

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER**

APRIL - JUNE 2009

"YEAR OF HOME COMING"

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

"Don't miss the GLORY in the GLOOM"

Dear Friends,

In the gloom of an economic crisis, credit crunch and deepening recession, hearts get heavy, hands get idle, homes get repossessed, and hundreds of people get depressed by the insecurity they face, as jobs are lost, production is reduced and incentives cut back.

Yes, my friends, I can understand why people are saying, "The outlook is gloomy," and like the poignant words of a hymn found in Songs of God's People, (SGP: 21) I do indeed, "Feel for the lives by life confused." Life is not easy and for many just now it's quite scary. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with all who walk a difficult path.

But the words of that beautiful hymn - whilst acknowledging the demands of life – doesn't leave us in despair. The words of that beautiful hymn inspire us, in the swirling clouds of GLOOM, to lift our eyes upward.

Dear friends, as we journey through Lent toward Easter and prepare to celebrate the victory of the cross, let us not fail to gleam the signs of God's resurrection GLORY.

Christ's is the world in which we move
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love.
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care
And Christ is the one who meets us here

To the lost Christ shows his face
To the unloved he gives his embrace
To those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place

Don't miss the glory in the gloom. Even as you grieve over
that which has been unjustly taken from you:

See the little snow drop push its head up through the
hard soil.
See the hours of daylight lengthen.
See the beauty of Christ's resurrection.

Glimpse God's goodness and love. Bask in the glorious
new life which Christ offers all who believe. Find hope in
God's word. Not just in times of boom, but also in the
gloom.

When your heart is sad, rejoice, be glad, and find comfort,
in the grace and mercy of God, which never crashes and
never loses its eternal value. After all, our hope is built on
nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness, and
when darkness seems to veil his face, we rest on his
unchanging grace.

May the glory of Easter pierce the gloom and fill you with
increased faith, renewed hope and restored love; as you
face each day with courage and conviction, trusting in
Jesus Christ our risen Saviour and Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2009

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| 3 rd | 1.45pm | Primary School Easter Service |
| | 6.30pm | Children's Story Club |
| 5 th | 11.00am | Palm Sunday Family Praise |
| 6 th | 7.30pm | Holy Week – Denny Old Parish |
| 7 th | 7.30pm | Holy Week – Denny Westpark |
| 8 th | 7.30pm | Holy Week – Dunipace Parish |
| 9 th | 7.30pm | Maundy Thursday – Denny Old |
| 10 th | 10.30am | Walk of Witness - Dunipace |
| 10 th | 7.30pm | Good Friday – Denny Westpark |
| 12 th | 8.30am | Gala Park Service |
| | 9.15am | Easter Breakfast - Dunipace |
| 12 th | 11.00am | Easter Family Praise & Baptism |
| 14 th | 10 – 12noon | Kirk Café resumes |
| 19 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship – Low Sunday |
| 20 th | 7.30pm | Congregational Board Meeting |
| 21 st | 10 – 12noon | Kirk Cafe |
| 26 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| 27 th | 7.30pm | Makers & Shakers Planning Group |
| 28 th | 10 – 12noon | Kirk Café |

MAY

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| 3 rd | 11.00am | Morning Worship – Baptism |
| 5 th | 10-12noon | Kirk café |
| 10 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| 12 th | 10-12noon | Kirk Cafe |
| 17 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| 18 th | 7.30pm | Kirk Session |
| 19 th | 10-12noon | Kirk Café |
| 23 rd | 1pm-3pm | Mayfair 2009 |
| 24 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| 26 th | 10-12noon | Kirk Café |
| 31 st | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| | 3pm-5pm | Pentecost Praise - Picnic & Puppets |

JUNE

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| 2 nd | 10-12noon | Kirk Café |
| 5 th | Overnight | Brownie Sleepover |
| 7 th | 11.00am | Communion |
| | 3.00pm | Communion |
| 12 th | 1.30pm | Wedding |
| 14 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship |
| 15 th | 7.30pm | Congregational Board Meeting |
| 16 th | 10-12noon | Kirk Café |
| 20 th | | Safari Park Outing |
| 21 st | 11.00am | Family Worship & Prize Giving |
| 23 rd | 10-12noon | Kirk Café |
| 27 th | 3.00pm | Renewal of Vows |
| 28 th | 11.00am | Morning Worship |

YEAR OF HOME COMING

HERITAGE WALK & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

As we continue to celebrate the Year of Homecoming, we invite local folks, and indeed those from beyond our community, to share their knowledge of Dunipace with us, as we endeavour to create a local Heritage Walk with stops at various places of local interest. If you have a story from the past to tell or a relic to show off, please get in touch with Mr Jim Perry or the Minister.

We hope to have the Heritage Walk ready for the summer and hold the Social Gatherings in late autumn/ early winter.

We know Dunipace IS a “braw wee place”

With your help we can celebrate our history, rejoice in our heritage, and let others know it’s a braw wee place too!

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The KIRK CAFÉ

In the Church Hall

Tuesdays from 10am – 12noon

Please note that the Kirk Café will be CLOSED on Tuesday 31st March and Tuesday 5th April That apart – we look forward to seeing you on a Tuesday. Our thanks are extended to everyone who makes the café such a success.

The Makers & Shakers

PLANNING GROUP

Monday 27th April 2009 at 7.30pm

The next meeting takes place in the Annexe and is open to those who desire to shape the work and witness of the church in our community and beyond. Come along and help us build God's vision in this parish.

ELEMENTARY FOOD HYGIENE DAY COURSE

The course will be held in Abbotsford House, David's Loan, Falkirk. Food handlers in the voluntary/charitable sector will be charged £15.

Places are limited to 16 delegates at each course so early booking is suggested. The course dates are as follows:

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| Monday 6 th April | Wednesday 6 th May, |
| Tuesday 14 th July | Monday 31 st August, |
| Wednesday 7 th October | Tuesday 10 th November |

Booking Forms are available from the Minister or directly from Falkirk Council Development Services

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Family Praise

Sunday 5th April at 11am

The children of the Sunday School are “preparing the way” as we celebrate the Triumphant Entry of Jesus

Holy Week Services

Monday 6th April – Friday 10th April at 7.30pm

| DATE | CHURCH | PREACHER |
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| Monday | Denny Old Parish | Rev Andrew Barrie |
| Tuesday | Denny Westpark | Rev John Murning |
| Wednesday | Dunipace Parish | Rev David Wandrum |
| Maundy Thursday | Denny Old Parish | Rev Andrew Barrie |
| Good Friday | Denny Westpark | Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher |

Tea & coffee will be served after each of these services.
A Retiring Offering will be taken at the Good Friday Service to support the work of Christian Aid.

Walk of Witness

Friday 10th April at 10.30am

We will meet at Dunipace Parish Church before walking to all of the other local churches where we stop for a short time of prayer and reflection before returning to Dunipace Parish Church where tea and coffee (along with a few other goodies) will be served.

United Easter Morning Praise

Sunday 12th April at 8.30am in the Gala Park

Celebrate Easter in the open air, as we begin the day with a short service of praise, suitable for the whole family. Children are encouraged to bring painted eggs for rolling. We then come in out of the cold and share in our united
Easter Breakfast at 9.15am in Dunipace Church Halls

Easter Family Praise Service & Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday 12th April at 11am in Dunipace Parish Church

Pentecost Celebrations

**Sunday 31st May
3pm – 5pm
in the new Denny High School**

PRAISE

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PUPPETS

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Whatever way you look at it – you'll discover we're having songs of praise, a puppet show and a huge family picnic. People from all of the local churches will be there, maybe even their family and friends too! We would love to see YOU.

ALL are WELCOME

CHILDREN have to be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is FREE

Please bring your own PICNIC lunch

Pentecost Praise Celebrations – Sunday 31st May

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| Opening Praise | 3.00pm – 3.30pm |
| Puppets | 3.30pm – 3.50pm |
| Picnic | 3.50pm – 4.20pm |
| Puppets | 4.20pm – 4.40pm |
| Closing Praise | 4.40pm – 5.00pm |

**LOGOS HOPE VISIT
TO EDINBURGH
2 – 13 APRIL 2009**

It is with great excitement that we announce the visit of the world's largest floating book fair, **LOGOS HOPE** to Edinburgh as part of her inaugural visit to the UK

The ship carries a multicultural crew and staff of 350 volunteers whose purpose is to bring **Knowledge, Help and Hope** to the people of the world.

The desire is to link with local churches and believers in each port visited in order to partner and work together.

While on board there are many things to do and see, including:

**The Book Fair
The International Café
A Tour of the ship**

Participate in our onboard / onshore events

A warm welcome awaits you

logoshope.edinburgh@gbaships.org

For general Enquiries

The LORD'S SUPPER

will be celebrated at

11am in the Church

and at 3pm in the Complex

on

Sunday 7th June 2009

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

MAYFAIR

Saturday 23rd May

1pm – 3pm

STALLS GALORE and MUCH MORE

HOME - BAKING

BOTTLES

BOOKS

BRIC-A-BRAC

GROCERIES

YELLOW STALL

TOYS / GAMES

TOILETRIES

SOFT GOODS

PLANTS

Admission is FREE

Teas £1.50

Once again we look forward to your support and thank you in anticipation of your help.

If you have an idea for a new stall, don't keep it to yourself, let us know and we'll give it a try.

Donations should be brought to the hall on the Friday night or early on the Saturday morning.

URGENT PROPERTY APPEAL ENVELOPE

With this edition of the magazine you will receive a Property Appeal Envelope.

You may **already have given a donation** to the Urgent Property Appeal, if so, we do indeed thank you.

You **may be looking for additional envelopes** and feel that you can make more than one donation. If so, again we thank you for your support.

You **may not have given a donation, as of yet**, and feel glad to receive an envelope. Once again, we say thank you for your support.

You **may be thinking "Oh no, here we go again"**. If so, we would respond, "Please be more positive" because it is **ONLY** with **YOUR** help that we will be able to raise the finances required for the property repairs to the church buildings.

Urgent Property Repairs Required

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| Church internal ceiling panel | £ 1, 061.90 |
| Spire, Tower, etc | £ 16, 595.00 |
| Vestry toilet & wall | <u>£ 1, 943.50</u> |

TOTAL COSTS £ 19, 600.40

What we have received in donations to date:

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| Feb | £ 47.00 |
| March | <u>£ 777.80</u> |

TOTAL DONATIONS £824.80

GOOD NEWS STORIES...

TABLE TOP SALE

Our very first Table Top Sale was a huge success and raised just a few pounds short of £500. A good number of tables were taken and well stocked with items that were in popular demand. There was nothing to be seen by the end of the day – so well done to all the stallholders who cleared up. Special thanks to Dora and her helpers (we know who you are) for the work you put in to organising and managing this event. I'm sure it's the first of many!!

QUIZ NIGHT

What a fantastic night we had in the hall and wasn't Tish (who prepared the questions) reasonably kind to us? The scores were high, not much in it, but having said that we take nothing away from the worthy winners and cheerful losers. Can't wait for the next Quiz Night in September.

GOLDEN BOX

May Wyness "You're a genius" Who would have thought that broken chains and single earrings could raise so many pounds for the church coffers? If you have old jewellery please pass it on to May.

Just let's you see folks that if you have a good idea, we will give it a try.

So come on all you other clever clogs – we need to think out of the box, not just for fund raising ideas but also for ways to get people into the church.

WELCOME ON BOARD

I am delighted to intimate the names of two new Congregational Board members who were nominated and elected as charity trustees at the Annual Stated Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March.

We welcome on board, Mrs Aileen Wilson and Mrs Isobel Menzies, who join our previous new recruit, Mrs Mandy Moffat, onto the Congregational Board. We pray that they will feel “very much at home with us on the Board and able to contribute, in whatever way they can, to our work and witness”

There are still vacancies on the Congregational Board, if you are keen to serve the church in this way, please have a word with the Minister.

PRAISE WHERE PRAISE IS DUE

The congregation will be glad to know that – as usual- our Annual Accounts have been audited by an external Independent Examiner, approved by the Board and Attested by Presbytery.

Here is what the examiner had to say:

“I am pleased to report that I have now completed my examination and I must commend, without a single reservation, the work that has been done in terms of record keeping, bookkeeping and accounts preparation. I have been performing audits and examinations on charities for a good number of years and this has been one of the best presented set of financial records I have come across...”

Kevin McGuckien, KAL Accountants, Glasgow

Well done Fiona Bruce, here's to the next ten years!

PAUSE & PONDER

Only in growth, reform and change
Paradoxically enough
Is true security to be found.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Then are there I invented this rule for myself
To be applied to every decision I might have to
make in the future.

I would sort out all the arguments and see which
belonged to fear and which to creativeness, and
other things being equal I would make the decision
which had the larger number of creative reasons on
its side.

I think it must be a rule something like this that
makes jonquils and crocuses come pushing through
the cold mud.

Katharine Butler Hathaway

I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore,
there be any kindness I can show, or any good
thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now,
as I shall not pass this way again.

William Penn

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the
proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give
up.

Galatians 6:9

If you spend yourselves... then your light will rise in
the darkness.

Isaiah 58:10

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr Norman Sherman 6 Tygetshaugh Court, Dunipace
Mr James (Jimmy) Stewart Grahamston House, Falkirk
Mr Tom (Tommy) Waller 32 Allan Crescent, Dunipace

New Members We extend a warm word of welcome to those who have become very much a part of God's family here in Dunipace Parish Church:

Mr John & Mrs Isabelle Forsyth
Scott and Lisa
19 Linden Ave, Dunipace

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| I am only a spark | Make me a fire |
| I am only a string | Make me a lyre |
| I am only a drop | Make me a fountain |
| I am only an ant hill | Make me a mountain |
| I am only a feather | Make me a wing |
| I am only a rag | Make me a king! |

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Give us, O Lord, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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| OUR WHO'S WHO 2009 |
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| Minister | Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher |
| Session Clerk | Mr Lachlan McGowan |
| Associate Clerk | Mr Gregor Wilson |
| 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 |
| Roll Keeper | Mr David Turnbull |
| Presbytery Elder | Mr Jim Winning |
| Organists | Miss Betty Nelson |
| | Mr Bill Strang |
| | Mrs Zoe Cox |
| | Mr David Faulds |
| Choir | Rev Ronald Maxton |
| Story Club & Youth Fellowship | Mrs Barbara Fulford |
| Sunday School | Mr Lachlan McGowan |
| Child Protection | Mrs Tish Graham |
| 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 Anne Marchant |
| Social Projects | Mrs Dora Johnstone |
| Hospitality | Mrs Maureen Pleace |
| Magazine Distribution | Mr Bill Paterson |
| Posters | Mr David Reynolds |
| Website | Mr Jim 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