parish of Dunipace, during the minister's study leave period. It has been a privilege to have them in our midst. Special thanks are also extended to the office bearers' who are keeping the ship afloat.

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

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| Minister | Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher |
| Session Clerk | Mr Alex Cook |
| Associate Clerk | Mr Gregor Wilson |
| Clerk to Board | Mrs Tish Graham |
| Treasurer | Mrs Fiona Bruce |
| Freewill Offering | Mrs Jean Gray |
| Gift Aid | Mrs Sandra Cook |
| Mission Bags | Mrs Aileen Sneddon |
| Roll Keeper | Mr David Turnbull |
| Presbytery Elder | Mr Jim Winning |
| Organist & Choir | Mr David Faulds |
| Deputising Organists | Mrs Zoe Cox |
| | Rev Ronald Maxton |
| Children's Ministry | Mrs Barbara Fulford |
| Child Protection | Mrs Helen Lax |
| Afternoon Friendship | Mrs Betty McDonald |
| Prayer & Bible Study | Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher |
| Men's Club | Mr Angus Cameron |
| Reminiscence Group | Mr Jim Perry |
| Badminton Group | Mr George Mills |
| Flowers | Mrs Jane Mills |
| Communion Linen | Mrs Chrissie Busby |
| Community Café | Mrs June Davies |
| Property | Mr Jim Perry |
| Finance | Mrs Anne Marchant |
| Hospitality | Mrs Maureen Pleace |
| Communications | Mrs Helen Lax |
| Magazine Distribution | Mr Bill Paterson |
| Posters | Mr David Reynolds |
| Website Editor | Mr James Smith |
| Health & Safety | Mr Bill Ferguson |
| Life & Work | Mrs Maureen Pleace |

VESTRY NIGHT

At the Manse on a **Wednesday** from 6.30pm
For an appointment please call the Minister
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher – 824540