

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

AUGUST - OCTOBER

A Faith Driven Vision For 2007

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

“God said to Noah, make yourself an ark” Genesis 6:14

Dear Friends,

Most of us find just reading the story of the Flood, recorded in Genesis, quite harrowing. To actually get caught up in a flood would be a thousand times worse. Our prayers, therefore, must continue to be with those who know the reality of flooding in their homes.

When Noah told the people of his time that a great Flood was coming, they laughed at him. On the news I heard that several Reports had been written outlining the likelihood of flooding in many of the areas affected. It seems that the words of these “prophets” too were ignored. Often the tell tale signs of work that needs doing are there but by nature we busy ourselves in other things hoping that the inevitable will not happen. When what was predicted does happen, (either suddenly or in stages) chaos reigns.

After the flood, God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making with you. Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood.” *Genesis 9:14*

Thankfully, rays of hope are beginning to shine in the skies, not only as the flood waters recede, but as insurance companies promise to speed up their processes and Councils promise that flood defences will be improved. May those making such promises keep them so that the people can trust them.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

5 th	11.00am	Worship
11 th	2.00pm	Renewal of Wedding Vows
12 ^h	11.00am	Worship
15 th	7.30pm	Planning Meeting for Children's Ministries
19 th	11.00am	Worship
25 th	1pm-3pm	Garden Party
26 th	11.00am	Baptismal Service
26 th	2pm-6pm	Sponsored Walk
27 th	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal (St. Alexander's)
27 th	7.15pm	Congregational Board

SEPTEMBER

2 nd	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION
9 th	11.00am	Worship
15 th	10-12noon	Coffee Morning & Cream Teas in hall
16 th	11.00am	Worship
23 rd	11.00am	Worship
24 th	7.15pm	Guild – Opening Night
26 th	7.30pm	Denny Churches Together Meeting
28 th	1.30pm	Wedding
30 th	11.00am	Worship

OCTOBER

7 th	11.00am	Harvest – Shoe Box Appeal
8 th	7.30pm	Kirk Session
13 th	3.00pm	Wedding
14 th	11.00am	Worship
14 th	3.00pm	Memorial Service for the Bereaved
21 st	11.00am	Worship
28 th	11.00am	Worship
28 th	7.30pm	Evening Praise

NOVEMBER

2 nd	7.30pm	Ceilidh Dance in Masonic Hall
4 th	11.00am	Worship
11 th	10.40am	Cenotaph Service of Remembrance
11 th	11.30am	Remembrance Services at the Church
12 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

FLOWER FESTIVAL 11th & 12th August

Denny Old Parish Church is holding a Flower Festival and you are encouraged to go along and enjoy the wonderful displays. Admission is by donation and teas cost £1.50.

Saturday 11th August: 10.30am - 4pm & 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Sunday 12th August: 1pm – 7pm

Posters will soon be on display giving more information

YOUTH MINISTRY Wed 15th August 7.30pm

If you would like to minister to the young people of the church by serving in the Creche, Sunday School or Children's Story Club on a regular or rotation basis, please come along to the planning meeting in the Reading Room and help us shape up our Youth Ministry Programme. If you are unable to attend the meeting but willing to help please speak to Mr Lachlan McGowan, Mrs Barbara Fulford or the Minister. Thank you.

PRESBYTERY WIDE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

All of the local churches have enrolled in a pilot scheme for a National Stewardship Programme.

What is needed from Sessions & Boards?

Enthusiasm for the programme

Commitment to the programme

People to plan and deliver the programme

To advance the Stewardship Programme locally members of the Congregational Board & Kirk Session are encouraged to attend TWO meetings (being held jointly with the other local churches). Please put these dates in your diary:

Wednesday 5th September Denny Westpark at 7.30pm

Thursday 27th September Denny Old at 7.30pm

GARDEN PARTY

With a Hawaii theme
Which means the sun WILL shine
and you can put on your sun cream,
grass skirt or colourful shirt!!

Saturday 25th August
1pm-3pm

Admission is free
Teas £1.50

Stalls Galore
Children's Games
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.

SPONSORED WALK

Sunday 26th August
2pm-6pm

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.

All monies raised will support the water aid Project. Sponsor forms and other details can be found on the table as you enter the church. That failing, contact the minister.

Please note that you can still come along and enjoy the walk and BBQ even if you are not being sponsored. Just make sure that you add your name to the list of those coming along so that we know to expect you and can ensure that we have enough eatables for everyone there. It's usually a very enjoyable day and we would love to see you.

All ages can share in this event but please note that children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

KIRK CAFÉ

Due to popular demand (and I mean that seriously) the Kirk Café will resume in September. The starting date has to be confirmed. Intimation will be made from the pulpit. Our thanks are extended to everyone who makes the Café such a success. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to help by offering transport, home baking or kitchen assistance, please speak to Mrs June Davies.

SOUP LUNCHES

The Soup Lunch tends to take place in the church hall, after worship, on the last Sunday of the month. This changes if we have other major events taking place over the same weekend. The Soup Lunch is a very informal gathering at which we enjoy a simple homely meal of soup, hot filled rolls and tea or coffee - all for £1.50.

The Finance Committee, Social Projects Committee and Property Committee, each take a turn at “hosting” the lunch. Again volunteers to assist will not be turned away. When the dates for the lunches have been set we will let you know.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD & KIRK SESSION

Meetings of the Congregational Board & Kirk Session take place in the Hall or Reading Room at 7.30pm. They are open to all members of the congregation and we would be delighted to have you join with us.

August	27 th	Congregational Board
September	5 th	Stewardship Meeting
September	26 th	Denny Churches Together
September	27 th	Stewardship Meeting
October	8 th	Kirk Session
November	12 th	Congregational Board
December	10 th	Kirk Session

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 2nd SEPTEMBER 2007

Come and share in the joyful feast

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

COFFEE MORNING & CREAM TEAS

Saturday 15th September

10am – 12noon

in the Church Hall

All proceeds will support the **WATER AID** Project
being sponsored by all the local churches

Donations of home baking for sale would be
appreciated.

If you would like to assist in any other way
please let the minister know. Thank you

DENNY & DUNIPACE CHURCHES TOGETHER

The next meeting of the Denny & Dunipace Churches Together Group takes place in Dunipace Parish Church on Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm.

The Group consists of FOUR people (*usually the Board or Session*) members of from each of the local churches. It doesn't however have to be the same people who attend each month (*although a bit of consistency is helpful*). This Group helps to plan and co-ordinate many of the services and events the local churches undertake together. The purpose of the Group is to:

- Foster improved working between the churches

- Encourage shared witness and use of our resources

- Create a faith driven vision

- Bring God's Word into the wider community

If you feel you would like to be part of the Group please speak to the Minister.

PRAYER DIARY

Father, we are part of your great family the Church.

From the beginning you have been gathering men and women into one community because you want all people to feel that they belong, and not to feel cut off because they are different from others. But we try to limit our communities to our circle of friends, to people like us.

Father, forgive us and remind us that we are all your family. Help us to realize it and live as your children should.

Father, we thank you that together we can do so much more good than we can do separately. For we know that by working together and sharing together, we grow together. Father, draw us closer to each other, and to you, that in our work and in our witness, your name may be praised and your kingdom come. Amen.

HARVEST SHOE BOX APPEAL

SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 11am

GIVE A PRESENT TO SOMEONE WHO NEEDS IT

This year we continue to support BLYTHSWOOD CARE by filling as many Shoe Boxes as we can.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find a shoebox. Decide to fill it for a child, teenager or adult
2. Wrap your box and lid separately so that the lid can be removed without tearing the paper
3. Gather the items you have collected and pack them into the box
4. No foods are permitted apart from sweets (but no loose sweeties, lollies or chocolate are allowed)
5. On the checklist (which you should have received inside this magazine or can pick up from the vestibule table) tick the items you have put in the box.
6. Secure the ticked checklist to the outside of the box
7. Secure the lid with rubber bands
8. Bring your filled Shoeboxes to our Harvest Service on Sunday 7th October at 11am.
9. For Christmas delivery the Shoeboxes must be at the Evanton Warehouse by Friday 9th November,
10. Tell your friends about this Appeal and encourage them to fill shoeboxes too.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

By the end of 2007 we will have supported: Christian Aid, Water Aid, The Earl Haig Fund and a Christmas Appeal This does NOT include the Charities other organisations within the church are supporting. Well done and thank you

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE BEREAVED

**Sunday 14th October
at 3pm
In Dunipace Parish Church**

During this short Service of Remembrance we seek to support the bereaved. This we do as we take time to remember those whom we have lost through death and those who are still grieving the death of a loved one.

Family members (of all ages) and friends are invited to the church where they can **place a Flower of Remembrance** (which they have brought with them) **on the communion table and write a message in the Book of Remembrance.**

The service lasts about 40 minutes. Tea and biscuits are served after the service downstairs in the hall.

ALL are welcome.

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

Every Sunday the flowers that have graced the church are distributed throughout the parish with a message of faith in times of joy or sorrow. If you would like to distribute the flowers, donate flowers or make a donation to the FLOWER FUND please contact Mrs Jane Mills

Beautiful cards, again with inspirational words, are also distributed week by week. If you know that someone has a special birthday coming up and think they should receive card from the church, please contact Mrs Sheila Smith. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless the ladies who minister to the parish in such beautiful ways.

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mrs Janet Henderson 62 Beech Crescent, Dunipace

Mr Stephen Alan Gardiner 12 Dunkeld Place, Falkirk

BAPTISM We welcome into God's family the Church:

Andrew Robert Lawton Hollings Cottage, Torwood

Sunday 6th May 2007

Liam Laird 113 Little Denny Road, Denny

Sunday 27th May 2007

Solyse Iona Solanki 50 Laxdale Drive, Denny

Sunday 8th July 2007

WEDDING Congratulations and blessings to those joined in marriage

Lyn Hepburn 13 Beech Avenue, Plean

Michael Anthony French 13 Beech Avenue, Plean

Saturday 14th April 2007 Plean Parish Church

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

Mr David Reynolds formerly of 49 Milton Row, Dunipace

Now resides at 56 Tarmangie Drive, Dollar (Postal District)

Mr Islay & Mrs Ellison MacKinnon formerly Neilson Place, Stirling

Now reside at 7 Dalmor Glen Park, Stirling (Postal District)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

A number of "new" members have been worshipping with us on a regular basis. We welcome you and look forward to introducing ourselves more formally to you hopefully at our New Members Welcome Night later in the Autumn. Further details will follow soon. In the meantime please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Minister of any Office Bearer if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

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
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
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
Magazine Distribution	Mr Bill Paterson
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