

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends

Little To Say but Plenty to Declare

It's not often that I have little to say and yet, believe it or not, I'm struggling to pull this magazine together. There are a few reasons.

Firstly, we are entering a quieter period (something to do with the summer recess being round the corner) I'm not complaining, in fact I'm sure most of us are quite glad to slow the pace down a little after the busyness of the past six months. It has been all go, go, go, and I thank everyone who has been involved in all that's been going on. I think, however, all of us are in need of a little breathing space. It will not last for long because the next wave of events is already being planned.

The second reason why I'm struggling to pull the magazine together is because we are in a time of transition. Several changes are taking place in our own church with regard to the shape of our groups and organisations. Other changes are in the making at Presbytery and National level. These changes have not yet bedded down. New ideas are still being worked through and have yet to be formalised, so it's difficult to find something tangible to put in print at this stage. I guess it's a case of "patience is a virtue" and "watch this space." It just means that I can't be as definitive as I would like to. My rule of thumb being it's better (and indeed safer) to say

little, or indeed not to say anything at all, until I'm sure that what I'm saying is right. If only we all applied that rule to our daily living! So this magazine will be a bit thin on the ground. I'm sure I will make up for it in the next edition. It will no doubt be a bumper edition.

I might feel that there's little to say, at this stage, in relation to what's happening in the Church (locally and Nationally) but like our three new communicants I have plenty to declare. This I do loudly and dare I say proudly.

I declare my appreciation for those who tirelessly work away – often in the background- undertaking many of the tasks and duties that keep the church alive in this community. I declare my heartfelt thanks to those who despite increasing frailty and economic austerity continue to support our various fund raising ventures. I declare my gratitude to our members (new and old) who despite so many conflicting loyalties remain faithful to the Church. I declare the hope I experience when I see new folk sitting in the pew alongside regular members.

What a joy it was to see three young, talented, new members declare their faith in Christ Jesus. They brought such joy to the congregation and we in turn, will hopefully, live up to their expectations. What a delight to celebrate three Baptismal Services in the merry month of May. What a privilege to conduct a Wedding Ceremony here in our own church alongside Father Pat Boylan from St. Alexander's. What an honour it is to be part of Christ's body the Church where people come to declare their trust in God and acknowledge their need for Christ in their lives.

Yes, dear friends, for once I have little to say with regard to what's happening in the Church but I have plenty to declare and this I do gladly.

With kindest regards and blessings
From your minister and friend
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

20 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
22 nd	10.00am	Kirk Cafe
23 rd	7.30pm	New Elder's Induction
26 th	1pm-3pm	MAYFAIR Men's Club Outing
27 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – Baptism
29 th		Please note there is No Café

June

1 st	6.30pm	Story Club
3 rd	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh
5 th	10.00am	Kirk Cafe
10 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	1.00pm	Fundraising Lunch Global Volunteer Network
11 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION
12 th	10.00am	Kirk Cafe
17 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – Prize Giving
18 th	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal (Dunipace)
	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
19 th	6.45pm	Presbytery Meeting in Falkirk
24 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
28 th	1.45pm	Dunipace School Service & Awards

July

1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th		Morning Worship at 11am
27 th	7.30pm	NIGHT of MUSIC in the church

August

5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th		Morning Worship at 11am
25 th	1pm-3pm	GARDEN PARTY

This year's church outing to the Safari Park is NOT taking place until the Autumn. The date has still to be confirmed. Further details will follow soon.

Dunipace Parish Church

MAYFAIR

Saturday
26th May
1pm - 3pm

Stalls Galore

Bottle Stall Groceries Crafts
Home Baking Cake & Candy
Toys Books Soft Goods
Toiletries Garden Produce Gifts
Teas & Coffee
Bouncy Castle
And so much more

All Welcome

MAY FAIR Saturday 26th **May 1pm - 3pm**

Donations and Help Requested

Please help us to fill the tables to capacity by handing in donations for the various stalls.

Bottle Stall Toiletries Stall Grocery Stall

Soft Goods Stall Book Stall Home Baking Stall

Plant Stall Teas Yellow and Green Stall

**And any other stall you can think of
New ideas always welcome**

There's a Bouncy Castle and Games for the children

Please remember that we need people to "man" the stalls and that monetary donations are always gratefully received – even after the event.

If you cannot come along on the day (although we hope you can and we encourage you to bring friends too) please remember the work of the church is ongoing and is dependent on support from all of our members and from the wider community.

Each year we need to raise at least £80,000.

Your generosity and support can help us achieve this.

We thank you in anticipation of this help.

**The hall will be open on Friday 25th May at 6.30pm
and early on Saturday 26th May
to receive donations for the stalls.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated at
11am in Dunipace Church
and at 3pm in the Tygetshaugh Complex on

Sunday 3rd June 2012

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

Fundraising Lunch

To support Emma Marshall who is going to Vietnam as a volunteer to work with orphans, street children and less able children.

The lunch will be held in the church halls

Sunday 10th June at 1pm

Tickets, priced £5.00 for the 3 course lunch
are available from the Minister,
from Agnes Peatie and from Emma
who can be contacted on
07411274456

Prize Giving Family Service

in Dunipace Church

Sunday 17th June at 11am

Join with us as we give thanks for children in the church

Summer Sensations in July and August NOT to be missed

“The Kings of Swings”

A NIGHT OF MUSIC IN THE CHURCH

Enjoy the music of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and the other crooners as presented by

Mr David Faulds

In Dunipace Church

Friday 27th July

At 7.30pm

What a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a night of music with friends here in the local community
Tickets priced £4.00 available at the church in advance
OR simply come along on the night – All are welcome

THE GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 25th August

1pm – 3pm

This was a huge success last year, thanks mainly to the weather that allowed it to be held outdoors. The bouncy castle brought in the children and the children brought in adults and together we had a fantastic afternoon of fun.

Here's hoping we can do the same again

With Your Help We Can

“Let Your Light Shine”

The theme of the BIG CONCERT, held recently in the church was “Let Your Light Shine” and those who took part in the event did indeed let their light shine. It was a great night and we thank everyone who was involved. We thank those who came along and created such a great atmosphere. (The attendance could have been better but it was a Thursday and we had dreadful weather – excuses, excuses) We are, however, delighted to announce that due to popular demand another BIG CONCERT – billed this time as a VARIETY SHOW will be held in October – so come on folks, get your thinking caps on and see what performances you can create – the talent is there. Groups and individuals are encouraged to take part. More information will follow soon. In the meantime, start practising. NO EXCUSES allowed!

NEWS UPDATE for YOUR INFORMATION

It is with a tinge of sadness I report Dunipace Guild is being disbanded in its present format. Our sincerest thanks are extended to all who have been involved in the Guild over many years and we recognise with appreciation their generous support over those years.

I am glad to inform you that a new Group has been set up in its place, with a more relaxed format. This new social group will meet once a month on the fourth MONDAY of the month at 7.15pm

24th September 2012

March 17th 2013

22nd October

April 22nd

26th November

May 29th

The hope is that we can shape up some additional “Evening In’ nights on the Monday’s when the new group is not meeting so that there is continuity. Again watch this space and keep Monday’s free in your diary.

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

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

Mr John Marshall 1 Milton Place, Dunipace
Mr George Black 263 Stirling Street, Dunipace
Mrs Mary Stewart 10 Hawthorn Drive, Dunipace
Mrs Margaret McNab 15 Johnston Place, Denny

Wedding

Our warmest congratulations are extended to Vikki Stokes and Mark O'Brien who were married in Dunipace Church on Friday 18th May 2012. Wedding Ceremony conducted by the Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher and Rev Pat Boylan.

Baptism

We welcome into God's family the Church:

6th May Cameron Lauchlan Thomas Malcolm
Son of Stuart & Natalie
13th May Payton Nicolson
Daughter of Scott and Lisa

New Members by Certificate or Resolution

Elders are asked to note the following details and update their District Lists as appropriate

Mr Sam & Mrs Margaret Aitcheson 3 Vale Place (D10)
Mrs Georgina McBride 14 Avonside Drive (D24)
Mrs Elizabeth Nicolson 7 Leith Place (D26)

Admitted by Profession of Faith

Lisa McConnell 46 Laxdale Drive (D26)
Tracy Laird 22 Chestnut Crescent (D20)
Neil Thomson 22 Chestnut Crescent (D20)

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 Cook
Mission Bags	Mrs Aileen Sneddon
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organists	Mr David Faulds
	Mr Bill Strang
	Mrs Zoe Cox
	Rev Ronald Maxton
Choir Leader	Mr David Faulds
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Child Protection	Mrs Helen Lax
Evening Friendship	Mrs Betty McDonald
Afternoon Friendship	Mrs Annette Finlay
Men's Club	Mr Angus Cameron
Reminiscence Group	Mr Jim Perry
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
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