

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY – MARCH 2008**

**“Together We Make A Difference”**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear Friends,

“All for one and one for all”, is a saying you will probably recognise. The Three Musketeers are supposed to have said it but it was probably on the go long before they were. Whatever it’s origin it’s a saying that has it’s place in the church too, for surely all we do is done for One – that One being Jesus Christ our Lord, and all that He does is done for all of us?

As we move closer to the social gatherings which are designed to help us discover afresh just what the church is doing in the community and what more it could be doing. Let it indeed be, “All for One and One for all”. The theme for the campaign is, “Together We Make A Difference” It is indeed a biblical theme. In the Book of Ephesians we read, “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each does its work.” Ephesians 4: 11-13 & 16

By ourselves we can do little but TOGETHER WE CAN INDEED MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I can’t wait to see what we do together in 2008 but I know it will be done, “All for One and One for all.”

Yours in Christ Jesus

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **JANUARY**

28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Brightons Praise Group**  
in the church – tickets cost £3

### **FEBRUARY**

3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00am Pulpit Supply – Mr Arthur Stewart  
10<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Pulpit Supply – Mr Arthur Stewart  
11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Kirk Session  
17<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Morning Worship  
12.15pm Social Gathering & Soup Lunch  
19<sup>th</sup> 10am- 12noon Social Gathering – Kirk Café  
20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm “Songs With Supper” Social Gathering  
21<sup>st</sup> 2pm-3.30pm Social Gathering in the church hall  
24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Praise

### **MARCH**

2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am **COMMUNION**  
3.00pm **COMMUNION**  
5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Denny... Churches Together  
9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Worship  
12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Annual Stated Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Community Quiz Night  
16<sup>th</sup> 11.00am **PALM SUNDAY - BAPTISM**  
17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Holy Week – Westpark Church  
18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Attestation of Rolls & Records  
18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Holy Week – Dunipace Parish Church  
19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Holy Week – Denny Old Parish  
20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Holy Week – Denny Old Parish  
21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Holy Week – Westpark Church  
23<sup>rd</sup> 8.30am **Easter Service** - Denny Old Church  
9.15am **Easter Breakfast** – Denny Old  
11.00am **Easter Family Praise** – Dunipace  
30<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Morning Worship  
6.30pm Evening Praise

## **KEEPING YOU INFORMED**

### **CHOIR PRACTICE**

#### **Together We Make A Difference Through Praise**

The Reverend Ronald Maxton has offered to take Choir Practice in the church on a Thursday night at 7.30pm. The first choir practice will take place on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**. If you enjoy singing then come along and swell the numbers. All are welcome. You can still come along and enjoy the practice even if you do not want to sit with the choir on a Sunday morning. It's the ideal opportunity to learn new hymns and brush up on the old ones.

### **KIRK CAFÉ**

The Kirk Café continues in the church hall on a **TUESDAY** morning from 10am – 12noon. Help with kitchen duties, transport, and home baking will not be turned down. If you would like to assist please speak to Mrs. June Davies.

With regard to the amount of home baking that is required, a **BAKING BASKET** will sit in the church vestibule, week by week, to receive donations of baking ingredients to help ease the load on those who do the baking for the café. The following ingredients would be appreciated:

Flour (plain and self raising)

Margarine (blocks of Stork marg)

Butter

Eggs

Sugar (Caster and icing)

Dried fruits (currants, sultanas, raisins)

# **COMMUNION SERVICES**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Will be celebrated  
in the Church at 11am  
and in the Complex at 3pm

on

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2008**

“Come and share the feast”

There's a place at the Table reserved for YOU

## **Annual Stated Meeting**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008

at 7.30pm

in the Church Hall

We hope that as many folks as possible will come along to the Annual Stated Meeting. It's not all about facts and figures. Some light entertainment will be provided as together we give thanks for the work undertaken in 2007 and contemplate the work ahead.

There are VACANCIES on the Congregational Board. The Board is responsible for the day to day running of the church and shapes the budget. To serve on the Board you must be aged 18+ (lots of scope for the young ones!) and have a desire to promote the work of the church.

The Board meets on a Monday night about five times in the year.

If you would like your name brought forward to serve the church in this way, please have a word with the Minister. Thank you.

**TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
CAMPAIGN** February 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2008

**WHAT is the campaign all about?  
WHAT does it seek to provide?**

It's an opportunity for all of the local churches to share the message of God's love within the communities they serve

It's an opportunity for church members, adherents and friends to discover afresh just what the church is doing in the local community and further afield

It's an opportunity to reconsider our commitment

It's an opportunity to reflect upon what we do and what we give to support the work of the church

It's an opportunity to shape our vision for the future

It's an opportunity to share time and memories with other members of our worshipping community

It's an opportunity to say I AM a member of the church – I will continue to SUPPORT the church and PRAY for the ongoing work of the church

It's an opportunity to rejoice in the Good News of the Gospel we proclaim

It's an opportunity for ALL of US to  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

“I was glad when to  
the house of God,  
'come' they said to me.”

Dear Friends,

In February, a number of **SOCIAL GATHERINGS** will take place in the church hall. The purpose of the gatherings is to celebrate the work of the church in the community. You are warmly invited to join with us at one or more of these gatherings.

The groups and organisations that meet in the halls are invited to set up a table or wall display, outlining their activities.

We are also looking for pictures, showing the church and its events, over the years. If you have any such pictures please pass them to the minister as soon as possible.

The **SOCIAL GATHERINGS** will take place in the church halls on the following dates:

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February at 12.15pm**

The first gathering will take the form of a **SOUP LUNCH** during which short visual presentations will be shown, outlining the work of the church.

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 12noon**

The second gathering will form part of the Kirk Café. In addition to tea & home baking the visual presentations will be shown as together we do indeed celebrate the work of the church.

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**  
**“SONGS WITH SUPPER NIGHT”**

The third social gathering is the one we expect most people to attend. For that reason we have “jazzed it up” so put this date in your diary because you won’t want to miss our **“Songs with Supper Night”**

In addition to the short visual presentations we have two ladies coming along to provide a night of music and song. As they sing – will we will enjoy our supper and together rejoice in the work of the church. Our “Songs With Supper Night” will be a super night and we don’t want you to miss it.

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February 2pm-3.30pm**

All good things must come to an end.

This is the last social gathering and final opportunity for you to see the displays and watch the visual presentations.

**INVITATION**

With this edition of the magazine you should have received a letter inviting you to the social gatherings. There is a reply slip attached to help us with the catering arrangements. If you do not return the reply slip **YOU CAN STILL COME** to the social gatherings. In fact you can come to as many of them as you want – but please come to at least one

The disruption to our groups and organisations has been kept to a minimum. In fact, we hope these gatherings will provide an opportunity for our groups to recruit additional members!

## **TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Dunipace is a “braw wee place” with a “braw wee church”. The members are “braw” and the minister’s “no too bad either!”

If you’re not too sure about that, then come along to the social gatherings and find out for yourself just WHAT the church is doing in the community and WHAT it would like to do in the future.

As we continue our preparations and draw closer to the Social Gatherings we seek God’s blessing through prayer.

Generous God

All that we are

And all that we have comes from you.

We are your disciples here

Your word has been placed on our lips

and your work has been placed in our hands

that the good news of your love

May be known in this place

throughout Scotland and all over the world.

Empowered by your Spirit and working together with

enthusiasm and commitment, we can fulfil the task

you have given us

Bless our gatherings – our talking, our listening and our

reflecting

Open our minds and our hearts to your call to give.

Help us all to respond to you with love, with generosity,

with joyful commitment to your service. Amen

# **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
At 7.30pm in the church hall**

The Quiz Night, which is open to the whole community, is a night that's well enjoyed by the participants and spectators. It's suitable for all ages. Teams made up of four members are encouraged to register – it costs £10 per team. Spectators give a small donation on the night. The questions this year will be broad in scope – so brush up on every topic you can imagine and don't forget to read your Bible!

If you would like to take part, please fill in a registration form. You will get the form from Mrs Dora Johnston or Mrs Erica McKellar just now or simply fill it in on the night.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE....**

**Prayer & Discussion Night**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm**

If you would like to discuss matters of faith and their relationship to society today, then come along to the new Prayer and Discussion Group which will begin AFTER Easter. It will meet on the first Wednesday of the month - **beginning Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - at 7.30pm.

The group will meet in the Reading Room. It will be relaxed and informal in nature. There will be a time of prayer and a time of discussion. If you would like to find out more, please, have a word with the Minister.

**Together We Make A Difference Through PRAYER**

# **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

## **PALM SUNDAY PRAISE Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 11am**

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated as we begin our journey to the Cross and Resurrection

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Once again, the local churches are coming together for worship during Holy Week. The evening services all begin at 7.30pm. There is a retiring offering on the Friday for Christian Aid.

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Denny Westpark Church Rev John Murning
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Dunipace Parish Church Rev David Wandrum
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Denny Old Parish Church Rev Andrew Barrie
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday Communion Denny Old Parish Church Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Good Friday Service Denny Westpark Church Rev Andrew Barrie

The **PILGRIM WALK** round the town will take place on the Friday morning – further details will follow

## **EASTER SERVICES**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**8.30am** The early morning open-air service this year is taking place in the GARDEN of Denny Old Parish Church

**9.15am** The Easter Breakfast is in Denny Old Parish Church

**11.00am** **EASTER FAMILY PRAISE** in Dunipace Parish Church

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**BEREAVED** May God's strength be with the families who are bereaved:

Mrs Margaret	Comrie	Bankview Nursing Home
Mr Jack	Wilson	Highland Hospice
Mr Andrew (Andy)	Hampson	5 Woodlands Drive. Brightons
Mr John (Johnnie)	Cumming	28 Bonnywood Ave. B/Bridge
Mrs Mary	Stromberg	Bankview Nursing Home
Mrs Margaret	Ballany	New Carron Nursing Home
Mr James	Duncan	87 Bulloch Crescent, Denny
Mrs Margaret	Neilson	56 Barnego Road, Dunipace

**BAPTISM** We welcome into God's family the Church:

Abi Skelton c/o 62 Demoreham Avenue, Denny  
Daughter of Steven & Laura Skelton  
Grand daughter of John & Sandra Teven  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### **HELP THE ROLL KEEPER KEEP THE ROLL...**

When should you contact the Roll Keeper?

- (1) If you move house and would like to remain on the congregational roll of Dunipace Parish Church, OR
- (2) If you move into the area and would like to become a member of Dunipace Parish Church, please give the roll keeper a note of your name and address.
- (3) Similarly, if you are moving out of the area or no longer want to remain on our congregational roll please let the roll keeper know.

The Roll Keeper is Mr David Turnbull – 27 Anderson Drive, Denny. FK6.

You will find his telephone number listed on the back page of the magazine.

## **OUR WHO'S WHO      2008**

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
Web Editor	Mr James 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**