

# DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH NEWS LETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

### A Faith That Sticks in 2006

Dear Friends,

If I asked you to tell me your favourite Easter hymn, a great variety of responses would be given. Whether it is “Thine be the glory” or “When I survey the wondrous cross,” we all have an Easter hymn we like best. It maybe triggers particular memories or could it be it’s the tune that you love to sing?

My favourite Easter hymn is CH3: 293: “The Saviour died, but rose again, triumphant from the grave.” This is of course a Scottish Paraphrase from Romans 8: 34 to the end. I particularly like this hymn because it boldly reminds us that Easter is about victory, it’s about resurrection and life beyond death.

Yes, Christ was crucified, he died a terrible death and we should never forget that BUT he rose again. He lives and reigns and because of that death has indeed lost its sting. In the early Church the Resurrection was the star in the firmament of the Church. The Resurrection was the one glorious fact on which all worship and all life were founded.

***It is the Easter faith, the faith in the risen and living Lord, which makes us able to meet life.*** For if we believe that Jesus Christ is risen and living, then we must believe that all life is lived in his presence, that we are literally never alone, that we are called upon to make no effort, to endure no sorrow, to face no temptation without him.

***It is the Easter faith, the faith in the risen and living Lord, which makes us able to meet death.*** It is the Easter faith that we have a friend and a companion who lived and who died and who is alive for evermore, who is the conqueror of death. The presence, which is, with us in life is with us in death and beyond.

Whatever Easter hymn is on your lips, it is the Easter faith that should be in our thoughts not simply at a certain season of the Christian year; it ought to be the faith in which Christians live daily, and in which in the end they die, only to live again.

Yours in Christ,

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005

### February

26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	12.15pm	Soup Lunch - (Social Projects)
	6.30pm	Evening Praise – Healing Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Fraternal Meeting – Denny Old
	7.15pm	Guild Night – Mrs Lorna Duncan

### March

5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Communion Service in the Church</b>
	3.00pm	<b>Communion in the Complex</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Guild Night – Maurice Dobson “As we see it”
12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Annual Stated Meeting</b> in the Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Quiz Night</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	12.30pm	Baptism
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Kirk Session meeting</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	<b>Attestation of Records – Larbert Old</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	12.15pm	Soup Lunch (Property)
	6.30pm	Evening Praise Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Guild Night – International Rescue Team

### April

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	Guild Night – Annual General Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Palm Sunday Praise</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Holy Week</b> – Denny Old Parish Church
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Holy Week</b> – Denny Old Parish Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Holy Week</b> – Denny Westpark Church
13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> – Denny Westpark Church
14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Good Friday</b> – Dunipace Parish
16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	<b>Gala Park</b> open air service
	9.15pm	<b>Easter Breakfast</b> – Dunipace Church Hall
	11.00am	<b>Easter Family Praise</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Congregational Board Meeting</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship

**Dunipace Parish Church**

The Sacrament of  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

will be celebrated on

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

at 11am in Dunipace Church and at 3pm in the Complex  
There's a place reserved at the Lord's Table for YOU.

**Dunipace Parish Church**

**ANNUAL STATED  
MEETING**

in the church hall

on

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**at 7.30pm**

**with guest speaker Mrs Tish Graham**

We are looking for additional office bearers for the Board  
Come along and enjoy a good social night.

**Dunipace Parish Church**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

In the church hall

On

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

From 7.30pm

If you would like an application form to enter a team of FOUR  
people please contact Mrs Tish Graham or Mrs Dora Johnstone.  
This was a great success last year – let's make it even better this  
year!

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

## **“Easter is Challenge”**

Easter is the pivotal event of Christianity. The events of the Easter story bring comfort and hope. They encourage us to consider and reconsider our understanding of and response to the events of that history changing week.

Our familiarity with the narrative means that we often fail to grasp the radical nature of the events. The ministry of Jesus challenged accepted societal norms, the dominant religious mindset, injustice, and inequality.

Join with us throughout Holy Week as together we are challenged and changed by Easter.

### **PALM SUNDAY PRAISE**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am**

The crowd waved branches, and proclaimed their expectations. They expected a powerful monarch, a military liberator, a nationalist politician and reformer in the tradition of David. This is what they wanted. Days later, when expectations had not been met, they chose Barabbas and shouted for Christ's death.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**Rev Andrew Barrie**

**7.30pm in Denny Old Parish Church**

Imagine the amazement of the disciples and the watching crowd and the anger of the religious leaders, financiers and retailers. A challenge to a major commercial activity, a disruption of an accepted, yet exploitative industry...

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**Rev David Wandrum**

**7.30pm in Denny Old Parish Church**

Who are you to speak and teach? Who do you think you are? The challenge from the religious leaders is a question of authority, which Jesus does not avoid.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April                      Covenant Musical**

**7.30pm in Denny Westpark Church**

How can we choose from all the pressing needs around us that which we discern to be God's will? The choir of Denny Westpark will present the "Covenant Musical"

**Maundy Thursday Communion                      Rev John Murning**

**7.30pm in Denny Westpark Church**

The comfort, certainty and familiarity of cherished rituals and traditions have blessed the people of God for generations. Yet here Jesus brings new meaning and new direction to their accepted way of worship and celebration.

**Good Friday    Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher**

**7.30pm in Dunipace Parish Church**

Hopes dashed, a vision ruined, ending in humiliating death and pain. The response of the soldier "Surely this was the Son of God!" challenges us to contemplate the reality, the significance and implications of Good Friday for ourselves and for our lives.

**Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

As Easter people we rejoice in the gift of salvation and celebrate all that the redeeming death and resurrection of Christ means to us as we journey in love and faith towards life eternal.

**8.30am    Gala Park Service                      Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher**

**9.15am    Easter Breakfast in Dunipace**

**11.00am    Easter Family Praise                      Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher**

**Dunipace Parish Church**

# **MAY FAIR**

in the church halls

on

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY**

**From 1pm-3pm**

*Home Baking*

*Soft Goods*

*Crafts*

*Books & Toys*

*Toiletries*

*Groceries*

*Bric-a-Brac*

*Yellow Stall*

*Plants*

*Teas/Coffee*

*Games for the children and so much more...*

**Dunipace Parish Church**

# **GIFT GIVING DAY**

in the

**READING ROOM**

on

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**From 10.30am-12noon**

This is an ideal opportunity to give that little bit “extra” to support the work of the Church in the local community. The Minister and some office bearers look forward to sharing tea/coffee & a chat with you as you return your gift-giving envelope.

If this date is not suitable, envelopes can always be put into the offering bowl on a Sunday or passed to your Elder. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

## PARISH REGISTER

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

Mrs	Vena	Brown	6 Pearson Avenue, Head of Muir
Mr	John	Walker	74 Auchencloch Drive, Banknock
Mrs	Yvonne	Hoggan	14 Woodburn Crescent. Bonnybridge
Mrs	Louise	Nelson	87 Chestnut Crescent, Dunipace
Mrs	Mary	Smith	61 Barnego Road, Dunipace
Mr	James	Anderson	2 Haypark Road. Dennyloanhead
Mr	James	Kerr	97 Sutherland Drive. Denny
Mrs	Janet	Meechan	New Carron Nursing Home
Mrs	Elizabeth	Erskine	Grahamston House, Falkirk
Mrs	Irene	Cunning	8 Church Lane, Dunipace
Mrs	Margaret	Millar	Lincolnshire. England
Mrs	Rena	Barr	54 Gorrie Street, Denny
Mr	William	Owens	47 Ingleston Avenue, Dunipace
Mr	Matthew	Wright	5 Barnego Road, Dunipace
Mrs	Enid	Drummond	Forthview Nursing Home, Bannockburn
Mrs	Margaret	Cameron	11 Northfield Road, Dunipace.

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

Mr Tom & Mrs Christine McGuire	Formerly of 29 Kilbirnie Terrace, now live in Milton Row, Dunipace.
Mrs Jane Miller	Formerly of 30 Paris Avenue, is now at 68 Bankhead Avenue. Head of Muir.
Mrs Isa Smith	Formerly of 41 Glenview Fankerton is presently in Bonnybridge Hospital.

**NEW MEMBERS**      We welcome those who have joined with us at Dunipace Parish Church.

***By Resolution of the Kirk Session***

Mr William & Mrs Patricia Meechan	8 Highland Drive, Muirhall Rd. Larbert
Mr Tom & Mrs Florence Kay	14 Souillac Drive, Denny

***Adherents – worshipping regularly***

Mr Robert Wright	39 Milton Row, Dunipace.
Mrs Una Anderson Clackmannan	“Andreas” 8 Mercat Place,
Mr Ian Allen	

**Help us to help you by keeping us informed – thank you**

## OUR WHO'S WHO 2006

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Dr. Jean W Gallacher	824540
<b>Student "Enquirer"</b>	Mr Murray Mathers	
<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 Bags</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>Guild</b>	Mrs Betty McDonald	
<b>Flowers</b>	Mrs Jane Mills	
<b>Communion Linen</b>	Mrs Dora Johnstone	
<b>Kirk Café</b>	Mrs June Davies	
<b>Transport</b>	Mr Jim Winning	
<b>Property</b>	Mrs June Davies	
<b>Finance</b>	Mrs Ann Marchant	
<b>Social Projects</b>	Mrs Dora Johnstone	
<b>Hospitality</b>	Mrs Maureen Pleace	
<b>Magazine Distribution</b>	Mr Bill Paterson	
<b>Posters</b>	Mr David Reynolds	
<b>Webmaster</b>	Mr Jim Smith	

### VESTRY NIGHT

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