

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER**

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

“He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge.” Psalm 91:4

Over the past year I – no doubt like many other people – have felt like the woman in a recent television advert where she is running around ragged, trying to keep quite a number of plates spinning at the one time. Being a natural problem solver I was sure that I could manage the pace but I began to realise that it was becoming more and more difficult to keep all the plates spinning. One plate would have almost stopped spinning and was in danger of crashing to the floor and I would just get there in time to keep it spinning when another plate had almost stopped and I was back to square one again. Thankfully before I ran out of steam and all the plates came crashing to the floor assistance was at hand in a variety of ways. I even learned to appreciate the help. Quite an achievement for a very independent person!

We all live busy lives and we can all feel like the lady in the advert. Trying to manage the home. Trying to manage the demands of work. Trying to manage church commitments. Trying to manage our personal time. Trying to manage... a whole host of things.

As we venture into a new session with all its challenges and delights, there will be quite times and manic times, easy days and difficult days, relaxing tasks and

demanding tasks. There will be lots of plates to keep spinning as we fulfil our work and witness in old and in new ways.

For any individual it would be far too much – whether you are the Guild President, the Story Club leader, the Session Clerk, the Property Convener, the Minister, the Social Projects Convener, or whoever - alone it would be far too much. It is only by working and sharing, caring together, and being a team, that we will be able to keep the plates spinning and manage to enjoy it all in the process.

At times we are overwhelmed by the expectations placed upon us as a congregation. At other times we get scared as we consider what lies before us in these difficult economic days but despite our fear and trepidation, anxiety and often unnecessary worries, we can look forward in faith if we continue to put our trust in God.

Do you think that God is surprised by the needs you are experiencing? To the contrary – God knows you far better than you will ever know yourself. He knew about this need in your life long before you were ever conceived in your mother's womb. Not only did God know about that need but He knew His provision for meeting that need. Just as your need is no surprise and no mystery to Him, neither is the provision for solving your problem or meeting your need hidden from His understanding or ability.

Isn't it amazing how God told Noah the exact measurements for the ark Noah was to build? Isn't it amazing how five loaves and two fishes could feed a multitude? When you stop and look back over your own personal life - and the life of the congregation - isn't it amazing how God provides us with the people and resources we require to meet our needs? All God – the great provider - asks is that we have faith in Him.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

2 nd	10.00am	Planning Group Meeting
5 th	11.00am	COMMUNION in the Church
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in the local Complex
6 th	10-12noon	KIRK CAFE resumes in church halls
	7.30pm	Planning Group Meeting
7 th	6.45pm	Presbytery Meeting in Larbert
10 th	7.30pm	Community QUIZ Night in halls
12 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
13 th	2.30pm	Communications Committee
19 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
26 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
27 th	7.15pm	Opening Night for the Guild

OCTOBER

1 st	7.30pm	Community BEETLE DRIVE in halls
3 rd	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service SHOE BOX APPEAL
4 th	7.15pm	Guild Night
10 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
	3.00pm	Memorial Service for the Bereaved
17 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
18 th	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION MEETING
24 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
25 th	10.30am	Local Area Fraternal Meeting
	7.15pm	Guild Night
26 th	7.15pm	Presbytery Meeting in Larbert
30 th	7.30pm	DANCE in the Masonic Halls
31 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Song's of Praise Service

The LORD'S SUPPER

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

Sunday 5th September 2010

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

The KIRK CAFE

Resumes on

Tuesday 6th September

10am – 12noon in the church hall

ASSISTANCE URGENTLY REQUIRED

Bakers – to go on the rota for providing home
baking

Helpers – to assist with transport and kitchen
duties

Servers – to meet and greet the visitors

The Café is a big part of our church life.
With new blood we can keep it going

Our sincerest thanks are extended to those who
have assisted in the past but have now retired
gracefully due to health issues. We thank you and
pray that God will bless you in new ways.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 10th September

7.30pm

**Teams of FOUR people
are invited to take
part.**

**The cost is £12 per
team.**

**Prizes will be awarded
And Tea served**

WHERE

**Dunipace
Church
Halls**

All are welcome

**Register in advance
OR simply come along**

**"The Flower
that Shattered the Stone"**

A Charity Concert
by



**THE STONEHOUSE
MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2010
AT 7.00PM**

**AT BONNYBRIDGE ST HELEN'S PARISH CHURCH
HIGH STREET BONNYBRIDGE FK4 1DH**

*"In the hearts of the children a pure love still grows
Like a bright star in heaven that lights our way home
Like the flower that shattered the stone"*

A Song by John Denver

**TICKETS Recommended Donation £5 from
MONICA MACDONALD at Tel 01324 874807**

*All proceeds to The Place of Restoration,
a Shelter in South Africa
for abandoned and abused Aids orphans*

FUN FOR ALL AGES IN OCTOBER

BEETLE DRIVE

Friday 1st October at 7.30pm

Seriously, due to popular demand, we are holding another BEETLE DRIVE in the church halls. Although there were only about twenty-four people at the last one, the view of all concerned was that it was worth repeating - more so when folks realised THEY HAD MISSED A FANTASTIC FUN NIGHT!

So come on, no excuses, lets FILL the hall and let the whole community know that having faith can be fun. What a great way to spend a Winter's night - drawing beetles and then recovering from all the excitement with tea and biscuits. More details are available from Mrs Dora Johnstone.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY DANCE

In the Masonic hall

Saturday 30th October 7.30pm

Even if you don't like dancing you can still come along and enjoy the music and the company. Tickets will soon be on sale from members of the Social Projects Committee.

Bring along your own picnic supper, a few friends and let's enjoy a great night together. Further details will be available soon.

Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Sunday 3rd October 11am

Once again, as a congregation, we are supporting the work of **Blythswood Care** a charity organisation who brings much needed help to people in crisis. Please, fill a SHOE BOX (or several) with hats, gloves, scarves, toiletries, etc. Wrap the shoe box in Christmas paper, complete the list of items sheet and bring the filled box along to worship on Harvest Sunday – 3rd October at 11am

Leaflets can be found on the vestibule table.

Memorial Service For the Bereaved Sunday 10th October at 3pm

During this particular service, we remember those whom we have loved and lost through death, as we honour their name. The service is open to everyone (near and far) who feels it would be helpful.

During the service there is an opportunity to lay a flower of remembrance on the communion table and come forward to write a message in the book of remembrance. For more details please contact the Minister.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Once more, we have been overwhelmed by the rapid and very generous response to our various Appeals. Recently a substantial (cash) donation was handed in anonymously (during worship). The congregation thanks the “unknown giver”. In addition several donations have come in to support our “Spread the Good News BIBLE Project. Once again we extend our thanks for all acts of generosity.

Some give a little – some give a lot
But all give with a cheerful heart.
The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Communications....

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Under the very able Convenership of Mrs Helen Iax, along with the support of a good team, the Communications Committee are in the process of creating new displays for the church halls, highlighting the various groups and organisations that meet in the halls. In addition a new colourful “Who’s Who” will appear with a picture of all office bearers and group leaders (subject to your consent of course)

We hope that you will respond positively to these new initiatives and thereby help our new Convener and Communications team, fulfil the task set before them. After all, we do have a message to spread and you are very much a part of it all.

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved

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

Mr Alexander Westwater	35 Gorrie Street, Denny
Mrs Isabella Smith	Wheatlands Nursing Home
Mrs Elizabeth McPherson	60 Beech Cresc, Dunipace
Mrs Linda Russell	3 Connolly Drive, Dunipace
Mrs Margaret Weir	Wheatlands Nursing Home
Miss Ingrid Stromberg	10 Baxter Crescent, Denny
Mr John (Ian) Leishman	26 John Davidson Drive
Mrs Euphemia Craig	36 Thistle Ave, Dunipace
Mr Joseph (Joe) Harvey	21 Allan Cresc, Dunipace
Dr Peter Paul	Cheltenham, England

Baptism

We welcome into God's family the church:

16 th May	Zac Scott Finn Noble
30 th May	Leni Rebecca Grant

WEDDINGS

We rejoice with those recently joined in marriage:

5 th June	Eric Burnside & Virginija Marcinkute
3 rd July	Craig Stevenson & Louise McGibbon
10 th July	Ryan Hay & Louise Anderson
30 th July	Clayton Harris & Laura Lapsley

Change of Address

Please note the following change of address:

Mrs Nan Feeney	Formerly Stirling Street (D22) Now 14 Tygetshaugh Court (D21)
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OUR WHO'S WHO**2010**

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 Johnstone
Kirk Café	Mrs June Davies
Transport	Mr Jim Winning
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Dora Johnstone
Hospitality	Mrs Maureen Pleace
Communications	Mrs Helen Lax
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