

# **DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH NEWS LETTER**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

### **Church Alive in 2005**

Dear Friends,

Having just received a long awaited piece of paper informing me that my doctoral thesis had finally been approved, I was greatly surprised to discover that I wasn't jumping up and down and shouting out "Yippee"

Why not, I wondered? These thoughts crossed my mind.

First, my part time studies had lasted five years and during that period I felt as if I had been on a treadmill of emotions. The truth is by the end of it all, I was shattered, drained emotionally, so much so that I didn't even have the energy to really rejoice in what I had achieved.

Second, there were times when I felt like throwing in the towel. There were times when I felt that I had done my very best and it didn't seem to be good enough. As it turned out my supervisors knew that I could make it even better.

How true that is for many of us in the things we do and dare I say even in the church We begin something and it seems to drag on, in our preparation and execution of the work we have our highs and our lows, things are going well and then it seems as if its falling apart and maybe not going as we had hoped to the extend that then when it's all over, we can't really rejoice in what we have done.

I discovered that by persevering, it could be done. Seeing it through is important. I say this because I know that what I achieved has brought honour not only to me but also to you. You provided me with the teaching environment I needed in which to grow and you gave me encouragement and support when I needed it. So my friends, for this I say "thank you" and offer you these words of encouragement. In your work and witness, take heart and remember that what we are meant to achieve, we rarely achieve overnight or with little blood, sweat and tears. Finally, persevere because what we do, we do not just for ourselves but also for others and ultimately for God.

Yours in Christ,

***Rev. Dr. Jean W Gallacher***

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005

### April

10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship - <b>Baptism</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Congregational Board Meeting</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Family CRADLE ROLL Service</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	<b>Soup Lunch</b> in the Church Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Guild - Annual Business Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Presbytery Stewardship Event</b>

### May

1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship - <b>Baptism</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	Presbytery Meeting in Kildrum
5 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Gift Giving Campaign</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12noon	<b>Gift Giving Coffee Morning</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	1pm-4pm	<b>Falkirk Wheel Celebration Event</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship – Farewell to Louise
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Kirk Session Meeting</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	1pm-3pm	<b>MAY FAIR 2005</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship – Welcome new student

### June

5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Communion in the Church</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	<b>Communion at the Complex</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	1pm & 4pm	Weddings
12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
18 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Wedding
19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Congregational Board Meeting</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Wedding
26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
30 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm	School Awards Service & Leaver's Ceremony

### July

1 <sup>st</sup>		Wedding
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# CRADLE ROLL SERVICE

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at 11am

Everyone who has had a child baptized in Dunipace Parish Church over the years is encouraged to worship with us on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you are coming to the Cradle Roll Service please complete the form below.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

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I will be at the Cradle Roll Service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child(ren) attending the Cradle Roll Service

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please complete this form and return it to  
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher  
The Manse, Rosebank, Dunipace. Denny. FK6 6QJ

**We hope you will be able to join with us on this special day**

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **PRESBYTERY STEWARDSHIP MEETING**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GIFT GIVING COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am-12noon in the Reading Room**

As part of the Gift Giving Campaign members are invited to join with the Minister and Session Clerk in the Reading Room on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Here you have an opportunity to make your Gift Giving Donation whilst enjoying a cup of tea/coffee and informal chat. A warm welcome awaits you.

### **CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS CELEBRATION**

**LOCAL EVENT**

**AT THE FALKIRK WHEEL**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-4p**

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 7<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm – 4pm

It is hoped that over 500 people will gather together for a picnic in the park at 1pm followed by a Song's of Praise at the Wheel at 3pm.

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.

## Dunipace Parish Church Alive in 2005

# GIFT GIVING APPEAL

May 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

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 5<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

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

One 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 takes place in the Reading Room on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. (10am – 12noon)**

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

# MAY FAIR

## 2005

**SATURDAY**  
**14<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**1pm-3pm**

*Bric-a-Brac*

*Toiletries*

*Toys*

*Yellow Stall*

*Books*

*Home-Baking*

*Plants*

*Sweets*

*Soft Goods*

*Cake & Candy*

*Jams & Chutney*

*Tombola*

*Craft Gifts*

*Groceries*

*Bottles*

*Outside games for the children and hopefully face painting too!*

With your help we've got it **IN THE BAG!**

You are encouraged to fill up the carrier bag you received with this edition of the magazine and hand it to your Elder or bring it along to the Hall which will be open on the Friday night to receive your donations for the various stalls.

Donations for the teas & home baking are particularly requested.

Admission 20p

Tea/Coffee £1.50

All Ages Welcome

# **KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

## **FAREWELL TO LOUISE**

**Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am**

Oh how time flies! It's hard to believe that Louise's time with us has almost reached its end. It has been a memorable time for all of us. Louise in her own quiet but sincere manner has endeared herself to all of us. From the youngest to the oldest Louise has left a positive mark as she had displayed her love for God and her commitment to her calling. We have an opportunity to express our thanks to Louise on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May during morning worship. If you would like to contribute to a gift please pass your donation to Mrs Ann Marchant or the Minister and mark it "Student"

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO.... THE MINISTER**

The congregation was delighted to hear that our minister has completed her studies at Princeton and has now gained her Doctorate in Ministry. Yip, that's right folks... it's official and her title is now the **Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher**.

Five years of hard work have finally paid off. Miss Gallacher heads off to the good old USA (for one week) in May for the actual graduation. Our warmest congratulations are extended to her.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT**

They say that as one door closes another door opens. How true that seems to be. Just as we are preparing to say "thank you" and "all the best" to Louise, we are getting ready to say "hello" and "welcome" to our next student.

Mrs Sandra Boyd will begin a ten-week (full time) placement with us on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. May we do all that we can to make her feel at home in Dunipace.

## **WELL DONE TO THE CONGREGATION**

Praise where praise is due. The congregation of Dunipace Parish Church has every right to be proud of itself because YOU make it a happy environment for study and learning. The quiet but sincere support that often comes in a kind word is deeply appreciated by the minister, office bearers and students alike. May God continue to bless us in the ministry we undertake together in Christ's name.

# **DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH**

## **COMMUNION SERVICES**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
will be celebrated  
**At 11am in the Church**  
and at  
**3pm in the Complex**  
on  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

You are cordially invited to share the joyful feast.

## **THANK YOU...**

The congregation of Dunipace Parish Church once again extends its sincere thanks to the Paterson's of Middle Barnego Farm for the very kind donation of daffodils that we received over the Easter period.

When it came to picking them the weather was kind to us this year. The daffodils are well appreciated by the congregation and bring a good boost to the Sunday school funds for the children. Thank you.

The Church looked absolutely beautiful over the Easter period and our warmest thanks are extended to the ladies who worked away quietly in the background and produced such a stunning (and yet they claimed simple) display of flowers that captured beautifully the significance of the Easter message at the front of the church, on the window sills and at the font. Can't wait to see what you come up with next. Thank you.

A fantastic Quiz Night took place in the Hall in March. Fourteen teams took part and raised over £240. It was great to see such a mixed age of people and such a wide range of representation from the local churches and community. There will of course have to be another one next year. Well done and thank you to everyone who made it so successful.

**CAN YOU HELP  
FILL THIS  
VACANCY?**

Dunipace Parish Church is a small, hard working congregation.  
It has its strengths and its weaknesses.  
It has its hopes and its fears  
But at the heart of all it does and maybe even fails to do  
It puts its FAITH and TRUST in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are delighted to see signs of growth (yes they are there)  
But we sorrow deeply in that which we have lost and long for namely someone  
to lead us in our music.

Can YOU help us in this particular area of ministry?  
We long to have our Choir restored to its former glory that they might lead the  
congregation in their songs of praise.

We pray that God will answer this prayer and bless us with the gift of a CHOIR  
LEADER and ORGANIST/ PIANIST who will develop this missing link in our  
work and witness.

If you feel called to this ministry in our church or if you would like to find out  
more about it, then please have a word with the minister.

Jesus said,

“**A**sk and it shall be given unto you,

**S**eek and you shall find,

**K**nock and the door will be opened.”

We are **ASK**ing.  
WHO is responding - Is it YOU?

**LOOKING AHEAD  
TO FAMILY FUN FILLED MONTHLY EVENTS**

**GARDEN PARTY                      Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2005**

Following on from the success of last year's garden party we look forward to repeating the event this summer. Once again we encourage you to be as creative as you can with regard to the stalls we have.

**DEDICATION SERVICE    Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm**

This service provides an opportunity for all our groups and organizations to join together for a service of thanksgiving and dedication at the start of a new session. Tea will be served in the hall thereafter. We pray that all of our groups and organizations will be represented on this special occasion.

**BEEBLE DRIVE                      In September**

This fun night will be suitable for all ages. We hope that together young and not so young can have a night of laughter and fellowship.

**CHILDREN'S DISCO              In October**

In a bid to welcome the return of the children to the church, we have planned a disco with a tuck shop that will take place in the Hall. We hope that the music will be provided Denny Y.M.C.A. Disco.

**FAMILY CEILIDH                  In November**

This family gathering will probably take place either in Denny Masonic Halls or in Broompark Centre. Once again it will be suitable for all ages.

**THE CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING  
THE CHURCH IS PEOPLE  
SO LET US GATHER TOGETHER  
PRAISE TOGETHER AND GROW TOGETHER  
IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN UNDERSTANDING**

These events are open to you, your family and friends.  
Further details will follow soon.

# PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr	John	Morrison	5 East Boreland Place, Denny
Mr	Robert	Moles	8 Hazel Crescent, Dunipace.
Mrs	Isobel	Finlay	43 Chestnut Crescent, Dunipace *
Mr	Maxwell James	Edgar	The Complex, Dunipace *
Mr	Thomas	Grant	5 Dunbar Gate, Dunipace.
Mrs	Grace	Forbes	Greenbank, Camelon *
Mrs	Catherine	Halkett	Kinnaird Manor Home, Camelon
Mrs	Janet	Gray	16 Haypark Road, Head of Muir

\* This funeral was conducted by another member of the clergy

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

Kelly Horner  
daughter of Alan and Julie Horner: 16 Ingleston Avenue, Dunipace.

Lauryn Elizabeth Jean Monro  
Daughter of David & Jennifer Monro: 166 Stirling Street. Denny.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**      Please note the following changes:

Mrs	Elizabeth	Jack	Formerly of 34 Allan Crescent, is now in <b>New Carron Nursing Home, Falkirk</b>
Mrs	Esta	Kelly	Formerly of Bonnybridge Hospital is now in <b>Kinnaird Manor Home, Camelon</b>
Mrs	Barbara	Henderson	Formerly of 39a Milton Row, is now in <b>Bonnybridge Hospital</b>
Mrs	Magdalene	Comrie	Formerly of 68 Beech Crescent is now in <b>Bonnybridge Hospital</b>
Mrs	Agnes	Gardiner	Formerly of 51 Milton Row is now in <b>Bonnybridge Hospital</b>
Mr & Mrs	J. Leishman		Formerly of 35 Souilliac Drive now reside at <b>26 John Davidson Drive, Dunipace</b>
Mrs	Jane	Miller	Formerly of 30 Paris Avenue now resides at <b>68 Bankhead Avenue, Head of Muir</b>

## OUR WHO'S WHO 2005

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

## VESTRY NIGHT

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