

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

*“The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky...
Build it out of gopher barky, barky ...” (JP:210)*

There’s a well known old saying, “If a jobs worth doing - it’s worth doing well” This usually involves, designing, planning, preparing, waiting, watching, working, praying, hoping, and ultimately rejoicing (if it works well) or making time for quiet reflection and reconsideration (if it doesn’t come together as originally intended) In other words time, money, effort, blood, sweat and tears, are often crucial factors in the whole process, along with perseverance, persistence and faith.

What a job God gave Noah – but despite the taunts and teasing he endured, Noah built the ark.

What a job we gave God – but despite our rebellion and constant doubting – God sent His Son and in so doing brought salvation to all who believe in Christ Jesus.

What a job God has given to us – to “stretch the tent” in such a way that our work and witness is relevant for today and tomorrow.

Now we believe it’s a job worth doing – so to the best of our ability we will endeavour to do it well. Who are the “we” I hear you ask? The “we” are all those who came along to the Congregational meeting and voted in favour of the redevelopment of the church halls. The “we” are all those who have expressed a willingness to help us with the job we have in hand.

What is the job we have in hand?

The job before us is to modernise the church halls and add an extension that will provide new kitchen facilities and toilets. The job before us is to engage with the community in new ways that make the Gospel message real and meaningful to the lives of people today. The job before us is to turn the church halls into the **HUB** of the community.

How are we going to do it?

We'll certainly not overnight – but hopefully over the next year or two! There are many “hoops” to jump through, many stages to progress and we cannot miss any – so patience will definitely be a virtue!

Having completed a Feasibility Study that highlighted some of the needs in the community, the proposed design for the Hub building was developed. The architect's drawings are currently being displayed in the church halls.

What do we need to do now?

With the congregation consenting to the HUB PROJECT, we need to take it forward and seek to secure the funding required.

We need to raise over £500,000

To achieve this we need the help and support of church members, friends and indeed everyone in the community.

How can I help?

You can help by offering your time, your talents, your money, your prayers, and your ongoing support.

Donations for the HUB PROJECT

should be made payable to “**Dunipace Parish Church**”

and clearly marked for the HUB PROJECT

Benefits in kind and other offers of help

Are all equally appreciated.

Yours in Christ, Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

21 st	11.00am	Guild Dedication Service
22 nd	7.30pm	CONCERT – Bohemian's
23 rd	10-12noon	Kirk Cafe
24	2pm – 4pm	Reminiscence Group
24 th	7.30pm	Bible Study & Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Blue Christmas Service – Denny Old
27 th	1pm –3pm	CHRISTMAS FAYRE
28 th	11.00am	GIFT GIVING Service (Advent 1)
	3.00pm	Guild CAROL Service
	6.30pm	Evening Song's of Praise

Please note there is NO café on Tuesday 30th November

December

1 st	2pm-4pm	Reminiscence Group
3 rd	6.30pm	Story Club
5 th	11.00am	COMMUNION in the Church
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in the local Complex
6 th	7.00pm	Planning Group Meeting
7 th	10-12noon	Kirk Cafe
	7.15pm	Presbytery Meeting in Larbert
8 th	2pm-4pm	Reminiscence Group
11 th	2pm – 4pm	Christmas LUNCH
12 th	11.00am	Baptismal Service
14 th	10-12noon	Last Kirk Café for this year
15 th	2pm-4pm	Reminiscence Group
19 th	11.00am	Family NATIVITY Services
	12.15pm	Children's Christmas Party in hall
	6.30pm	CHRISTINGLE Service
21 st	1.30pm	School Christmas Service
24 th	10.30pm	Tea & Mince pies in the hall
	11.00pm	Carol singing in the church
	11.30pm	MIDNIGHT WATCH Service
25 th	10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY Family Praise
26 th	11.00am	Boxing Day Family Praise

January 2011

2 nd	11.00am	New Year Family Praise
9 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
16 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
17 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board Meeting
23 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
24 th	7.30pm	CONCERT – Hillfoot Harmony
30 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Song's of Praise

KEY SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2011

January	24 th	Concert – Hillfoot Harmony
February	18 th	Beetle Drive
March	11 th	Quiz Night
March		Mad Hatters Dance
April	24 th	Easter Tea & Bonnets
May	21 st	Mayfair
June		Church & Community Concert
August	21 st	Gartmorn Dam Walk & BBQ
	27 th	Garden Party & Summer Fair
September		Stewardship Month
September	16 th	Quiz Night
October	28/29 th	Kilt & Tiara Dance
November	26 th	Christmas Fayre
December	10 th	Christmas Lunch

These are the proposed months for key social events in our church diary. Further details will follow when available.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD 2011

Normally meets on the 2nd Monday at 7.30pm

January – March – May – June – September – November

KIRK SESSION 2011

Normally meets on the 3rd Monday at 7.30pm

February – April – June – October – December (if required)

COMMUNION SERVICES

On 1st Sunday of March – June – September – December

Christmas Fayre

*In
Dunipace Parish Church halls*

*SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER
1pm - 3pm*

Admission is FREE

Stalls Galore

Bottle Stall Toiletries Home Baking

Santa's Sack Face Painting Soft Goods

Gifts Under Wrap! Groceries Cake & Candy

Red & Green Stall Feed the Birds Hampers

And so much more...

TEAS £2

All are Welcome

GIFT GIVING SERVICE

Sunday 28th November at 11am

You are invited to bring along (or hand in) Christmas gifts for distribution to our senior members. Each wrapped gift should be to the value of about £3 and should be clearly marked for a “Lady”, a “Gent” or for “Either”

As always we thank you in anticipation of your support.

GUILD CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 28th November at 3pm

Guild members and friends, from throughout the Falkirk Presbytery area, will be gathering in Dunipace Parish Church for their annual Carol Service. We look forward to welcoming the Guild members and their friends. We thank Mr David Faulds for providing the music, Mr Drew Robertson for printing the hymn sheets and our own Guild ladies for the tea and mince pies. All are welcome.

EVENING SONG'S of PRAISE

Sunday 28th November at 6.30pm

Following on from the Guild Carol Service we have our own evening Song's of Praise in the church at 6.30pm. Looks like Sunday 28th November is going to be a very busy and song filled day – getting Advent off to a really good start. We hope you can join with us and share in our Christmas preparations

The LORD'S SUPPER

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

Sunday 5th December 2010

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

KIRK CAFÉ

10am – 12noon in the halls

Tuesday 23rd November	OPEN
Tuesday 30 th November	CLOSED
Tuesday 7th December	OPEN
Tuesday 14th December	OPEN
Tuesday 21 st December	CLOSED
Tuesday 28 th December	CLOSED
Month of JANUARY	CLOSED

Thanks are extended to everyone who supports the Kirk Café. Additional helpers will not be turned away and new patrons always made very welcome.

MISSION & OUTREACH

We have received letters of Thanks for supporting:

Blythwood Care – Shoe Box Appeal

Lemon Aid – Hospital Appeal

Poppy Scotland

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Saturday 11th December from 2pm-4pm

With this edition of the church magazine you should find enclosed an invitation to the Christmas Lunch (An invitation goes into every magazine – even though the Lunch is for our senior members)

We hope that many of our senior members will be able to join with us for what is always an enjoyable afternoon. The enclosed reply slip should be completed and returned by Sunday 5th December. Thank you.

HELPERS to assist with kitchen duties, transport duties and other general duties on the day of the Lunch would be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS of home made soup, apple pies, sandwiches, mince pies, etc, for the Lunch are requested. A list for donations is lying on the vestibule table. Please mark your name against the donation you are happy to make. Thank you.

STORY CLUB

Children of Primary School age are encouraged to come along to the STORY CLUB in the church halls from 6.30pm – 8pm on **Friday 3rd December.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 19th December at 12.15pm in the hall

For all children in the Sunday School or Story Club

SERVICES FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Family NATIVITY Service

Sunday 19th December at 11am

Evening CHRISTINGLE Service

Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm

TEA & MINCE PIES in the hall

Friday 24th December at 10.30pm

CAROL SINGING in the Church

Friday 24th December at 11.00pm

MIDNIGHT WATCH Service

Friday 24th December at 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY Family Praise Service

Saturday 25th December at 10.30am

BOXING DAY Family Praise

Sunday 26th December at 11am

NEW YEAR Family Praise

Sunday 2nd January 2011

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King”

Come along and enjoy the Christmas story as we
share the WORD in season with you and yours.

Friends of Dunipace Community Garden Project

The idea for a Community Garden was identified in the Feasibility Study carried out by Dunipace Parish Church. The study identified a missing community asset, namely a community hall, and, a community garden offering a place of tranquillity and relaxation beyond the public park.

Funding was sourced and obtained by the Friends of Dunipace (through a Grant awarded by the **People's Postcode Trust**) thus enabling the Community Garden Project to become a reality and thereby "kick start" a bigger project that will benefit the wider community

The garden will be a secluded but open design, with spaces to sit and relax, remember loved ones, enjoy the outdoors. There will be scope for the Brownies Bumble Bee Project, the Nursery School's Teddy Bear Picnics, the Story Club's storytelling ventures etc.

The Project has started and hopes to be open in time for a Community Christmas event.

Can you help?

Yes. We need volunteers to help with the planting and path construction. Most of the hard landscaping will be carried out by professionals but the garden project is at heart a community project and any help – be it with regard to materials or labour – will be greatly appreciated.

What do we need?

Plants, bulbs, compost, use of a van to collect materials, machinery, your time and enthusiasm etc. You can donate toward additional benches or plant a shrub in memory of a loved one. Thanks are extended to those who have already come forward and offered help.

Contact **David** **07731-687-329**
 Jean **01324-824540**

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

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

Mrs Margaret Taylor	Newcarron Nursing Home
Mrs Agnes Gibson	20 Tygetshaugh Court, Dunipace
Mr William Barron	59 Castleview Terrace, Haggs
Mr Robert McNab	15 Johnston Place, Denny
Mrs Elizabeth Menmuir	3 Glenview, Dennyloanhead
Mrs Margaret Riddle	Wheatlands Nursing Home
Mrs Catherine Moffat	22 Thistle Avenue, Dunipace

Baptism

We welcome into God's family the church:

17 th October	Darcie Jean Cowan Daughter of Stuart & Natalie Dunipace-Denny
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Keeping Us Informed

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

Hospital Visits

Please remember that hospital records are CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Please also note that every hospital and hospice has Hospital Chaplains who cover designated wards and provide full spiritual care.

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
	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 Johnston
Kirk Café	Mrs June Davies
Transport	Mr Jim Winning
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Dora Johnston
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