

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

125th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

SUMMER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Recently, I heard about a wonderful advert that could be seen on the back of a bus travelling throughout the Falkirk area. The poster on the bus said: CH - - CH along with the phrase, "What's Missing?" The answer simply being two letters "UR" The advert makes a significant point, relevant for all to see in the area, that with regard to the life and work of the Church, when YOU ARE missing, the Church's loss is great.

God's Church is about people who love and serve the Lord our God. It's about people who prayerfully support the work and witness of the church. It's about people who want to take the good news of the gospel out into the local community and tell others that God's love is for them.

In this our 125th Anniversary year, we want to remind you that UR important. We recognise that we have many members who through sickness, family situations, work commitments, etc, cannot be with us each Sunday. We want you to know that UR important to us and we want you to know that UR still part of God's great family the Church.

We know we have members who are hurting, confused, feeling at odds with the decisions and direction they feel the Church of Scotland is moving in. We want you to know UR important and that we long to help you reconcile the challenges you are facing with regard to your faith.

We know we have members who are running ragged and working tirelessly, giving of their time, talents and possessions in their service to the Lord. In addition to extending a great big thank you to you, we also want you to know that UR important because you are the hands and feet of the Lord in the world today.

The bottom line is this folks, UR important. You are loved, valued, and greatly appreciated and we hope you hear this message of affirmation, more so at a time when the demands placed upon the Church nationally is great.

Our 125 Anniversary is a time for celebration but it's also a time for the re-dedication of our lives, our vision and our mission to the parish we love and serve. It is indeed my prayer that God will continue to bless us, refresh us, renew us and affirm us in our service.

We cannot allow this special occasion to pass without praising God for the people of this parish who, from generation to generation, built God's Church as a place for worship, prayer, praise, celebration, dedication, intercession and thanksgiving. In memory of each of them and in honour of each of you, I offer God my thanks.

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

125th Anniversary

As we journey further into a special year
Nostalgic memories of worship we recall
Noting how each generation has truly been
Inspired as God's Word guided them all
Venturing forth, Spirit led in our faith
Encountering joy, sadness, celebration
Remembering others in daily prayer
Seeking peace in quiet contemplation
Aspiring to be bold, in witness less nervous
Responding to Christ with jubilant praise
Yielding our lives in faithful service

Written by Rev Dr Jean Wardlaw Gallacher © 2015
To mark our 125th Anniversary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2015

1 st	7.30pm	Presbytery Committee in Reading Room
3 rd	7.30pm	Planning Group Meeting in Annexe
	7.30pm	Presbytery Committee in Reading Room
7 th	11.00am	COMMUNION in the Church
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh Court
8 th	7.30pm	Joint KS & CB Meeting in Reading Room
14 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
16 th	6.45pm	Presbytery Meeting in Falkirk

Anniversary Festival Weekend

20 th	10am-12 2pm-4pm	ANNIVERSARY WINDOW DISPLAYS WINDOW DISPLAYS in the CHURCH
21 st	11.00am 2pm-4pm	Family Service & Prize Giving ANNIVERSARY WINDOW DISPLAYS
25 th	1.30pm	Primary School Leavers' Ceremony
28 th	11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Morning Worship ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE To key historical church sites FAMILY BARBEQUE in Garden (Halls)

As you can see, a number of key events are scheduled to take place in June, to help us celebrate our anniversary year. We hope that you, along with family members and friends, will be able to share in the celebrations. Further details can be found in the magazine and will be given through church intimations.

With regard to our 125 Anniversary celebrations, we have already hosted a **Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea** and **Wedding Dress Display**, both of which were absolutely fantastic. A heartfelt word of thanks is extended to those who organised these events, to those who donated to them in various ways, and of course to everyone who came along and supported them. They were wonderful, absolutely wonderful, each in their own unique way.

A Snippet of History

Submitted by Rev Ronald Maxton

This year we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the opening of what was then Dunipace North Church (and is now Dunipace Parish Church) for the Christian worship of God. Originally it was the Free Church and we must acknowledge the Free Church did well to secure the prime site at the junction of Barnego Road with Stirling Street, in the area where people lived. Remember the Parish Church was at Denovan, a mile out of town - a considerable distance in bad weather - no cars or public transport. Construction began in 1888 under the supervision of the well-known Stirling architect William Simpson, who specialised in churches and other public buildings locally. Examples of his work can be found in Thornhill, Bridge of Allan, Bo'ness, and notably in Stirling. The very grand Albert Hall on Dumbarton Road is considered his masterpiece in large-scale public building, but he did not disappoint with his churches.

The church was Opened and Dedicated in June 1890. As you approach Dunipace from the south, immediately your eye is focussed on the church tower whether the sky is brilliant blue or louring with dark clouds - there it stands, the base set next to the front door of the church, a few feet in from the pavement, rising squarely without interruption to the battlement with its cannon-spouts, octagonal spire with weathervane stop. This rarely climbed tower, (no bell, no clock) serving no specific church function, exists to fulfil one

purpose only - to be the dominating focal point of the whole urban scene, situated at the Y-shaped junction of Barnego Road with Stirling Street. William Simpson's plan succeeded brilliantly. Just look! You see the main door of the church to greet you, with glimpses on either side of the church building: the hall on the right, and the sanctuary on the left. The splendid composition makes a notable punctuation mark on the entire urban neighbourhood.

The interior of the church gives a pleasant feeling of space and airiness, well lit by its tall windows. Note the windows all come to a point at the top, in what is called gothic style, at one time considered the only style appropriate for a church, and note also the large rose (circular) window above the pulpit. These two shapes are characteristic of gothic style. But note also the church Hall has a different style - the windows here are very robust and have squared tops, including the windows on the Church Officer's flat on the first floor. The frontage of the hall is set back from the pavement by about ten feet leaving a curious space for no obvious purpose. Yes! W. Simpson was at his tricks again and to good effect. If he had brought the whole frontage of the hall out to the pavement, the carefully balanced view of the buildings from Stirling Street would have been ruined. Like all masters of their craft Simpson had thought out every minute detail before a stone was laid.

The hall however, was not completed till eleven years after the church and opened in 1901, and there is speculation regarding this lapse in time. It may have

been a matter of finance but there is evidence otherwise for an early Ordnance Survey map indicates a building partly occupying ground on which the hall now stands. There may have been protracted negotiations until the Church acquired the site and had the building demolished, particularly so if the building was a tenement like the ones still there. This would explain the unusual grassed space next to the hall where one might expect a building in such an urban area.

A final point to notice is the large rough-hewn stone built into the top right hand corner of the hall frontage as you look at it from across the street. Obviously it was meant to carry some inscription, perhaps the date of completion, perhaps a name, or a text - anyone's guess, but the work has still to be carried out! It goes to show the work of the Church is never completed; there are always new areas to be explored and brought to fruition churchwise.

William Simpson, born 1809, died 1890, ironically the year in which Dunipace North Church was opened.

We extend a hearty word of thanks to Rev Ronald Maxton for doing his homework and submitting an extremely interesting article for our 125 Anniversary magazine. Well done and thank you.

If you have other "Snippets of History" please, pass them on to the minister, who looks forward to including them in a future edition of our local church magazine.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated on

Sunday 7th June 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 7th June at 11am

Communion Table

Alex Cook

Jim Winning

Barnego Road Side

Organ Side

Wine Front: David Reynolds

Wine Front: Ian Stokes

Wine Back: Sandra Cook

Wine Back: Maureen Pleace

Bread Front: Anne Marchant

Bread Front: Helen Lax

Bread Back: Anne Blair

Bread Back: Fiona Bruce

Reserves: George Mills, Jane Mills, Bill Ferguson

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

Anniversary Pilgrimage to Historic Church Sites

Sunday 28th June at 3pm

Followed by

BBQ in Church Garden at 5pm

This is a date you will want to put in your diary as we continue to celebrate our history.

Further details will be provided through church
intimations

2015

A Year of Celebration

In which we mark our 125th Anniversary

ANNIVERSARY WINDOW DISPLAYS

Saturday 20th June 10am-12 & 2pm-4pm

Sunday 21st June 2pm-4pm

Admission £4 (includes entry to displays & teas in the hall)

WINDOW DISPLAYS

Work is well underway with regard to this event. A great big thank you is extended to those who have already offered to decorate a window or space in the church. We do, still have a few anniversary themes that have not yet been picked up by individuals or groups. This means, there's still time for you to display your creative side. The Anniversary themes left include: Leather, Ivory, Silver, Gold, Sapphire, and Diamond. If you would like to pick up one of these themes, or have your own suggestion, please let the minister know. If we run out of windows, we have other spaces in the church we can use.

The church will be open, the week leading up to the event, giving those who are dressing a window, or space in the church, plenty of time to set it up as they would like.

There are, however, so many other ways in which you can become involved in this anniversary event...

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY

We would like to set up a display of photographs showing the work and witness of the church down through the years. If you have some photographs we could put on display, please hand them in to the minister as soon as possible. The photographs will be returned. Thank you

ANNIVERSARY POSIES

We would love to decorate the end of the pews with floral displays - small posies of flowers, which we hope to put the names of loved ones onto. If you have your own posy to hand in or would like help in the making of one, please have a word with Mrs Anne Blair as soon as possible.

TEAS/CAKES

We will be serving teas/coffees, cakes etc, downstairs in the halls, so we need donations of home baking for the teas. We also need a host of folks who are willing to help in the kitchen for a few hours over the weekend. Again if you can help, please let the minister know.

Remember...

UR needed

UR important

UR the one who can make this a huge success

UR invited to tell your family and friends about this event and encouraged to bring them along

UR at the heart of our CHURCH

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr Daniel (Danny) Malloy	11 Paris Ave, Denny
Mr Charles Bridegwater	Park House, Head of Muir
Mr John Mcleod	22 Carronbank Cres, Denny
Mrs Jean Davidson	10 Beech Cres, Dunipace
Mr James Tennant	18 Darroch Drive, Fanketon
Mrs Jemima (Mima) Barr	2 Hookney Terr, Fankerton
Mrs Barbara Cameron	49 Barnego Road, Dunipace

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

Baptism "Let the children come to me"

David & Victoria Small, of Broomhill Farm, Dunipace, presented their children for Baptism on Sunday 12th April, 2015.

Noah Christopher Small

Bradley Alexander Small

We pray that the joys of family life will be increased as they grow together, in faith, hope and love.

Keeping You Informed

David & Rita Turnbull now reside at Flat 4, Robertson Court, Larbert.

Isobel Menzies formerly of 9 Jubilee Road, has now moved to Spain

We congratulate Neil & Tracy Thomson on the birth of their first child, a son, Noel Ian Thomson.

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	VACANT
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 TIME

For an appointment please call the Minister

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher – 824540

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