

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

“Look forward in faith”

Dear Friends,

“Making Dreams Come True” has been a theme that has captured the medias attention throughout the Olympic Games. Athletes have pushed themselves to the limit. The best of the best have indeed seen their dreams come true, and they have come home with the medals to prove it.

People often say, “Seeing is believing” But you know it seems to me that the winning athletes turned this phrase on its head. They BELIEVED it could happen and because of their FAITH they SAW their dreams come true.

I wonder what would happen if we turned that familiar phrase on its head! What if we too could say: “Believing is seeing” Imagine WHAT we could SEE happen if we only BELIEVED it was possible. Our “dreams” could come true too!

In the Church, we talk less about dreams and more about VISION but we still need FAITH to BELIEVE that God’s work will be done in this place.

As we venture forth into a new session and embrace the demands and delights of God’s VISION let us go forward

in FAITH, believing that we will see new and exciting things happening in this parish.

If we BELIEVE that people will be touched and transformed by the Holy Spirit, we will SEE it happen – especially if we share God’s Word with them

If we BELIEVE that people will come forward and offer their gifts and talents, we will SEE it happen – especially if we warmly embrace that which they offer

If we BELIEVE that empty pews will be filled, we will SEE it happen – especially if we encourage friends and neighbours to join with us.

If we BELIEVE.... We will SEE it happen.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.

Where There is Love

*Where there is love the heart is light
Where there is love the Day is bright
Where there is love there is a song
To help when things are going wrong
Where there is love there is a smile
To make all things seem more worthwhile
Where there is love there’s quiet peace
A tranquil place where turmoils cease
Love changes Darkness into light
And makes the heart take “wingless flight”
Oh, blest are they who walk in love
They also walk with God above
And when man walks with God again
There shall be Peace On Earth for men.*

Helen Steiner Rice

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

8th – 28th	Gift Giving Campaign
23rd 1pm-3pm	Garden Party
24 th 11.00am	Morning Worship
24 th 11.00am	Children's Sunday Club resumes
30 th 1.30pm	Wedding in the church
31 st 11.00am	Morning Worship

September

1 st 10.30am	Local Fraternal Meeting (Dunipace)
2 nd 6.45pm	Presbytery Meeting in Larbert
7 th 11.00am	COMMUNION
3.00pm	COMMUNION
9 th 10am – 12	KIRK CAFÉ resumes
10 th 7.30pm	HOUSE GROUP begins
11 th 7.30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE resumes
14 th 11.00am	DEDICATION SERVICE
15 th 7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
20 th 10am – 5pm	Junior Highland Games
21 st 11.00am	Morning Worship
28 th 11.00am	Morning Worship
29 th 7.15pm	Guild – Opening Night

OCTOBER

5 th 11.00am	HARVEST Shoebox Appeal
12 th 11.00am	Mission Aviation Prayer Service
12 th 3.00pm	Memorial Service for Bereaved
19 th 11.00am	Morning Worship
20 th 7.30pm	KIRK SESSION MEETING
26 th 11.00am	Morning Worship
26 th 6.30pm	Evening Praise – Gideon's Society
31 st 7.30pm	Church Dance in Masonic Hall

November

1 st 1.30pm	Wedding in the Church
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CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 23rd August

1pm-3pm

Admission is FREE

Teas £1.50

Summer stalls galore....

...And so much more

If you would like to help in any way whatsoever please come along and make yourself known. Your help will not be turned away

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

**This year we are having a
VICTORIAN theme**

**You can of course come dressed up in the
appropriate style and help to make the
day that little bit more special.**

GIFT GIVING CAMPAIGN

This year's campaign runs from
08-08-08 – 28-08-08

It's the ideal way to give that little bit extra to the church. As a result of this year's campaign falling in the middle of the summer holiday period; Gift Giving Envelopes are being distributed throughout August with the morning worship order of service. There should also be an envelope inside this copy of the magazine.

If you would like to make a donation to the 2008 Gift Giving Campaign, simply return your envelope through the offering bowl or pass it on to Mrs Fiona Bruce, the church treasurer.

Please note; if you have already given a donation to this year's campaign, you are not expected to give again.

We do appreciate the support you give to the local church and thank you for ALL you give in your generous and kindly way.

The Children's Sunday Club Resumes on Sunday 24th August at 11am

Children of all ages are invited to the church hall on
a Sunday morning where they can:

- Learn about Jesus
- Meet new friends
- Share in new activities

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Sacrament of the
LORD'S SUPPER
will be celebrated at
11am in the Church
and at 3pm in the Complex

on

Sunday 7th SEPTEMBER 2008

Come and share in the joyful feast
A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

HOUSE GROUP FOR PRAYER & DISCUSSION

**On the 2nd Wednesday of every month
In the Manse at 7.30pm**

If you would like to explore your faith and consider its relevance in today's society, or simply enjoy a relaxed informal time of discussion, then come along to the Manse on **Wednesday 10th September** at 7.30pm and share in a time of prayer and discussion

If you have a particular topic you would like to discuss, please let the minister know.

Everyone is welcome

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

KIRK CAFÉ

Tuesday 9th September

If you're looking for company, tea, coffee, cakes and a chat, then look no further than the KIRK CAFÉ. It takes place in the church hall every TUESDAY morning from 10am – 12noon.

The Kirk Café is not only vital to our “survival” it's vital to our “outreach” and we would be sad to see it fall away. We BELIEVE you will keep it going and because of that we look forward to SEEING it go from strength to strength.

Donations of home baking and help with kitchen and transport duties are always welcome. If you can assist in any way or would like to have your name added to the rota, please speak to Mrs June Davies or the minister. Thank you.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm

“From little acorns come big oaks”

The choir membership may be small at the moment but yet again we BELIEVE that it will get bigger. The Rev Ronald Maxton, who takes the choir practice, has great enthusiasm and we thank him for his ongoing assistance.

If you enjoy singing, and would like to be part of the choir, then come down to rehearsals in the church on a Thursday night. The folks already there will be more than happy to greet you and we will be honoured to SEE the choir grow bigger and bigger.

All ages and abilities are welcome.

DEDICATION of the new PIANO
Sunday 14th September at 11am

As in the words of an old song, “There’s something special going on, special going on and we don’t know what it is”

What is it? You might well ask.

It’s the **DEDICATION SERVICE** to mark the gift of the new piano. And when will it be going on? It will take place during morning worship on **Sunday 14th September at 11am.**

I am delighted to intimate that **Mr David Faulds** will provide not only organ supply on this special date, he will also play the piano and maybe even sing for us, as we dedicate the piano to the Craig & Paul families.

It is hoped that the choir will take part and maybe even one or two others, depending on their availability. What would help to make the day even more memorable would be a great turnout from the congregation. So come on folks, put this special date in your diary and bring your family and friends too.

We do indeed have something special to celebrate on Sunday 14th September but you know the truth is we have something to celebrate every day. That something is nothing less than God’s love and God’s goodness which daily we enjoy.

HARVEST Shoebox Appeal

Sunday 5th October at 11am

Once again, we continue to support Blythswood Care through the shoebox appeal. With this edition of the magazine you will receive a copy of the “checklist of items” outlining what can be put in the boxes. Please note that clothing must be new and the box should not contain chocolate. Extra copies of the checklist and spare shoeboxes can be picked up from the vestibule table. The boxes we fill do indeed make a big difference in the lives of others. The filled boxes should be brought to worship on Sunday 5th October at 11am

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the Bereaved

Sunday 12th October at 3pm

This short service of remembrance has become well established over the years. It provides those who mourn the death of a loved one (whether recently or in the past) with the opportunity to honour those whom they have lost through death. The service also provides an opportunity for people to gather their thoughts. The Memorial Service for the Bereaved serves the community and is open to everyone.

During the short service, a flower of remembrance can be placed on the communion table and the name of loved ones written in the Book of Remembrance.

At the end of the service, tea is served in the hall, for those who want to stay a little longer.

For more information please contact the minister.

WELCOME to the fellowship of Dunipace Parish Church:

Admission by Resolution of the Kirk Session

Mrs Irene Feeney
5 Maple Place, Dunipace

A number of “new” faces have graced the congregation over the past months. We welcome everyone who joins with us for worship and pray that all will feel very much part of God’s family in this place. We can put names to some of the faces, sadly, to others, as of yet, we cannot. We don’t want anyone who worships with us to feel “nameless” but equally we want to respect your right for space and privacy. If you would like to have your name and address added to our District Lists, please have a word with the minister or pass your details on to any of our Office bearers. Thank you.

2008 - 2009

Kirk Session & Congregational Board Meetings

September	15 th	Congregational Board
October	20 th	Kirk Session
November	10 th	Congregational Board
December	15 th	Kirk Session
January	18 th	Congregational Board
February	15 th	Kirk Session
March	10 th	Annual Stated Meeting
April	19 th	Congregational Board
May	17 th	Kirk Session
June	14 th	Congregational Board

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr William (Wullie) Feeney	292 Stirling St. Dunipace
Mrs Winifred (Winnie) Reid	Annfield Nursing Home
Mr John Scobbie	65 Avon Street, Dunipace
Mrs Edna Beatrice Hendry	Nuneaton, England
Mr Bruce Swan	63 Castleview Ter, Haggs
Miss Maureen McWatt	15 Milton place, Dunipace

Weddings Congratulations and blessings to those joined in marriage

Saturday 14th June 2008
Jennifer Mary Walker
Lee James Paterson
42 Bonnymuir Crescent, Bonnybridge

Baptism We welcome into God's family the Church:

Sunday 3rd August 2008
Morgan Duffie
Daughter of Ashleigh Duffie
4 Connolly Drive, Dunipace.

Sunday 10th August 2008
Ellis William Faulds
Second son of David & Claire Faulds
63 Laburnum Ave, Port Seaten, East Lothian

Change of Address

Mrs Jessie Anderson Formerly of 99 Ferguson Drive
Now reside at: 16 Albany Court, The Vennel, Denny (D8)

OUR WHO'S WHO

2008

Minister	Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher	824540
Session Clerk	Mr Lachlan McGowan	
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	Miss Betty Nelson	
	Mr Bill Strang	
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	

VESTRY NIGHT

At the Manse on a **Wednesday** from 6.30pm

For an appointment please call the Minister

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