

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL - AUGUST 2008**

**“Together We Make A Difference”**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

*“A land in which you...shall...lack nothing”  
Deuteronomy 8:9*

Dear Friends,

When God delivered the Israelites from slavery He did it in stages. It didn't happen overnight – it took years.

**1. He brought them out of the land of “not enough”**

As slaves in Egypt without power they felt weak and vulnerable. They were anxious and concerned about the way ahead.

**2. God brought them through the wilderness of “just enough”.**

God provided them with manna, just enough for each day. It's no fun struggling to get by. But we tend to appreciate what we had to struggle for, and we learn to trust God more. Plus, living through seasons of “just enough” builds into us a tenacity to keep moving towards better things.

**3. God brought them into the land of “more than enough”**

God described Israel's future home as a “land in which you shall lack nothing”. God's ultimate goal for us is abundance, in all areas of life! Is that so we'll have more than the next guy? No! God told Abraham, “I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.” (Genesis 12:2)

When we are blessed with gifts beyond our imagining, when we find ourselves in the “land of more than enough” - it’s not so that we can boast - its so that we can use what we have received to bless others and fulfil God’s agenda in our lives.

We have recently been blessed with the anonymous gift of a beautiful Steinway upright piano. This generous gift will - with the increased input from our choir and the ongoing use of our new CH4 hymnbooks - enable us to bless the community we serve with songs of praise and thanksgiving. This we will do as we journey with people in their joys and sorrows, sharing our faith and our blessings with them.

The gift of the piano and stool will also help us to remember “all the saints who from their labours rest”. The piano will be dedicated in memory of the Craig and Paul families. The stool will be dedicated in memory of Mr Robert McKillop - people from past generations who worked hard and served the church in their own remarkable way.

In thanking those who support the work of the church through the gifts they give us, we thank God for the incredible blessings He bestows upon us through them.

God has indeed brought us from the “land of not enough”, through the wilderness of “just enough” to the land of “more than enough”. This God has done by bringing to us, that which we need, when we need it.

Yours in Christ,  
**Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **APRIL**

26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Gala Park – Clean Up</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Denny & Churches Together

### **MAY**

4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Denny 4 Youth Meeting (Old Parish)
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Stewardship Meeting (Old Parish)
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer & Discussion Night
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Kirk Session
24 <sup>th</sup>	1pm-3pm	<b>May Fayre</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
31 <sup>st</sup>	All day	<b>Men's Club Outing to Dumfries</b>

### **JUNE**

1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	<b>COMMUNION</b>
	3.00pm	<b>COMMUNION</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal (St. Alex)
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer & Discussion Night
8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Wedding</b> in the church
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Congregational Board
21 <sup>st</sup>	All day	<b>Safari Park Outing</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	<b>Prize Giving &amp; Presentations</b>
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship

### **JULY**

**Minister's Holidays:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
Pastoral cover will be provided by the Rev Helen Christie (813786) and Mr Arthur Stewart will provide pulpit supply on July 13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

## August

3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
8 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Gift Giving Campaign Weeks</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	<b>Gift Giving Coffee Morning</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
17 <sup>th</sup>	2pm-6pm	<b>Sponsored Walk &amp; BBQ Gartmorn Dam</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1pm-3pm	<b>Garden Party</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Wedding</b> in the church
31 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship

## September

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>COMMUNION</b>
	3.00pm	<b>COMMUNION</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Congregational Board
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship

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**JESUS is at the centre of all we do**

*Can you see Jesus in the picture?*

*He IS there*



## **COMMUNITY EVENT**

# **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

**Gala Park, Dunipace**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00 – 10.30am**

Children's Art Poster Awards

Presented by Scottish Football Hero

Alex Totten

Dunipace Primary School Gym

**10.30 – 12.00noon**

Bring your friends to the Gala Park

(Meet in the car park at Stirling Street)

Come grab a picker, hoop & sack!

Help pick up litter

(Children must be accompanied by adult)

**12.00 – 1.00pm**

Party!

Refreshments!

Art Posters & Litter Project Displays

Dunipace Primary School Gym

**If YOU Care About Our Park**

**Come Along and Help**

Part of KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL

National Spring Clean-Up

Sponsored by Carronvale Tenants & Residents Assoc.

# **SAFARI PARK OUTING**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2008**

Due to popular demand (and I mean that seriously) we are going to the SAFARI PARK for our church outing.

The bus will leave Dunipace Parish Church at 10.30am and leave the Safari Park at 5pm.

If you would like to book seats on the bus, please contact Mrs Barbara Fulford (824249) as soon as possible. She will outline the costs and other details.

If you are taking your own car, please let Barbara know, so that we can look out for you in the park.

The Safari Park is suitable for all ages and you do not have to be a member of Dunipace Parish Church to go on the outing.

**Please bring your own picnic**

## **PRIZE GIVING & PRESENTATIONS**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008**  
**at 11.00am**

During the annual prize giving service we will present books to the children and youth of the church. We will also present **Long Service Certificates** to office bearers who have given many years of faithful service to the church.

This is a special service and we hope that as many people as possible will be able to share in the delights of this day.

# **GIFT GIVING CAMPAIGN**

This year's campaign runs from  
**08-08-08 – 28-08-08**

It's the ideal way to give that little bit extra to the church. Gift Giving Envelopes will be available in late June / early July.

The **GIFT GIVING TEA MORNING** takes place in the Reading Room on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August** from 10am-12noon. Come along, drop your envelope in the bowl, and enjoy a wee cup of tea with the minister and other gift-giving members.

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## **SPONSORED WALK & BBQ**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
**2pm – 6pm**

We walk round GARTMORN DAM and finish the day with a BBQ in Anne & Roger Marchant's garden.

We leave the church at 1.30pm and begin walking at 2pm.

It takes about one hour to go round the dam.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sponsor Forms & Details are available from the Minister or from the Vestibule Table in late June/early July.**

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## **CHURCH GARDEN PARTY**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**  
**1pm-3pm**

**This year we are having a VICTORIAN theme**

**Admission is FREE                      Teas £1.50**

**There will be stalls and fun galore**

# **MAY FAYRE**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**1pm-3pm**

Admission is free  
Teas £1.50

## **Stalls Galore....**

Home Baking	Groceries	Tombola
Soft Goods	Books & Toys	Bric-A-Brac
Toiletries	Yellow & Green Stall	Bottles

## **...And so much more**

If you would like to help in any way whatsoever please come along and make yourself known. Your help and support will be appreciated.

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



# **MENS CLUB OUTING**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

This year the men are heading off to DUMFRIES.

There are a few seats left on the bus. If you would like to share in a "good day out" then please contact Mr Angus Cameron on 821136 or (07919 468 503 mob) as soon as possible for details and costs.

We extend every blessing to the men and look forward to hearing all about their trip!

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2008**

**Come and share in the joyful feast**

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

# **SUPPORT GROUP**

Do you need **Time For Yourself?**

Do you need **space to think?**

Do you need **to get out the house for a while?**

Do you want **to meet new Friends?**

Do you want **to support yourself and others?**

We would like to start a **SUPPORT GROUP** for men and women of all ages who simply want a place to meet and support each other.

If such a group would be helpful to you (or someone you know) then please speak to the Minister about it OR come along to our first meeting in:

Dunipace Parish Church – Reading Room  
on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm – 3.30pm.**

It's **FREE** and open to everyone.

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## **PRAYER & DISCUSSION NIGHT**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**  
**In the Reading Room**

If you would like to explore your faith and consider its relevance in today's society, or simply enjoy a relaxed informal time of discussion, then come along to the Reading Room and join with us.

If you have a particular topic you would like to discuss, please let the minister know when you arrive.

Everyone is welcome

# **PARISH REGISTER**

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

Mr William Christie 34 Northfield Road, Dunipace  
Ms Dawna MacLean 79 Chestnut Crescent, Dunipace  
Mr Adam Cook Burnhouse Farm, Dunipace  
Mr William Paterson 2 Tygetshaugh Court, Dunipace  
Mr Samuel McArthur 1 Maple Place, Dunipace  
Mrs Agnes McCormack 2 Crofffoot Farm. Dunipace

**Baptism** We welcome into God's family the Church:

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**Finlay Sean Platt**

Son of Fiona Barbara Wilson & Michael David Platt  
39a Randolph Road, Stirling.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Indie Louise Grant**

Daughter of Nadine & Tom Grant  
Grand-daughter of Shona Grant  
5 Dunbar Gate, Dunipace.

## **HOSPITAL VISITS**

Please remember that the names of those in hospital are CONFIDENTIAL and the minister does not have access to hospital records. If you (or a relative) go into hospital and would like the minister or elder to visit, please let them know where you are. Thank you.

## OUR WHO'S WHO

2008

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
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organists	Miss Betty Nelson
	Mr Bill Strang
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 James 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**