



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



February 2018



## February Church Calendar

<b>Thursday 1st</b>	Focus
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	Rorison Church (2.30pm)
<b>Tuesday 13th</b>	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday 14th</b>	Guild
<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	Guild

### 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

#### Deaths

Nessie Brodie on Sun 3rd December 17

#### Baptisms

Katie Vanessa Hamilton  
Angus Hugh James MacPhail  
Ailsa Catherine MacPhail  
on Sunday 3rd December 17

### A New Year Message

*Every end marks a new beginning. Keep your spirits and determination unshaken, and you shall always walk the glory road. With courage, faith and great effort, you shall achieve everything you desire.*

***I wish you all a Happy New Year.***

### Bible Verse of the Month



*Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

**Philippians 4: 11-13**

### 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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## Festive Season

Over the Christmas celebrations Dalsarf church was blessed with several opportunities to celebrate Advent and the Birth of our Lord.

Philip Fox and his New life singers presented a wonderful entry into Advent with his carol service. Everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and the thought provoking content. Thank you to Philip and his singers.

The Guild held a very successful Christmas dinner to which several of the Church members attended, we had a nice meal, fun and fellowship. Again thanks to everyone who helped with organisation and attended.

The Guild Sing Along with Kenny Mason and friends was again a marvellous evening. Thanks to Kenny and his friend for an excellent entertainment and the Guild for a very tasty supper. Kenny has been asked to come back next year so please put it in your Diary.

Dear friends,

The Christmas Celebrations are now behind us and perhaps the pain of the bills having to be met is now still hurting. A New Year has been welcomed in and we are now looking towards 2018 with great anticipation; or perhaps not!

As I write this letter we are in the Christian Season of Epiphany when we celebrate the presentations to the Christ Child by the Magi. This is something we sing about in some of our Christmas Carols but don't really do much else about.

However, in this season we are reminded that the birth of Jesus was an event when God came to this earth for many and the importance of the Magi in the Christmas story is that the message of the Christ Child's birth was spread throughout the world!

We can still spread this Good News by sharing with others the message of Salvation to those around us so that all might enjoy what we have as a rich treasure.

### **2018 is full of opportunities for us!**

The future identity of our congregation and the role we will all play will be in the minds of all at this time.

Pray that all those engaged in the decisions and negotiations will seek God's leading and that we are able to see His plan for the witness to his care for this community in which live.

Pray also that when the final decision is made that each one is able to accept and see change as a springboard to new and wonderful things to happen in our community as the Church seeks to show God's love in her commitment to the community in His name.

Continue to pray, and give thanks for, your own Office Bearers as they seek to fulfil their roles in maintaining the proper function of the congregation's responsibilities during these times.

Pray for your Interim Moderator, David, as he seeks to lead and encourage the Kirk Session through this time of change and uncertainty.

Pray also for one another as you support each other in all that you seek to do in God's name. I know that both Isobel and I value greatly the practical and prayerful support we have received since coming among you. Thank you all for this and we in turn continue to remember you, as a congregation, in our prayer

John Stevenson (Locum)

However the cream of the contributions to our events and services must be our young folks. They carried out readings, and delivered thought provoking poems to our gift service and carried out the task of a roving reporter at the family service. The children also presented God's word at some of the Services, lifted the offering and took part in the Watch Night.

Our young folks did all of this with reverence. Small in quantity they may but they make up for it in quality.

Thanks SPF young folks, Claire and Lorna for all their hard work.

**Kay Blair**





**The Gathering**

The "Gathering" started meeting again in January.

The next few meetings will be held on: Tuesday 6th and 27th of February and the 13th and 27th of March.

We meet at 12:30pm in Hamilton Hall and generally finish by 2:15pm.

Soup, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. If you wish further snacks just bring them along.

We will be listening to "Talks" given at the Keswick Convention by internationally known speakers.

This is a very relaxed meeting. You will not be required to say anything or voice your opinion!!

New members or occasional visitors welcome.

**Bruce Archibald.**

**Dalsarf Flower and Sunday Teas rota**

Each Sunday we have flowers in the church which enhance the worship. Thanks to everyone who has donated flowers over the year and for your continued support. There is also the opportunity to put flowers on the window ledges if you have something special to celebrate or commemorate. However as we can sometimes have duplicates if you are putting flowers on the window ledge could you please advise me to help with organisation.

There are a couple of spaces on the flower list for 2018. If you do not already donate flowers to enhance the church on a Sunday and would like to please speak to me. There is also a service on the first Sunday of each month in Rorison. Anyone who would like to put their name on this list would be welcome and should also speak to me.

On Sunday's at Dalsarf we enjoy a time of hospitality in Hamilton Hall after the Service. This is a wonderful time of fellowship together. However we could do with a few more teams on the Rota. If you feel you would like to help out on a Sunday again please speak to myself.

**Kay Blair**

**Christmas Thanks**

Thanks go to all (especially Norah) who helped decorate the church at Christmas and cleaned up afterwards. The tree was especially admired this year – it was so well shaped it almost looked artificial!!

**Hamilton Hall Fellowship**

Once again, members who regularly attend Hamilton Hall for the soup, teas and snacks after the church service on a Sunday are requested to "mingle" with visitors and strangers in our midst. Part of our Christian remit of "outreach" is to encourage new-comers to feel at home in our congregation. This cannot be achieved successfully if we all sit in cliques.

Being left on your own is a turn off for anyone!!

**Bruce Archibald.**

**Grateful Thanks**

Dear Guild / Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful winter flower arrangement received recently, which was greatly appreciated. Love you all and thanks again, God Bless.

**Margaret Wilson.**

**Well Done Girls**

Emma Gilchrist recently received a merit for Maths at Larkhall Academy and achieved a new PB in both Long Jump and Shot Put at the Emirates during a league match with her athletics club.

Karyn Scotland recently received a merit for both Music and Art at Larkhall Academy and was also awarded "Rising Star" for S1 History.

**Congratulations to you both!**

**Prayer of the Month**

*A Prayer for the New Year*

LORD,

Whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to give thanks.

Thank you for being with me every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings.

Remind me of your presence in the days to come even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

**Be glorified in my life this year.**

*Amen*



**Baptism Thanks**

I would like to thank The Rev. John Stevenson for conducting the Baptism of my three grandchildren, Angus, Ailsa and Katie on Sunday 3rd December 2017.

A wonderful family day to remember.

Liz Lawson



" May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. "

(Psalm 20:4)



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## Rotas



	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Crèche</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
<b>4th Feb</b>	Mr & Mrs Archibald	as required	Mrs K Love (Larkhall)
<b>11th Feb</b>	Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly	as required	Mrs Anderson (Wishaw)
<b>18th Feb</b>	Mrs Blair & Mrs Budgell	as required	Mrs J Gilchrist (Ashgill)
<b>25th Feb</b>	Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Gilmour	as required	Mrs Paterson (Ashgill)
<b>4th Mar</b>	Mrs K Blair	as required	Mr B Gold (Larkhall)

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for March 2018, the deadline will be Sunday 11th of February 2018. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.

**" Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

