

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

I've often heard it said, "What a difference a day makes" I think recently we have all been saying, "What a difference a week makes"

The first week I'm referring to is of course Holy Week. It has come and gone but in doing so has definitely left its mark on the local worshipping community. Over the five nights all of the local churches shared in worship. With Easter this year being almost as late as it could be it meant that throughout Holy Week we were blessed with lovely clear, bright, warm nights which undoubtedly encouraged folks to attend the various services in all of the locations. It was a week that brought us all closer and gave us a stronger sense of being the Church Together.

The second week that comes to mind, is a week that had an impact on the United Kingdom as a whole. I'm referring of course to the week of the Royal Wedding. I think there must have been very few people who were not moved in some way by the poignancy of the occasion. Love shone brightly not only in the skies but in the eyes of the Bride and Groom. Crowds from all over the world shared in the pomp and pageantry of the day and even in many local humble homes, folks gathered round the television and soaked up the joy of the day.

The final week that comes to mind is the week of the Scottish Elections. It's not surprising that the words: seismic, tsunami and avalanche - to name but a few - were readily used by the media to capture the significance of the day. Even those who were not "politically minded" were still, I think, able to appreciate the historical significance of the day, when the Scottish people raised a united voice.

The sense of togetherness during Holy Week, a glimpse of young love sealed in a public kiss on the Royal balcony and the reality of a nation finding its voice, have all certainly made the past few weeks MEMORABLE

I once read that, "Memories are like the diary of our lives" Each page has its own story to tell and memories to rekindle.

In our individual lives and in our world where there is so much sadness and sorrow, pain and uncertainty, where the pages of our diary look dark and gloomy and bleak, what a joy to experience and remember those occasions and events that make the pages radiant, restoring lost hope and confidence.

Whatever this day brings
Whatever this week holds
Whatever lies ahead – go forward in faith and in everything give thanks, for the Lord is your rock, your fortress and your strength.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

15 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
16 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
17 th	10-12noon	Community CAFÉ
	7.00pm	Men's Club
18 th	2.00pm	Reminiscence Group
	7.30pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Friends of Dunipace
	7.30pm	Planning Group
19 th	2.00pm	Ladies Friendship Group
	7.30pm	Badminton Club
21 st – 27 th	May	GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEEK
For Pastoral cover please contact the Rev Helen Christie		
22 nd	11.00am	Pulpit Supply (Miss Rhona McDonald)
28 th	1pm-3pm	MAY FAYRE
29 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
31 st	11.00am	Community Cafe

JUNE

5 th	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION
6 th	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal Meeting
7 th	10-12noon	Café
8 th	2.00pm	Reminiscence Group
	7.30pm	Choir practice
12 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	UNITED PENTECOST PRAISE
13 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION
14 th	10-12noon	Café
15 th	2pm-4pm	TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE (Reminiscence Open Day)
18 th	11am – 5pm	SAFARI PARK SUMMER OUTING
19 th	11.00am	Worship - BOOK GIVING SERVICE
20 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
21 st	10-12noon	Café
26 th	11.00am	Morning Worship

MAYFAYRE

SATURDAY 28th MAY

1pm – 3pm

STALLS GALORE...

Home Baking Toiletries Soft Goods
Bottles Groceries Plants/Bedding
Bric-a-brac Books/Toys Sweets
Jams/Chutneys Yellow & Green Stall

And so much more...

Admission is FREE

TEAS £2.00

ALL ARE WELCOME

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

MISSION & OUTREACH

The LORD'S SUPPER

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

on

Sunday 5th June 2011

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

UNITED PENTECOST SERVICE

Sunday 12th June at 3pm

in

Dunipace Parish Church Halls

&

COMMUNITY GARDEN

This afternoon service of praise is suitable for the whole family, so come along and have a great time

ALL of the local churches will be sharing in the joy of the day. It will be filled with music and celebration

After our worship in the GARDEN
Tea will be served in the halls

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Dunipace Reminiscence Group Invites you to

TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

As you join with us on our first

OPEN DAY

Taking place in
Dunipace Parish Church Halls
On

Wednesday 15th June
2pm – 4pm

PICTURES

MEMORABILIA

ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST TO TRY

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST

REKINDLE MEMORIES & SHARE STORIES

Admission is FREE

TEAS £2.00

ALL ARE WELCOME

MISSION AND OUTREACH

SUMMER OUTING
To the
SAFARI PARK
On
SATURDAY 18th JUNE

For further details on the cost of tickets and to book a place on the bus, etc, please, contact Mrs Barbara Fulford - whose telephone number can be found on the "Who's Who Page"

BOOK GIVING SERVICE

In
Dunipace Parish Church
On Sunday 19th June at 11am

As the children of the church prepare for their summer holidays, we take this opportunity to "thank them" for their contribution to worship, week by week. They keep not only the minister on her toes, with their questions (always in order) but bring tremendous joy to the congregation as a whole.

POETS CORNER

Greta & Alex

Greta is a cheerful soul
Who fills our hearts with glee
On Tuesday coffee morning
It's very plain to see

Alex is so knowledgeable
On church's and theatres too
Here they go again by bus
They're off to Timbuktu!

Written by Mr Pat McLaughlin (Postman Pat)

We ought to remember
That we are not the only ones
To find ourselves
At an apparent impasse
Just as the kite rises
Against the wind
Even the worst of troubles
Can strengthen us
As thousands before
Have met the identical fate
And mastered it, so can we!

Dr. R. Brasch

You are of a species bred to endure. The sufferings of others do not make your own less real – but remember how those others clung to life and, in the end, won through. You can do it.

Pam Brown b. 1928

MISSION AND OUTREACH
MAJOR PROPERTY RENOVATION

**THE HUB CENTRE
PROJECT**

**To renovate the existing halls and add on a
new extension**
We need to raise over £400,000

To achieve this we need the help and support of church members, friends and indeed everyone in the community, along with outside funding organisations.

How can you help?

At this stage we need FINANCIAL support so that we can prove to outside funding organisations that we are COMMITTED to the Project and prepared to raise a reasonable percentage of the overall costs.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS can be big and small – every pound brings us closer to the target.

Donations can be given on a one off basis or on a regular basis, and don't forget, if you pay tax, your donation can be gift aided, allowing us to claim back the tax.

Donations can come from individuals, companies, groups and other organisations – indeed from anyone who wants to support the project.

Donations for the HUB CENTRE PROJECT
should be made payable to “**Dunipace Parish Church**”
and clearly marked for the HUB CENTRE PROJECT
For more information please contact the Treasurer

FRIENDS OF DUNIPACE

Registered Charity No: SC041936

The Friends of Dunipace are delighted with the first of our ventures in our mission to enhance the facilities and environment of Dunipace. The makeover of the Church garden to provide a Community Garden has been a resounding success and we take this opportunity to thank the Congregation of Dunipace Parish Church for allowing us to use the garden in this way. The garden is very attractively laid out and has already proved to be a place where local people can spend some time in peaceful surroundings.

We are now planning to move on to our next endeavour which is to raise funds to help Dunipace Church provide better catering/cafeteria facilities for community use. We appreciate the support the congregation and wider community has given so far and depend on your continued support for our next project.

Watch out for future updates on our progress!

The Directors of Friends of Dunipace are as follows:

Mrs Anne Marchant (Chairperson)

Mrs Fiona Bruce (Treasurer)

Mrs Letitia Graham (Clerk)

Mr James Perry

Mr James Winning

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

In addition we have a representative from the Congregational Board, the Kirk Session and the community sitting on our Management Board

To date we also have 47 registered associate members and we thank them for their support.

The Friends of Dunipace meet next on Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm in Dunipace Church Hall Annexe

From Anne Marchant Chairperson

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

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

Mr John Whyte 47 Glenview Ave, Banknock
Mrs Jemima Higgins 19 Tygetshaugh Court, Dunipace
Mr James McPherson Bankview Nursing Home
Mr James Burgess 14 Myotview, Fankerton

Baptism

We welcome into God's family the church:

27th March 2011 Millar James Buchanan
Son of Pauline & Andrew
Sister of Abbie
7 Connolly Place, Denny

Certificate of Transference

We are delighted to welcome the following family through certificate of transference:

Mr Ian & Mrs Janet Stokes of 5 Sinclair Crescent, Denny and their daughter Miss Vicki Stokes

Keeping Us Updated

Please help us to keep our records up to date by informing us of changes to your address etc.

The Roll Keeper is Mr David Turnbull whose telephone number can be found on the "Who's Who?" page

Hospital Visits

Please remember that hospital records are CONFIDENTIAL.

If you go into hospital and would like a visit from the Minister and/or your Elder, please, ask your family to let the Minister/Elder know which hospital (and ward) you are in.

OUR WHO'S WHO

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
	Rev Ronald Maxton
Choir Leader	Mr David Faulds
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Youth Fellowship	Miss Laura Peattie
Child Protection	Mrs Tish Graham
Guild	Mrs Betty McDonald
Men's Club	Mr Angus Cameron
Badminton Group	Mr George Mills
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills
Communion Linen	Mrs Chrissie Busby
Kirk Café	Mrs June Davies
Transport	Mr Jim Winning
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Erica McKellar
Hospitality	Mrs Maureen Pleace
Communications	Mrs Helen Lax
Magazine Distribution	Mr Bill Paterson
Posters	Mr David Reynolds
Website Editor	Mr James 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