

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2009
“YEAR OF HOME COMING”
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

There's an old saying, "If something is worth doing, it's worth doing well." It's true, isn't it?

Think about the number of times when you have done a job, but hurriedly or half-heartedly, just for the sake of getting it done. Usually when we approach a task with that kind of attitude we discover that we don't really enjoy the task and it's often not done as well as it should be.

I think it's understandable how the modern day "hap-dash" approach is often the order of the day. Many folks feel that they are reaching "saturation point" or have too many demands placed upon them. When that happens surely they must stop, take stock of the expectations, try to establish realistic goals and find others who can help them

Even in the life and work of the Church, members can feel that they too have reached "saturation point." Many tasks need doing, but the labourers are increasingly few, putting pressure on those who offer their time and talents.

As a Kirk Session, Congregational Board and Congregation, we too need to take stock of what we are doing, reflect upon what we need to change and find people to help us, so that our work and witness never becomes "mundane and hum drum" but is undertaken with

zeal and a proper “sense of pride” in doing what God is asking us to do in this parish.

In the Gospels we read, “Love the Lord your God, with all your heart and soul and mind.” That’s absolutely true because if our work is motivated by love, it will be undertaken willingly. The text, however, does not seek to bring us to our knees or drain us.

In Dunipace Parish Church, we are currently, carrying out a research project to look at how we can be the Church not of yesterday but for today and tomorrow. We are inviting the local community to help us in the task of understanding afresh what we should be doing to proclaim the love of God in our parish, and help us identify, how in realistic and manageable ways, we can be innovative in our work and so bring a renewed sense of zeal and enthusiasm to the church members and local community.

Over the next few weeks, Survey Forms will be distributed at worship and in various places throughout the community. Please take time to read the Survey Form, complete it and return it to the church or place it in the boxes that can be found in the local newsagent shop in Dunipace, in Denny Library and hopefully in Dunipace Primary School (when the children are back)

“If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well”

Let that be our motto in the church as we seek to be faithful heralds of God’s word and channels of his grace.

We are delighted to be Ordaining and Admitting four new Elders, who will carry their share of the load and bring new ideas to us, as they help us find the right way forward. May God bless them and us, in all we do in Christ’s name.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 2009

26 th	7.30pm	Meeting of new Elders in the Manse
29 th	1pm – 3pm	GARDEN PARTY
30 th	10.40am 11.00am	Meeting of the Kirk Session Service of Ordination & Admission for new Elders
31 st	7.30pm	Meeting of the PLANNING GROUP in the Reading Room

SEPTEMBER 2009

1 st	7.00pm	Presbytery Meeting in Larbert
6 th	11.00am 3.00pm	COMMUNION in the Church COMMUNION in the Complex
8 th	10-12noon	KIRK CAFÉ resumes in the hall
9 th – 29 th	Sept	2009 Gift Giving Campaign
10 th	7.00pm	Ordination at Bonnybridge St. Helen's
11 th	7.30pm	QUIZ NIGHT in the hall
13 th	11.00am	Home Coming Sunday
14 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
15 th	10-12noon	Kirk Cafe
18 th	1.30pm	WEDDING in the Church
19 th	10-5pm	Dunipace Highland Games
20 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
21 st	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal Meeting being held in the Hospice
22 nd	10-12noon	Kirk Café
27 th	10.45am 11.00am 6.30pm	Meeting of the Kirk Session Ordination of new Elder Evening Praise Service
28 th	7.15pm	GUILD – Opening Night Speaker: Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
29 th	10-12noon	Kirk Cafe
30 th	7.30pm	Kirkin' o' the Council in Denny Old

OCTOBER 2009

2 nd	7.15pm	Lanza Lives! Concert in the church
3 rd	7.15pm	Lanza Lives! Concert in the church
4 th	11.00am	HARVEST – Blythswood Shoeboxes
6 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
10 th	10-12noon	GUILD COFFEE MORNING in hall
11 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bereaved
13 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
18 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
19 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION meeting
20 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
25 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Praise Service
27 th	10-12noon	Kirk Cafe
	7.15pm	Presbytery Meeting in Larbert
30 th	8pm – 12am	DANCE in the Masonic Halls

NOVEMBER 2009

1 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
2 nd	7.30pm	GUILD CONCERT in the hall
3 rd	10-12noon	Kirk Café
8 th	10.40am	Remembrance Service at Cenotaph
	11.30am	Remembrance Service in the Church
	12.10pm	Remembrance Service in the Garden
9 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
10 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
15 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
17 th	10-12noon	Kirk Café
21 st	1pm-3pm	CHRISTMAS FAYRE in the halls
22 nd	11.00am	Morning Worship – Mr Arthur Stewart
24 th	10-12noon	Kirk café
29 th	11.00am	Advent 1 - Gift Giving Service
	6.30pm	Advent 1 - Evening Praise Service

**DUNIPACE PARISH
CHURCH**

GARDEN PARTY
Saturday 29th August



2009



ROCK & ROLL



1pm---3pm



Games for the Children.



various stalls



Home Baking for sale.



Teas £1.50p

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

RECORDING OUR THANKS

Two legacies were recently bequeathed to the church. The first legacy for £1,000 came from the late Mr David Lindsay, a well remembered Elder in the church. The second legacy for £4,000 came from the late Miss Helen Richardson who is also affectionately remembered by many in the congregation. Our sincere thanks are recorded to the families as we acknowledge the regard with which our former members have remembered the local church in their Will and have so generously supported us in our ongoing work and witness.

EXPRESSING A FURTHER NOTE OF THANKS

As a new session gets underway, we recognise that changes are bound to come our way as we go about our work and witness. It is, therefore, with sincere thanks that we, as a congregation, note with deep gratitude the years of service given to us by Miss Betty Nelson, one of our organists, who has in fact now retired.

A presentation will be made to Betty, in due course, expressing our appreciation and wishing her every blessing in retirement.

We also note with gratitude the development that has taken place, over the past six months, in the confidence of Mr Andrew Robertson, who is an Enquirer, exploring his sense of call to the ministry. Andrew has participated in worship over the past six months and has undertaken visits with the minister and helped us as a congregation with our multi media presentation. As Andrew prepares to move on to his next placement we thank him and pray that God will continue to guide him and direct him to the area of ministry he feels called to. A small presentation will be made to Andrew on **Sunday 30th August at 11am**

**OFFERING THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THE
ELDERSHIP - Sunday 30th August at 11am**

We are delighted to intimate that FOUR members of the congregation will be Ordained and Admitted to the office of Eldership:

Mrs Helen Lax, Mrs Mandy Moffat and Mrs Gwen McGowan will be Ordained and Admitted to the Eldership on **Sunday 30th August** at 11am

Mrs Sandra Teven, will be Ordained and Admitted to the office of Eldership a few weeks later on **Sunday 27th September** at 11am

We pray that our new Elders will settle into their new role and quickly become known by the congregation who, I know, are waiting to embrace them and welcome them into their hearts and homes.

The LORD'S SUPPER

will be celebrated at

11am in the Church

and at 3pm in the Complex

on

Sunday 6th September 2009

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

Jesus said,

**“I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE,
and no one comes to the Father except through me”**

THE KIRK CAFE

Is held in the church hall on a **TUESDAY**

From 10am – 12noon

It resumes on **Tuesday 8th September**

A warm and friendly welcome awaits YOU
As does lots of lovely home-baking & Teas

If you would like to help by:
baking cakes, serving in the kitchen, helping with
transport or simply coming along to sit down and relax
then please let us know or just come along
Offers of help and support will not be turned down

ALL ARE WELCOME

THANK YOU TOO...

I know that a few of our “long standing” helpers are hanging up their aprons and retiring from the Café. Their work over the years does not go unnoticed. They will be missed and are greatly thanked for all they have given of themselves.

As a few new folks pick up the torch handed to them we pray that they will gain the same kind of satisfaction from the task as did those who have now retired with their heads held high – we honour them and thank them all most sincerely.

The Kirk Café is a wonderful means of outreach not only to the parish but also to our members who come along and enjoy a wee chat with folks they know and are getting to know. If you haven't been to it – come on down – and see what you have been missing.

2009 GIFT GIVING CAMPAIGN

9th September – 29th September

Gift Giving Envelopes for this years campaign will be distributed with the order of service over the next few weeks and with this edition of the magazine. This is the 9th year of our Gift Giving Campaign and in anticipation of your usual support, we do indeed thank you, and pray that you will give as generously as ever.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th September at 7.30pm

Due to popular demand a second Quiz Night is being held in the hall this year. Teams of four people, from the church and wider community, are encouraged to take part. The cost is only £10 per team and this includes tea and goodies. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and of course to the team that scores the least!

It's always a brilliant night – so get this date in your diary - and remember if you are not taking part in a team you can of course sit on the sidelines as a spectator.

DANCE – DANCE – DANCE... the night away

Friday 30th October from 8pm – 11.30pm

In Denny Masonic Halls

Tickets cost £5

You are asked to bring your own “supper” with you

Again this is always a fantastic night, with music that caters for all tastes, so no excuses please. This is another event you will not want to miss. You can, of course, bring along your family and friends.

Don't be stuck in over the winter months. Put on your glad rags and dance the night away or come along and listen to the music in the company of good friends.

Further information, on both of these upcoming events, is available from Mrs Dora Johnston and Mrs Erica McKellar.

THE GUILD

OPENING NIGHT

Monday 28th September at 7.15pm

The Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher is guest speaker at the Opening Night of the Guild. As we welcome the minister and hopefully old and new members too, we look forward to the start of a new session with a new theme and new projects for us to explore. All are welcome

GUILD COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10th October (10am – 12noon)

Apart from raising some helpful funds for the work of the Guild, the coffee morning is an ideal opportunity for folks to come along to the hall and learn a little about what the GUILD does with the money raised.

Donations of home baking are always appreciated and new friends will always be made most welcome.

GUILD CONCERT in the church hall

Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm

Further details will be announced soon, in the meantime, please put this date in your diary. We can assure you that the things the Guild does or plans are always worth attending – they do a GOOD JOB – don't they? All they ask in return is your ongoing support and encouragement – which you do give them – and which they appreciate.

**May the Lord make your love
increase and overflow for each
other and for everyone else, just
as ours does for you.**

1 Thessalonians 3:12

BE MY LOVE

AN EVENING WITH MARIO LANZA FEATURING DAVID FAULDS



Presented by Cast Theatre Company





CAST THEATRE COMPANY



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Dunipace Parish Church

Stirling Street

01324 823 888

2nd and 3rd October 2009 at 7:15pm

£10.00 (£7.00)

www.greenroompresents.com

SERVICE of HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday 4th October at 11am
BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Once again, we are supporting the SHOE BOX Appeal that brings much needed aid and assistance to people who lack many of the “basic commodities” as a result of economic crisis or strife.

Leaflets, which you complete and attach to your filled shoebox, will be distributed as soon as we receive them. In the meantime you are encouraged to gather together toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, and other little items to put into your boxes. A one pound coin should also be attached to help offset the transport costs that are incurred in getting the boxes overseas

We express our sincere thanks for the ongoing support you give to the Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the BEREAVED
Sunday 11th October at 3pm

This short memorial service, during which we remember those we have lost through death and hold in prayer those whose grief is still raw, is open to everyone in the community who would like to honour the memory of a loved one

A flower of remembrance can be placed on the communion table and a short message can be written in the Book of Remembrance.

Tea is served in the hall, after the service.

Further information is available from the Minister.

PAUSE & PONDER

We are God's workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

He who began a good work in
you will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus

Philippians 1:6

Every good and perfect gift is
from above, coming down from
the Father of the heavenly lights

James 1:17

Better a dry crust with
peace and quiet
than a house full of
feasting with strife

Proverbs 17:1

Have a heart that never
hardens, and a temper
that never tires, and a
touch that never hurts

Charles Dickens

Sow good services;
sweet remembrances
will grow from them

Germaine de Stael

Our Lord does not care so
Much for the importance of our
Works as for the love with which
They are done

Saint Teresa of Avila

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mrs Mary McPherson	17 Hawthorn Drive, Dunipace
Mr Jack Potter	16 Beech Crescent, Dunipace
Mr Frank Reid	8 Argyll Path, Denny
Mr John Kay	2 Margaret Court, Denny
Miss Helen Richardson	Annfield Care Home, Stirling
Mrs Rose Jeffrey	6 Milton Close, Dunipace
Mr George McIntyre	10 Lochhead Avenue, Denny
Mrs Nan Adams	9 Hazel Crescent, Dunipace
Mrs Lena Comrie	Carrondale Nursing Home

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

June 21st Eve Elizabeth Rose Malcolm
Daughter of Stuart & Natalie
Anderson Park Road, Denny

June 28th Gavin McGregor
Son of Martin & Nicola
5 Kilbirnie Terrace, Denny

July 5th Darcy Tess Mary Russell
Daughter of George & Lara
Stirling

Wedding We rejoice with those recently joined in marriage:

June 12th Fiona Wilson to Michael Platt
39a Randolph Road, Stirling

August 9th Laura McRoberts to Ronnie Weir
24 Devon Valley Drive, Sauchie

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 & Youth Fellowship	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Sunday School	Mr Lachlan McGowan
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 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