



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



March 2019



## March Church Calendar

- Friday 1st** World Day of Prayer (Dalsersf 2:00pm)
- Sunday 3rd** Communion (Dalsersf 11:30am, Rorison 2:30pm)
- Monday 4th** Girls Brigade Pancake Night
- Thursday 7th** Focus
- Wednesday 13th** Guild AGM
- Monday 25th** Girls Brigade Awards Night
- Wednesday 27th** Guild Closing Social
- 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

### 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

### Announcements

#### Deaths

Mathew King on Wed 23rd January 2019  
(Step Grandad to Claire Walker)

### **Bible Verse of the Month**



*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved"*

**Acts 2 : 46 – 47**

### **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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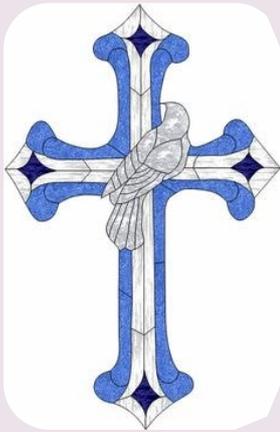


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By the time that you read this letter Spring will be fast approaching. Lambs will be gambolling in the fields, birds will be singing and darting across the sky and buds will be breaking forth across many plants, shrubs and trees in our parish. In fact, if we are willing to open our eyes and ears and notice what is happening around us, then we can't escape the recognition that this time of the year cries out to our senses - fresh beginnings, new life.

This is God's glorious creation at work, bringing forth growth where it has seemed to be absent, life out of apparent decay. Indeed, what we see today bursting forth from the rhythms of our natural world is mirrored in our theological reflection as we prepare to celebrate God's wondrous act of recreation, of renewing life in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This one act, given by God for you and me, is like moving from winter into spring and then being held permanently in this life-creating environment. Death and decay no longer have the last word. Christ is resurrected, gaining both a victory for all time over death and offering the promise of the same eternal life to all those who believe in Him. New life abounds!

Belief, at the moment, is an interesting word. Pick up a newspaper, watch the news on television or listen to it on the radio and more often than not questions are being asked about the validity of any information we are given. Whether it is the almost daily cry of 'fake news' from the other side of the Atlantic or the credibility of the claims made by those campaigning for Brexit, we are presented with narratives by the media which ask and expect us to question the things we are told. Doubt and disbelief seem to be a new default position, the place from where our thinking starts. Very slowly and, more often than not, at a subconscious level we seem to be being drawn into a culture which questions and dismisses the claims made by others as false, erroneous or just incorrect. Trust seems to be being eroded, by the working of scepticism and cynicism. Pick up the Bible and read any of the stories about Jesus' teaching and preaching and almost always he was met with doubt and disbelief. Few people believed what he claimed or what he stood for; you can almost hear the cry of 'fake news' being shouted at him. Yet we mustn't forget that an important part of our forthcoming celebration of Easter symbolizes the complete verification and confirmation of all that Jesus preached and taught during His three year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead, if He had merely died and not been resurrected, He would have been considered just another 'good' teacher. However, His resurrection changed all that and gave final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God, that He had conquered death once and for all and that he could be believed. He is someone in whom we can trust and place our belief, resting secure in the knowledge of God's faithfulness and truth. May this truth bless you and all those you love, with new life.

Blessings to you all.

John, Locum Minister





## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



### Come – Everything is Ready!

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Slovenia.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 180 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

### 2019 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Will take place in Dalsersf Parish Church,  
Dalsersf Village at 2:00pm on Friday 1st March 2019  
Please come along and join us.

The Service will be followed by fellowship in  
Hamilton Hall, Dalsersf

### Prayer for Our Congregation

Dear God  
We pray for our congregation.  
May worship be truthful, passionate  
and honouring to you.  
Whether in ancient hymns or new songs,  
May we unite in praise  
and offer our whole lives  
as worship to you.

In our life together may we encourage  
where there is struggle,  
celebrate where there is joy,  
grow together in our understandings of  
the Good News,  
be unafraid to challenge,  
honest enough to confess our mistakes  
and may we remain hopeful  
as we dream dreams

In our mission  
make us bold and adventurous.  
In our weakness  
may we know your strength.  
May we have the great joy  
of seeing others come to faith in you.  
May we be resilient  
in our pursuit of justice  
and have the humility to share  
in the work with others.

May our congregation be a place  
where the gifts of many are united  
in common purpose,  
where all are allowed to flourish  
and be valued,  
where together  
we are built into a dwelling place  
for the Holy Spirit,  
as together we grow in love.

AMEN

### Notice Board



#### Grateful Thanks

*I would like to express my grateful thanks to those people who visited me and sent cards during my recent stay in hospital.*

*When you know that you are being thought of and prayed for it goes a long way to helping you to recover. I am now home and awaiting developments.*

**Mary Grove**

**“ Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”**

**( Jeremiah 29:12 )**





## Guild Report

On Wednesday the Guild held its Annual Burns Supper with almost 50 people sitting down to an excellent traditional meal prepared and served by our Girls Brigade.

Lily Budgell Addressed the Haggis with expertise, which had been carried in by the Girls Brigade and piped by Cameron May, wielding her knife as legs and arms and heids were sned like taps oh thistle

After the meal we were entertained by traditional speeches, song and verse. Tom Carson expertly delivered a most informative Immortal Memory. The Lassies was tackled by Rev. John Stevenson and Session Clerk Joan Pollok respectively. Both gave as "good as they got" and the audience was delighted by their humour.

Hazel Blair delighted us in song and Karyn Scotland, from our Girls Brigade, gave us an excellent performance of "Scots wha hae".

Thanks to everyone who made the evening a success. We look forward to repeating the event in 2020

Our Closing Social will be held on 27th March in Rorison when the entertainment will be provided by Luckenbooth Folk Band, an excellent group not to be missed.

Usual Supper will also be served.

**Kay Blair**



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## Rotas



**3rd Mar**

Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly

Mr B Gold (Larkhall)

**10th Mar**

Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Gilmour

Mrs J Pollok (Crossford)

**17th Mar**

Mrs Hunter & Mrs Lawrie

Mrs A Baillie (Over Dalsersh)

**24th Mar**

Mr & Mrs Harvey

Mrs Isobel Stevenson (Udd)

**31st Mar**

Mr & Mrs Manson

J Goldie (Tillietudlem)

### Items for next Newsletter

*If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for April 2019,*

*the deadline will be Sunday 17th of March 2019. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.*

**"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)**

