



Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



April 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 3.30pm

Dalserf Prayer Group is at 11.10am Sundays, Hamilton Hall, all invited for whole or part

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

Special Birthdays

Love and congratulations to Mrs Mathieson who celebrated her 96th Birthday on 8th March 2017

April Church Calendar

Wednesday 5th Guild (Mike Taylor, Easter Through Art)

Thursday 6th Focus

Sunday 9th Palm Sunday Pilgrimage (Chalmers Church 2pm)

Wednesday 12th Holy Week Service (Trinity Church 7pm)

Thursday 13th Holy Week Service (Trinity Church 7pm)

Friday 14th Holy Week Service (Trinity Church 7pm)

Sunday 16th Easter Sunday

Friday 21st African Children's Choir (Crossford Church 7pm)

Bible Verse of the Month



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them all in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28: 18 -20

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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Here we are now in the Season of Lent!

Lent gives an opportunity to look back, to look in and to look forward. These are all things that deal with what has been, what is and what is yet to come. Nothing could be more apt for this season of the Christian year.

In Lent we are encouraged to look back at what has been; to learn from past experiences both good and not so good; to look inward at what we are doing in our Christian walk and witness; to look forward with excitement and anticipation at the challenges ahead and above all the return of Christ to make all things perfect.

We are an Easter faith; a resurrection faith; a faith that lives in the presence of a risen Saviour who guides and encourages us in His way. Our part is to seek that way and to strive, through all the difficulties that may be put in our way, to serve Him in making known to others the love that God has for all.

Our Lenten journey is not one that is to be travelled alone but together and that togetherness has to include the Saviour who walks with us and shares in all our experiences.

As you journey through Lent to Easter please remember Christ's glorious resurrection and His promise that He will return. Meantime serve Him with joy and gladness as you allow Him to work miracles in your life and in the life of your congregation and He will bless all your efforts.

John Stevenson (Locum)

Prayer of the Month

God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing -
And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power -
And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
lying dormant in our hearts,
And give us ears to hear, dear God,
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words
Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair -
'Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in His care.'

Dalserf Guild



GUILD REPORT

On Wednesday 8th March we had a very special evening. This was a service to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism when two of our members, Mrs Nan Mathieson and Mrs Margaret Wilson were Baptized by the Rev. John Stevenson. Our Interim Moderator, David Doyle joined us along with our immediately retired Minister Cameron MacPherson & Sharon. It was a beautiful and emotional Service at which some of our ladies who can be seen in the photograph received Church Of Scotland Service Awards:

Nan Mathieson	50 years
Kay Blair	40 years
Mary Grove	40 years
Sadie Newlands	30 years
Lily Budgell	25 years
Doreen Campbell	40 years
Margaret Hill	25 years

The evening concluded with a lovely supper served in the small hall. Thanks to all who participated and helped make the evening one to remember.

Kay Blair -- Guild President.



"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

(Romans 5:8)





KIDS EASTER WORD SEARCH

S I N S O X R E S U R R E C T I O N G
 P R R E M E M B E R A S U N D A Y S X
 P A S S O V E R G A L S H S P I R I T
 R F A J F O M X V F M I D Y K R H C I
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FATHER	LORD	RESURRECTION
SPIRIT	GOD	ALMIGHTY
HOLY	CRUCIFIXION	MARY
CHRIST	SON	FASTING
CROWN	FOREVER	GOOD FRIDAY
THORNS	SALVATION	SUNDAY
ROMANS	SAVIOR	LENT
SACRIFICE	LAMB	LAST SUPPER
SINS	LOVE	PASSOVER
LIVING	JESUS	RISEN
TOMB	EASTER	REMEMBER
ALIVE	CROSS	KING

KIDS ALIVE

Over several years the club has been helped each week by the presence of students from the Tilsley Bible College at the GLO Centre in Motherwell. This Tuesday the pupils said goodbye to a student from Romania who had been with us for some weeks. Her studies at Motherwell had finished and she was leaving to go home to marry. Our longer term student, Daniella, will remain with us till the summer. She has proved to be a great asset and has a super rapport with the kids.

Last Tuesday we were visited by David Wilson, the Practical Ministry Tutor at the college. Many of you will remember with great affection, his mother, who lived in the Old Manse in Dalserf Village for many years.

In response to the appeal in a previous Newsletter for more financial support The MAD Ministry acknowledges a new financial sponsor from the congregation. As the two clubs in our primary schools are Dalserf's main outreach activity, outwith our own organisations, further contributions would be gratefully received.

The joint schools Easter service in Dalserf is confirmed for Wednesday 29th March at 1.30pm. The service will be conducted by Brian Lowrie with the help of the Rev, John Stevenson. All members are cordially invited. A good turnout will show support and encouragement to the children, as well as acknowledging to the school staff that we greatly appreciate their cooperation in spreading God's Word.

Bruce and Sheena Archibald

Notice Board



Primary School Burns Competition

Our congratulations go to Karyn Scotland for her achievements at the Lanarkshire Burns Competition.

Karyn placed 2nd in her school for her artwork and 1st place for her written work. This contributed to her award of 3rd place overall and the presentation, on the night, of a Bronze medal, a "Highly Commended" certificate for poetry and also received a copy of a book of Robert Burns poetry.

Well done!

Saturday Teas

A planning meeting for the Saturday Teas will be held on Monday 3rd April at 7:00pm at Rorison Church.

Anyone interested in helping, in any way with the teas, will be very welcome.

Many thanks, Ann



"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine."

(John 17:9)



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Rotas



Coffee	Crèche	Flowers
2nd April	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey	Mrs. Price & Miss Rodger
9th April	Mr. & Mrs. Manson	Mrs. Hoey & Mrs. Manson
16th April	Mrs. Blair & Mrs. Budgell	Mrs. Blair & Mrs. Budgell
23rd April	Mr. & Mrs. Archibald	Mrs. Gilchrist & Mrs. Pollok
30th April	Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly	Mrs. Price & Miss Rodger
		Mrs. I Baillie (Over Dalserf Cottage)

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for May 2017, the deadline will be Sunday 9th of April 2017. Please contact the editor with your content by the above date.

" Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever." (Psalms 136:1)

