

DUNIPACE PARISH CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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A Message from your Minister

WE NEED GOOD NEWS STORIES

“Let the whole world sing to the Lord!
Tell the good news every day about how he saves us.”
I Chronicles 16:23

Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this message, I do so, like most of us, still trying to get my head round the terror attack that took place in Manchester. A dreadful, dreadful, event that has left the thoughts and prayers of us all very much with everyone caught up in this terrible situation. In the hearts of many there will long be unanswered questions and in the homes of those worst affected the desperate need for hope in the face of such tragedy.

In a world that's vibrant with colour, richness and variety, yet, it seems, equally dim with suffering, poverty, and dare I say, acts of evil, I think, we all need to know that in the face of such contradictions there are good news stories to which we can cling for reassurance.

We have heard the Manchurians say, “Love overcomes hate” and “We stand together.” We have seen them display their beliefs through their generous outpouring of everything they have. Be this through the use of their cars

to get the lost back to their own communities; the opening of their homes to strangers, or the willingness to work extra shifts to care for the injured, not forgetting the vigils that provide a place to gather wandering thoughts and silent prayers. In the midst of such a terrible situation, each of these acts of love - glowing like radiant shafts of light - pierce the darkness and terror.

This is surely a good news story, if ever there was one. It is a story that speaks of people rallying to the aid of others. A story that highlights how such sincere acts of love and compassion will help to save the wounded and the grieved. Save them from despair and the bigger danger of hopelessness.

Closer to home, we have our own good news stories to share. Stories that should make us sing to the Lord and tell how he saves us from despondency and hopelessness too.

We rejoice greatly in the good news that our neighbouring congregation of Denny Westpark has, after a vacancy of many years, called a new minister. Subject to confirmation by Falkirk Presbytery, the Reverend Dan Kipchumba Too (to be known as Kipchumba) will be Ordained and Inducted to the charge of Denny Westpark in July.

In our own congregation, we equally have a good news story to share, namely that of the newly established Toddlers Group. From a telephone conversation, made by a young mother in our midst who wondered if Dunipace Parish Church would make their halls available to the community in this particular way, to the response of those who gave financially and in other ways to make it a reality, Dunipace now has a thriving toddlers group meeting in our halls and we, as a congregation, have a strong link with a

missing age group in the life of the Church. This is a good news story.

The final good news story I share with you just now is that of Wellsfield Farm Park. I have lost count with regard to the number of people who have commented on “What a great attribute Wellsfield Farm Park is to the local community”. One woman shared with me the delight she feels every time she passes the park on the bus and sees the huge crowd, of children and adults, enjoying the facilities Wellsfield Farm Park offers. She proudly said, “It’s absolutely wonderful to see.” This is a good news story.

Therefore, dear friends, it seems to me, that whether it’s responding to acts of terror, or to the ministry, mission, and outreach needs of our own community, there are good news stories to be shared. Stories motivated by a desire for love to overcome hate. Stories founded on the premise that we stand together. Stories ultimately shaped by our faith which reminds us that God will save us through the willingness of people whose love and compassion, like that of our Lord, outshines the darkness of terror and whose hope for other individuals and communities makes them willing to do whatever they can to overcome that which could hold people back, trap them in despair, or leave them feeling life is hopeless.

With kindest regards
From your minister and friend,

Jean W Gallacher

Parish Minister
Dunipace Parish Church of Scotland

MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION

Imagine that you are coming home from a holiday or visit. What are your priorities as you walk through the door of your home? What would be the first thing you do?

- (a) Have something to eat and drink?
- (b) Unpack your bags?
- (c) See what is on the television?

We all have decisions to make from first thing in the morning to last thing at night. Some decisions are simple others require a good bit more thought.

In Ezra 1:1-6 (NIV) we read that the Jews were going home from their sad exile to another country. Their enemies the Babylonians had been defeated in battle and a new king, Cyrus of Persia, was in charge. He had decided to send the captives home and so, led by a man named Zerubbabel, they made the long march back to their homeland. They were dismayed by what they saw. Their homes and farms were in ruins. And Jerusalem, their capital city, had barely a wall left standing. Now, if you had been one of the Babylonians returning, what would your priority have been?

- (a) Start to sow your fields?
- (b) Fight of the people who you were afraid of
- (c) Rebuild the temple in Jerusalem?

None of the above is correct. In fact they decided that the first thing they would do was to hold a service of praise to God, who had brought them home

The lesson of the returning Jews is that we need to make what God wants us to do our priority.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

4 th	11.00am	COMMUNION in the church
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh
5 th	7.30pm	P&CF Committee in halls
11 th	11.00am	Morning Worship
12 th	7.30pm	STATED ANNUAL MEETING
13 th	7.00pm	Fire Extinguisher Training
18 th	11.00am	PRIZE-GIVING Family Service
		Along with Lunch & Fun Day
25 th	11.00am	Sunday Service
29 th	1.30pm	School Leavers' Ceremony

JULY

2 nd	11.00am	Summer Service
9 th	11.00am	Summer Service
16 th	11.00am	Summer Service
23 rd	11.00am	Summer Service
30 th	11.00am	Pulpit Supply – Arthur Stewart

AUGUST

6 th	11.00am	Pulpit Supply – Arthur Stewart
13 th	11.00am	Pulpit Supply – Arthur Stewart
14 th	7.30pm	P&CF Committee in halls
20 th	11.00am	Summer Service
21 st	7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting
27 th	11.00am	Summer Service

SEPTEMBER

2 nd	3.00pm	WEDDING in the church
3 rd	11.00am	COMMUNION in the church
	3.00pm	COMMUNION in Tygetshaugh

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Will be celebrated on

Sunday 4th June 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 4th June 2017 at 11am

Communion Table

Jim Winning

George Mills

Barnego Road Side

Organ Side

Wine Front: Maureen Pleace

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: Jean Gray

Reserves: Ian Stokes, Helen Lax, June Davies

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

STATED ANNUAL MEETING

In Dunipace Parish Church Halls

Monday 12th June

7.30pm

A Light Supper will be provided
Along with some light hearted entertainment

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

LITE-BITE LUNCHES

The LITE-BITE LUNCH CLUB will be closed during June, July & August and will resume in September. A great big hearty word of thanks is extended to those who have given so generously and supported it so faithfully.

STATED ANNUAL MEETING

Monday 12th June at 7.30pm in the church halls

The Stated Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for the congregation as a whole to reflect upon all that we achieved, with regard to our work and witness in 2016, and explore our vision for 2017. This we can do by joining together for a night of celebration.

In addition to a presentation of the Accounts and other aspects of our work, a light supper will be provided along with some light entertainment.

The Stated Annual Meeting is an important date in the church calendar, so please give it a high priority in yours.

We look forward to this light-hearted night of praise and thanksgiving.

With there being vacancies on the Congregational Board, the Stated Annual Meeting also provides an opportunity for members of the congregation to think about serving the church in this particular way. If you would like to find out more about what being a member of the Board entails, please, have a word with the Minister. Thank you.

COMPETENT USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS TRAINING EVENT

Tuesday 13th June at 7pm

Mr Archie Kerr, on behalf of Falkirk Presbytery, is freely providing training in the use of fire extinguishers. The venue has still to be confirmed but it will be in one of the local churches – maybe even right on our own doorstep.

VISION 2020 Outreach Projects

OCTOBER 2017 – Stewardship of Talents

Photographic Exhibition & Artwork Display On theme of God's Amazing World

As part of our Vision 2020 Outreach Campaign, designed to help the community SEE what the church does and help the local church SEE how it can better engage with the local community, we are planning to hold a **PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION & ARTWORK DISPLAY** in the church halls, mid October 2017. All works being displayed must be original works and come from amateurs.

Advance notice is simply being given at this stage. Further details will follow through pulpit intimation and posters in the community. In the main we want to encourage church members and others to promote their artistic talent, as they capture the theme of "God's Amazing World" This they can do, through amateur photography, poetry, artwork, craftwork, and other similar displays.

The hope is that a wide range of photographic & artwork will be displayed in Dunipace Church halls, over a weekend in October, with teas being served in the annexe. It is also hoped that the children of the local primary school will rise to the challenge and provide artwork for display too, along with the children in the church.

So come on folks, we know you are talented. Let us help the rest of the community SEE it too.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

QUESTION

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

ANSWER

It provides a powerful ministry, locally, nationally and globally.

About **£4.20** is kept by the local church for all sorts of costs including maintaining the buildings, mission, worship and supporting church groups

About **£4.88** ensures we have ministries in every part of the country.

About **92p** supports congregations across the land with services such as safeguarding, Law department, General trustees, and Stewardship and Finance. Some of the money also ensures the mission of the Church is strengthened through the work of Councils.

- 8p Mission and Discipleship
- 5p Church and Society
- 9p Social care (Outreach)
- 12p World Mission
- 45p Support Services
(Legal advice, accounting, safeguarding...)
- 6p General Assembly and Moderator
- 7p Special Contributions

We should also remember that each Presbytery can use 5% of its total Ministries and Mission contributions at its own discretion to assist congregations.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE continued

The total contribution to be paid by Dunipace Parish Church, in 2017, into the National Ministries and Mission Fund is **£36,566**

Ministries (84%)

£30,715 of this contribution will go towards the costs of providing 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.

Mission (16%)

£5,851 of the total contribution will be used to support the National Church's work in: resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach; providing social care services; accompanying partners around the world on our shared Christian journey, contributing the Church's opinion in public debate and on issues affecting Scotland and the world; providing central day-to-day service work in administration, financial and legal matters; in planning the General Assembly and ensuring the Moderator represents the Church

A POINT WE NEED TO NOTE

If a congregation's total contribution to the Ministries & Mission Fund is above £41,866, then the local church is fully meeting the local costs of Ministry & Mission.

If a congregation's total contribution to the Ministries and Mission Fund is below this figure then the local congregation is being subsidised by other congregations.

This means that **other congregations are supporting Dunipace Parish Church to the tune of £5,300 in 2017**

PARISH REGISTER

FUNERALS

“I am the Resurrection and the Life”

Mrs Jeanie (Jean) Wilson

Mr John Whyte

Mrs Edith Margaret Stirling

Mr John Davidson

Mrs Catherine (Cathie) McLean

Mrs Margaret Rollo

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

BAPTISMS

“Let the children come to me”

Kyle Teven Hutchison

We pray this little child may forever be at home in God's great family the Church

<h3>DATA PROTECTION</h3>

Please note, the only information the local church keeps on record, for members, is name and address. Should your details change, please, let us know.

If you require the services of the Parish Minister, please, let her know or ask a family member to do so. Remember that hospital admissions are strictly confidential therefore unless you contact the Parish Minister she would have no way of knowing you are in hospital.

Please also remember that every member has an Elder who visits on a regular basis, often delivering the magazine and communion card. Please, get to know your Elder because they play an integral role in our pastoral care to members and folks within the parish. 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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