



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



June 2017



## June Church Calendar

**Saturday 3rd**

Saturday Teas

**Sunday 4th**

Communion Dalsersf 11.30, Rorison 3.30

**Sunday 4th**

Sunday Spotlight Hamilton Hall 7.00pm

**Saturday 10th**

Saturday Teas

**Sunday 11th**

Pathfinders Prize-giving Dalsersf

**Saturday 17th**

Saturday Teas

**Saturday 24th**

Saturday Teas

**Friday 30th**

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 3.30pm

Dalsersf 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 go to

Rae Hunter who celebrated her 70th Birthday on 2nd May 2017

Prim Gilmour who celebrated her 80th Birthday on 10th May 2017

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



*“He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”*

**Isaiah 40: 29 - 30**

### **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,  
 "Summertime and the living is easy."

I wonder where the songwriter got that line from!!! Here in Scotland we could be forgiven for thinking, is this really summer? And where is the easy living to come from??

How often some seek the easy life and never seem to achieve it. Some even pray for such an easy life. Whenever I feel this way I remember

' The Confederate's Prayer ' :

The Blessing of Unanswered Prayers

Unknown Confederate soldier

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
 I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
 I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
 I was given infirmity that I might do better things.  
 I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
 I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
 I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
 I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
 I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
 I got nothing that I had asked for,  
 but everything that I had hoped for.  
 Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;  
 I am, among all men, most richly blessed.



Many of you are very busy and I think particularly of the people working hard in making sure that the affairs of the congregation during vacancy are in order. I am sure they, in particular, are not thinking that life is easy!

Very busy people with very important work.

However, there are also the folks who are getting on with all the other work that is required week by week in the general running of the congregation's business.

Please pray for one another that God will continue to bless and encourage all in your work.

Thank you all.

May God bless all the work that is done in Dalsersf for His Glory.

Your friend,

John Stevenson



Notice Board



A Note of Thanks from the family of the late Anne Caldwell

Carol, Stephen and Rebecca (Prentice) would like to thank everyone at Dalsersf Parish Church for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, flowers, hugs and words of comfort at this very difficult time. We could not have asked for anything more and it is greatly appreciated. Mum has left a huge hole in a lot of hearts and we miss her terribly. She always felt very much at peace in Dalsersf.

We would also like to thank the Rev. John Stevenson for visits to Wishaw General Hospital and for the comfort given. A special thank you to the Rev. David Doyle for a very warm and uplifting service, which many people have commented upon, as well as for the comfort given to the family. Special thanks also to Ann Price, Kay Blair and Joan Pollok for all they have done and for being the special people they are.



A message of Thanks

On behalf of Janet, Caroline, Alex and myself, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who expressed their condolences to the family with their kind messages, cards & flowers at the sad loss of Alex.

We were overwhelmed by the attendance at the funeral and so must thank all church members who helped on the day, your help and support was very much appreciated.

Margaret Watt



Dalsersf Church Open Day

Our Open Day took place on Saturday 6th May 2017 and once again was a great success, raising the sum of £1140.00. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who worked hard, helping us raise this great sum of money.





### Prayer of the Month

I do not walk in darkness  
 But in your light and love  
 You carry me when my feet fail  
 And hold me high above  
 And I do not drift in every tide  
 But stand upon your truth  
 You are my map, my friend, my guide  
 I put my trust in you  
 So as I walk, a shield of faith  
 Surrounds my every move  
 You are my quiet fortress  
 I know I'm safe in you

At a recent meeting of the Kirk Session, the treasurer indicated that he wished to retire at the end of the year. To enable a smooth changeover of office, and to relieve much of the day to day administration, the Kirk Session has agreed to set up a 'Finance Committee' and also to break up the work involved into three or four departments..

The Session is looking for members / associates / friends of Dalsersf, who would be prepared to make the commitment to regular participation in the financial affairs of the church.

The Session is looking for volunteers to handle the offering each Sunday, open the FWO envelopes, the MAD Ministry envelopes and the Gift Aid envelopes, count the cash, fill up the data sheets, bag the money and take the money to the bank during the following week.

The Committee would also require someone to record the Gift Aid donations from all sources and to reclaim the tax from the Inland Revenue online. (1 to 4 times a year).

Eventually someone with spreadsheet and book keeping skills will be required to prepare the annual financial accounts each year, and hopefully take over the role as fulltime treasurer.

Anyone who is interested in any aspect of this essential work is asked to contact Bruce Archibald or Joan Pollok.



At the Open Day on the 6th May the sum of £1140 was realised. Many thanks go to all those who participated , contributed or supported this event.

PLEASE INSERT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW, the date of the next Open Day on Sat. 2nd Sept, plus of course the weekly Saturday teas.

Very fortunately, for several years now, I, the treasurer have been in the lucky position of not needing to appeal to the congregation for increased offerings to cover the church's costs.

The reason for this is because of the sums of money raised at the Open Days and the Saturday Teas. Without this massive effort I would be forced to ask the entire congregation to raise their offerings by 20%.

It is thus very obvious that these events should receive full congregational support over the season. The events require much behind the scenes effort including such things as filling in the pot holes in the car park, weed killing and tidying up the graveyard and the car parks, preparing and setting up the road signs, erecting and dismantling the marquee, church reception, regular baking, tea and coffee donations, washing up, serving, moving tables and chairs, laundering the dishtowels, cutting the grass, etc, etc, etc --- the list is endless. Don't leave it all to others.

Please make a special effort this year to support the organisers and weekly helpers, the money raised is subsidising your offerings. I look forward to seeing your face there!

Bruce Archibald,  
 Treasurer

### Youth Matters



Abby Gilchrist pictured here on a classic motorbike at the Church Open Day, taking time out from her duties, enjoying the open road .  
 (born to be wild, what do you think?)

**" I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken "**

**(Psalm 16:8)**



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## Rotas



	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Crèche</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>4th June</b>	Mrs. Budgell & Mrs. Blair	as required	Mrs. L Lawrie (Dalsersh)
<b>11th June</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Archibald	as required	Mrs. M Baillie (Ashgill)
<b>18th June</b>	Mr. Johnstone & Mrs. Kelly	as required	Mrs. R Hunter (Dalsersh)
<b>25th June</b>	Mr. Clarkson & Mrs. Gilmour	as required	Mrs. B Gillespie (Ashgill)
<b>2nd July</b>	Mr. & Mrs. McPhee	as required	Mrs. Collins (Ashgill)

### Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for September 2017, the deadline will be Sunday 6th of August 2017. Please contact the editor with your content by the above date.

**" The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life " (Job 33:4)**

