



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



December 2017



## 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

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 Somerville Fairley who celebrates his 80th Birthday on Fri 8th December 2017

Love and congratulations to Joan Pollok who celebrated her 70th Birthday on Wed 22nd November 2017

## December Church Calendar

**Sunday 3rd**

Baptism

**Sunday 3rd**

Rorison Service 2:30pm

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Praise Evening Dalsersf 7:00pm

**Wednesday 6th**

Guild Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 7th**

Focus Christmas Celebration

**Tuesday 12th**

Session Meeting

**Wednesday 13th**

Guild Christmas Sing Along

**Sunday 17th**

Gift Service

**Friday 22nd**

Nursing Home Visits

**Sunday 24th**

Watch Night Service Dalsersf 11:30pm

Christmas Treats and Christian Fellowship, Hamilton Hall 10:30pm

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



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

**Luke 2: 10-14**

Dear friends,

This is a period when many things are happening and when many are about to happen!

As I write this letter we have only just celebrated our Remembrance Day observances. In a few short days we will be entering the season of Advent which, in turn, leads us to Christmas and then a New Year!!!

These events, on their own, are full of busy times, but when we compound them with the commercialism that today's society tag on to them, the real, and important, issues can be obscured.

REMEMBRANCE: a time for remembering, and around the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we stop to remember those who gave so much in times of war and who still suffer because of 'man's inhumanity to man.' However, I would ask that we all take time to think about this word; REMEMBRANCE. It is right and proper that we do remember, and it is equally important that in our remembering, that we act to ensure that we learn from the events that are at the root of our recall. War can never be justified; especially when there is so much death, and injury resulting from such actions.

So, we must resolve that we will each play a part in making sure that we do all in our power to avoid such things occurring ever again. If we do not, then where is the point in REMEMBERING?

Soon we will enter the season of Advent; that season that causes us to look back, (REMEMBER) to look inward and to look forward in hope.

The birth of Jesus is an event when we celebrate the greatest gift that God has given to humanity. In the birth of Jesus, God GAVE to us the offer of Salvation to any who would accept His Son as Saviour and Lord.

Let us then resolve to make this year a time for HOLY celebration and not only an excuse for riotous partying which can blot out the holiness of the event.

Let us make this a time for caring and encouraging, not only the poor, the sick and the homeless, but also those who do not, as yet, know Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

John Stevenson (Locum)

May God continue to bless you all, and your families and friends  
this year and the years to come.



**"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)**





**GUILD REPORT**

The Guild met on November 8<sup>th</sup> when we had a most interesting evening entitled Bible Commodities.

The ladies had to bring along an item of food mentioned in the bible along with the bible Reference. We were amazed at just how many foods are mentioned and the reason why in some examples.

Anyone who wishes a list of the foods discovered please speak to me and I will give you a copy. On 6<sup>th</sup> December we are holding our annual Christmas dinner in the Bowling Club Ashgill. Members of the congregation wishing to join us will be made most welcome. Please give your name to myself for catering purposes.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be once again holding a Christmas Sing along with Kenny Mason and friends. This has proved to be an enjoyable evening in the past few years and we would encourage you to join us. Tickets at £5.00 each from Guild Members.

In January our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Burns supper. Again we invite you to join us. For catering proposes please give your name to a guild Member who will pass it on to me.

The Guild send greetings to all for a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kay Blair

Pres.



**Remembrance Day**

Brigades and members of the congregation gather at the Cenotaph at Rorison in Ashgill to show their respect during the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 12th November.

The service was led by the Rev. John Stevenson at both Netherburn and Ashgill Memorials



**The true meaning of Christmas**

Christmas can either become hidden by the traditions of the festive season, or revealed by them! We all love to see the plays, drawings and the story of the nativity. Why? Because it was the moment that changed everything!

Love was about to be transformed by the words and ministry of Jesus, and his subsequent death and resurrection.

- The trees and wreaths can remind us of God the creator, breathing new life into the natural world.
- The candles and lights reveal the light of hope that burns so brightly in the darkest times.
- The gifts and cards can help us to love, encouraging and celebrating the gift of relationships and brotherhood.
- The rich foods and feasting remind us of Gods provision in our lives, and times of singing carols with others bind us together to focus on our faith.

Christmas is a time to dig our feet deep into God's kingdom, celebrate his goodness and connect with the true nature of unconditional grace. Take this amazing gift and give it out in every way you can!

*For*  
*Unto*  
*us a*  
**CHILD**  
*is born*  
*Unto us a Son*  
*is given), and the*  
**Government shall be**  
*Upon His shoulders,*  
*and His Name shall be called,*  
*Wonderful, Counselor,*  
**Mighty God, Everlasting Father,**  
**Prince of Peace!**  
 Isaiah 9:6

**" On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." ( Matthew 2:11 )**





SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



*Christmas spot the difference*

*Can you spot the 20 differences between the two pictures. Good Luck !*

" You, LORD, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation"

( Lamentations 5:19 )





# WORD SEARCH



## WORD BANK

- Angel
- Candy Cane
- Carols
- Christmas Tree
- Decorate
- Eggnog
- Elves
- Gingerbread
- Holly
- Jack Frost
- Jingle Bells
- Joy
- Lights
- Mistletoe
- Nativity
- North Pole
- Ornaments
- Presents
- Reindeer
- Rudolph
- Santa
- Sleigh
- Snowflake
- Snowman
- Stocking
- Winter
- Workshop
- Wreath

*A picture to colour in*



**" But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart ;  
consider what great things he has done for you." ( 1 Samuel 12:24 )**





## True Christian Christmas

Christmas isn't showy gifts  
Or glittering decoration;  
It's honouring our Saviour, Jesus Christ  
In humble adoration.

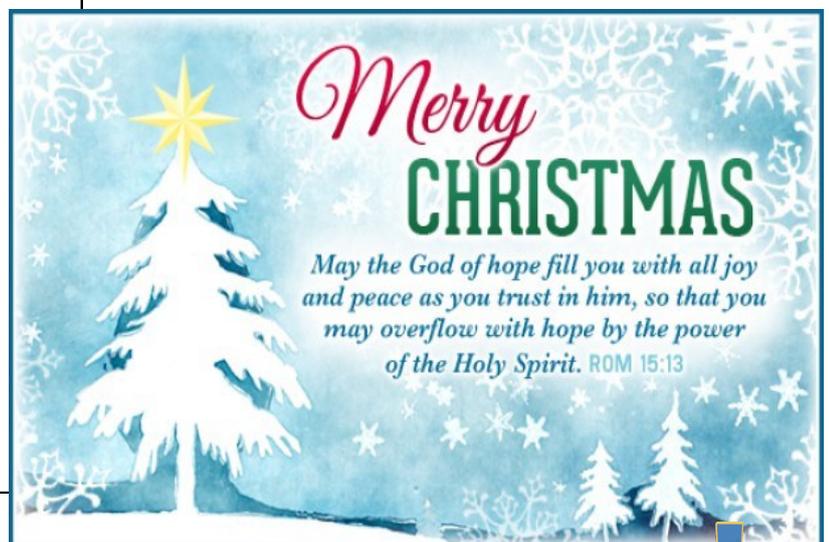
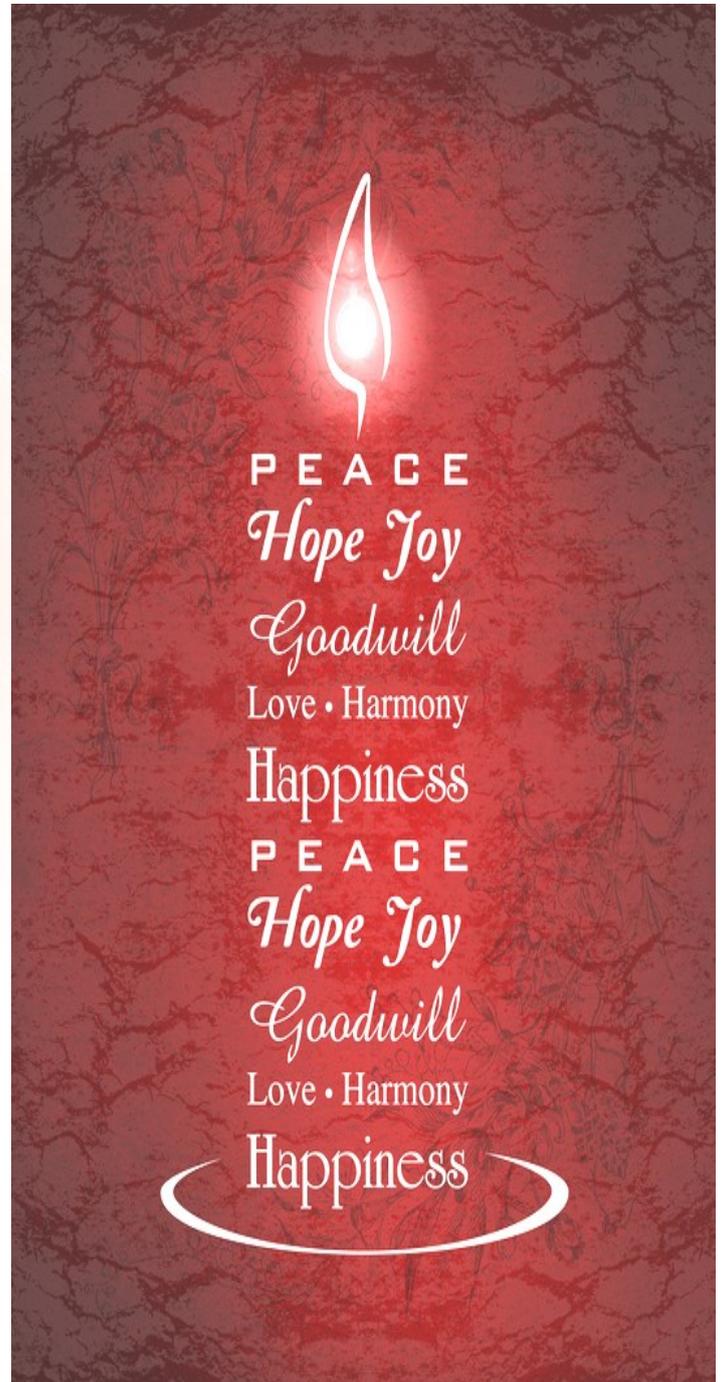
It's serving those less fortunate,  
Meeting their needs before our own;  
It's making sure at Christmas time  
That no one is alone.

It's taking what we would have spent  
On things that no one needs,  
And using it to help someone  
With service and good deeds.

Our Saviour showed us how to live  
With charity, faith and service.  
It makes the holidays a joy,  
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is  
About our Saviour's birth;  
That's the way to happiness,  
The way to peace on earth.

*Poem by Joanna Fuchs*





Grateful Thanks

*I would like to express my grateful thanks to everyone who visited and sent flowers or cards when I was recently unwell.*

*Thank you also for your prayers and good wishes.*

*Valerie Holmes.*

Thanks for your help

*Many thanks to Hilton Brady for the sterling work he carried out, clearing and cleaning the mud from the doors of Rorison, helping to stop the dirt from being trailed into the church. Your work was much appreciated.*

*Thank you, Anne McHolm*

Thanks for your Kindness

*Robert and Rosemary would like to thank everyone in the church, most sincerely, for their kindness and beautiful flowers and cards during Robert's stay in hospital, following the car accident.*

*Hoping to have him home soon.*

*Rosemary Clarkson.*

Congratulations Emma

*Congratulations go to Emma Gilchrist who managed to win a bronze medal in her athletics club championships for the under 13 girls category. She was also presented with an Endeavour Award for her efforts this year and a gold medal for the winners of the team event.*

*Well done Emma!*

**Prayer of the Month**



**A Prayer for Christmas Morning**

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May this Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and this Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake,

AMEN

and  
suddenly  
there was with  
the angel  
a multitude of  
the heavenly host  
praising God  
and saying  
Glory to God  
in the highest, and on earth  
peace, goodwill towards  
men  
Luke 2  
13-14

**But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ( Luke 1:30-31 )**



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## Rotas



	 <b>Coffee</b>	 <b>Crèche</b>	 <b>Flowers</b>
<b>3rd Dec</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey	as required	Mrs. L Budgell (Netherburn)
<b>10th Dec</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Manson	as required	Mrs. A Price (Larkhall)
<b>17th Dec</b>	Mrs. Budgell & Mrs. Blair	as required	Mrs. R Hunter (Dalsersh)
<b>24th Dec</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Archibald	as required	Mrs. K Blair (Ashgill)
<b>31st Dec</b>	Mr. Johnstone & Mrs. Kelly	as required	Mrs. K Blair (Ashgill)
<b>7th Jan</b>	Mrs. Clarkson & Mrs. Gilmour	as required	Mrs. A McHolm (Ashgill)
<b>14th Jan</b>	Mr. & Mrs. McPhee	as required	Mrs. L Lawson (Lanark)
<b>21st Jan</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey	as required	Mrs. S Archibald (Lanark)
<b>28th Jan</b>	Mr. & Mrs. Manson	as required	Mrs. A Carson (Law)

" The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world "

( John 1:9 )

