

**DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND  
NEWSLETTER**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear Friends

**Keeping the Home Fires Burning**

I have been reading some wonderful - and at times incredible - stories of how people kept the home fires burning during the War Years. It was a necessary task but no easy feat! It seems to me, though, that in the midst of the difficulties, the rationing, the stress and the strain of trying to keep things ticking over, people pulled together. They were resourceful, helpful and reliable!

Everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, the strongest to the weakest, was expected to do their bit – and they did. It was, “All for one and one for all!”

I read an account of a coal merchant who kept the fires burning all through the war. Maybe that that’s how the song came about. In the yard there was a big pile of coal, as well as a big pile of sticks for the old folks, and it took three men to deliver them.

When the blackouts started, the ARP men would go round the streets shouting, “Draw your blinds, Missus!”

Today we have our own war to win as we try to keep the Kirk fires burning.

In today's society, we battle against falling membership and spiralling legislation, both of which are threatening to dampen the flame and extinguish the light. We too need to rally the troops and pull together, if we are going to keep the boiler going and the lights burning.

With the church being a public building, we need to ensure that we comply with current legislation and meet the standards expected when it comes to electrical testing and gas boiler safety. We thank those who work to ensure that we do comply. This, however, rightly comes at a cost.

In 2012, it cost Dunipace Church over £8,000 to heat and light the church and halls, and in January of this year, the church spent, over £3,000 on hard wire electrical testing and repairs, to comply with current legislation.

It is a costly business, keeping the Kirk fires burning. A burden we must surely all share. For this reason you will find in this magazine, an ENVELOPE requesting a donation towards PROPERTY costs. We pray that you will respond in the best way you can.

Remember, though, we keep the Kirk fires burning not only when we provide heat and light. The most important fire we keep burning is the flame of God's Word and Love, revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord, and symbolised in the burning bush, under which we read the words:

*"Nec Tamen Consumebatur" (Latin)*

In translation this means, "Yet it was not consumed" an allusion to Exodus 3:2 and the Burning Bush.

May the blessing of light be upon you. Light without and light within. May God's light always shine in your heart and home, and may the Kirk always be a place of warm welcome to those who enter in. With kindest regards and blessings to you and yours, from your Minister and friend,

**Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher.**

## KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### February 2013

24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Praise – Food For Thought Mr Alf Collington – Falkirk Foodbank
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Presbytery Plan Meeting in Haggs

### March 2013

1 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Children's Story Club
	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer – St Alexander's
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	<b>COMMUNION in the church</b>
	3.00pm	<b>COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	Presbytery Meeting in Falkirk
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	12.15pm	Meeting of the Cong Board to approve accounts and attest rolls & records
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT</b> in halls
17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	12.15pm	<b>ANNUAL STATED MEETING</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Presbytery Attestation of Records
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Palm Sunday Praise Service
		<b>HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Denny Baptist Church
26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Dunipace Parish Church
27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Denny Old Parish Church
28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Denny Old Parish Church
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Walk of Witness begins at Dunipace
	7.30pm	Denny Baptist Church
31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Open Air Service
	9.15am	Easter Breakfast – Denny Westpark
	11.00am	Easter Family Praise – Dunipace

### April 2013

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Worship
	7.00pm	<b>Abertillery Orpheus Male Choir</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Congregational Board Meeting

## Pause & Ponder

James 3:9-10

New International Version

<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

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In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute," Socrates replied. "Before telling me anything I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Triple Filter Test."

"Triple filter?"

"That's right," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is **Truth**. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"No," the man said, "Actually I just heard about it and ..."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second filter, the filter of **Goodness**.

Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"No, on the contrary..."

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him, but you're not certain it's true.

You may still pass the test though, because there's one filter left: the filter of **Usefulness**.

Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really ..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "If what you want to tell me is neither true nor good nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

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God be in my heart and in my thinking

God be in my mouth and in my speaking

Book of Hours 1514

"May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19: 13-14

## **Groups & Organisations Meeting in the Church & Halls**

### **Monday Afternoon Friendship Group                      2pm**

A time for tea, fellowship and light hearted conversation, on the following Mondays: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 29<sup>th</sup> May in the Reading Room.

### **Tuesday Community Café                      10am - 12noon**

Come along and enjoy a wee cup of tea, a wee blether and a big slice of Dunipace hospitality. Volunteers to help with the various kitchen and transport duties are always welcome, as are the visitors.

### **Men's Club    Tuesday at 7.15pm**

An opportunity for men, of all ages and abilities, to enjoy indoor bowls, darts, dominoes and of course a time of fellowship.

### **Reminiscence Group                              Wednesday at 2pm**

Come on admit it. We all love to talk about the past. Why be stuck in the house watching the same old movies, when you can spend some time, in good company, in good conversation and in good heart, reminiscing? Don't keep your stories to yourself, come along and share them. Pop into the group whenever you like. You will always be made welcome.

### **Choir Practice                                      Wednesday at 7.30pm**

If you enjoy singing, then come along to the choir practice, it's not just about hymns for Sunday. It's a place where you can sing your heart out and bring joy to others.



Dunipace Parish Church is delighted to support the Falkirk Foodbank.

At the moment this means gathering in the supplies as listed below. If you would like to donate any of the items, please, put them into the green box which is sitting on the vestibule table. Thank you

## CAN YOU HELP US FEED LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS!

Meat (tinned) including hotdogs, mince, stew etc. Tea bags 40 & 80

Instant Coffee  
Fish (Tinned)  
Sponge Pudding (tinned)  
Sugar (500 g)  
Snack Bars  
Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Biscuits  
Fruit Juice (carton)  
Instant Mash  
Potato  
Soup  
Rice/Pasta  
Rice Pudding (tinned)  
Pasta  
Sauce  
Custard (tinned)  
Fruit (tinned)  
Cereals  
Jam  
Tomatoes (tinned)  
Vegetables (tinned)

By donating just one item  
you can make a difference

Dear Friends,

Mr Alf Collington, the Project Manager of Falkirk Foodbank, has agreed to come along and speak about the Foodbank Project, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in Dunipace Parish Church (FK6 6JR)

Members, representatives, friends, from ALL of the local churches and other interested community organisations are warmly invited to come along and hear what Alf has to say.

Alf will give a visual presentation on the Foodbank Project and provide an opportunity for questions to be raised and answers given, in the hope that those who are keen to support the Project can discover helpful ways to do this.

Please, put this date into your diary and encourage folks from your church/organisation to come along. All are welcome

**TOGETHER** we can help feed local people in Crisis

With kindest regards

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

Parish Minister

Dunipace Parish Church of Scotland - SC002943

## DOOR DUTY TEAMS FOR 2013

**Team A**      **William Paterson**

Helen Lax, James Perry, Ian Stokes, Alex Cook.

**Team B**      **Anne Marchant**

David Turnbull, Maureen Pleace, David Reynolds, Abbie Johnstone.

**Team C**      **Sandra Cook**

June Davies, William Meechan, William Ferguson, Aileen Sneddon

**Team D**      **Jean Mills**

Ian Anderson, Aileen Wilson, Isobel Menzies, Georgina McBride

**Team E**      **June Ross**

Jean Gray, Harry Busby, Rita Turnbull, George Mills

**Reserves:** Sandra Teven & Ian McVicar

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## DOOR DUTY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Team A	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Team D
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Team B	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Team C
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Team E	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Team A
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Team B	14 <sup>th</sup> April	Team C
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Team D	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Team E
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Team A	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Team B
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Team C	26 <sup>th</sup> May	Team E

If you are unable to do your "duty", please, note it is your responsibility to arrange a replacement. Full copies of the Rota are available from Mrs Sandra Cook.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

*"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"*

Written by Christian women of France

Will YOU join us?

**St Alexander's R.C. Church**

**At 7pm**

## **ANNUAL STATED MEETING**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15pm**

*"Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say, rejoice."*

We hope you will remain with us, for a short time, directly after worship on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, to hear about last year's achievements and this year's work.

### **ROLLS & RECORDS**

These should be brought along for attestation.

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

There are VACANCIES on the Congregational Board, if you are willing to serve the church in this way, please, do have a word with the Minister.

# COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT

## WHEN?

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

## WHERE?

Dunipace Church Halls

## WHO?

Teams of Four @ £12

## HOW?

Either Register in advance at

[dunipacechurch@gmail.com](mailto:dunipacechurch@gmail.com)

OR just come along on the night

## WHY?

You will enjoy a great fun night  
and help support

Dunipace Church & Friends of  
Dunipace "Hub Project"

A light supper will be provided and prizes awarded

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Will be celebrated at  
**11am in Dunipace Church**  
**And at 3pm in Tygetshaugh Court on**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013**  
A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

## **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Distribution of the Elements on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 11am**

### **Communion Table**

(Two Elders)

Angus Cameron

June Davies

#### **Barnego Road Side**

##### **Wine Front**

Maureen Pleace

##### **Wine Back**

Ian Stokes

##### **Bread Front**

Jim Perry

##### **Bread Back**

Sandra Teven

#### **Organ side**

##### **Wine Front**

David Turnbull

##### **Wine Back**

Aileen Sneddon

##### **Bread front**

Abbie Johnstone

##### **Bread Back**

Jean Gray

**Reserves:** Tish Graham, Ann Marchant, June Ross.

If unable to do your duty, please, contact one of the reserves to arrange a replacement or contact Mr. Alex Cook, Session Clerk (822903) Thank you.

## **PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	<b>Palm Sunday Praise</b> <b>Dunipace Parish Church</b> Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Denny Baptist Church</b> Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Dunipace Parish Church</b> Rev David Wandrum
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Denny Old Parish Church</b> Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30pm	<b>Denny Old Parish Church</b> Rev Norman Graham & Rev John Murning
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	<b>Walk of Witness</b> <b>Begins/Ends at Dunipace</b> Readers from all churches
	7.30pm	<b>Denny Baptist Church</b> Rev John Murning Offering for Christian Aid

## **EASTER FAMILY SERVICES**

<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	8.30am	<b>Early Morning Service</b> Rev David Wandrum Venue to be confirmed
	9.15am	<b>Easter Breakfast</b> Denny Westpark Church
	11.00am	<b>Easter Family Praise</b> Dunipace Parish Church Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

## Evening In Nights

Due to the popularity of our St Kilda Evening in Night, we are planning a number of other evenings in. These are relaxed in nature, open to everyone, and a good way of making new friends. A light supper is provided and other suggestions for themes always welcome. We meet in the Reading Room or Large Hall

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

### **Scottish Island Hop**

We take you on a visual sail round some of the Scottish Islands. If you have been to the islands, come along and share your insight with us. Followed, I would imagine, with oatcakes & cheese, from the islands of course!

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

### **Deep Sea Worlds**

John and Helen Lax will share some of their diving experiences with us, as they take us on an underwater adventure. Followed by fish and chips! Who knows!

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## **Poetry Readings & Workshop**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May      2pm - 4.30pm**

A number of local poets will read some of their work. Others will recite some of the classics. We will also enjoy some poetry in motion! Poetry for all ages and tastes along with creative workshops. In Dunipace Church Halls on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm - 4.30pm and it's free for all.

## **Value the Present – A Thought for the Day**

Imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with £86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course! Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow". You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today.

- To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed in SSC Exam.
- To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
- To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. .
- To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.
- To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.
- To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal Medal in the Olympics

**Treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time. And remember that time waits for no one Yesterday is history.**

**Tomorrow is a mystery.**

**Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!**

*(From: St Anne's On Sea Parish Church Magazine)*

## A Prayer to Slow us Down

O heavenly Father recall to our minds Thy great goodness.  
Rekindle our hearts with love  
Make us willing and bold to draw to Thee in prayer  
And slow us down, O Lord.  
Ease the pounding of our hearts by the quieting of our mind  
Steady our hurried pace with the vision of the eternal reach of  
time  
Give us, amid confusion of the day the calmness of the  
everlasting hills.  
Break the tension of our nerves and muscles with the soothing  
music of  
the singing streams that live in our memories.  
Help us to know the magical restoring power of sleep,  
Teach us the art of taking minute vacations, of slowing down to  
look at a  
flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog,  
to read a few lines from a good book.  
Remind us each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise,  
That we may know that the race is not always to the swift;  
And there is more to life than increasing its speed.  
Let us look upwards to the branches of the towering oak  
And know that it grew slowly and well - slow us down, O Lord  
and inspire  
us to send our roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values.  
That we may grow towards the stars of our greatest destiny.  
In Thy mercy, save us from all temptations that do so often  
beset us and bring us to everlasting life, and power of the Holy  
Spirit. Amen

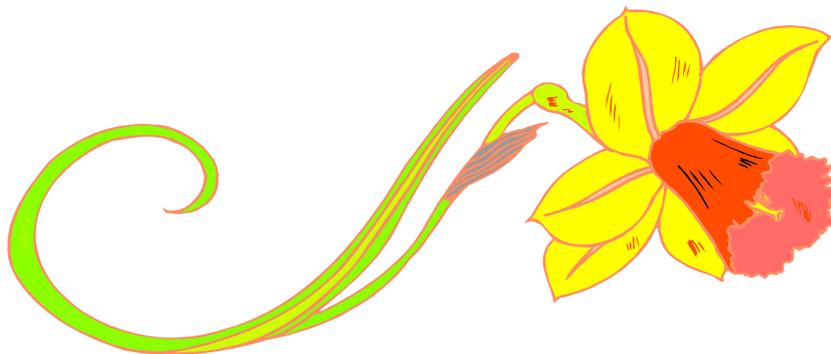
This Prayer is based on the Poem:  
**Slow Me Down Lord, by Wilfred Arlan Peterson**

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH IS HOSTING THE



***ABERTILLERY ORPHEUS  
MALE VOICE CHOIR***

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
at 7.00pm in  
Dunipace Parish Church**



**TICKETS in advance or at the door**  
**Adults £8.00                      Children £1.00**

Visit the choir website

## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **Bereaved**

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

Mrs Janet        Beaton     Airth Nursing Home  
Mr James       Lee         Wheatlands Nursing Home

Netta & Jimmy were members of the church here in Dunipace Parish. Both were well known and loved in the community and will be sorely missed but lovingly remembered by their family and friends. May God comfort and strengthen those whose grief is raw.

### **Baptism**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012, we welcomed **Quinn Isabella Harris**, into God's family. Quinn is the second daughter of Alan & Kimberley Harris, 22 Afton Drive, Head of Muir.

### **Wedding**

We rejoice in the marriage of **Michelle Green** and **Craig Collier**, of 1 Avon Street, which took place at the Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan, on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012. May God's love continue to surround them as they journey through life as husband and wife.

### **Hospital & Home Visits**

Help us to be there for you. Please remember that neither the Minister nor your Elder has access to Hospital admissions. We, therefore, rely very much on families contacting us to let us know if you are unwell, either at home or in hospital.

If we know where you are and when you need us – we will visit you

If we do not know where you are or that you need us – we cannot visit you.

So please let us know what your spiritual needs are and then we can be there for you. Thank you.

## DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH WHO'S WHO

Minister	Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
Session Clerk	Mr Alex Cook
Associate Clerk	Mr Gregor Wilson
Clerk to Board	Mrs Tish Graham
Treasurer	Mrs Fiona Bruce
Freewill Offering	Mrs Jean Gray
Gift Aid	Mrs Sandra Cook
Mission Bags	Mrs Aileen Sneddon
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organist & Choir	Mr David Faulds
Deputising Organists	Mrs Zoe Cox
	Rev Ronald Maxton
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Child Protection	Mrs Helen Lax
Afternoon Friendship	Mrs Betty McDonald
Prayer & Bible Study	Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
Men's Club	Mr Angus Cameron
Reminiscence Group	Mr Jim Perry
Badminton Group	Mr George Mills
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills
Communion Linen	Mrs Chrissie Busby
Community Café	Mrs June Davies
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
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**

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