

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends

Gold Medallists and Glow Sticks

*“Let us run with determination the race that lies before us”
Hebrews 12:1*

The London 2012 Olympics are over and the Para Olympics are just about ready to begin. For sporting fans the summer has been quite sensational. For those who are less enthusiastic about sport, the summer can at best be described as dreich! For all of us the summer has brought highs and lows.

There have been tears of joy, tears of sorrow, moments of success and times of failure, not only at the sporting events. In the family home, parents have struggled to keep the children occupied for their long summer recess. In the garden those with green fingers have had to watch trees and shrubs grow uncontrollably beyond a comfortable pruning height. Farmers are shaking their heads in despair as crops are ruined by the constant wet weather. Hotels and tourist businesses have watched profits dwindle to the extent that many have had to shut up shop. The housebound have seen few glimmers of light and very few cheery faces to brighten their days.

In Hebrews (12.1) we are encouraged to “Run with determination the race that lies before us.” In I Timothy (6:12) we read: “Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you when you firmly professed your faith before many witnesses.” This we seek to do knowing that “Many runners take part in the race, but only one of them wins the prize.” I Corinthians (9:24) Finally, in Ecclesiastes (9.11) we are reminded, “That in this world fast runners do not always win the races, and the brave do not always win the battles. The wise do not always earn a living, intelligent people do not always get rich, and capable people do not always rise to high positions.” Taking all of this on board our great hope is that at the end we can say: “I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy (4:7)

We will not all be gold medallists. In fact very few of us will ever come anywhere near such a standard. With their best ever effort (albeit highly commendable) Team GB got 29 Gold Medals and that's out of a population of over 56 million! This, however, did not mean that the rest of the competitors did nothing. They took part in the Games. They battled bravely. They gave their best. Many set new personal bests. Even though they did not get to stand on the podium, they brought joy to millions of people around the globe. They let the light of the Olympic flame shine through their actions.

In all probability, like the majority of the competitors in the Olympic games, we will never be sporting gold medallists but like them, we can be glow sticks that shine brightly.

A glow stick is a thin tube of clear plastic that contains a chemical fluid. When you look at a glow stick it appears rather insignificant. Yet, with the simplest of actions, a radical change takes place in the little plastic stick. When

the fluid is shaken ever so slightly, it slowly begins to glow with tremendous radiance, especially in the darkness of night. Such a simple action makes a huge difference - a difference that lasts a long time.

There is much debate just now about the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Time will tell what the real benefit to the Nations will be.

Let there be no doubt and no debate about the legacy we leave behind as we run the race set before us. Let us remember that our actions, great and small, all make a difference in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Let us glow with pride, the pride that comes from being part of Team GB – the Team that’s made up of God’s Believers.

We are not gold medallist individuals. We are not even a gold medallist church. But we are God’s Glow Sticks

As we prepare for another busy session, with new challenges and new delights before us, let us, as Team GB, “Run our best in the race of faith and win eternal life, for it was to this that God called us.”

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

No hands but yours. No feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which to look at Christ’s compassion to the world; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.”

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

With kindest regards and blessings
From your minister and friend,

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

12 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
19 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 th	7.30pm	Committee Meeting in the R/Room
25 th	1pm – 3pm	GARDEN PARTY
26 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
27 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION MEETING
29 th	9.30am	Reminiscence Group Outing

September

1 st	10.45am	Opening of the New Dale Bridge
2 nd	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION
4 th	6.45pm	Presbytery Meeting in Falkirk
9 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
14 th	7.30pm	Community QUIZ NIGHT
16 th	11.00am	SERVICE of ORDINATION & ADMISSION for NEW ELDERS
		CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
17 th	7.30pm	
23 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
27 th	7.15pm	CGI Meeting in the R/Room
30 th	11.00am	BAPTISMAL SERVICE

October

1 st	7.15pm	Evening In Night – St Kilda
7 th	11.00am	HARVEST – SHOE BOX APPEAL
9 th – 11 th		CLOTHING COLLECTION
14 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bereaved
15 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION
19 th	6.00pm	Renewal of Vows Service
21 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
26 th	7.30pm	THE BIG VARIETY SHOW
28 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Song's of Praise

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST?

THE GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 25th August

1pm – 3pm

Stalls galore, fun galore and so much more.

TEAS	HOME BAKING	GARDEN PRODUCE
DONUTS	ICE CREAM	BURGERS
JAMS/CHUTNEY		BOUNCY CASTLE
GAMES	BOOKS/TOYS	BOTTLES

We request donations for the various stalls and helpers to look after the stalls. We also hope that many people will come along and join in the fun.

LOOKING INTO SEPTEMBER DON'T FORGET THIS SPECIAL OCCASION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated at

11am in Dunipace Church

And at 3pm in Tygetshaugh Court on

Sunday 2nd September 2012

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

Elders should note that spare communion cards can be collected from the Vestibule Table, along with church magazines, and updated District Lists.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Elders and members of the Congregational Board are encouraged to give these dates a high priority in their diary.

KIRK SESSION

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

2012

August 27th

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

We remind all members of the congregation that they are of course warmly invited to attend Board and Session meetings.

GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

KIRK CAFÉ

The Café resumes in late September, it takes place in the large hall from 10am – 12noon. If you can offer donations of home baking, or have time to assist with kitchen duties or in the provision of transport, please have a word with Mrs June Davies.

The Café is a great means of outreach but it requires a lot of work. The more hands on deck the better.

EVENING FRIENDSHIP GROUP (E.F.G)

This new group, which is open to everyone in the church and community, will take place in the Reading Room on the following Mondays at 7.15pm:

2012 24th September 22nd October 26th November

2013 17th March 22nd April 29th May

For more information please speak to Mrs Betty McDonald

EVENING IN NIGHTS

The hope is that on the other Monday evenings (when the Board or Session is not meeting) informal "Evening In Nights" can take place. These nights are designed to be social gatherings, where an interesting topic can be shared in an easy manner. If you have a particular topic you would like to share, please, have a word with the minister.

The First "Evening In" is on Monday 1st October at 7.15pm. The topic for the night is St. Kilda.

JOIN IN AND FEEL PART OF THE FAMILY

In addition to the new groups getting under way, we have a whole host of other groups and organisations that regularly meet in the church halls. A warm invitation is extended to all.

Men's Club	Tuesday at 7.15pm Contact Mr Angus Cameron
Reminiscence Group	Wednesday at 2pm Contact Mr Jim Perry
Choir	Wednesday at 7.30pm Contact Mr David Faulds
Badminton	Thursday at 7.30pm Contact Mr George Mills
Story Club	Friday at 6.30pm Contact Mrs Barbara Fulford
Children's Church	Sunday at 10.50am Contact Mrs Barbara Fulford

Safari Park Outing

Our annual outing to the Safari Park has not been forgotten, it will take place in September. For more information contact Mrs Barbara Fulford.

**COMMUNITY
QUIZ NIGHT
Friday 14th September
At 7.30pm in the hall**

Teams of 4 people are invited to take part.
The cost is £12 per team
Tea and sandwiches will be served
Prizes awarded on the night

This is always a fantastic night of fun and friendship. We hope that lots of teams will take part representing the church and wider community. Simply come along on the night and let the quiz commence.

**Do you remember the
1950's and 60's?**

**The Reminiscence Group are looking
for memorabilia from this period**

Following on from the highly successful War Years Display held by the Reminiscence Group earlier in the year, the group is looking forward to promoting the 1950's and 60's. If you have any memorabilia from this period, costumes, pictures etc, they would be delighted to borrow them for the display scheduled to take place later in the year. For more information please contact Mr Jim Perry.

**Dunipace Parish Church of Scotland
Ordination and Admission of New Elders
Sunday 16th September at 11am**

The Service of Admission – for two new Elders – and the Ordination – of three new Elders is scheduled to take place in the church on **Sunday 16th September** at 11am.

It has not been easy getting a date that is suitable for so many people, but hopefully we have managed this. So please take all the previously suggested dates out of your diary and put **Sunday 16th September** into your diary.

We look for a good turn out from members of the congregation and the Session as we welcome our new Elders and share in the delight of such a special day.

Due intimation will be made from the pulpit on the two preceding Sunday's.

Enquiry Class for New Communicants

An informal enquiry class for new communicants will be held in the autumn. This is for people who would like to become full communicant members of the Church of Scotland or simply explore the Christian faith further. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please, have a word with the minister. All ages are welcome.

Venturing as far ahead as October

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SHOE BOX APPEAL

The Service of Harvest Thanksgiving takes place on **Sunday 7th October at 11am**. This year we continue to support the Blythswood Care – **SHOE BOX APPEAL**.

Leaflets outlining the requested items for the boxes will be placed on the vestibule table as soon as they are available.

Clothing Collection

Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th October

It's that time of the year again when you are encouraged to clear out your wardrobes and cupboards of all unwanted clothing.

The recycle company also accepts bags, shoes, bric-a-brac- books, blankets, coats and all unwanted fabric.

Items should be put into heavy-duty bin bags and brought down to the halls on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th October. For times out with these dates, please, contact the minister.

You can of course ask for your bags to be collected and we will do our best to oblige.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the BEREAVED

Advance notice is given for this annual Service to be held in the church on **Sunday 14th October at 3pm**. Further information will be provided in due course.

THE BIG VARIETY SHOW

Friday 26th October at 7.30pm in the church

Due to popular demand another BIG CONCERT – billed this time as a VARIETY SHOW will be held in the church on Friday 26th October – so come on folks, get your thinking caps on and see what performances you can create – the TALENT is there. Groups and individuals are encouraged to take part. More information will follow soon. In the meantime, start practicing. NO EXCUSES allowed!

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr Nigel Turnbull Jnr 39 Ramsay Ave, Laurieston
Mrs Catherine "Cathy" Dyer Wheatlands Nursing Home

We also remember Mrs Lizzie Ferguson, who died in September. Although not a member of Dunipace Parish Church, Lizzie regularly attended the Kirk Café on a Tuesday morning and many of the events taking place in the church.

Baptism We welcome into God's family the Church

27th May Mia McNeice
Daughter of Don and Jade

Children in the Church

All are Welcome

As the summer holidays come to an end, we look forward to welcoming the children back to the church. (A special thank you is extended to the children who worshipped with us over the summer).

The Kid's Sunday Club Sunday at 10.50am

Children gather in the hall on a Sunday morning at 10.50am before joining with us in the church for the first part of the service.

The Children's Story Club Friday at 6.30pm

The Story Club, suitable for children of Primary School age, takes place in the halls, usually on the first Friday of the month, from 6.30pm – 8pm.

For more information on the Children's Church, please, contact Mrs Barbara Fulford.

OUR WHO'S WHO

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 Cook
Mission Bags	Mrs Aileen Sneddon
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organist & Choir	Mr David Faulds
Deputising Organists	Mrs Zoe Cox
	Rev Ronald Maxton
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Child Protection	Mrs Helen Lax
Evening Friendship	Mrs Betty McDonald
Prayer & Bible Study	Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
Men's Club	Mr Angus Cameron
Reminiscence Group	Mr Jim Perry
Badminton Group	Mr George Mills
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills
Communion Linen	Mrs Chrissie Busby
Kirk Café	Mrs June Davies
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Hospitality	Mrs Maureen Pleace
Communications	Mrs Helen Lax
Magazine Distribution	Mr Bill Paterson
Posters	Mr David Reynolds
Website Editor	Mr James 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