



Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



October 2017



Mission Statement

"Dalserf Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ through the preaching of the word and witness of every member"

All Welcome

Worship at Dalserf 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

Weddings

Michelle Graham to David Oldcorn
On Sat 16th September 2017

Special Birthdays

Love and congratulations to Sarah Jane Rodger who celebrated her 30th birthday on 14th September 2017

October Church Calendar

Sunday 1st Baptism

Thursday 5th Focus Returns

Sunday 8th Harvest Service

Saturday 14th Harvest Lunch Hamilton Hall

Saturday 21st Wedding

Monday 23rd Moving Church contents to Hamilton Hall

Friday 27th Nursing Home Visits

Sunday 29th Rorison Service 11.30am

Bible Verse of the Month



With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12

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



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Dear friends,

Summer, if it ever appeared, has now gone and we come to the Autumn. For me this is my favourite season of the year with its variety of colours and the awareness that plants and animals are getting ready for the winter.

Nature always responds to the seasons and many of us could worse than observe how God's creation reacts the changes.

Too often we just trundle along and take little or no time to take a step back and reflect on what has been going on and what is surely coming. The scriptures are full of warnings and ways in which we can prepare ourselves for the things that may occur in our lives. However, we can be guilty of being so caught up in the busyness of life that we find little, or no, time to stop and reflect.

From the very beginning God has cautioned us to slow down and, as some modern phrase would put it, "smell the roses"!

God gave us Ten Commandments, not to restrict us but to help us enjoy His creation to the full.

The third Commandment is as important as all the others. Here God recognises not only our need for Him but also the fact that we are mortal, with weaknesses. God recommends to us that we should keep the Sabbath Holy. He goes on to say that six days we are to labour and do ALL our work and on the seventh day we should rest.

Some have got themselves so tied up with trying to be rigid in observance of the Sabbath to the point of forgetting that God did not intend for this to be an additional burden but for it to be as He ordained it; A DAY OF REST! The Hebrew word for Sabbath is, simply, REST!

Jesus recognised how we, as mortals, can take the letter and turn it into a heavy burden. Jesus warned against the misuse of the third Commandment by saying, "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath!*" Mark 2: 27.

However, often we can become a bit lazy with the observance of God's wishes for us and we can find ourselves getting burdened with cramming in so much that we tend to ignore the warnings. Many can even make the excuse that the 'extra' work I am doing is for the Church and therefore it is for God! Good, but remember God does not want any of us to work ourselves into physical or nervous wrecks! God wants us to ENJOY all he has given us and that we should find rest in Him. Jesus emphasised this by saying, "I have come so that my JOY may be in you, and that your JOY may be complete"!

Work, therefore that you enjoy life with the risen Christ as your strength.

John Stevenson (Locum)

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





Open Days & Saturday Teas

In a Spring edition of this newsletter all members who were physically able were encouraged to support the summer Open Days and the Saturday Cafe. It was pointed out that the money raised was very important as it subsidised our offerings by nearly 20%.

This year's total was slightly down compared to 2016, due to an unexpected and disappointingly poor start. However, in the end, the result was extremely rewarding. On the September Open Day, we welcomed Dorothy Noble and Liz Lawson who took over full responsibility for organising and providing the afternoon teas. Some more new faces would be most welcome as the present manpower is ageing and becoming thin on the ground.

Now that these events are passed are YOU personally content with the way you responded to that fund raising effort??

If you baked.....thanks.

If you provided ingredients.....thanks.

If you supplied tea and coffee.....thanks.

If you helped to serve.....thanks

If you washed the dishes.....thanks.

If you came and enjoyed the excellent baking.....thanks.

If you bought items from the stalls.....thanks.

If you made a financial donation.....thanks.

If you "manned" the stalls.....thanks.

If you were on church reception.....thanks.

If you helped in any way.....thanks.

Offering

It has been recently noticed that some members who are "tax payers" are not utilizing the FWO envelopes which were issued to them, and are contributing to the church via the "open plate".

Although the church can claim a tax rebate on the open plate, this is restricted to contributions not exceeding £8000. As Dalserf's open plate is in excess of this figure, any sum surplus to this is ignored by the Inland Revenue, and Dalserf loses out on the 25% rebate. Please use the envelopes provided so that your offering is properly recorded.

Kids Alive

Sadly the start of the Kids Clubs at Netherburn and Dalserf Primaries has had to be postponed due to the indisposition of Brian Lowrie.

To add to Brian's difficulties his wife Sarah is very poorly at this time. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult period.

Bruce Archibald

Arrangements for Church Painting

On Monday 23rd October we would greatly appreciate any help from the members to clear the Church to enable the interior painting works to commence. We propose to start at 9:00am and it is thought that it will take a few hours, so if you wish to bring along a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided in Hamilton Hall.

Painting will begin either the 25th or 26th of October 2017 and at this time the duration is unknown. On completion of the work it is proposed that a professional cleaning company will be employed prior to re-occupation of the Church.

During the on-going work services will be held at Rorison as detailed below.

Sunday 29th Oct 17, at 11.30am

Sunday 5th Nov 17, at 11.30am (Communion)

Sunday 12th Nov 17, at 11.30am

Returning the Church contents will possibly take place on Monday 13th Nov 17, again starting at 9.00am. Tea and coffee will be provided as before in Hamilton Hall.

It is hoped that we will resume with our normal service in Dalserf on Sunday 19th November 17, subject to the completion of the painting and cleaning.

Joan Pollok

Birthday Wishes

Love and congratulations to Lewis Scotland who celebrated his 14th birthday on 23rd September 2017.

Love and congratulations also go to Abby Gilchrist who celebrates her 9th birthday on 4th October 2017.



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	Coffee		Crèche		Flowers
1st Oct	Mrs. Clarkson & Mrs. Gilmour		as required		Mrs. Ann Carson (Overtown)
8th Oct	Mr. & Mrs. McPhee		as required		Mrs. A Warnock & Mrs. H Blair
15th Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey		as required		Mrs. I McLean (Larkhall)
22nd Oct	Mr. & Mrs. Manson		as required		Mrs. J Tennant (Larkhall)
29th Oct	Mrs. Budgell & Mrs. Blair		as required		Mrs. S Paul

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for November 2017, the deadline will be Sunday 15th of October 2017. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.

" Depend on the LORD; trust him, and he will take care of you " (Psalm 37:5)

