

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH NEWS LETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Church Alive in 2005

Dear Friends,

Life is pretty demanding – I don't need to tell you that – you know that.
Life is full of contradictions – I don't need to tell you that – you know that.
Life is full of hope – and I DO need to tell you that.

“He's Alive! He's Alive!

He Has Risen”

Yes, He has and because of that we can face the demands and contradictions of each day with faith and with hope KNOWING that death has lost its sting.

There is so much bad news in our world. We see it on the television. We read it in the newspapers and we hear it in our conversations with those we meet in the street. But there is GOOD NEWS too and we are the ones called to keep it ALIVE. We are the ones who must share it and display it, day by day, in a way that lets others see it, hear it and know it through what we do.

Jesus' love for others took him to the cross. That's what He did for us. That's what He gave for us. Our love for Christ demands nothing less. We must be prepared to shoulder the weight of the world's pain as was recently seen in the incredible response to the Tsunami disaster in which people were prepared to carry the weight of God's love and compassion as they displayed God's creative, self-giving, suffering and triumphant love which will not be defeated.

May the Good News of Easter fill your heart with hope and your home with peace.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jean W Gallacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005

March

1 st	7.15pm	Falkirk Presbytery Meeting
4 th	7.30pm	World Day of Prayer (Denny Baptist Church)
6 th	11.00am	Communion in the Church
6 th	3.00pm	Communion in the Complex
7 th	7.15pm	Guild Night – Trading Standards
9 th	7.30pm	Annual Stated Meeting in the Hall
13 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – Baptism – Kelly Horner
15 th	9.30am	Attestation of Records in Larbert Old Church Hall
18 th	7.30pm	Community QUIZ NIGHT in the Church Hall
20 th	11.00am	Palm Sunday – Family Praise Service
21 st	7.30pm	Holy Week Service – Dunipace Church
22 nd	7.30pm	Holy Week Service – Westpark Church
23 rd	7.30pm	Holy Week Service – Westpark Church
24 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service – Dunipace Church
25 th	10.30am	Walk of Witness – Beginning at Westpark Church
25 th	7.30pm	Good Friday Service – Denny Old Parish Church
27 th	8.30am	Easter Gala Park Praise
27 th	9.15am	Easter Breakfast – Denny Old Parish Church
27 th	11.00am	Easter Family Praise – Dunipace Parish Church
27 th	12.15pm	Soup Lunch in the Church Hall

April

3 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
4 th	7.15pm	The Guild – Walking with the Displaced
10 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
11 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board Meeting
17 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
24 th	11.00am	Family CRADLE ROLL Service
24 th	12.15pm	Soup Lunch in the Church Hall
25 th	7.15pm	Guild - Annual Business Meeting
25 th	7.30pm	Presbytery Stewardship Event – Dunipace Hall

May

1 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
5 th - 15 th		Gift Giving Campaign
7 th	1pm-4pm	Falkirk Wheel Celebration Event- at the wheel

FORTH COMING EVENTS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday 4th March at 7.30pm
In Denny Baptist Church.**

Men and women of all ages and faith denominations are invited to gather together for the World Day of Prayer. This year's service has been shaped by the people of Poland.

COMUNION SERVICES

**Sunday 6th March
11am in the Church
3pm in the Complex**

There's a place at the table for you.
You are cordially invited to join with us as we share in the joyful feast.

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

**Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm
In the Church Hall**

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to join with us for our Annual Stated Meeting as we reflect on the achievements of 2004 and prepare to meet the challenges of 2005. Tea and entertainment will be provided on the night. We hope to have a speaker from the Seagull Trust and look forward to a presentation from the Communications Committee.

COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 18th March at 7.30pm
In the Church Hall**

This is a FUN night and a FUND raising event.
It costs £10 per team (of four adults) and £1.50 for spectators.
Tea and home baking will be served during the night.
Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and something was mentioned about a wooden spoon too!
It is hoped that teams from the local community, churches and voluntary organizations will support this FUN night.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday 20th March – Sunday 27th March

You are warmly invited to join with us for worship

Palm Sunday Family Praise Sunday 20th March at 11am

Holy Week United Services

The services begin at 7.30pm

Monday	21 st March	Dunipace Church	Rev A. Barrie
Tuesday	22 nd March	Westpark Church	Rev J.W. Gallacher
Wednesday	23 rd March	Westpark Church	Rev J. Murning
Thursday	24 th March	Dunipace Church	Rev J.W. Gallacher
Friday	25 th March	Denny Old Parish	Rev A. Barrie

Tea & Coffee will be served after each of these services.

A retiring offering for Christian Aid will be received at the Good Friday Service.

Wednesday Worship 11.15 – 11.45 Westpark Church

This service will be conducted by Mrs Louise McClements

“Walk of Witness “ Friday 25th March 10.30am

The walk begins at Denny Westpark Church and will travel to all the churches in Denny & Dunipace where we will pause for a time for prayer and reading. All ages are welcome.

Easter Day Services

Sunday 27th March

8.30am Gala Park Praise

Led by Rev J. Murning

9.15am Easter Breakfast

Denny Old Parish Church

11.00am Easter Family Service

Dunipace Parish Church

Dunipace Parish Church

CRADLE ROLL SERVICE

**Sunday 24th April
at 11am**

Everyone who has had a child baptized in Dunipace Parish Church over the years is encouraged to worship with us on Sunday 24th April for a very special service of Thanksgiving and Dedication.

This is an opportunity for us to “touch base” with the children who have been baptized in the past and to give thanks for the place which children and young people have in the Church of today.

We hope YOU will make this a special day for us by coming to worship with us on Sunday 24th April at 11am. A Certificate of Thanksgiving will be presented to each child present (who might well be a young adult now).

After the Cradle Roll Service you are invited to join with us downstairs in the hall where the Soup Lunch will be served.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th April at 11am

STEWARDSHIP EVENT

**Monday 25th April at 7.30pm
Dunipace Church Hall**

The Stewardship & Finance Committee of Falkirk Presbytery has planned a Stewardship event for the churches of the Local Fraternal Area (Denny/Dunipace/Bonnybridge/Haggs) to be held in Dunipace Church Hall on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm. It is hoped that representatives from the finance courts will attend the event. Further details will be provided in the next few weeks.

It is recognized that the Guild has its Annual Business Meeting on the same night but there should be enough room for everyone. The Presbytery Stewardship & Finance Committee extend their thanks to the Guild.

**CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS CELEBRATION
LOCAL EVENT
AT THE FALKIRK WHEEL
Saturday 7th May 1pm-4pm**

Members of every congregation in Falkirk Presbytery are invited to a special Church Without Walls celebration event that is being held at the Falkirk **Wheel** on Saturday 7th May from 1pm – 4pm

It is hoped that over 500 people will gather together for a picnic in the park followed by a Song's of Praise at the Wheel.

It is also hoped that in the morning people will walk from various starting points along the Canal to converge at the Wheel in time for the afternoon celebrations. Volunteers from each congregation are required. The suggestion is that our folks walk from Bonnybridge Toll to the Wheel. Further details will be provided from the pulpit.

A number of National Events have been planned for later in the year. Posters highlighting these events can be found on the church notice boards. Numbers for some of the venues are limited and early replies are required. If you would like to attend any of the events please speak to the Minister as soon as possible for more information.

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GIFT GIVING

APPEAL

May 5th – 15th

As a registered charity (SC 00 2943) the Church must raise the funds it requires. This it does through the support of its members and those it serves in the local community.

You have an opportunity to keep the Church Alive in 2005 by making a special donation to Dunipace Parish Church during the Gift Giving Appeal that runs from May 5th-15th

Every member will receive a special Gift Giving Appeal Envelope that you are asked to fill and return to the Church.

Once you have placed your donation in the envelope it can be returned in the following ways:

By placing the Gift Giving Envelope in the offering bowl on a Sunday during the Appeal dates.

By returning it through your Elder

By returning it through the Minister or Treasurer

By bringing it along to the Gift Giving Coffee Morning that will be held during the Appeal dates.

Please note that cheques should be made payable to “Dunipace Parish Church”.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Not just because Money Matters but because YOU Matter

GROUPS and ORGANISATIONS

You are invited to come alone and give them a try.
A warm welcome awaits you.

SEQUENCE DANCE	Monday from 2pm-4pm
THE GUILD	1 st & 4 th Monday of the month 7.15pm-9.15pm
THE KIRK CAFÉ	Tuesday from 10am - 12noon
THE MEN'S GUILD	Tuesday from 7pm-9pm
CHILDREN'S STORY CLUB	Wednesday from 2.45pm-4.15pm (It's held in Dunipace Primary School)
THE RAINBOWS	Wednesday from 5.45pm – 7.15pm
THURSDAY LADIES	Thursday from 2pm-4pm
BROWNIES	Thursday from 5.45pm – 7.15pm
MIXED BADMINTON	Thursday from 7.15pm-9.30pm
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sunday from 10.50am – 12.15pm
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	Sunday from 7.00pm – 9.30pm

All of our Groups and Organisations are open to the community
and provide an opportunity to meet new friends.
Further information is available from the Minister.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

NEW CHURCH TREASURER

The Kirk Session and Congregational Board gave their unanimous support to Mrs Fiona Bruce our new Treasurer. Fiona recently made a profession of faith here in Dunipace Parish Church but she has been worshiping with us for a number of years. Fiona does have a banking and accounting background and is therefore well qualified for the particular ministry she has undertaken. Fiona is a very quiet lady who sits upstairs in the balcony but she will make sure her voice is heard when it comes to financial matters and we're glad about that. We extend every joy and blessing to Fiona as she begins this important task in the local congregation.

As the figures below show there is a lot of work for US to do if we are going to make the Treasurer's job a bit easier.

Analysis of WFO contributions for year ending 2004

Number of Communicant members	439
WFO Envelopes distributed	221
Number of Gift Aid Envelopes	100

The 221 WFO envelopes break down as follows:

Number giving	NIL	in the year	78
Number giving	£ 1 - £ 26	in the year	30
Number giving	£ 27 - £ 52	in the year	26
Number giving	£ 53 - £ 100	in the year	33
Number giving	£ 101 - £ 150	in the year	29
Number giving	£ 151 - £ 200	in the year	8
Number giving	£ 201 - £ 250	in the year	10
Number giving	£ 251 plus	in the year	7

What this means – the implications...

1. 78 envelopes were NOT used in the year (35% of envelopes)
2. 143 envelopes WERE used during the year (65%)
3. 108 members did NOT receive envelopes **OR** one envelope was used by TWO or more people.
4. 89 envelopes contributed between £1 and £100 in the year
5. 47 envelopes contributed between £101 and £250 in the year
6. 7 envelopes gave £251 plus in the year
7. We realized the sum of £14,033 from the WFO envelopes
8. If the total number of givers in each range gave the maximum
The sum of £15,639 would have been realized.

These figures are purely for WFO and do NOT include those giving by Gift Aid or through the open plate.

Through the rising of your Son

JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Almighty God
Through the rising of your Son
You broke the power of the grave
You broke the power of death
And condemned death itself to die.

As we celebrate this great triumph
May we also make it the model for our living.

HELP US TO IDENTIFY IN OUR LIVES
ALL THAT SHOULD RIGHTLY DIE -
REDUNDANT RELATIONSHIPS
TIRED HABITS
FRUITLESS LONGINGS

RESURRECT IN OUR LIVES
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
AS SURELY AS YOU RAISED JESUS CHRIST
FROM THE GRAVE.
AMEN

PARISH REGISTER

BEREAVED May God's comfort and peace be with those who mourn the death of a loved one:

Mr	Craig	Anderson	13 Milton Place, Dunipace
Mr	John	MacKinnon	51 Seabegs Road. B/Bridge
Mrs	Ellen	Cairns	Kinnaird Manor – Camelon
Mrs	Annie	Munro	134 Braesview Denny
Mr	John	Taylor	43 Barnego Road, Dunipace

BAPTISM We rejoice with those who have become part of God's family the Church through baptism.

Louisa Ann Richardson
daughter of
Lorna and Stuart Richardson – 16 Ledi Place, Shieldhill

Charli McGuckin
daughter of
Georgina & Kevin McGuckin – 54 Beech Crescent, Dunipace

Anna Ailsa MacKinnon
daughter of
Ellison & Islay MacKinnon – 22 Nelson Place, Stirling.

Help Us To Help You

If you would like to speak with the Minister about any matter: Baptism, marriage, church membership, please contact Miss Gallacher on 824540 to arrange a visit.

If relatives or friends would like a visit while in hospital or at home please let the Minister (and /or Church Elder) know.

Remember that hospital records are confidential.

It is the responsibility of the family to let the Minister know if a relative is in hospital and requires pastoral support.

If you, or someone you know, would like a regular visit from a church member please contact the Minister or District Elder.

If you change your address please inform the Minister and Roll Keeper as soon as possible.

The Church can only show it CARES if you enable us to be THERE

OUR WHO'S WHO 2005

Minister	Rev Jean W Gallacher	824540
Student in Training	Mrs Louise McClements	
Session Clerk	Mr Nigel Turnbull	
Clerk to Board	Mrs Tish Graham	
Treasurer	Mrs Fiona Bruce	
Freewill Offering	Mrs Jean Gray	
Gift Aid	Mrs Sandra Thomson	
Mission Aid	Mrs Aileen Sneddon	
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull	
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning	
Organist	ROTA BASIS	
Children's Club & Youth Fellowship	Mrs Barbara Fulford	
Sunday School	Mr Lachlan McGown	
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills	
Communion Linen	Mrs Dora Johnstone	
Kirk Café	Mrs Sheila Smith	
Transport	Mr Jim Winning	
Property	Mrs June Davies	
Finance	Mrs Ann Marchant	
Social Projects	Mrs Erica McKellar	
Hospitality & Guild	Mrs Maureen Pleace	
Magazine Distribution	Mr Bill Paterson	
Communications	Mr David Reynolds	

VESTRY NIGHT

At the Manse on a **Wednesday** from 6.30pm.
For other appointments please call the Minister
Rev Jean W Gallacher – 824540