



Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



September 2017



September Church Calendar

Saturday 2nd	Open Day
Sunday 3rd	Rorison Service New Time 2.30pm
Sunday 3rd	Pathfinders Return
Thursday 7th	Boys Brigade Return
Wednesday 13th	Guild Return
Sunday 17th	Guild Re-Dedication Service
Wednesday 27th	Guild
Friday 29th	Nursing Home Visits

Mission Statement

“Dalsersf Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ through the preaching of the word and witness of every member”

All Welcome

Worship at Dalsersf Church is at 11.30am Sundays, all year through

Worship at Rorison Church is on 1st Sunday of each month at 2.30pm

Sunday Pathfinders (Sunday school) is at 11.30am (term time)

Mondays

Bible Study is at 11.00am, Hamilton Hall

Girls Brigade is from 6.15pm, Rorison

House Group is on 1st Monday of each month at 1.30pm

Thursdays

Boys Brigade from 5.45pm, Rorison

Announcements

Deaths

Cathie Clelland on Fri 23rd June 17

Cathie Yuille on Thu 29th June 17

Jack McGhie on Sat 8th July 17

Jimmy Lawrie on Thu 3rd August 17

Baptisms

Jamie Martyn Black & Erin Elizabeth Black

On Sun 6th August 17

Weddings

Kirsty Blackwood to Stuart Pollock

On Fri 28th July 17

Special Birthdays

Love and congratulations go to Willie Hamilton who celebrated his 70th Birthday on 6th Aug 17

Bible Verse of the Month



But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

Nursing Home Visits

On the last Friday of each month. Please come along and support our visits to the homes.

1.45pm Clinton House

2.15pm Ballantine Court (1)

2.45pm Ballantine Court (2)



Prayer for Others

*May the light of God surround you,
May the love of God enfold you,
May the power of God protect you,
May God place his healing hands upon you and heal you quickly,
May the presence of God watch over you,
Wherever your God is, Amen*





THE DIVINE WEAVER

**My life is but a weaving
between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colours
he worketh steadily.**

**Often times he weaveth sorrow
and I, in foolish pride,
forget he seeth the upper
and the underside.**

**Not till the loom is silent
and the shuttles cease to fly,
shall God unroll the canvas
and explain the reason why.**

**The dark threads are as needful
in the Weaver's skilful hand
as the threads of gold and silver
in the pattern he has planned.**

Dear friends,

For many of you this is a time of uncertainty because of the area review being carried out on behalf of the Presbytery of Hamilton. For some the process seems to be going on for ever! However, this is a process that requires to be done in order that the reduced ministerial resources of the Church, Nationally, are properly used.

I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil.

I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath--this are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely--this are my native air.

I once read a university Doctor's words on the subject of fear and worry; I quote, "*We do not know why it is that worriers die sooner than the non-worriers, but that is a fact.*"

But I, who am simple of mind, think I know; We are inwardly constructed in nerve and tissue, brain cell and soul, for faith and not for fear. God made us that way. To live by worry is to live against reality.

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm. Sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms his child. Let God be God because He alone knows and is in control!

We are now in the part of the year when we look toward the Autumn and winter. Rather than look forward in fear let us look forward in faith and when we do let us also consider all that has been accomplished in the past months.

Each Sunday during the summer I have listened to the reaction of the congregation as the sum of money raised from the Saturday Teas is announced. Everyone rejoices in the funds raised. However, I wonder how many consider the number of visitors who come along on a Saturday. For me there is greater joy in considering the opportunity we have to share fellowship and offer kindness and comfort, where it is needed, with those who come among us.

Jesus' words, '*Do not be afraid*' occur 365 times in scripture (one for each day of the year) how many more do we need?

Keep your fears to yourself; share your courage with others.

Robert Louis Stevenson

John Stevenson (Locum)

May God continue to bless all the work that is done in Dalserf for His Glory.



Prayer of the Month

*I meditate on you O Lord.
For you have borne the pain,
You have lived the trauma,
You have tasted shame.*

*I meditate on you O Lord.
For you have beaten death,
You have covered everything
With gentle loving breath.*

*I meditate on you O Lord.
For you're the promise bright,
You're the hope of healing hands,
You're the brightest light.*

*I meditate on you O Lord.
Come meet me in my fears,
Touch me with your wings of love,
And lift my heart of tears.*

*I meditate on you O Lord.
My saviour and my friend,
My comforter, my one and all,
On you I will depend.*

BIBLE NAMES WORDSEARCH

U	U	B	O	E	Y	M	D	J	S	O	N	M	O
H	K	E	W	L	S	H	D	B	T	V	O	H	U
A	A	L	O	V	O	A	T	A	C	H	A	E	H
R	S	A	L	D	N	B	P	A	V	A	H	A	J
E	O	C	A	A	J	R	L	A	I	I	I	L	S
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- TIMOTHY
- JESUS
- ABRAHAM
- MATTHEW
- DAVID
- CAIN
- PAUL
- NOAH
- ABEL
- LUKE
- JOSHUA
- MARY
- CALEB
- SOLOMON
- EVE
- ESTHER
- GOLIATH
- SAUL
- MOSES
- JOHN

Focus on God's Majesty

*You have not seen Christ, but still
you love him. You cannot see him now,
but you believe in him*
1 Peter 1:8

Some years ago a sociologist accompanied a group of mountain climbers on an expedition. Among other things, he observed a distinct correlation between cloud cover and contentment. When there was no cloud cover and the peak was in view, the climbers were energetic and cooperative. When the grey clouds eclipsed the view of the mountain top, though, the climbers were sullen and selfish.

The same thing happens to us. As long as our eyes are on God's majesty there is a bounce in our step. But let our eyes focus on the dirt beneath us and we will grumble about every rock and crevice we have to cross. For this reason Paul urged, "Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the thing right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to the things going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective".

(Taken from GRACE FOR THE MOMENT by Max Lucado)

GOD HAS PROMISED

*God has not promised skies always blue,
flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God has not promised sun without rain,
joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God has promised strength for the day,
rest for the labour, light on the way,
grace for the trial, help from above,
unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

**" For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves,
it is the gift of GOD - " (Ephesians 2:8)**



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Rotas



	Coffee	Crèche	Flowers
3rd Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Manson	as required	Mrs. McPhee (Larkhall)
10th Sept	Mrs. Budgell & Mrs. Blair	as required	Mrs. P Gilmour (Lanark)
17th Sept	Mr. & Mrs. Archibald	as required	Mrs. E King (Wishaw)
24th Sept	Mr. Johnstone & Mrs. Kelly	as required	Mrs. M Weir
1st Oct	Mrs. Clarkson & Mrs. Gilmour	as required	Mrs. Warnock (Crossford)

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for October 2017, the deadline will be Sunday 3rd of September 2017. Please contact the editor with your content by the above date.

" In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (James 2:17)

