



Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



June 2019



June Church Calendar

Sunday 2nd Communion Dalsersf (11:30am)

Sunday 2nd Communion Rorison (2:30pm)

Friday 28th 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

Baptism

Esme Hope Cairney on Sunday 21st April 2019

Special Anniversary

Our Love and warmest congratulations to
Bruce and Sheena Archibald who celebrated
their Golden Wedding Anniversary
on Tuesday 28th May 2019

Bible Verse of the Month



*“If you love me, keep my commands.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give
you another advocate to help you and be
with you forever - the Spirit of truth.
The world cannot accept him, because it
neither sees him nor knows him. But you
know him, for he lives with you and will
be in you.*

John 14 : 15 – 17

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,

It was a privilege for me this year to conduct worship in Bothwell during five days of Holy Week, days which have from very early years been a “Week Observed”, a fixed period in the liturgical calendar of the Christian Church.

It has been a week too in which the personalities and the events that fill one third of the gospel narratives have been “observed”, that dramatic and world-changing period has been watched, its characters portrayed, its events analysed, its proceedings re-enacted.

That the week should be observed in reflective worship, that these services should take place is important and right. It has been a shared Christian experience that, as people looked on, they have been gradually caught up in the drama, emotionally drawn into it; they have become more than spectators, finding themselves identifying with leading players, transported into an angry city, captivated by a Temple debate, enthralled by an upper room discourse..... stunned by a travesty of justice, shocked by the fickleness of the mob, appalled by a final act of innocent execution and the seeming triumph of evil, yet knowing, that even in the darkest moments of apparent tragedy and loss, the light of a new dawn is flickering, that the glorious Alleluia of Easter Day will break forth.

I was confessing to those who attended the service that, if I had my ministry again, I would earlier and more eagerly encourage my folk to visit Israel / Palestine - not because, as Christians, we must do so (there is no command to pilgrimage!), not because there is any special merit in making the journey (as in some religious traditions), but simply because we can, because we are able to set our feet on the very terrain where our faith began, the land where Jesus was born and lived and died, 2000 years ago. That is how historically and geographically our faith is. Yes, I would encourage folk to visit the Holy Land, because there the tourist becomes a pilgrim, the visitor becomes a worshipper and the sightseer gains an insight into the meaning of faith.

In the Holy Week drama, we become more than onlookers and spectators; in the Holy Land, we become more than tourists and sightseers. There is a parallel movement in the different accounts in the Gospels of the last days of Jesus' life. In the earliest gospel, (and in Matthew who follows almost word for word), the writer Mark looks with the eyes of the disciples as the events of the week overtake them. He sees the mysteriousness, the loneliness of this Jesus whom they fail to understand. Alone, Jesus

struggles against human evil to which he falls victim, dying with the words, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” on his lips. There are few glimpses of light; all is mystery and darkness. “Keep your distance”, Mark seems to say. You have no part in this; you have nothing to offer except your share in the human sinfulness. Look at what you can hardly understand. “Be still and know that I am God.” In the third gospel, Luke sees with the compassionate eyes of Christ. “Come near”, he seems to say. What brings Christ to this conflict is his love, his readiness to stand alongside humanity, to identify with men and women in their need. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.” Come near and receive forgiveness and healing, and the power to share these gifts in your own living. In the fourth gospel, John looks back, from a viewpoint beyond resurrection and ascension. “No one,” says John's Jesus, “takes my life away from me; I lay it down of my own free will.” For John, Jesus is in control. Pilate, High Priest, mocking soldiers, the mob, it is they who are judged; they act in accordance with Jesus' own chosen destiny. He is Lord, not only after the cross but before it and as he hangs on it. “When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to me.” This is his enthronement. He dies not with a cry of abandonment but with a shout of triumph. “Tetelestai!” It is accomplished.

As we move through these 40 days between Easter and Ascension Day, read again The Passion narratives, in Mark (or Matthew) and Luke and John, read again the mysterious, lonely, distant Jesus, of the compassionate and forgiving Christ, and of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, high and Lifted up.

Be caught up again in the greatest story that can ever be told and be inspired and empowered to play your part in the on-going drama of the Easter People, whose story is yet to be told.

May you know God's richest blessing in this Eastertide.

Yours aye,

David Doyle

Items for next newsletter

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

the deadline will be Sunday 11th of August 2019.

Please contact the editor with your content by this date.





Words of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, messages of support, flowers and good wishes following my recent surgery.

My recovery is progressing to plan and all is well at the moment.

Ann Carson

Grateful Thanks

I wish to express my grateful thanks for the kindness shown to me after my recent knee replacement.

For the prayers, visits, flowers, cards, text messages enquiring about my progress.

I am progressing well and express my thanks for all the kindness I have received.

Norah McGuckin

Our Role in the Community

With Cameron McPherson having gone for four years, many members may hold the view that Dalsarf Church is just “treading water”, and that our presence in the community is absent.

A recent sermon contained the words from John 21, “Feed my lambs” and “Take care of my sheep”. Jesus was encouraging his disciples to pass on His “good news”, very much like His Great Commission to spread the “Word” to all nations.

Whilst the weekly Sunday Service is the most noticeable part of our church life, there is still much going on behind the scenes.

On the last Friday of each month we hold worship services in each of the three care homes in Ashgill. Often as many as 45 residents, plus staff, willingly listen and take part. It is obvious that many of them feel blessed and touched by the visits, by the singing of well known hymns, by the minister’s biblical message, and by the love and affection shown to them by the church team. It is particularly satisfying to recognise faces that have worshipped in Dalsarf Church in former times. In their final years they gain considerable comfort and peace of mind hearing the scriptures once again.

The classes and assemblies provided by the MAD Ministry at Dalsarf and Netherburn primary schools, and the teaching at the Girls Brigade at Rorison all provide Christian education to almost 100% of the youth in our parish. In June a further two classes will move on to secondary school in Larkhall, taking with them a basic foundation in Christian morals and ethics. At the other end of the age spectrum the Guild and Focus play their part in this process.

Our concern for the poor is expressed through our involvement in the local foodbank in Larkhall. The generosity of the residents in our geographical area is humbling indeed.

It is recognised that the need for such organisations are many, varied and perhaps controversial. Many contributors hold the view “There but for the grace of God go I.” In a non-judgemental and open handed way they are more than happy to help those less fortunate than themselves. Sadly, often, some of the “poor” are in fact in employment – many on minimum wages or zero hours contracts. The way we treat waitresses, shop assistants, cleaners, carers etc. should always reflect our Christian principles of generosity. The book of Proverbs advises us, “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.”

Each Monday the Bible Study group in Hamilton Hall prays for all those in the church who are ill, had an accident, recuperating, going into care, mourning and grieving etc. It is reassuring that during times of trouble and stress that we are not alone, and that we are the subject of other members’ concern, and that there are those in our fellowship who are privately praying for us as individuals. The book of James, chapter 5 says, “Pray for one another, that you may be healed.”

It is often said that our Open Days and Saturday teas are not just for fund raising, but form part of the church’s outreach. It is amazing how many customers visit the church itself and value the information provided. Although most will visit out of pure curiosity, there may be some, where the peace, the calm, and perhaps the Holy Spirit will move their hearts and souls to contemplate the existence of God and their future in eternity.

It is encouraging and heartening that our Christian worship is more than a brief one hour Sunday service, but that it reflects our whole attitude to life and our fellow man.

Such activities in our parish clearly require manpower and financial resources. In either aspect you are encouraged to be a participant.

Bruce Archibald



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Rotas



2nd June	Mr & Mrs Archibald	Mrs L Lawrie (Dalserf)
9th June	Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly	Mrs Mgt. Baillie (Ashgill)
16th June	Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Gilmour	Mrs R Hunter (Dalserf)
23rd June	Mrs Hunter & Mrs Lawrie	Mr A Gillespie (Ashgill)
30th June	Mr & Mrs Harvey	Mrs B Collins (Ashgill)
7th July	Mr & Mrs Manson	Mrs R Fairlie (Dalserf)
14th July	Mrs Budgetell & Mrs Blair	Mrs H Blair (Larkhall)
21st July	Mr & Mrs Archibald	Mrs A Brown (Overtown)
28th July	Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly	Mr W Miller (Bellshill)
4th Aug	Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Gilmour	Mrs M Simpson (Ashgill)
11th Aug	Mrs Hunter & Mrs Lawrie	Mrs L Budgetell (Netherburn)
18th Aug	Mr & Mrs Harvey	Mrs Pollok / Mrs Hunter
25th Aug	Mr & Mrs Manson	Mrs L McDonald (Larkhall)
1st Sept	Mrs Budgetell & Mrs Blair	Mrs J McPhee (Larkhall)

Notice Board



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Karyn Scotland who celebrates her 14th Birthday on 30 June 2019.

Happy Birthday Karyn

Winning Drawing

Congratulations to Abby Gilchrist for her winning entry into the School Burns Drawing Competition - themed, "To A Mountain Daisy". Her 1st place artwork for P6/P7 will go forward to the National Competition.

Well Done Abby!

National 5 Exams

Lewis Scotland has now completed his National 5 examinations, this May, at Larkhall Academy and we wish him every success as he awaits his results.

Good luck Lewis!

West District Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Emma Gilchrist who competed at the West District Championships this May in Kilmarnock and progressed from the heats, through the semi-finals to the final of the U15 Girls 100m.

Well Done Emma!

" A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed"

(Proverbs 11:25)

