

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER
A Faith That Sticks in 2006
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Hymn CH3: 624 opens with these words:

*“Summer suns are glowing, over land and sea;
happy light is flowing, bountiful and free.
Everything rejoices in the mellows rays,*

*All earth’s thousand voices, swell the psalm of **praise.**”*

This summer in particular we have enjoyed the warmth of hot sunny days. This has brought with it an air of optimism and excitement. But we know, only too well, that the weather can change in an instant. Optimism can change to pessimism. Excitement can become despair as the air grows cold and our mood changes.

All it takes to “dull our optimism” is the death of a loved one, poor results in exams, repeated disappointment at job interviews, constant reports on worsening property matters.... You can no doubt think of so much more.

Hymn CH3: 624 recognises such change and goes on to say:

*“And when clouds are drifting, dark across our sky,
then the veiling uplifting, Father, be thou nigh.
We will never doubt thee, though thou veil thy light
Go thou still before us, to the endless day.”*

I’ve said it once before and I’ll say it many times more. God did not promise us sunshine without rain, light without dark or the joy of loving without the pain of letting go. **BUT GOD DID PROMISE** that at all times God would be with us. Let us put our trust in that promise, day by day, no matter what the weather.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 2006

13 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – BAPTISM <i>Thomas Ronald Wright</i>
21 st	7.30pm	PLANNING MEETING
25 th	2.00pm	WEDDING
26 th	1pm-3pm	GARDEN PARTY
27 th	11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Worship Service for Mrs Louise McClements Grahamston United Church, Falkirk
28 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

SEPTEMBER

3 rd	11.00am 3.00pm	COMMUNION in the Church COMMUNION in the Complex
4 th	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal Meeting
5 th	6.45pm	Presbytery meeting in Falkirk
8 th – 10 th		FLOWER FESTIVAL
10 th	11.00am	Morning Worship Renewal of Wedding Vows
17 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
24 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
25 th	7.15pm	Guild Opening Night – Minister

OCTOBER

1 st	11.00am	HARVEST SHOE BOX APPEAL
8 th	11.00am 3.00pm	Morning Worship MEMORIAL SERVICE
9 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION
13 th	8.00pm	CHURCH CEILIDH-DANCE
15 th	11.00am	Morning Worship

SUMMER SENSATIONS

PLANNING MEETING **Monday 21st August**
7.30pm in the Reading Room

If you would like to get involved in the planning for the various upcoming events, come along to this meeting, you will be made most welcome.

GARDEN PARTY

With a French Theme
Saturday 26th August
1pm-3pm

Donations for the various stalls should be brought down to the hall on the Friday night or early on the Saturday morning.

STALLS GALORE: Red, White & Blue stall
 Jams, chutneys
 Cake, candy, sweets
 Home Baking

Please note: NO bric-a-brac, books, etc

GAMES GALORE Hook a Duck
 Roll a Penny
 Hoopla

FUN GALORE Dress up to reflect our French theme!

NEED WE SAY ANYMORE?
Come along, bring your family & friends
and have a great fun day in the church garden.

Admission is FREE Teas £1.50

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 September

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

DATES OF MEETINGS **2006-2007**

Congregational Board

August 28th

November 20th

January 15th

March 14th (AGM)

April 23rd

June 18th

Kirk Session

October 9th

December 11th

February 12th

May 14th

Meetings begin at 7.30pm.

Committee Conveners can of course set additional meetings (out with the regular meetings) as determined by their business agenda.

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH

A FLOWER FESTIVAL

With

CHARACTER

8th - 10th September 2006

Friday 8th September

2.00pm - 4.00pm

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 9th September

10.00am - 12 noon

2.00pm - 4.00pm

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Sunday 10th September

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Entry by Donation

*(includes free programme
and admission to exhibition downstairs in the hall)*

Teas/Coffee £1.50

ALL ARE WELCOME

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2006

Sunday October 1st at 11am

Once again our **SERVICE OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING** will support the work of Blythswood Care.

You are invited to fill as many shoe boxes as you can with a selection from the following items:

**Hat, Gloves, Socks,
Toothbrush, Toothpaste
Toiletries (NO talcum powder)**

Soap, shampoo, shower gel
Face cloth, moist wipes
Deodorant, moisture cream
Sponge
Comb/brush
Sanitary products
Shaving foam, razors

Household candles
screwdrivers/pliers
kitchen utensils

New Clothes

Underwear,
Tights

New Stationery

Pens, pencils, sharpeners
Notepads

Miscellaneous

New make up
Sewing equipment

rulers
colouring books
rubbers

Sweets

Any
NO CHOCOLATE

Please note that **CHECK LIST** forms are lying on the table in the church vestibule. Please take as many as you require. Complete the form and secure it to your wrapped and filled **SHOE BOXES**.

Then bring them along to our **Service of Harvest Thanksgiving** on **Sunday 1st October at 11am**. Thank you.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

**Sunday 8th October
at 3pm in
Dunipace Parish Church**

During this short Service of Remembrance we seek to support those who are grieving. This we do as we take time to remember those whom we have lost through death.

Family members and friends from various communities are invited to the church where they can **place a Flower of Remembrance** (*which they are invited to bring with them*) **on the communion table and write a message in the Book of Remembrance.** The service lasts about 30-40 minutes. Tea and biscuits are served downstairs in the hall afterwards. All are welcome.

CHURCH DANCE

(with a black & white theme)

on

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER

From 8pm – midnight

In Denny Masonic Hall

Mr Bill Stewart will provide the music and hopefully YOU will provide the dance. The music should be varied so that all tastes are catered for.

It's a DANCE with a DIFFERENCE.

Tickets only cost £3 because YOU are invited to bring along your own SUPPER.

Why not invite a few friends to be at your table. Fill your basket with what you like to eat, then simply come along and together we will have a great night.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

SPONSORED WALK/CYCLE

THREE HUNDRED and ONE POUNDS was realised by this event. A sincere word of thanks is extended to everyone who made it such a great day.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Several URGENT property matters have been identified and are in the process of being rectified.

- (1) Pigeons were getting into, and nesting in, the roof space of the church. The mess they were leaving behind has had to be removed (along with the pigeons). This work has been completed at a cost of £1,400
- (1) Dry Rot (aghhhhh) has been found in some areas of the church hall walls and must be dealt with promptly. Quotes have been received and considered by the Board. The cost of this work will be in the region of £9,000.
- (2) A crack on the rear wall of the church hall appears to be getting significantly worse and might well be the cause of water penetration. The Board has agreed that a structural engineer must be called in to assess the damage. At this stage we do NOT have quotes for the work but we DO know that this work MUST be completed before the dry rot matter can be resolved.

We URGE the members to hold these property matters in their heart and in their prayers. We only have £12,000 in our Reserve Fund and therefore need to RAISE money for these property matters as a matter of URGENCY.

Donations (marked property) should be passed to the Treasurer or Minister. If you would like to make a gift aid donation specifically for property matters, please contact Mrs Sandra Thomson.

We have been in this situation before and no doubt we will be in it again. You have helped us in the past. We ask and pray for your help today.