

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
MAY - AUGUST**

A Faith Driven Vision For 2007

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

“He is not here; he has risen” Luke 24:6

Dear Friends,

The words in Luke 24:6 show us how, following a period of great disappointment, the disciples are beginning to grasp something deeper of God’s glory and power.

Why? They were living in the light of the Resurrection.

“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb....”

Death had lost its sting. Christ had risen.

In his rising, Christ brought new hope into their world of despair. The truth of God’s promise that “Whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have life everlasting” was breaking through to them in an exciting way.

All around us, just now, we see signs of new life, transforming woodlands into rich, vibrant landscapes, filling our hearts with joy and our spirits with renewed hope. But, what we see in the beauty of the earth, is nothing compared to the joy we find, and the hope we receive, in the new life Christ offers us as we too live in the light of the Resurrection.

A time that seemed bleak and forsaken, following the death of Christ, was now a time rich with expectation.

As we embrace the challenges before us in our daily lives may we discover afresh that Christ is breaking into our work and witness in new and exciting ways, and may that fill us with renewed hope and faith.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

13 th	11.00am	Worship
14 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION
15 th	10-12	Kirk Café
19 th	1pm-3pm	MAYFAIR
20 th	11.00am	Worship
21 st	7.30pm	WATER AID meeting
22 nd	10-12	Kirk Café
25 th	6.30pm	Story Club in the hall
27 th	11.00am	Baptismal Service
29 th	10-12	Kirk Café

JUNE

3 rd	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION
5 th	10-12	Kirk Café
Please note that from Monday 4th June – Monday 18th June pastoral cover will be provided by Rev Helen Christie - 813786		
7 th	7.00pm	Stewardship Meeting (Denny Westpark)
	7.30pm	SUMMER RALLY – Bonnybridge St. Helen's
10 th	11.00am	Pulpit Supply – Mr Arthur Stewart
12 th	10-12	Kirk Café
17 th	11.00am	Pulpit Supply – Rev Ronald Maxton
18 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
19 th	10-12	Kirk Café
23 rd	11-6pm	SAFARI PARK OUTING
24 th	11.00am	PRIZE GIVING
26 th	10-12	Kirk Café (last for the summer)
28 th	1:45pm	SCHOOL AWARDS SERVICE

JULY

1 st	11.00am	Summer Service
7 th	10-12	GIFT GIVING COFFEE MORNING
8 th	11.00am	Summer Service
15 th	11.00am	Summer Service
22 nd	11.00am	Summer Service
29 th	11.00am	Summer Service

AUGUST

5 th	11.00am	Summer Service
12 th	11.00am	Summer Service
19 th	11.00am	Summer Service
	2.30pm	SPONSORED WALK- GARTMORN DAM?
25 th	1pm-3pm	GARDEN PARTY (Hawaii theme)
26 th	11.00am	Summer Service

MAYFAIR

Saturday 19th May
1pm-3pm

Admission is free
Teas £1.50

Bottle stall

Groceries

Bric-a-Brac

Plants

Yellow stall

Toiletries

Books/Toys

Soft Goods

Home Baking

Children's games & much more

In this magazine you should have received a carrier bag that you are encouraged to fill with donations. Donations for the various stalls can be brought down to the hall on Friday night or early on the Saturday morning. If you would like to help in any way whatsoever please come along and make yourself known. Your help and support will be appreciated. Also, if you have ideas for new stalls let us know and we will do what we can to make it happen.

Denny And Dunipace Churches Together

INTIMATIONS

WATER AID PROJECT - Next meeting

This will take place in Dunipace Church Hall on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested in helping in any way whatsoever is warmly invited to come along.

The aim of the project is to raise over £5,000 so that a new well can be sunk in Tanzania to help bring much needed fresh water and improved sanitation to an area where it is desperately needed.

The hope is that all of the local churches along with the communities of Denny & Dunipace will come together and make this a united project.

PRAYER WALK

A number of people are walking across Scotland and stopping off in various communities for a time of prayer.

The walkers will be in Denny Town Centre (at the cenotaph) on Tuesday 22nd May between 9.30am and 10am. They invite members of all the local churches and community to join with them, at the cenotaph, for a short time of prayer. Further information can be obtained from Ann Mackie - 885546

EVENING OF PRAISE & PRAYER

In connection with the Prayer Walk, a night of Prayer & Praise is being held in the Grange Manor Hotel, Falkirk, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May. All are welcome.

WHAT'S ON?

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Sacrament of the
LORD'S SUPPER
will be celebrated at
11am in the Church
and at 3pm in the Complex
on
Sunday 3rd JUNE 2007

Come and share in the joyful feast
A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

SAFARI PARK OUTING **Saturday 23rd June**

We encourage you at this stage to put the date in your diary. Finally arrangements, with regard to times etc are still being made. Details will follow through pulpit intimation. This is always a great day out for the whole family and we hope that as many people as possible will come along and share in a great day of fun, faith and fellowship. To book tickets, contact Mrs Barbara Fulford – 824249

The day after the church outing we have our
PRIZE GIVING - FAMILY SERVICE
in the church (Sunday 24th June) at 11am
All are welcome

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GIFT GIVING CAMPAIGN

Saturday 7th July 2007

10am – 12noon in the hall

This is the seventh year (*hence why it's being held on 07/07/07*) that we have held a Gift Giving Campaign. It's the ideal opportunity to give that little bit more to the church. Don't say, "The Church is always looking for money" Instead say, "The Church is always looking for our support." Which we know you are always GLAD to GIVE Your Gift Giving envelope should be in this magazine

SPONSORED WALK

Over the past few years, we have held a sponsored walk (cycle) round Gartmorn Dam, which has been followed by a Bar-B-Que at the home of Anne & Roger Marchant. This has become a bit of a tradition. So much so, we hope to do the same again this year. The proposed date is **Sunday 19th August** (*If it's changed we'll let you know*). Sponsored forms and other details will shortly be available from the Minister. All ages can share in this event.

GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 25th August

1pm-3pm

This too, is now a well-established summer event. This year we are having a "Hawaii" theme and look forward to seeing - if not grass skirts - then certainly colourful shirts! Once again, in addition to the home baking, jams & chutney stalls etc, we are looking for new and creative ideas. Let's know what you think would be good.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

MAJOR PROPERTY REPAIRS

“Oh no!” I hear you say, “Here we go again”
Yes, my friends, “Here we do indeed go again”

A recent survey of the property (conducted by our Property Committee and outside inspectors) has revealed that yet more work needs to be done with regard to eliminating various forms of rot in several areas of our buildings.

The bottom line is that in the region of **£5,000** will have to be spent to deal with the situation.

The Congregational Board has approved this expenditure and the money will come from our Reserve Fund BUT, yet again, this will deplete it.

We always seem to live from hand to mouth but equally it does seem that when we empty the coffers YOU, in light of your faith, commitment and response to our needs, help us fill them up again.

We therefore APPEAL to the congregation and community to support us. Presbytery commended us for the upkeep of our buildings. The Board and Session commend YOU for your ongoing support and faithfulness.

Donations for the work being undertaken should be passed to the Treasurer or placed in the offering bowl and marked “Property Expenditure”

With your ongoing support, initiative and enterprise, we will rise to this challenge and move beyond it.

THANK YOU... NOT ONCE...

To the Kirk Session & Congregation of Dunipace Parish Church,
Dear Everyone,
David & Anne would like to thank you all for the very generous gift
(of vouchers) you gave us for a wedding present.
It is very much appreciated and we look forward to shopping on
our return. Thank you all very much.
David & Anne

NOT TWICE...

I would like to thank each and everyone of the congregation of
Dunipace Parish Church for the opportunity to be with you all for a
period of eight months as I underwent my Church of Scotland
Assessment Period.

The experience I in-gathered during this time was first class and
you all certainly put me at ease with your very friendly and
welcoming ways, and with the warmth of your reception, that you
extended to both my wife Audrey and myself is rather sad that I
have had to leave you. You are such a hard working congregation
and I certainly hope and pray that you go on from strength to
strength for the good of God's Church and the community of
Dunipace.

The surprise gift (of book tokens) presented to me on the 22nd April
was deeply appreciated and really means so much to myself.
Thank you. Audrey too extends her deepest thanks to you all and
her best wishes for the future. With God's Blessings to each and
everyone Kindest of Regards,
Ian. R. Howarth

BUT THREE TIMES

This time, it's the Kirk Session & Congregational Board, on behalf
of the congregation, who extend thanks to those who have recently
given extremely generous donations for the purchase of the new
CH4 hymnbooks. Although you remain anonymous at the moment
we hope, in the fullness of time, to dedicate both the gift and the
givers. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated
Thank you most sincerely



Responding To The Call

If you are not sure where to begin perhaps we can help you start the journey! The Church of Scotland's **fourteenth Enquirers' Conference** is the place to be if you want to explore some of the ways in which you might offer service to *God* today through the Kirk. It may be that you are sensing *God's* call on your life in a new way, but are not yet sure what that might mean - if so, this is one way in which you can test it out a bit further.

Some people come to the Enquirers' Conference already thinking about, for example, training as a Reader, or as an ordained Minister. Others want to find out more about serving the Church overseas, or working in social care through Crossreach. It may be that you are looking for ways in which you might be better equipped for what you do in your local church - all of these and many more issues are covered in this 24- hour event.

Spaces are limited at the Enquirers' Conference - it is normally over subscribed, so you need to book early to avoid disappointment. Overnight accommodation and meals are provided on campus for the minimal cost of a £20.00 booking fee.

Friday 22nd - Saturday 23rd June 2007

West Park Conference Centre, Dundee

For further information or to register your interest please contact

Margaret Johnston at the Church of Scotland offices.

tel: 0131 - 225 5722.

or e-mail: mjohnston@cofscotland.org.uk

2007 PRAYER DIARY

Lord God

In Jesus you came in the body
Flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone.
One with us in searing pain and delirious laughter
We thank you that you did not remain an idea
Even a religious idea
But walked, wept, and washed feet among us.

By your love,
Change our ideas, especially our religious ideas,
Into living signs of your work and will.

Let us pray for those who are going through dark times – a
time of trouble,
A time when it is not clear what to do.....
God in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us thank God for those people whose courage and
hope, have lit up the dark places of this world.....
God in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The light of God to make us unafraid
The power of God to protect us
The joy of God to heal us
The grace of God to bless us and keep us truthful to
His Word, now and for evermore.

Amen.

PARISH REGISTER

BEREAVED May God's strength be with those who are bereaved:

Miss Margaret McLaren	Mountview Nursing Home
Mrs Sheila Burnside	38 Avon Street, Dunipace
Mrs May Boardman	12 Kirkland Drive, Stoneywood
Mrs Agnes Aitken	18 Bracken Ave, Falkirk
Mrs Nan Stewart	Barleystone Nursing Home
Mrs Eileen McArthur	195 Stirling Street, Dunipace
Mr Robert Drysdale	Bonnybridge Hospital
Mrs Sheila Marshall	5 Argyll Path, Denny
Mr Alexander Mathie	14 Pollwarth Ave, Falkirk

BAPTISM We welcome into God's family the Church:

Ava Margaret Harris	22 Afton Drive, Head of Muir
Sunday 25 th March 2007	
Thomas Michael Allen	87 Dryburgh Avenue, Denny
Sunday 22 nd April 2007	

WEDDING Congratulations and blessings to those joined in marriage

Jocelyn Cochrane	11 Wallace Bruce Court, Falkirk
Malcolm Romanis	30 Sunnyside Ave, Falkirk
Saturday 14 th April 2007	Brightons Parish Church

Anne Beech	56 Tarmangie Drive, Dollar
David Reynolds	49 Milton Row, Dunipace
Saturday 21 st April 2007	Dunipace Parish Church

Lorraine Bell	5 Lumley Street, Grangemouth
David Hurren	55 Kelvin Street, Grangemouth
Saturday April 28 th 2007	Dunipace Parish Church

CHANGE OF ADDRESS May God's peace dwell in your home

Mr & Mrs S Stenton formerly of 15 Rankine Crescent, D/L/Head
Now reside at 11 Erskine Lane, Larbert. (Postal District)

**Please Help Us Keep Up To Date
By Keeping Us Informed – Thank You**

OUR WHO'S WHO 2007

Minister	Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
Session Clerk	Mr Lachlan McGowan
Clerk to Board	Mrs Tish Graham
Treasurer	Mrs Fiona Bruce
Freewill Offering	Mrs Jean Gray
Gift Aid	Mrs Sandra Thomson
Mission Bags	Mrs Aileen Sneddon
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Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organists	Miss Betty Nelson
	Mr Bill Strang
Story Club & Youth Fellowship	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Sunday School	Mr Lachlan McGowan
Guild	Mrs Betty McDonald
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills
Communion Linen	Mrs Dora Johnstone
Kirk Café	Mrs June Davies
Transport	Mr Jim Winning
Property	Mrs June Davies
Finance	Mrs Ann Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Dora Johnstone
Hospitality	Mrs Maureen Pleace
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Posters	Mr David Reynolds
Webmaster	Mr Jim Smith
Health & Safety	Mr Bill Ferguson

VESTRY NIGHT

At the Manse on a Wednesday from 6.30pm.
For an appointment please call the Minister.

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher – 824540