

# **DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH NEWS LETTER**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

**Church Alive in 2005**

**Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life"**

Dear Friends,

"£1.49 for a loaf of bread" my mother exclaimed loudly in a very busy supermarket. "Yes, mum, that's the way it is." I retorted quickly, hoping that she would make no further comment. Given that mum still remembers a "penny poke of chips" her shock was understandable. The folks nearby simply laughed in a kind hearted manner, one or two being very sympathetic to her outrage whilst I put the "costly" loaf of bread in the trolley and continued with the shopping.

On reflection it does seem scandalous that I - and no doubt many other shoppers - was prepared to pay such a price for a loaf of bread without even thinking about it when repeatedly on the television I was being informed that only 40p would feed a starving family of eight in Niger for a day. Perhaps I too should have been outraged at my own extravagance!

For me and, perhaps, for you the incident raises the following questions, that each of us must find our own answer to.

"What value do we put on such a basic staple requirement?"

We do indeed want to make poverty history. We want to see children growing healthily and communities thriving, here in our own land and overseas.

But what about the Bread of Life?

Let's not forget about spiritual poverty, for there are hearts that are starved of God's word, souls that are malnourished and lives that with regard to a faith commitment are impoverished. "What cost do we attach to the Bread of Life?"

Yours in Christ,

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005

### August

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Planning Meeting for the Garden Party
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 <sup>th</sup>	1pm-3pm	<b>GARDEN PARTY &amp; SUMMER FETE</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship – Presentation to Student
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING</b>

### September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Wedding in the Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
	3.00pm	<b>COMMUNION in the Complex</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm	Dunipace Primary School Board
6 <sup>th</sup>	6.45pm	Falkirk Presbytery Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>		Minister on holiday
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Pulpit Supply
16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>BEETLE DRIVE in the Hall</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Pulpit Supply
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Pulpit Supply
30 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-9pm	<b>CHILDREN'S DISCO in the Hall</b>

### October

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	<b>HARVEST SHOE BOX APPEAL</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15pm	The Guild – Opening Night
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	<b>MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BEREAVED</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>KIRK SESSION</b>
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Guild Project – “Together For A Change”
30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

**A Service of Dedication & Thanksgiving will be held in the Church on either Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> OR 30<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm to which representatives from all our Groups & Organisations are invited.**

**Further details will be intimated soon.**

## **A NOTE OF THANKS**

From Louise McClements

Dear friends,

At the end of May, David and I went down to Dumfries for the weekend for a short break. On our last day we decided take a run down in the car to the beautiful village of Whithorn. Whithorn was the home of St Ninian; the first person to bring Christianity to Scotland from Rome in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century A.D. Whithorn is also the home of St Ninian's cave, a secluded spot where St Ninian allegedly retreated to for periods of prayer and quiet reflection. David and I decided to take the pilgrimage route by foot to St Ninian's cave and after about twenty minutes of walking through breathtaking countryside and a pebbled beach, we arrived at this famous and holy spot tucked away beneath the cliff. The cave was smaller than I had anticipated, but cosy with a sandy floor and a breathtaking view. One could easily imagine St Ninian sitting in this cave, looking out at the pebbly beach, the waves lapping back and forth, contemplating his calling and listening for God's voice. The cave had many crosses etched into its walls some of which included names of loved ones. Several of the crosses were in Celtic style and centuries old. The recent remains of burnt out candles and tea lights lay scattered in comers of me cave and handmade wooden crosses rested on grooves on the walls.

There was a tremendous sense of peace and stillness within the cave and also much faith and hope. St Ninian brought Christianity to a land filled with paganism and superstition. St Ninian brought the light of Christ to Scotland and many centuries later this light continues to shine in our wounded, hurting world.

We too, like St Ninian, are called to bring the light of Christ's love to others. During my placement with you I had the privilege of experiencing some of this wonderful light and I thank you all for your love, support and encouragement Thank you also for the beautiful basket of flowers and book tokens I received on my final Sunday. The book tokens will help me purchase books for my final year at University and I adore flowers so they were much appreciated.

Thank you all so much and I pray mat God continues to bless all that you do in his service and that your light continues to shine brightly in the community of Dunipace.

### **PRESENTATION To Mrs. Sandra Boyd**

As Sandra's ten-week summer placement comes to its end on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August a special word of thanks and small presentation will be extended to her during Morning Worship. Donations for the gift should be passed to Mrs. Ann Marchant or the Minister as soon as possible. Thank you.



# AUTUMN ATTRACTIONS

## **A GARDEN PARTY & SUMMER FETE**

Will be held in the Church  
Garden & Halls

On

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
from 1pm-3pm

We are looking for as many stalls  
as possible. Donations of baking,  
Jams, chutney's etc would be  
Appreciated.

There will be a biscuit decorating  
and mini garden contest for all  
ages. Further details soon.

**Stalls include:** Home-Baking  
Groceries, Books, Tombola  
Bric-A-Brac, Red Stall, Toiletries  
And many more surprises.....

## **BEETLE DRIVE**

In the Hall

On

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
at 7.30pm

All ages are welcome  
Tickets only cost 50p

## **COMMUNION SERVICES**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

11.00am Church Service

3.00pm Tygetshaugh Court

You are cordially invited

## **CHILDREN'S DISCO**

in the Hall

on

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

7pm-9pm

Watch out for more details

ALL of these events  
are open to everyone  
With YOUR help we  
can make them a success  
Come along & enjoy the fun

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING SHOE BOX APPEAL

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11am**

Following the success of last years service we will again support the work of Blythswood Care a Christian charity which brings much needed aid and support to people in different countries.

You are invited to fill a SHOE BOX (or several of them) with various items which are listed on the enclosed form

Please complete the required Customs Form - which you should receive with this edition of the magazine Extra forms can be picked up in the church vestibule.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE BEREAVED

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm

This short, informal service of Thanksgiving takes place in the church and is open to everyone in the local communities.

During the service there is an opportunity to remember loved ones by laying a Flower of Remembrance on the table or by signing the Book of Remembrance. (You can either bring flowers with you or take some from the vase as you enter the church)

After the short service of Thanksgiving you are invited to join with us downstairs in the hall for tea and biscuits.

Let the Church be there for YOU  
as together we Remember and give Thanks  
for those we have loved and lost through death.

Further details if required are available from the Minister.

## PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr	Andrew	Robertson	Denovan Care Home, Dunipace
Mr	David	Anderson	13 Tarduff Place, Denny
Mr	Kenneth	Murray	27 Ingleston Avenue, Dunipace
Mrs	Elizabeth	Jack	Newcarron Nursing Home
Mr	Tom	Martin	43 Milton Row, Dunipace
Mrs	Esta	Kelly	Kinaird Manor, Camelon.
Mrs	Jean	Huskie	Wheatlands Nursing Home
Baby	Jamie	McHugh	86b High Street, Bonnybridge
Mr	James	Sneddon	15 Barnego Road, Dunipace
Mrs	Anne	McCulloch	Wheatlands Nursing Home
Mr	John	Cumming	Banknock, Haggs
Mr	William	Turnbull	6 Loney Crescent, Denny
Mr	William	Gillespie	33a Avon Street, Dunipace
Mrs	Agnes	Gardner	Bonnybridge Hospital
Mrs	Elizabeth	Anderson	20 Maple Place, Dunipace
Mr	Robert	Shanks	Bonnybridge Hospital

**BAPTISM**      We rejoice with those who have become part of God's family the Church through Baptism.

Mirren Elissa Cairns  
daughter of  
Angela & William Cairns:      5 Kelly Drive, Denny

Rebekah Caitlin Dunsmore  
Daughter of  
Gwen & William Dunsmore: 13 Barnego Road, Dunipace

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

Mrs	Magdalene	Comrie	Formerly of Bonnybridge Hospital, is now in Carrondale Nursing Home, Carron.
Mrs	Jean	Wilson	Formerly of 7 Timmons Place, is now at 6 Overton Crescent, Denny.
Mrs	Elizabeth	Anderson	Formerly of 13 Tarduff Place, is now at 26 Sutherland Drive.

## PARISH REGISTER (continued)

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

Mrs Margaret Elliot 39 Barnego Road, Dunipace.

**WEDDINGS** May God's blessing be with those joined in marriage

June 11<sup>th</sup> 2005

Lorraine Cara France & Thomas William Templeman  
19 Garvald Rd. Head of Muir

June 11<sup>th</sup> 2005

Aleksandra Michalowski & Kenneth Young  
51 Overton Crescent, Denny.

June 18<sup>th</sup> 2005

Michelle Martin & Barry Frame  
10 Ingleston Avenue, Dunipace.

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2005

Nicola Moore & Christopher Scott  
7 Lafferty Place Denny & 7 Rulley View, Dunipace

1<sup>st</sup> July 2005

Sandra Main & Alexander McArthur  
27 Hazel Crescent, Dunipace.

29<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Alana Horsburgh & Scott McKinlay  
51 Ingleston Avenue, Dunipace.

**Help us to help you by keeping us informed of changes.**

**If you require the services of the Minister or your Elder please let them know.**

**Remember that hospital records are confidential. Family members should let the Minister know if a relative is in hospital.**

## OUR WHO'S WHO 2005

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Dr. Jean W Gallacher	824540
<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 Aid</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>Flowers</b>	Mrs Jane Mills	
<b>Communion Linen</b>	Mrs Dora Johnstone	
<b>Kirk Café</b>	Mrs Sheila Smith	
<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 &amp; Guild</b>	Mrs Maureen Pleace	
<b>Magazine Distribution</b>	Mr Bill Paterson	
<b>Communications</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**