

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

When you are out in the hills, it's amazing how far your voice carries – even a whisper can travel a considerable distance. I have been reminded of this, time and time again, when I've heard snippets of fellow walkers conversations – walkers who have been in a different valley but whose voices have crossed the gulf between us. It truly is amazing.

As I thought about this, the words of a well know hymn came to my mind. "All over the world, the Spirit is moving" God's WORD is not ours alone – God's WORD crosses the continents and can be heard by those whose hearts are ready to receive it and whose ears are open to hear it, It is heard by people who live in our parish, on our doorstep and in other parts of the world.

It's amazing how far travelled our church newsletter is. What we say might seem like a whisper to us, but it's being heard. It's amazing how many people are reading it on the website and sending us a response as we share God's WORD with them. The words are not falling on deaf ears, they are being heard and read. This I know because people are responding – from all over the world.

Recently I received a lovely word of encouragement on the church's website. The greeting came from a distant

cousin (John Gallacher) who lives in the good old USA. He had logged onto our website and had taken the time to email a warm greeting in response to what he had read. His response reminded me that “All over the world the Spirit is moving” not just here in Dunipace, not even just here in Denny or Bonnie Scotland. We are part of a great big family and what we say here, is heard and read by more people than we at times imagine.

Like the walkers on the hill, whose ears (often inadvertently) tune into the conversations of others as they waft across the glens – so Christians beyond our locality tune into what we are saying and doing in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Their interest in us surely causes us to lift up our hands in thanksgiving and makes us want to convey our appreciation for their interest in our work and witness?

To all who read our magazine, here and overseas, we extend our warmest greetings and thanks. This we do, praying that what we say and what we do, will continue to make a difference in the lives of people we might never know or see, but people who are fellow travellers walking in God’s way, people whose hearts are receptive and whose ears are open to God’s incredible WORD

As we journey into 2010, may we continue to be the heralds of God’s WORD.

“May the words of our mouth and the meditations of all our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our redeemer.” Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY 2010

25 th	7.30pm	Scots Night in the hall
26 th	7.15pm	Falkirk Presbytery Meeting
	7.30pm	Men's Club in the hall
27 th	7.30pm	Choir practice in the church
31 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Praise

FEBRUARY

1 st	7.15pm	Guild Night – Victim Support
	7.30pm	Planning Group Meeting
2 nd	10 – 12	Kirk Café resumes
	7.30pm	The Men's Club
3 rd	7.30pm	Choir practice in the church
4 th	2.00pm	Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
5 th	6.30pm	Story Club in the hall
7 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
9 th	10 – 12	Kirk Café
	7.30pm	The Men's Club
10 th	7.30pm	Choir practice in the church
11 th	2.00pm	Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
14 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
15 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board Meeting
16 th	10 – 12	Kirk Café
	7.30pm	The Men's Club
17 th	7.30pm	Choir practice in the church
18 th	2.00pm	Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
19 th	7.30pm	Beetle Drive in the hall
20 th	10 – 2pm	Table Top Sale in the hall
21 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
22 nd	7.15pm	Guild Night – Councillor John McNally
23 rd	10 – 12	Kirk Café
	7.30pm	The Men's Club
24 th	7.30pm	Choir practice in the church
25 th	2.00pm	Ladies Thursday Friendship Group

28th 11.00am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Song's of Praise

MARCH

1st 7.15pm Guild – Project - Liz McKellar
2nd 10 – 12 Kirk Café
7.30pm The Men's Club
7.15pm Falkirk Presbytery Meeting
3rd 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
4th 2.00pm Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
5th 7.00pm World Day of Prayer
7th 11.00am Communion Service in the church
3.00pm Communion in the Complex
9th 10 – 12 Kirk Café
7.30pm The Men's Club
10th 7.30pm Annual Stated Meeting in the hall
11th 2.00pm Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
12th 7.30pm Quiz Night in the hall
14th 11.00am Morning Worship – Mother's Day
16th 9 – 11am Attestation of Records in Larbert
10 – 12 Kirk Café
7.30pm The Men's Club
17th 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
18th 2.00pm Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
21st 11.00am Morning Worship
22nd 7.15pm Guild – Ann Queen of Shops
23rd 10 – 12 Kirk Café
7.30pm The Men's Club
24th 7.30pm Choir practice in the church
25th 2.00pm Ladies Thursday Friendship Group
26th 6.30pm Story Club in the hall
27th 10 – 12 Guild Coffee Morning in the hall
28th 11.00am Morning Worship – Palm Sunday
6.30pm Palm Sunday Evening Praise
29th – 3rd April Holy Week Services

Mixed Badminton Group Thursday's at 7.30pm
Rainbows (Wednesday) and **Brownies** (Thursday)

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Ladies Thursday Friendship Group

Thank you to everyone who has supported our work this past year. We have donated blankets, jumpers, hats and gloves etc to BUSKET who are always pleased to receive our items to take to orphanages in Romania

This year we have also sold a good number of knitted goods for church funds.

We still collect old spectacles and used postage stamps

Thank you to all our loyal "knitters" who make this outreach work possible.

At our meetings we enjoy good company and a cup of tea as well as knitting or sewing up blankets.

*The new session starts on **THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY** in the Reading Room at 2pm.*

New members will be made most welcome.

Annette Finlay

The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and health...

In addition to the Projects being supported by the Ladies Thursday Friendship Group and the Guild, Dunipace Parish Church also supported:

Blythswood Care 128 Filled Shoe boxes along
with cheque for £175

Scottish Poppy Fund

Christian Aid

Purple Pinkie Appeal £220 to eradicate childhood polio

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Over **200** Christmas parcels were collected and distributed to our senior members.

This is just a little taste of the outreach we engage in.

Our sincere thanks are extended to everyone who supports the various Projects. Thank you and well done

WANTED....

In Dunipace Parish Church we already collect old spectacles, wool and used stamps. In addition you hand in baking items for the café (for all of which we thank you) We now have another item to add to this list.

We are looking for **EMPTY MARGARINE TUBS** of the **500g** size. We need the empty tubs for a new outreach project, which at the moment is in its infancy but with your help and support will grow as the year progresses.

The **CLEAN, EMPTY MARGARINE TUBS** should be brought down to the church and placed into the box lying on the vestibule table. We hope and pray that you will rise to this challenge and so help us further our outreach to the community – all will be revealed – honestly.

PAUSE & PONDER

If you are not fully aware today of the unique talents and gifts that God has given you...ask God to reveal those gifts to you. Ask Him to help you develop them and ask God to reveal ways in which you can use your talents for His glory...

This is exactly what we are endeavouring to do In Dunipace Parish Church. With this edition of the magazine you will find enclosed a **PINK PAGE** with a questionnaire on it. We **ENCOURAGE** every member and adherent to complete this form and return it to us. In so doing you will help us to identify, use, and develop the gifts and skills of our membership.

It's amazing what people can do to serve the church and parish – bake a cake, deliver flowers, attend a group or meeting, become an office bearer, help with the children, save up old spectacles, hand in a wee Christmas parcel, hand in an empty margarine tub, come to worship on a Sunday, visit the sick or housebound, develop the website, the list is **ENDLESS** so never feel that you have nothing to offer. God has blessed you and we need you.

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

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

Mrs Mary Paterson 44 Wilson Avenue, Denny
Mrs Sarah (Sally) Irvine 39 Beech Crescent, Dunipace
Mrs Mary Marshall 7 Milton Row, Dunipace
Mr John Finlay 12 Allan Crescent, Dunipace
Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Sinclair 8 Anderson Drive, Denny
Mr Albert (Bert) Stokes Formerly 75 Chestnut Crescent
Mr Robert Martin 2 West Plean Cottages
Mr Andrew Millar 6 Hawthorn Drive, Dunipace

The LORD'S SUPPER

will be celebrated at

11am in the Church

and at 3pm in the Complex

on

Sunday 7th March 2010

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mrs Sheila Smith who sends birthday cards on behalf of the church to our senior members. Thanks are also extended to Mrs Jane Mills & Mrs Fiona Collier who arrange the church flowers, Sunday by Sunday and sometimes mid week too.

Both the Card & Flower Ministries are well appreciated.

If you would like to donate to the Flower Fund or deliver the flowers, please contact Mrs Jane Mills

OUR WHO'S WHO 2010

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 Thomson
Mission Bags	Mrs Aileen Sneddon
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organists	Mr Bill Strang
	Mrs Zoe Cox
	Mr David Faulds
Choir	Rev Ronald Maxton
Story Club	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Youth Fellowship	
Sunday School	
Bible Class	Miss Laura Peattie
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 Jim 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