

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
125th ANNIVERSARY YEAR
SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

Come and join the celebration, it's a very special year

Have you heard, 2015 marks 125 years of worship in our current church building? Whaw!

Further on in the magazine you will read about various events and special services that are being planned to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Anniversaries, as many of you know, are identified traditionally in different ways. Most people would know the 50th anniversary is the golden anniversary and that the 25th anniversary is the silver anniversary. Fewer people might know that the first anniversary is paper or that the 12th anniversary is silk.

What none of us know, just now, is what traditionally the 125th anniversary would be. If it's not diamonds or coral or tin or bronze, what on heaven or earth could it be? This is where you come in (and we hope you will come in) because we want you to be very much involved in our anniversary celebrations. What do you think should be at the heart of our 125th display? What do you think captures 125 years of worship, here in our present building?

Let us know what you suggest so that we can shape up a unique window display highlighting 125 years.

I can't wait to hear your suggestions.

God's Blessings to you from your Minister and Friend,
Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2015

22 nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Service
23 rd	2.00pm	Afternoon Fellowship
		“Crafty Day” with Jean Weir
	7.30pm	KIRK SESSION in Reading Room

March 2015

1 st	11.00am	COMMUNION in the Church
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh Court
3 rd	7.15pm	Presbytery Meeting in Falkirk
6 th	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer in Baptist Church
8 th	11.00am	Morning Worship & Approval of accounts

Please note all Roll & Record Books should be brought to the church on Sunday 8th March in order to be attested by the Session before being presented to Presbytery.

15 th	11.00am	Morning Worship & Annual Stated Meeting (During worship)
16 th	7.30pm	CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Please note the Congregational Board meets next on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm and NOT on Monday 9th March

17 th	9.30am	Attestation of Rolls & Records in Camelon
22 nd	11.00am	Morning Worship
	6.30pm	Evening Songs of Praise
29 th	11.00am	Palm Sunday Morning Worship

HOLY WEEK Monday 30th March – Friday 3rd April
EASTER Sunday 5th April

During Holy Week & Easter, services will take place on a rota basis throughout the town. There will be a Walk of Witness on Good Friday, an outdoor service early on Easter morning, followed by the Easter Breakfast before each congregation has its own family praise service on Easter Day. More details will be provided soon through pulpit intimation.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 1st March 2015

*In Dunipace Church at 11am
And in Tygetshaugh Court at 3pm*

A place at the Table has been reserved for YOU

COMMUNION ROTA

For Sunday 1st March at 11am

Communion Table

Bill Paterson

Jim Winning

Barnego Road Side

Organ Side

Wine Front: Bill Ferguson

Wine Front: Ian McVicar

Wine Back: Aileen Sneddon

Wine Back: June Davies

Bread Front: Jane Mills

Bread Front: Sandra Teven

Bread Back: June Ross

Bread Back: Jean Gray

Reserves: David Reynolds, George Mills, Anne Marchant

If unable to do your duty, please contact one of the reserves to arrange a replacement or contact: Alex Cook, Session Clerk

FLOWER MINISTRY

There is a need for people to help with the distribution of the church flowers. These are much appreciated by the housebound and sick members. There are also vacant Sundays for donations of flowers. If you can assist, contact June Davies for delivery or Jane Mills for donations. Thank you

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6th March 2015

At 2pm in Denny Baptist Church

All are Welcome

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

Sunday 15th March

11am

In a bid to keep more members of the congregation up to date with our work and witness at home and abroad, the Annual Stated Meeting will be woven into our Sunday morning service on 15th March.

The following records are required:

Property Register (2 copies)

Manse Condition Schedule (2 copies)

Not forgetting Relevant Certificates

Safeguarding Register

Baptismal Register

Financial Accounts

Kirk Session Minute Book & Sederunt

Congregational Board Minute Book & Sederunt

Communion Roll Book

Minister's Mileage Record

There are vacancies on the Board, if you are interested in serving the church in this way, please have a word with the minister.

The Rev Timothy Pont

b. 1564 - d. 1612

Ever heard of the said gentleman? Probably not, but he is one of Scotland's lesser known heroes, and helped to put Scotland on the map in more ways than one, and I would like to sound a blast of the trumpet in his memory.

His father was also a minister of the Church of Scotland, and was a well-known cleric of his day as a supporter of the great reformer of the Kirk, John Knox, but it is his son Timothy who put Scotland on the map. Timothy was for a few years minister of Dunnet, one of the most northerly parishes of the Kirk, towards the end of his life, but there is little or no record of what he did there, for the greater part of his life was spent, during the 1580's and 90's, literally putting Scotland on the map. He was Scotland's first cartographer, and proved himself to be ahead of his time, for when maps first began to appear later in the 17th century, Scotland was the country best provided with information about places, rivers, churches, castles, farms and mills, all the information from Timothy's maps. Yes! Scotland was at first the best - mapped country in Europe all because of Timothy.

Was Timothy ever in Dunipace? Yes indeed! We could find his boot marks here. He tramped through Dunipace and what's more, he jotted down the names of all the places. Dunipace then was not as it is now of course, but was a scattering of farms, hamlets, cottages, a mill or two by the Carron etc. but he carefully noted down all the place names, which we still have to this day. (His spelling) Barnego, Rochmute, Suybeags, Carmure, L. Coulter, Avon B., Englishton (Ingeleston), Tomfour, Duniffen, Denny, and, as a separate place, Little Denny, Herbertshire Castle, and interestingly Dunipace Castle (in the area of Hills of Dunipace) with a Kirk next to it, site of which can still be seen. Timothy preserved for us all these ancient place names all over Scotland, meticulously marking down where

they were. So as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary of our present building, let us also remember our ancient roots.

The reasons for his neglect are twofold. First, it was a mammoth task he undertook, and he spent the best part of his life travelling around Scotland to make his maps, all without the techniques that science now provides, but he left no account of how he managed it - how did he travel? On horseback! Did he have a carriage, where did he stay, whom did he meet? All these fascinating questions are unanswered. And secondly, he lived at a time after the Reformation when Scotland was passing through a time of political and church turbulence - nobody was particularly interested in maps. So it is no surprise it took almost 50 years before his maps were actually printed in Holland. At that time Holland was a great trading nation and maps were important to traders. There were, however, a few far-sighted people who saw the importance of Timothy's work and carefully preserved it after his death, his work almost covering the entire area of Scotland, including the islands. The result was that Scotland was the most accurately marked map of any country in Europe - there were no areas simply marked "here be marshes", or "here be forests", all had names, sometimes with little drawings, nothing was omitted. And we have all those wonderful ancient place names that have been handed down over the centuries, all carefully preserved and phonetically spelled - it is all a fascinating window on to a vanished past. It is left to our imagination to work out the missing parts.

This wonderful article was submitted by the Revd Ronald Maxton, to whom we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the research he has undertaken in relation to the fascinating life and work of the Revd Timothy Pont.

2015
A Year of Celebration
In which we mark our 125th Anniversary

Our 125 Milestone Anniversary takes place in June. A number of special events and services are currently being planned. We hope you will be able to come along and join in the celebrations. We look forward to receiving your help and support.

To get the ball rolling, let me bring you up to speed with TWO major events we plan to hold:

The first is a **Display of Wedding Dresses**

The second is an **Anniversary Summer Festival**

DISPLAY OF WEDDING DRESSES

Friday 29th May - Sunday 31st May

This is being held in the Church with teas being served in the halls. The opening times will be intimated later

In the meantime, we are looking for WEDDING DRESSES that can be displayed in the church and perhaps wedding photographs etc, hopefully you will take us down memory lane by offering dresses from all generations. Maybe we could even have some flower girl dresses too, the skies the limit.

If you have any seamstress mannequins etc that could be used to display the dresses, these would be greatly appreciated too.

Maybe you could organise the teas or provide home baking for sale. All offers of help will be accepted.

The event co-ordinator is Mrs Jane Mills (826206). Please give Jane a call if you have a dress we could display or if you can help in any other way with the event.

ANNIVERSARY SUMMER FESTIVAL

With flowers, art displays and crafts

Friday 19th June - Sunday 21st June

This event will also be held in the church with teas being served in the halls. Once again it will only be successful with YOUR help and support.

The hope is that either individuals/groups/families etc will take responsibility for designing and providing a window display marking a particular anniversary. You can be as creative as you like, you can use flowers, artwork, materials, or whatever you feel is appropriate for your particular display. You design it and provide all that is needed for it. We hope not only individuals but perhaps groups too will offer to make a display.

We also hope to have art and craft goods on sale downstairs in the hall. Are you "crafty" enough to provide us with goods?

We further hope that folks might like to bring along a small floral posy arrangement, perhaps marking an anniversary. These posies will help to enhance the pew ends as visitors walk down the church.

If you would like more information or would like to take responsibility for dressing a window or space in the church, commemorating one of the anniversaries, or help in some other way, please speak to the minister as soon as you can.

On the next page you will find a list of the anniversaries we are marking and the THEME attached to each one.

Oh, I do wonder what you will come up with.

I know whatever it is, it will be fantastic, so let the fun begin

The Anniversaries being marked are:

1	Paper	13	Lace
2	Cotton	14	Ivory
3	Leather	15	Crystal
4	Linen	20	China
5	Wood	25	Silver
6	Iron	30	Pearl
7	Wood	35	Coral
8	Bronze	40	Ruby
9	Pottery	45	Sapphire
10	Tin	50	Gold
11	Steel	55	Emerald
12	Silk	60	Diamond

There needs to be a window (or space in the church) marking the **125th Anniversary** too

This means there are 25 spaces at least to be allocated on a first come, first served or maybe shared basis!

Come on folks, get those creative juices flowing and let's shape an ANNIVERSARY SUMMER FESTIVAL event that will keep Dunipace Church well and truly on the map.

If you are keen to get involved in any way whatsoever, please, let the Minister know as soon as possible. Thank you.

PLANNING AHEAD

Just to let you know, we are also hoping to hold many other events in the course of our anniversary year, such as:

QUIZ NIGHTS, MAD HATTER AFTERNOON TEA PARTIES

CHILDRENS GARDEN TUB COMPETITION & CAKE COMP

ANNIVERSARY SONGS OF PRAISE

ANNIVERSARY WALK & SERVICE AT SIGNIFICANT

LOCATIONS - Further information will be provided soon

PARISH REGISTER

Bereaved "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"

Mrs Karin Kerr Deuchar	Denny
Mr Eric Prew	AtriumWay, Bonnybridge
Mrs Murial Armstrong	Barleystone Nursing Home
Mr Archibald Fergus	Kilbirnie Terrace, Denny
Mr James France	Hawthorn Drive, Dunipace
Mrs Elizabeth Monkman	Annfield Nursing Home
Mr Ian Hamilton	Chestnut Cres, Dunipace

We keep the families very much in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless them with inner peace and renewed purpose, as they embrace each day with faith.

Keeping us Informed

Dear friends, we are in the process of updating our District Lists. If you have changed your address, please let us know, by contacting: Mr David Turnbull (Roll Keeper) or the Minister.

Hospital Visits

Please note: clergy do not have access to Hospital Admission Records. If you go into hospital and would like the Minister to visit you, please let her know. In addition, remember all hospitals have full time and part time Chaplains who are available to offer spiritual support during your stay in hospital.

Keeping You Informed Too

Our Minister has been appointed Interim Moderator at Denny Westpark Church, during their vacancy period. This means Dr Gallacher will be undertaking ministry tasks in BOTH parishes. (Dunipace & Denny Westpark)

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
Additional Elder	Mrs Helen Lax
Organist & Choir	Mr David Faulds
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
Kirk 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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