

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
A YEAR OF MISSION WITH VISION
SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Message from your Minister

God's Guidance

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand..."
William Williams (1717-1791)

Dear Friends,

I love the month of May. The so called, "Merry month of May" Days are definitely stretching out. In general the weather is getting warmer. Trees are bursting forth as tiny green leaves unfurl like little flags waving in the gentle breeze and flowers blossom with sweet fragrance, none more sweetly than the garden azalea or woodland bluebells. Our thoughts are turning from winter to spring and now even to summer.

Many of our groups and organisations are planning for summer fetes, summer outings, summer mission, and for others summer holidays! As they do so, I take this opportunity to extend a great big hearty word of thanks to all the office bearers and helpers who, over the past months, have ensured that the many groups, organisations and activities that shape the life, work and witness, of Dunipace Parish Church, have been undertaken with commitment and zeal for our Lord.

I am very much aware of the fact that there is a huge amount of work that gets undertaken, quietly and discreetly, in the background, by the much needed, often hidden, and busy few. God definitely knows who you are. To you we also extend a great big hearty word of thanks.

One of the hardest tasks I undertake in the month of May, is that of deciding which pupil from the local Primary School will receive the Chaplain's Shield for "Character & Conduct" It's never an easy decision to make because many, if not all, of the children could merit the award in their own way. But a name needs to be brought forward and after much prayerful consideration, I manage to complete the task and submit the name to the Head Teacher for the Staffs consideration, all in good time for the Awards Ceremony in June.

I am, however, always mindful of the mixed emotions children, and indeed adults too, experience when Prize-Giving or Award Ceremonies take place. There is joy and sadness. Joy beams from the faces of those who receive a medal or award, but look closely and it doesn't take long to see how quickly sadness sweeps across the faces of the children who feel they have not been recognised or rewarded for their effort.

I pray that every person who loves the Lord, serves the Lord and seeks to be an imitator of God, in their daily life and worship, will know they are truly loved and deeply valued for their faithfulness and service, more so in these challenging times.

The Church of today is very different to the Church of yesterday. Every local congregation is trying to "think out of the box" and be innovative and creative in the task set before them. For all of this, they deserve heartfelt thanks and ongoing encouragement, especially at a time when they are

weak and feel as if they are plodding through a barren land. May God continue to guide them and bless them in the work they are endeavouring to do on behalf of the congregation.

Just as God guided the fledgling nation of Israel via a "pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night" (Ex 13:21) so God will guide his people today with the light of his Word and his unfailing love, even in difficult circumstances. We know that in addition to God's direct involvement in guiding his people, God also has human agents and divinely appointed means to assist his people.

Whoever you are and whatever your role in the life of the local church, know you are loved dearly and valued greatly.

May these words ring in all our ears, "Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me." Philipians 3:13-14

PRAYER

Almighty God, as People of the Way, keep each of us faithful and true to you, rejoicing in the knowledge that your purpose, which always works for our good, will not be defeated.

As part of that purpose, we each have a place in your kingdom. With this assurance, help us to go forward in faith, trusting in your guidance, knowing that if we keep our hearts open to the prompting of your Holy Spirit, you will lead us in all you have called us to do. Hear this our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

With warmest regards and God's richest blessings

Jean W Gallacher

Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

Parish Minister - Dunipace Parish Church of Scotland

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

28 th	1pm-3pm	Gala Teas in the church halls
29 th	11.00am	Morning Worship

JUNE

1 st	7.30pm	Planning Group meeting in Reading Room
5 th	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION
6 th	7.30pm	Presbytery P&CF meeting in the R/Room
11 th	2pm-4pm	Tiara Tea in the church halls
12 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
19 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 th	7.30pm	Congregational Board meeting in R/Room
26 th	11.00am	Book-Giving Family Service
27 th	1.30pm	School Leavers' Ceremony in the church

JULY

1 st	7.30pm	Wedding rehearsal in the church
2 nd	2.00pm	WEDDING in the church
3 rd	11.00am	Morning Worship
10 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – Mr Arthur Stewart
17 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – Mr Arthur Stewart
24 th	11.00am	Morning Worship – Mr Arthur Stewart
31 st	11.00am	Morning Worship

PASTORAL COVER 4th July - 25th July (inclusive)

If you require the services of a Minister, during this period, please contact the Rev David Wandrum on 01236- 723288

AUGUST

7 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
14 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
15 th	7.30pm	Presbytery P&CF meeting in R/Room
21 st	11.00am	Morning Worship
28 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
29 th	7.30pm	Kirk Session meeting in R/Room

SEPTEMBER

3 rd	1.30pm	WEDDING in the church
4 th	11.00am	COMMUNION
	3.00pm	COMMUNION

GALA DAY - CREAM TEAS

Will be served in
Dunipace Church Halls
Saturday 28th May
1pm – 3pm

Donations of baking and offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please, contact Mrs June Davies

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 5th June 2016
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 5th June at 11am

Communion Table

Alex Cook

Jim Winning

Barnego Road Side

Organ Side

Wine Front: George Mills

Wine Front: David Reynolds

Wine Back: Sandra Teven

Wine Back: Fiona Bruce

Bread Front: Jim Perry

Bread Front: Ian McVicar

Bread Back: Anne Marchant

Bread Back: June Ross

Reserves: Anne Blair, Bill Ferguson and Helen Lax

If unable to do your duty, please contact one of the reserves
or: Mr. Alex Cook, Session Clerk

FUND RAISING & OUTREACH EVENT

Don't miss the...

"TIARA" AFTERNOON TEA

Being held in

Dunipace Church Halls

On

SATURDAY 11th JUNE

2pm-4pm

If you would like to cater for a table of six people, please contact Mrs June Davies, to book a table. Those who book a table are responsible for providing all of the eatables for the six people at their table.

Each person sitting at your table pays £5 for - what I know will be - an outstanding Afternoon Tea

The event is open to all.

If you have not received an invitation to be a particular "guest" at someone's table, there will be tables for "visitors" and those who come along on the day. So, no excuses please!

Oops! Nearly forgot. Ladies, remember your Tiara.

Gentlemen can of course wear a crown or simply come along and join in the fun

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

NEPAL - LET US BUILD A HOUSE PROJECT

The Church of Scotland, World Mission Council, set a challenge to every Presbytery and congregation in Scotland. The challenge was for each Presbytery & Congregation to raise at least £500 to build houses in an area of Nepal where an earthquake struck in April 2015. The first and most devastating earthquake lasted only 45 seconds and brought destruction to the area.

Thanks to the generosity of local church members, Dunipace Parish Church sent a cheque for £500 to the World Mission Council on the 1st of May this year.

In addition Agnes Peattie, from Westpark Church, organised an additional event, held recently in Dunipace church hall, raising a further £420. This will be forward to the World Mission Council.

Well done and thank you to all who helped support this special appeal.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS CAMPAIGN

Once again I am delighted to inform the congregation that, as part of our community "Spread the Good News" outreach project, all of the Primary 7 pupils, in Dunipace Primary School, will receive a children's Bible from Dunipace Parish Church, at the School Leavers' Ceremony on 27th June.

The money for this outreach project is raised through our 20p campaign.

Each Bible costs in the region of £10 and this year we will be presenting 28 Bibles.

If you would like to save up your 20ps and hand them into the church to support this community outreach project, please do so. Every 20p makes a difference. Thank you

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MATTERS

What happens when we place £10 in the offering plate on Sunday?

Does it all go to 121? NO

Does it all go to help churches in poor areas? NO

Does it all pay for the Minister? NO

Does it provide a powerful ministry, locally, nationally and globally? YES

£4.20 **Is kept by the local church**

To cover all sorts of costs including heating, lighting, property maintenance of church & halls, insurance, organist fees, stationary, photocopier, etc

£4.88 **Goes to the National Parish Ministries Fund.**

This ensures we have ministries in every part of the country. The Church of Scotland has full time & part time Ministers of Word and Sacrament. In addition we have Ordained Local Ministers', Readers, Auxiliary Ministers, new Pioneer Ministers, Associate Minister, Parish Development Workers, family Workers etc

92p **Supports the National Mission of the Church**

8p = Mission Discipleship

5p = Church and Society

9p = Social Care (Crossreach)

12p = World Mission

45p = Support Services (Legal, Accounting, Safeguarding etc)

6p = General Assembly and Moderator

7p = Special Contributions

MINISTRY & MISSION MATTERS TOO

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I write to thank you most sincerely for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offerings. It is important that you should know what happens to this money.

Dunipace Parish Church

Our Total Contribution to the Ministries & Mission Fund for
2016 amounted to **£ 36,660**

National Ministries (85.3%) National Mission (14.7%)

£31,271 of our total contribution will go towards **National Ministries** providing over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England. This contribution also assists with the costs of recruitment and training.

£5,389 of our total contribution goes towards **National Mission** supporting the Church's work in mission.

DEAR FRIENDS, PLEASE NOTE

If a congregation's contribution to **National Ministries** is **£41,507** or above, that congregation **IS** meeting the full cost of ministry and supporting other congregations.

If, however, the amount a congregation contributes to **National Ministries** is less than **£41,507**, that congregation **IS NOT** meeting the cost of ministry and is being supported by other congregations.

As you can see Dunipace Parish Church falls well short of the required amount, by **£10,236** and **IS NOT** meeting the cost of National Ministries and **IS** therefore being supported by other congregations who give above the **£41,507** level.

SHARING SOME THOUGHTS...

I once heard a story told, in a sermon, about a family who had a treasure. It had been handed down through several generations. It was a genuine antique vase. It was kept on the mantel in the living room as a special object of enjoyment.

One day when the lady of the house came home, she was greeted by her daughter, the daughter said, "Mum, you know that vase you told us has been passed down from generation to generation?" her mother acknowledged that she did in fact know the vase and her daughter then said, "Mum, this generation just dropped it." (Author & Source of story unknown)

From conversations I have heard in recent years, it seems the general feeling is that this generation has been dropping many valuable things, such as standards and attitudes that the majority believe we should treasure.

Surely the greatest treasure we have is our FAITH.

I pray it does not slip through our fingers or come crashing to the ground in these challenging times.

I pray also that our FAITH does not get stuck on the mantel to be admired from a distance.

I pray that we value our FAITH and use the FAITH God has given to us, in innovative ways that keep it alive and meaningful to this new generation.

Our FAITH is a treasure that must be handed down from generation to generation. Let's not lose it or drop it!

The only Christ others see may be what they see in us.

I like the following words penned by Joan Deems:

I saw no likeness to Him in you today
And since I shall not pass your way again
It matters not that yesterday His light shone in you
Or that tomorrow you may want to make amends
I passed your way today.

PARISH REGISTER

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

Mr John Hammerton Church Lane
Mr Trevor Parks Connolly Court
Mrs Isabella (Ella) Esplin Barnego Road
Mr Derek Rollo Grangemouth
Mr George Watters Barnego Road
Mrs Annie Jarvis Tygetshaugh Court
Mrs Margaret Turnbull The Cottage, Croftside Park

We keep the families very much in our thoughts and prayers.

BAPTISM "Let the children come to me"

RUBY HARRIS

Third daughter of Alan & Kimberley, was baptised on Sunday 21st February, 2016

GETTING TO KNOW NEW FACES IN OUR CHURCH

A warm word of welcome is extended to Mrs Nancy Porter, of Jubilee Road, who has joined with us for worship. Nancy is a brilliant baker and has already attended many of our outreach events, bringing along family & friends. Welcome to you.

HELP US TO BE THERE FOR YOU

Please remember that Hospital and Nursing Home records are confidential. If you, or a relative, require the pastoral services of the Minister, please, let the Minister know.

If you move address or have a change in name etc, please, keep us informed. Thank you.

PAUSE & PONDER

When you have a lot of rough edges, you're easy to get hold of but hard to embrace.

Some things must be believed before they can be seen!

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 & Choir	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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