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**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2009
"YEAR OF HOME COMING"
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Some things are easier to broach than others. We freely talk about the weather. We often discuss our holidays and readily ponder the state of the nation.

Other things are more difficult to broach and demand a greater degree of tact and sensitivity. Issues such as the war in Afghanistan or whether or not Scotland should have more Nuclear Power Stations!

I would like to broach a pleasant subject with you. This being the generous outpouring of love and support you showered upon me as you helped me celebrate the 20th Anniversary of my Ordination. Your kindness shone "crystal clear" and your gift I wear with deep affection in the shape and form of the stunning BROOCH you had commissioned for me. I will forever treasure your kindness and always be humbled by the loving way in which you support me in our shared ministry.

My love for each of you is great and the gift I bestow upon you is the gift of God's goodness and love that shapes our work together and guides us on our way.

May we forever be bound in Christ Jesus, trusting that whatever comes our way - as the years roll on - we are united in service, strengthened in faith and drawn closer in the peace of God. With heartfelt thanks and blessings

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER 2009

- 21st 1pm – 3pm **CHRISTMAS FETE**
22nd 11.00am Pulpit Supply – Mr Arthur Stewart
22nd – 28th Pastoral Cover – Rev Helen Christie
Tel: 813786
23rd 7.15pm Guild – DIY Floral Art
24th 10 – 12noon Kirk Café
27th 6.30pm Children's Story Club
28th 10am – 1pm Indoor Car Boot Sale in hall
29th 11.00am Gift Giving Service & Guild Dedication
6.30pm Evening Praise

DECEMBER 2009

- 1st 10-12noon Kirk Café
3rd 7.00pm Denny For Youth Meeting
4th 7.30pm **A NIGHT OF MUSIC FROM
THE SHOWS**
5th 10am – 1pm Indoor Car Boot Sale in hall
6th 11.00am **COMMUNION in the Church**
3.00pm **COMMUNION in the Complex**
8th 10-12noon Kirk Cafe
12th 2pm – 4pm **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
13th 11.00am Worship – Home Alone Sunday
12.15pm Children's Christmas Party
14th 7.15pm Guild Night
15th 10-12noon Last Kirk Café until the New Year
19th 10am – 1pm Indoor Car Boot Sale in hall
20th 11.00am **Family Nativity Service**
6.30pm **Christingle Service**
22nd 11.00am School Christmas Service
24th 10.30pm Tea & Mince Pies in the hall
11.00pm Carols in the church
11.30pm **Midnight Watch Service**
25th 10.30am **Christmas Day Praise**
27th 11.00am End of the Year Family Praise

Christmas Fete

**Saturday 21st November
1pm – 3pm**

Home baking Teas Soft Goods

Groceries Bric-a-brac Toys/Books

Bottles Toiletries Red & Green Stall

And much more....

Donations for the various stalls should be brought down to the hall on Friday night or early on the Saturday morning.

If you would like to help or assist in any way – please come along – your offer to help will NOT be turned away

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC
FROM THE SHOWS**

With Mr David Faulds & Accompanist

In Dunipace Parish Church
On

FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER
At 7.30pm

Tickets priced £5
Available in advance from the Minister
Or at the door on the night

Tea & biscuits will be served during the interval
ALL ARE WELCOME

Jesus said,

“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love
one another as I have loved you. By this shall others
know that you are my disciples, if you love one another,
as I have loved you”

The LORD'S SUPPER

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

Sunday 6th December 2009

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

CHRISTMAS GIFTS – Gift Giving Service

Sunday 29th November at 11am

Christmas Gifts for distribution to our senior members should be WRAPPED and clearly MARKED for a Lady or Gent. They should then be brought along to the Gift Giving Service that takes place on the 1st Sunday of Advent (Each gift should be to the value of about £3)

Many of the gifts will be given out at the Christmas Lunch, the remainder distributed in time for Christmas.

GUILD DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday 29th November at 11am

Guild Week will be marked with a Service of Dedication in the church on the 1st Sunday of Advent (also our gift giving service) The ladies of the Guild will read scripture and sing a lovely hymn for us. In appreciation of their incredible work, we pray that God will continue to bless everything they do, here in Dunipace Parish Church and throughout the world with their overseas projects.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH in the hall

Saturday 12th December from 2pm-4pm

With this edition of the church magazine you should find enclosed an invitation to the Christmas lunch (one 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 invitation should be completed and returned by Sunday 6th December.

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 will also be greatly appreciated. There is a LIST for DONATIONS lying on the vestibule table. Please mark your name against that which you are able to give. Thank you

**On the Menu in Dunipace Parish Church
for
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

**Family NATIVITY Service
Sunday 20th December at 11am**

**Evening CHRISTINGLE Service
Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm**

**CAROL SINGING in the Church
Thursday 24th December at 11pm**

**MIDNIGHT WATCH Service
Thursday 24th December at 11.30pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY Family Praise
Friday 25th December at 10.30am**

**END OF YEAR Family Praise
Sunday 27th December at 11am**

We have a service for everyone
So come along and enjoy the delights of the
festive period
As we share the WORD in season with you

The Perfect Church

*If you should find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear
For goodness sake don't join that
Church, you'd spoil the atmosphere*

*If you should find the perfect church
Where all anxieties cease
Then pass it by, lest joining it, you
Spoil the masterpiece*

*If you should find the perfect church
Then don't you ever dare
To tread upon such Holy ground
You'd be a misfit there*

*But since no perfect church exists
Made of perfect men
Let's cease on looking for that church
And love the church we're in*

*Of course it's not the perfect church
That's simple to discern
But you and I and all of us, could
Cause the tide to turn*

*What fools we are to flee out past
In that unfruitful search
To find, at last, where problems loom
God proudly builds His Church*

This poem was handed in anonymously for inclusion in the magazine. If you have more, please hand them in too. Thank you

Gods masterpiece

*From graceful lilies pure and white,
God fashioned lovely skin,
For-get-me-not's he chose for eyes
Then formed your baby chin.*

*He took a tulip bright and red
Twas one that did not fade,
A softer sweeter little mouth
Before was never made.*

*Another flower next he used,
A rosebud pink and fair,
Touched it to your dimpled cheeks
And bade it blossom there.*

*Then with his magic fingers
He picked two "morning glories" white,
Curled and shaped your little ears,
And soon they were fastened tight
That crowning bit of golden down
Will soon become your hair,
He gathered pollen from the flowers
And sprinkled it with care.*

*For dainty little fingers dear,
And precious tiny toes,
He used the slender daisy frills,
And a snowdrop made your nose.*

*This world and all that's in it
He created here for man,
But a baby is "Gods masterpiece"-
Since time and life began.*

*This lovely poem was read beautifully by Miss KellyAnne McVicker
during worship on Sunday 1st November
I believe she came across it on the Internet*

News to *SHARE*

— *News for editors of church magazines*

October 2009

Famine in Kenya

Bringing spiritual hope and physical care. Mission Aviation Fellowship uses light aircraft in developing countries so that people in remote areas can receive the help they need.

Prolonged drought in Kenya has led to a serious shortage of water. In Nairobi, power is off for three days each week as power stations rely on water to operate.

But more seriously, reports suggest that nearly four million people are starving in Kenya today. So much so that World Food Programme (WFP) is appealing for £140,000 for famine relief.

MAF flights, which are able to reach inaccessible areas, have taken in emergency food supplies to some of the worst-affected areas.

Ruth Moores, Information Co-ordinator for MAF in Kenya, warns, 'The situation in northern Kenya is extremely serious. The prediction is that there will be good short rains from October to December. But if the short rains don't come, then I fear that Kenya is heading for a disaster.'

Lack of rain earlier in the year has caused crops to fail. Affected regions usually harvest crops once a year, planting in April and harvesting in September. But this year, the rains failed to come.

According to the BBC, 'Many subsistence farmers are reported to be abandoning rural areas - where they rely on aid - and moving into already over-congested slums in the towns and cities.'

So far, human casualties are thought to be low, but malnutrition rates are climbing. Cattle herders are also struggling to keep their herds alive. According to WFP, it is the worst drought since 2000.

MAF carries out regular flights to the Lodwar area in arid northern Kenya. When our operations team observed that an aircraft was travelling to Lodwar with room for freight, it was an opportunity to bring food supplies.

Our team contacted the Diocese of Lodwar who arranged for the food to be collected. The plane was filled with 1,000kg of Unimix - an enriched, high-energy porridge mix suitable for malnourished people.

When pilot Adrian Rose landed, five vehicles were waiting - each taking 200kg of the food to be distributed to five different schools. The schools had been having difficulty getting enough food to feed their children.

Other flights to Lodwar brought another 1,000kg of Unimix for Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Two flights have also gone to Laisamas to distribute food bought by Chrisco Community Church, which supports missionary Benson Wanyoike. Benson is working with the local school, Mercy Primary School. The food was distributed to the school and to the local community.

Other parts of East Africa are also facing food shortages due to drought.

MAP is involved at the heart of reaching vulnerable people, whether they are in spiritual or physical need.

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PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

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

Mr Alan	Feeney	16 Broompark Gardens, Denny
Mrs Elizabeth	Duncan	Carrondale Nursing Home
Mrs Netta	Hampson	New Carron Nursing Home

Baptism

We welcome those who have become part of God's family the Church through baptism:

November 1st Leo Steven Waledzik
Son of Steven & Allison

Wedding

We rejoice with those recently joined in marriage:

September 18th Barbara Ann Howe to Stewart Moffat

New Members

We welcome the following new members into the fellowship of Dunipace Parish Church:

Mr Ian & Mrs Margaret McVicker

Mrs Allison Waledzik

OUR WHO'S WHO 2009

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	
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	Mrs June Davies
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Dora Johnstone
Hospitality	Mrs Maureen Pleace
Magazine Distribution	Mr Bill Paterson
Posters	Mr David Reynolds
Website	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

Children's Ministry

STORY CLUB

Children of Primary School age are encouraged to come along to the STORY CLUB in the church hall on the following dates:

FRIDAY 13th November 6.30pm Lights

FRIDAY 27th November 6.30pm Christmas
Crafts

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas party for all the children in the **Sunday School and Story Club** takes place in the church hall on:

SUNDAY 13th December From 12noon – 2.30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE