

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

“What can we spread?”

That’s the question I asked the children in the Primary School at their morning Assembly, in a bid to introduce our “Spread the Good News” outreach campaign to the children.

“Germs” one little boy told me.

“Lies” another child suggested.

“Butter on your toast”

“A blanket on the ground”

“A banner on the wall”

“Rumours”

“Happiness”

Finally, with a bit of help, the answer I was hoping for came, “We can spread Good News”

That’s exactly what our visit to the school was all about.

Through this simple outreach campaign, we were strengthening our ties with the local school, we were sharing a story from the Gospels, and we were connecting with the children in a new and creative way as we spread the Good News of God’s love.

Having been in the school in the morning, that very afternoon, I was helping on the BIBLEWORLD BUS which every P5, P6 & P7 child in all of the local schools had an opportunity to visit.

On this particular afternoon it was our own Primary Seven children who were on board. The children were fascinated by the modern interactive way in which the Bible was opened up to them. "Did you enjoy learning about the Bible on the bus?" I asked the children.

"Cool" one girl told me. "Awesome" a boy said

What fascinated me and captured my imagination was the question I was asked, at the end of the afternoon session, by two of the boys on the Bus.

"Miss Gallacher, how much does it cost to buy a Bible?"

"It doesn't have to be very much," I told the boys.

"£30" they suggested

"Oh no, it doesn't have to be anything like that", I said. "It can vary from a few pounds to a lot more, but it doesn't have to be too expensive"

"Do you have a Bible of your own?" I asked them

"No" one boy quickly replied

"Would you like a Bible?"

"Yes" they both replied

Both of these boys will receive a Bible.

I wonder though, how many of the other children in Primary Seven would like a Bible. I wonder too, if there is some way in which we, as a congregation, can rise to this challenge and incorporate it into our "Spread the Good News" campaign.

Could we give every child in Primary Seven a Bible as our gift to them at the end of term Service and Leavers Ceremony in June? Could we give them their very own copy of the Good News that they could carry with them for the rest of their lives? Now there's a seed that has been planted. I wonder, will it grow, as we seek to "Spread the Good News" or will it sadly fall by the wayside?

Yours in Christ,

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 2010

16 th	11.00am	Baptismal Service
17 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board Meeting
18 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café in the halls
22 nd	1pm – 3pm	MAYFAIR
23 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
25 th	Please note there is NO Kirk Café this week	
30 th	11.00am	Baptismal Service

JUNE

4 th	6.30pm	Story Club
5 th		Wedding
6 th	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION
8 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
13 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
15 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
19 th		SAFARI PARK OUTING
20 th	11.00am	BOOK-GIVING SUNDAY
21 st	7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting
22 nd	10-12noon	Last Kirk Café until September
24 th	1.45pm	School End of Term Service
27 th	11.00am	Morning Worship

JULY

3 rd		Wedding
4 th	11.00am	Summer Service
10 th		Wedding
11 th	11.00am	Summer Service
18 th	11.00am	Summer Service
25 th	11.00am	Summer Service
30 th		Wedding

AUGUST

22 nd	2.30pm	Gartmorn Dam Walk & BBQ
28 th	1pm-3pm	GARDEN PARTY – SUMMER FETE

MAYFAIR

Saturday 22nd May

1pm – 3pm

Stalls Galore...

Home Baking

Grocery

Bottles

Soft Goods

Toys & Books

Bric-a-brac

Yellow & Green stall

And so much more

Admission Free

Teas £1.50

ALL ARE WELCOME

Donations for the various stalls should be brought to the hall on the Friday night (about 6.30pm) or early on the Saturday morning. If you have a new idea for a stall, or can assist in any way, please, let us know. Your support is very much appreciated.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The LORD'S SUPPER

will be celebrated at
11am in the Church
and at 3pm in the Complex

on

Sunday 6th June 2010

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

SAFARI PARK OUTING

Saturday 19th June

If you would like to go on this year's summer outing, please, have a word with Mrs Barbara Fulford. Costs have still to be confirmed and will be intimated as soon as possible. At this stage, we encourage you to put the date in your diary.

BOOK – GIVING SUNDAY

Sunday 20th June at 11am

As the children get ready for their summer holiday, we look forward to presenting the children with their books and having them take part in our family service.

“Let’s Spread the Good News” Outreach Campaign

From little acorns - grow big oaks.
It started with an idea that was made in jest.
“Let’s find some way of reaching out to the young people in the community”. The idea, however, was planted and it grew and grew and grew.
The request for empty butter tubs and 20p coins – captured the imagination of the congregation and allowed the outreach campaign to become a reality.

On Thursday 13th May, the Minister and two elders - armed with a stunning banner that boldly proclaimed “Let’s Spread the Good News” - took 250 tubs up to the Primary School (a tub for every child in the school and Nursery) The tubs were filled with simple items: a sticker that said “Smile, Jesus loves you”, a small box of crayons, a colouring page telling the story of the Sower, a bag of compost and a bag of sunflower seeds.

The children were delighted with the gift of the tubs and more than willing to plant their seeds and watch them grow.

The idea now is that the children will return their empty tub along with a second one, which will be filled up next year with something new for the children not only in Dunipace School but also in a neighbouring school.

With your ongoing support, we pray that our “Spread the Good News” outreach campaign will continue to grow as we share the Good News of the Gospel with the children in our community

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

Mission is.... Discipleship is....

Coming to terms with new rules & regulations

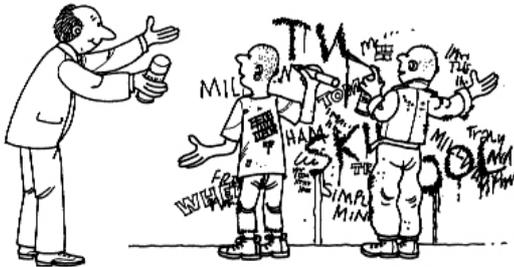


Hoping

Trusting in God



Reaching out to a new generation



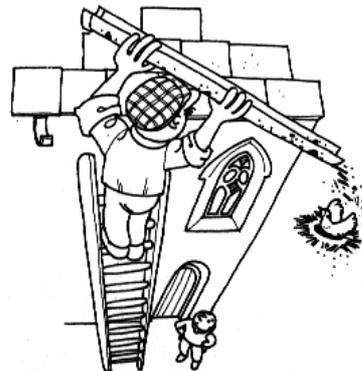
"THE HOURS ARE LONG, THE PAYS LOUSY, BUT THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD..."

Maintaining a building That's fit for God's purpose

Believing



Getting the Congregation On board



MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

“For I’m building a people of power
And I’m making a people of praise
That will move through this land by my Spirit
And will glorify my precious Name.”

Jesus’ disciples had dirty feet, not just because they lived in desert lands but because they moved about from town to town to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Standing still and sinking in the sands of time was not an option for them.

Jesus’ disciples were often tired, not just because they moved about but because they worked hard earning their keep as fishermen, tent makers, doctors and tax collectors whilst preaching to the crowds and spreading the Good News of the Gospel. Sitting still and failing to engage with the crowds was not an option for them.

Jesus’ disciples were laughed at and scorned, not just because they spread a message that people thought was a rumour but because what they said was true and the people didn’t want to believe it. Keeping quiet and allowing the crowd to drown their message out was not an option for them.

We are Jesus’ disciples today. We too are called to serve our local community and wider world. We too are called to proclaim the Good News in word and in deed. We too are called to engage with the crowds “out there.” We too will get dirty feet, our hands will get tired, and at times we will have restless souls as we grapple with the changing needs of society and the changing needs of the Church. Like Jesus’ disciples, let us embrace the work before us, with faith, with hope and with trust in the One who has called us and will make us a people of power and praise.

“And it’s from the old I travel to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.”

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

"All the new things that I see,
You'll be looking at along with me."

Are we beginning to see something new happening in Dunipace Parish Church?

I ask this because in these scary and challenging times, I can see optimism on the faces of many who come to church. I can see new faces, young and old, coming through our doors. I can see renewed hope in the future as members work tirelessly to maintain our work and mission. I can see faith that is prepared to move mountains as we seek to build God's kingdom in this place. I can see the power of God's Holy Spirit filling the hearts of our congregation with rekindled love and hope.

I can see the signs of new growth and VISION.

I can see a Church that is changing because it is living

Can you see these things too? I pray that you can.

The Planning Group, in consultation with the Congregational Board, is currently in the process of EXPLORING how our church halls need to be upgraded so that they both comply with all the new regulations governing public buildings and enable us as a community of faith to fulfil our work and mission in this parish.

The work before us will be long and hard but with your help we can BUILD on the optimism. With your help we can UPGRADE our halls and make them fit for God's purpose. With your help we can PASS ON to future generations, halls built of faith and love that they in turn can use to serve the parish. With your help, God's continued blessing and the support of others we will see something new in this place and we will see it taking shape, knowing and believing that God is looking at it too.

MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP

O Lord, hear our prayers

God bless this your house
From roof to floor
And the door
God bless us all
For evermore
God bless this your house
With the fire of hope
And the light of love
God bless each room
With thy might
God with thy hand
Keep us right
God be with us
In this your dwelling site

God of love, when, in our cosiness
We confine you and seek to restrict you
shake our complacency and stir our hearts
with passion and with prayer
Strengthen our commitment to be your servants
And grant to us, all that we need in faith, in gift and
in resources, to share in your mission and do what
you are calling us to do in this place
Loving God, you have called us to go on a journey
in faith. Help us to travel on with you in hope, until
we come to the place where you desire us to be,
This we pray, through the one who is the Way, the
Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BIBLEWORLD

The Bibleworld Mobile came to our Town

The local churches brought a high-tech, multimedia, mobile classroom to Denny & Dunipace on Monday 10th May – Friday 14th May. The Bibleworld Mobile is a 45ft, 14 ton, huge, 'Tardis-like' trailer, containing what is effectively a travelling classroom.

On the Mobile Bus there are six activity zones:

The **PLANE** – Which allows the children to "visit" other countries and see how the Bible is used

The **LIBRARY** – Where the children discover the Bible is a whole library of books varying in style and content.

The **QUIZMASTER** – Where the children watch Bible animations, participate in a quiz and find out about Christian festivals.

The **MUSIC QUIZ** – Explores the Bible through music

The **MUSEUM** – Where the children discover and experience how the Bible has been written down through the years

The **SPACESHIP** – Which allows the children to explore Bible stories and find out the history of the Bible Society

Using multimedia computer activities, the six learning zones bring the Bible to life for the children.

Throughout the week, during which the Bibleworld Mobile Bus was in town, in the region of 300 children (aged 8-12) visited the Bus and took part in the learning experience.

It was an overwhelming success.

Having the BIBLEWORLD MOBILE in town, allowed the local churches:

To develop their outreach to the primary school children in a new and creative way

To link in with the Christianity part of the Religious and Moral Education 5-14 curriculum

To make the Bible and its message available to schoolchildren and adults, through an interactive learning experience

BIBLE DISPLAY

May 9th – 23rd

A selection of family Bibles on display in Denny Westpark Church halls, ties in nicely with our own "Spread the Good News" outreach campaign and visit of the Bibleworld Bus to our town. The Bibles will be on free display for about two weeks. Please take the opportunity to visit the display.

Our thanks are of course extended to everyone who handed in Bibles for the display and to those who set it up. Bibles will be returned to their owners at the end of May.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Our thanks are extended to **Mrs Margaret McMurdo** and **Mr Finlay Hair** who, after many years of dedicated service as active Elders, now take a well-earned rest from “active duty”. They will of course keep a “watchful eye” on all that’s going on and will continue to help us in whatever way they can. We thank God for their faithful work as Elders and pray that God will bless them in new ways.

Our thanks are also extended to **Mrs June Davies** who, after many years of faithful service as our Property Convener, now passes the baton on to Mr Jim Perry. June has worked tirelessly (and I’m sure at times under much stress) to keep the church properties in good order. With the support of the Property Committee and her husband Roy (whom we also thank) June has well and truly stamped her mark of excellence on the property. As we thank June, we extend our support to Jim who picks up the reigns, and pray that God will continue to bless us through those who offer their skills and talents.

Thanks too are sincerely extended to the unsung heroes who often “incognito” bless us with the resources we need. Whether it is new communion covers, light shades for the church entrance, the extra “cheque” that tides us over, flowers for the garden, bookmarks, empty tubs and many other things, we do indeed thank you

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

The Church of Scotland is looking for gifted and committed people to serve the local and national Church

ENQUIRERS' CONFERENCE

To be held at
**WESTPARK CONFERENCE CENTRE
DUNDEE
JUNE 25 – 26
2010**

To register please contact:
Ruth Johnston or Carol-Anne Frame

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**SPACES ARE LIMITED – BOOKING ESSENTIAL
(CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 4 JUNE 2010)**

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	Mr Jim Perry
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