

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY – APRIL 2012**  
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**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear Friends

**The Way, the Truth and the Life**

I listened, on the radio, to a theologian discussing the important topic of “When Does Life Begin?” He pointed out that some feel it begins at the moment of conception. Other contributors to the discussion were convinced it starts when the baby takes the first breath. The “cynical caller” added his contribution and declared quite seriously that life doesn’t really begin until the last kid leaves home. Perhaps a note of humour was needed in the midst of a rather serious discussion!

For most of us life is serious. We search for the “Way” in the face of life’s challenges and we search for the “Truth” in the midst of life’s uncertainties. For Christians, life begins and ends with Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

In a 1994 epic film called “Forrest Gump” played by Tom Hanks, Forrest declares, “My momma always said, Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.”

We don’t always know, “What we are gonna get,” but we know what we have got. For those of us who believe in God, we have got faith for today and hope for tomorrow.

This does not mean we will be wrapped in cotton wool. It does not mean we will go through life trouble free. It does not mean we can sit back and watch the world go by.

What it does mean is that we will not face life alone. It means that the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow will go through life with us, whatever it brings to us.

Forrest Gump held onto the words his momma had taught him. He allowed her words to encourage him at all stages of his life. In his time of joy – he smiled and in his time of sorrow – he wept. At no point in his life did he forget what his momma had told him. Her words gave him hope and inspiration.

In the midst of life's demands and delights, we need to hold onto the words Jesus taught us, especially when life is confusing or scary. We need to remember that Jesus is "The Way, the Truth and the Life" and we need to let those words inspire us and encourage us.

During this period of Lent as we follow Christ's footsteps to the Cross, let us remember that He came to bring us life in all its fullness but to do that He died that we might be forgiven. Life for Christ was not easy and in the face of his greatest trial, He wished that the cup of suffering could be taken from him. Putting His trust in God the Father, He was then able to cry out, "Let not my will but yours be done" In other words, He courageously faced what life was throwing at him. This He did, knowing and believing that God's Way would be the right Way – even though it was a costly Way.

With kindest regards and blessings  
From your minister and friend in Christ Jesus  
**Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.**

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am –3pm	CGI Public Display in the halls
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	World Day of Prayer - Westpark
4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	COMMUNION in the church
4 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Guild – International Justice Mission
9 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Children’s Story Club
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Community QUIZ NIGHT in the halls
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Attestation of Records (Camelon)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Guild – Coffee Morning in the halls
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
25 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Evening Songs of Praise
26 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Guild – Cake Decoration
28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	ANNUAL STATED MEETING

### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	PALM SUNDAY – Family Worship
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Week Service – Denny Old
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Week Service – Denny Westpark
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Week Service – Denny Westpark
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday – Baptist Church
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Walk of Witness – Denny Westpark
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Good Friday Service – Dunipace
8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Gala Park Service – Dunipace
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Easter Breakfast – Dunipace
8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	EASTER - Family Worship
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Friends of Dunipace meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Presbytery meeting in Dunipace
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	Guild - ABM
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Friends of Dunipace – ABM
29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

**Please note the change of date for the Board Meeting**

**KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

**The World Day of Prayer**

Takes place in

*Denny Westpark Church*

At 7.30pm

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012**

**The LORD'S SUPPER**

Will be celebrated at

*11am in Dunipace Church*

*and at 3pm in the local Complex on*

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

**COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT**

In Dunipace Church Halls

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

At 7.30pm

This is always a fantastic fun filled night

Teams of FOUR are invited to take part.

It costs £12.00 per team.

Prizes will be awarded.

A light supper will be provided

Simply come along and register on the night

**All are Welcome**

## **ATTESTATION of ROLLS & RECORDS**

Would all office bearers who keep church rolls and records, please, bring them to worship on Communion Sunday (March 4<sup>th</sup>) so the Kirk Session can sign them before the records are taken for formal attestation on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in Camelon Parish Church. Mr Angus Cameron is thanked for his willingness to take the books to Camelon.

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## **Dunipace Parish Church ANNUAL STATED MEETING**

This social event takes place in the church halls on

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

At 7.30pm

**All are Welcome**

Come along and join with us as we celebrate our work and witness in this parish. Entertainment will be provided along with a light supper

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## **ADVANCE NOTICE**

### **GUILD ABM**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.15pm in the Reading Room

### **FRIENDS of DUNIPACE ABM**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the church halls

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Services will be held throughout Holy Week in the various churches, most of these services are united and open to everyone, so please, celebrate the characters of Holy Week and Easter with us, as we share together in worship and in praise.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Palm Sunday Family Praise at 11am in Dunipace

## **UNITED HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday	7.30pm	Denny Old
Tuesday	7.30pm	Denny Westpark
Wednesday	7.30pm	Denny Westpark
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Denny Baptist Church
On Friday:		
Walk of Witness	10.30am	Denny Westpark
Good Friday	7.30pm	Dunipace Parish
		Retiring Offering for Christian Aid

## **EASTER SERVICES**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Gala Park Service	8.30am	Dunipace
Easter Breakfast	9.00am	Dunipace
Easter Family Praise	11.00am	Dunipace

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# Let Your Light Shine!

Don't hide your light under a bushel  
Instead let it shine

## **How can you let your light shine?**

You can do this by taking part in our very own CHURCH CONCERT, which we propose to hold in the church halls on **THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY**

That's right – the proposed CONCERT is not taking place until May, so you have plenty time to perfect your party piece! Singing, dancing, recitations, and who knows what other hidden talents will be revealed.

We would love folks from the various groups and organisations to join in the fun and take part – or you will have to buy a ticket to watch others!

The CONCERT will be in two parts. The first part of the evening will include a Drama Presentation by a first class Drama Group. The second half belongs to you and you and you.

## **What have you to do?**

### **It's EASY...**

- (1) Put Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May in your diary
- (2) Practice your party piece – oh go on...
- (3) Take part in what should be a great night
- (4) Invite your friends to come along

Highlighting the work of the Mission  
Aviation Society

The Mission Aviation Fellowship is an Organisation that provides single and twin engine aircraft in developing countries such as Kenya, South Sudan, Bangladesh, Chad, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Mongolia, to name just a few.

The planes carry missionaries, doctors, surgeons, nurses, midwives, medical supplies and Bibles into areas virtually cut off from main roads that would take days to reach by foot. The planes return carrying the sick and injured to hospitals in the main towns, saving hundreds of lives each year.

If you would like to know more about the work of the M.A.F. by receiving the organisations magazine "Flying For Life" please contact our church representative Mr Gregor Wilson after morning worship, or by telephone on 813117.

A range of free reading material, highlighting the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, can be found on the vestibule table. Please, take some of the leaflets and share them with your neighbours and friends.

During the month of MARCH all of our retiring offerings (placed in the bowl as people leave the church) will support the work of MAF. If you would like to give a donation, please, simply drop your donation in the bowl as you leave the church or put it in an envelope and write "M.A.F" on the front of the envelope. Thank you

*Gregor Wilson – MAF Church Contact*



## Looking Beyond Ourselves

Sunday after Sunday, people leaving the church often drop an extra offering into the bowl at the front door. In 2012 the Retiring Offerings will be distributed in the following way, as agreed by the Congregational Board

<b>Retiring Offering</b>	<b>Charity being supported</b>
January	Philemon Foundation
February	Sailor's Society
March	Mission Aviation Fellowship
April	Spread the Good News Outreach
May	Christian Aid
June, July, August	HUB Project
September	Stewardship Month & Scottish Bible Society
October	Blythswood Care (Shoebboxes)
November	Poppy Scotland
December	Christmas Appeal

If you would like to give extra support to any of these charitable projects and organisations, please, put your donation in an envelope and mark it appropriately. Thank you

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### Flower & Card Ministry

Those who receive the church flowers often express their deep appreciation for this little act of thoughtfulness. If you would like to donate flowers on a particular Sunday, please, speak to Mrs Jane Mills (826206) or add your name to the list that sits on the vestibule table. Help with the distribution of the flowers, after worship, is also appreciated. If you can help, please, let us know.

We convey our deepest thanks to those who undertake the flower and card ministry in our church. The time you give and the work you do are valued beyond measure.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Bereaved

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

Mr Andrew	Tulloch	Haining Nursing Home
Mr Alex	Turner	17 Ingleston Avenue
Mrs Jessie	Simpson	7 Maple Place, Dunipace
Mr Robert	McDonald	2 Avon Street, Dunipace
Mrs Elizabeth	McFadzean	Wheatlands Nursing Home
Mrs Nan	Crawford	22 Hawthorn Drive
Mrs Jean	Gilmour	26 Sutherland Drive

### Wedding

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Sandra & Alex who were married in Airth Castle on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Mr & Mrs Alex Cook, 20 Lithgow Place, Denny (D.3)

### New Members & Address changes

Elders are asked to note the following details and update their District Lists as appropriate

Mrs Barbara	O'Hara	c/o Mrs Anne Blair (D9)
Mrs Sheena	Turner	29 Beech Crescent (D19)
Mrs Essie	Cumming	28 Bonnywood, Ave. (Postal)
Mrs Margaret	Martin	34 Chestnut Cresc (D20)
Mr & Mrs Craig	Collier	1 Avon Street (D15)
Mrs Jane	White	138 Ochil View (D2)

### Keeping Us Updated

Help us to keep our records up to date by informing the Roll Keeper (Mr David Turnbull) of changes

### Hospital Visits

Remember that hospital records are CONFIDENTIAL. If you go into hospital and would like a visit from the Minister and/or Elder, ask your family to let the Minister/Elder know which hospital (and ward) you are in.

### In Our Prayers

We hold in prayer those members and friends of the congregation who are going through a difficult time just now, as a result of bereavement in their wider family or illness. We pray that God's Word will comfort you, your faith encourage you and your friends support you.

## 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
Organists	Mr Bill Strang
	Mrs Zoe Cox
	Rev Ronald Maxton
Choir Leader	Mr David Faulds
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Youth Fellowship	Miss Laura Peattie
Child Protection	Mrs Tish Graham
Guild	Mrs Betty McDonald
Men's Club	Mr Angus Cameron
Badminton Group	Mr George Mills
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills
Communion Linen	Mrs Chrissie Busby
Kirk Café	Mrs June Davies
Transport	Mr Jim Winning
	Mr George Mills
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Gwen McGowan
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**