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**A Message from your Minister**

**The Gift of Time**

Dear Friends,

The Bible teaches us about time. In Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) we read: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

"Really" I hear those who are running around ragged in our midst cry out. "Really"

For people in the church, and indeed outside the church, there never seems to be enough time for all that needs doing.

This prompts the question: Has the Bible got it wrong?

Are these well-loved words of scripture, failing to speak to us in this age of rush, hurry, and worry?

Or have we got it wrong?

When we read these words, are they saying there is time for absolutely everything we desire to do, no matter what it is? If this is the case, then no wonder we often feel there is not enough time. Or, do these words of scripture imply there is time for everything God deems to be His will for us?

It seems to me that how we understand these words depends on whether we consider time, to be ours alone, or to be a gift from God. If time is ours alone, there will never be enough time for all we want to do. If time is a gift from God, then there will be enough time, if we make time to be still for the presence of the Lord.

The challenge for us is to slow down and take time to discern what God is asking us to do with the time God has given to us. This we must surely do in our individual lives, within the life of our family, and of course within the life of the church.

When I am feeling frazzled by time constraints, I often turn to a little book called, "Lord of Time" written by Frank Topping, published in 1985 by Lutterworth Press, Cambridge. He writes: *"Somehow, over the years, I've become conditioned to fill every minute of my working day with activity...I've convinced myself that doing nothing is a waste of time...But ceaseless activity eats away my life."*

Further on he writes: *"Lord of time, help me to make time to be... Lord, slow down my aimless race.... Slow me down, Lord. Enlarge my life with stillness. In serenity, help me to take stock, to enjoy what is close at hand, to delight in lingering in the company of those I love, to appreciate and to enjoy every precious moment."*

And towards the end of his reflections on time Frank Topping concludes with these words: *"Lord, let me see you in my work, that I might witness to your presence, Let me see you in my home that I might speak and act as a child of God, Let me know you in my heart that the thoughts of my mind might reflect your love. Lord, as you have time for me, may I make time for you."*

To achieve what Frank Topping is looking for in his life and encouraging us to find in our lives requires time away from the busyness of every day activities and time alone with God in prayer and praise.

Time is indeed a precious gift, to be used wisely and well. The Stewardship Programme, in many churches across the land, this year, will focus on "Time." We will be asked to think about what we do with our time. What time we give to the church's work and witness, and what it is we believe God is asking us as a congregation to do at this particular time in our church history. As members and friends of the congregation, you will be asked to see time

as a gift that God not only gives to you but as a gift you can share with the Church.

Your gift of time might involve taking a leading role as an office bearer. Your gift of time might mean attending worship more regularly. Your gift of time might entail praying at home for the work of the church. It might involve tearing up some of your old diary commitments and creating time for the family or new means of engagement in the life of the local church. The way in which you offer your gift of time will be unique to you, but, this you can be certain of, there will be enough time for it, if it is in line with God's will for you.

Let's make this year's stewardship theme a positive time, a time of encouragement and growth, a time during which we look back over the years with thanksgiving and forward to the future with a renewed sense of hope

Henry Van Dyke wrote this poem about time:

Time is

Too slow for those who wait

Too swift for those who fear

Too long for those who grieve

Too short for those who rejoice

But for those who Love

Time is not

With kindest regards

From your minister and friend,

## Jean W Gallacher

**Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher**

**Parish Minister**

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**Psalm 23**  
**Prayer for Busy People**  
Written by Michael Quoist

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals  
He provides me with images of stillness  
Which restores my serenity

He leads me in ways of efficiency  
Through calmness of mind, and his guidance is peace  
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish  
each day, I will not fret, for his presence is here

His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in  
balance  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my  
activity  
By anointing my head with oils of tranquillity

My cup of joyous energy overflows  
Surely harmony and effectiveness  
Shall be the fruits of my hours  
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord  
And dwell in his house forever.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FEBRUARY

- 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Rev Joyce Keyes  
Moderator of Falkirk Presbytery
- 27<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Afternoon Friendship Group  
7.30pm **KIRK SESSION**

### MARCH

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Children's Story Club  
7.00pm **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
Denny Westpark Church
- 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00am **COMMUNION** in the church  
3.00pm **COMMUNION** in Tygetshaugh
- 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Service
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **SCOTS NIGHT** in the halls
- 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Service
- 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **CONGREGATIONAL BOARD**  
With rolls & records for signing
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30am **ATTESTATION** in Camelon
- 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT**
- 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Sunday Service
- 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30am **DUNIPACE TODDLERS** in halls

### APRIL

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Sunday Service
- 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00am **PALM SUNDAY FAMILY PRAISE &  
FAMILY LUNCH** in halls
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Holy Week:** Denny Old
- 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Holy Week:** Denny Westpark
- 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Holy Week:** Denny Baptist Church
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Maundy Thursday:** Bonnybridge
- 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am **The Walk of Witness:** Denny Old
- 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Good Friday:** Dunipace
- 16<sup>th</sup> 8.30am **Gala Park Outdoor Service**  
9.00am **Easter Breakfast in Dunipace**  
11.00am **EASTER FAMILY PRAISE**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CONTINUED...

### APRIL

18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	P&CF Committee in halls
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm-4pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b> in the halls With a Hawaiian theme & stalls
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>KIRK SESSION</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service

### MAY

7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 3.30pm	<b>GALA CREAM TEAS</b> in halls
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>CONGREGATIONAL BOARD</b>

### JUNE

4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>COMMUNION</b> in church
	3.00pm	<b>COMMUNION</b> in Tygetshaugh
5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	P&CF Committee in halls
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>STATED ANNUAL MEETING</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service
25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sunday Service

### Use of the Halls by Groups & Organisations

<b>Monday</b>	Dunipace Toddlers Friendship Group Kirk Session, Congregational Board
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lite-Bite Community Café Reminiscence Group Men's Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rainbows, Craft Class
<b>Thursday</b>	Brownies, Badminton Club
<b>Friday</b>	Children's Story Club

**AFTERNOON  
FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

In Dunipace Church Halls on

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**2pm – 3.30pm**

*Come along and share in a fun filled afternoon*

*Open to Friends & Visitors*

*You will be made most welcome*

**LITE-BITE  
COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

EVERY

**TUESDAY**

*In Dunipace Church Halls*

*From 11.30am- 1.30pm*

*Soup – Sandwiches, Cakes – Tea – Coffee*

*Prices from £2.50 - £4.00*

You will receive a warm welcome

**OPEN TO ALL**

If you can help with home baking  
Serving in the kitchen or with transport,  
Please, have a word with Mrs June Davie.

# **World day of Prayer**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
***Denny Westpark Church***  
***7.00pm***

**“Am I being unfair to you?”**  
**Written by Christian women of the Philippines**

# **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Will be celebrated on  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
***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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 11am

### **Communion Table**

Alex Cook

Jim Winning

### **Barnego Road Side**

### **Organ Side**

**Wine Front:** Bill Ferguson

**Wine Front:** Bill Paterson

**Wine Back:** Maureen Pleace

**Wine Back:** Jean Gray

**Bread Front:** Ian Stokes

**Bread Front:** Helen Lax

**Bread Back:** Anne Marchant

**Bread Back:** George Mills

**Reserves:** Jim Perry, June Davies and Ian McVicar

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

## **SCOTS NIGHT**

In Dunipace Parish Church Halls

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm**

**A Light Supper will be provided  
Entertainment by the Gargunnock Songsters**

**Tickets priced £5.00 each  
Available from Mrs June Davies**

## **ATTESTATION ROLLS & RECORDS**

All of the required rolls & records should be brought along to the Congregational Board Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in time to be signed for the annual attestation of rolls & records.

## **Community QUIZ NIGHT**

In Dunipace Parish Church Halls

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm**

Teams of 4 – 6 people  
Price: £3.00 per team member

Tea & sandwiches will be provided  
Prizes awarded

Open to all  
Simply come along on the night

**NEW GROUP FOR  
DUNIPACE TODDLERS**  
**Beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.30am – 11.30am**

Following a very successful meeting, held recently, with many young parents from the local community, it is hoped that a new group for Dunipace TODDLERS and their parents/carers can be held in Dunipace Church Halls beginning on MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am – 11.30am.

At the moment there is a huge amount of preparation going on, which involves, public liability, safe-guarding checks, health & hygiene certificates, environmental requirements, fire & risk assessments, first aid, etc

Two big issues that need to be resolved relate to **STORAGE SPACE** and **FUNDING** for this new group.

We need to come up with a solution to the storage problem. Where can we fit all the toys and bits and pieces required for such a group?

In addition, we make an **APPEAL for FUNDING** to the congregation in order to “Kick Start” this much needed and asked for new group for young children.

Great big plastic safety mats for the children to play on are required, along with improved toilet facilities, nappy-changing facilities, and a safety gate for the front hall doors et cetera...

If you can help us with a FINANCIAL DONATION or with other solutions to the problems we need to overcome, please, contact the Minister.

Let me assure you the parents/carers who came along are themselves working hard to help make this new group viable. Help us to show them we are equally keen.

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

### **Palm Sunday Praise & Family Lunch**

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in Dunipace Church & halls**

Join with us for a special Palm Sunday Service to be followed by a family lunch, building on the success of the harvest service & family lunch, which is all part of our intergenerational working.

It's free and all ages are invited to join with us.

A list of the required food donations will be made available on the Vestibule table soon.

### **Holy Week Evening Services**

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

Monday	Denny Old Parish Church
Tuesday	Denny Westpark Parish Church
Wednesday	Denny Baptist Church
Thursday	Bonnybridge St Helens Parish Church
Friday	Dunipace Parish Church

### **Walk of Witness**

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Leaving Denny Old Church at 10.30am, in order to make a stop at each church in the community for a time of reading & prayer, before returning to Denny Old Parish Church, for tea & fellowship.

### **Easter Morning**

#### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Gala Park Outdoor Service 8.30am

Easter Breakfast in Dunipace Church Halls at 9.00am

Easter Family Praise in Dunipace Church at 11.00am

## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF OUTREACH EVENTS**

**Hello Ah.... Or should it be “Aloha!”**

Whatever...

This is an event that you will NOT want to miss...

### **AFTERNOON TEA**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**2pm – 4pm**

With a Hawaiian theme

Dunipace Parish Church Halls

Following on from the success of the Mad Hatters Tea Party & Tiara Tea, held recently, we are planning to have a Hawaiian themed Afternoon Tea event.

To book a table for six people (your guests) please contact Mrs June Davies.

Whoever books the table, is responsible for inviting their guests, who are asked to pay £5 per head.

Whoever books the table is also responsible for providing the eatables for their guests.

In addition, we will have a Cake Stall and Sale Table with items that can be purchased.

More information will follow soon. In the meantime

You are encouraged to put this date in your diary.

Ladies dig out your grass skirts, and gentlemen search for that long lost colourful Hawaiian shirt!

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**GALA TEAS & STALLS  
IN DUNIPACE CHURCH HALLS  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
1pm – 3.30pm  
Cream Teas £3.00 each**

## **PRAYER**

### **James 5: 13-14** NIV

“Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.  
Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.  
Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.”

### **Luke 11: 1-4** NIV

“Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.  
He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come  
Give us each day our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us  
And lead us not into temptation”

## **AIDS to PRAYER**

A visiting minister recently outlined the importance of personal prayer. This the minister did, acknowledging that many Christians find prayer difficult, whether it be Grace before meals, or in times of difficulty at work, family problems, illness or bereavement etc. But help is at hand.

Many charities and organisations, especially the Church, provide free, or at a small cost, prayer aids.

Examples of these are as follows:

1. The Crossreach Prayer Diary provided by the Social care Council of the Church of Scotland
2. Prayer Diary by the Mission Aviation Fellowship
3. Word for Today by the United Christian Broadcasters.

Thanks are extended to Gregor Wilson, our MAF advocate, for submitting the Aid to Prayer section of this Article

## Happy Easter

### **He's Alive... He's Alive... He is Risen...**

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, the day on which Easter, this year, is celebrated, children all over the country will roll their brightly painted eggs and devour their eagerly awaited chocolate eggs. This they will do with many of them knowing, but far more not knowing, that the rolling of their eggs symbolise the stone being rolled away from the tomb.

In churches across the world, followers will cry out, or sing out, in their own languages, "He's alive, He's alive, He is risen!" Words that should make us tingle with delight and uplift us in our faith. Christ has conquered death. He IS alive. He HAS been raised and therein rests our hope for today, tomorrow, and beyond.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is an image of new beginnings. As a mighty act of God it evokes memories of the exodus, God's powerful saving act. The whole story of the resurrection is coloured richly with mystery and miracle, highlighted in the appearance of the angel at the tomb. It is full of powerful emotions.

The cast of characters on stage at any one time - compared to the great crowds in the passion story - is small. But equally in contrast to the passion story where we experience a progressive cessation of activity, in the story of the resurrection there is rising excitement, even though there is still trepidation but only because those on stage have yet to grasp the full reality of the stone being rolled away. Disbelief and amazement sit side-by-side.

May the amazing truth of Christ's resurrection be captured in our Easter praise and displayed in our daily work and witness.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **FUNERALS**

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Mrs Una McArthur  
Mrs Mary Wilkie  
Mr Derek Horsburgh  
Mr David Mealls  
Mr Thomas (Tom) Esplin  
Mrs Anne Cochrane  
Mrs Eneth Jamieson  
Mr Robert (Robin) Perry  
Mrs Jessie McGowan Millar  
Mrs Marion Mackay

We keep those who are grieving very much in our prayers.

### **BAPTISMS**

“Let the children come to me”

Ella Hamilton  
Cole John Firth

We pray these little children may forever be at home in  
God’s great family the Church

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## **KEEPING US INFORMED**

If you change address please let either the Roll Keeper or  
Minister know.

If you require the services of the Minister, again, please let  
the Minister know. Remember the Minister has no access  
to hospital or Nursing Home records and relies on the  
family getting in touch.

If you do not know who your Elder is, please, have a word  
with the Minister.

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 Ian Stokes
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Additional Elder	Mrs Helen Lax
Organist	Mr David Faulds
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Safeguarding	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 TIME**

For an appointment please call the Minister  
**Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher – 824540**

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