



Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



October 2018



October Church Calendar

Wednesday 3rd Iconography Hamilton Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 4th Focus Rorison 1.45pm

Sunday 7th Harvest Sunday (Dalsersf)

Sunday 7th Harvest Sunday (Rorison 2.30pm)

Wednesday 10th Guild

Wednesday 24th Guild

Friday 26th 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

Thursdays

Boys Brigade from 5.45pm, Rorison

Announcements

Weddings

Georgie Rankin to David Wells
on Monday 3rd September 2018

Bible Verse of the Month



“You shall sow your land for six years and gather in its yield, but on the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove”

Exodus 23 : 10 – 11

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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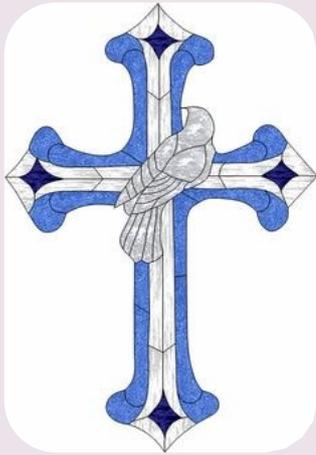


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With the change in temperature and weather we cannot fail to recognise that Summer has gone and Autumn is upon us.

I love the Autumn season with its variety of colours on the trees. Many people question me about my love of this season but although Autumn heralds the coming of winter it also reminds me that season will follow season. That is a promise of God!

What is happening during Autumn is not that the trees are dying, NO, they are preparing for the SPRING!!! As the leaves change colour and fall from the trees they are making way for the new growth that will surely come in the Spring. I learned a good lesson when a 'Forrester' explained the process to me. He said that the old leaves, from the trees, did not 'fall' but were in fact pushed out from the tree by the new sap which would form the fresh spring leaves. Anyone who has cut down a healthy tree branch will find it very difficult to pull the leaves from their position on the branch when they appear to have died.

So, what has all this got to do with a Pastoral Letter from a minister?? Well, what I learn from this process is that I too have to rid myself of deadwood in my life! I have to go through a similar process to make room for God's purpose in my life.

For many of us we can get our lives stuffed with so much 'rubbish' that God has great difficulty in getting through to us with his new and exciting plans for our lives. Sometimes we have to give ourselves an 'AUTUMN' time; a time to reflect on what has gone before and to prepare for the next phase in our life.

My study is rarely ever tidy! Now there is a confession! However, I look at the piles and piles of paper building up on my desk, and sometimes even on the floor, and wonder, 'where do I start'? It is on such occasions that I need drastic intervention! Usually that comes in the form of my wife, Isobel. There have been occasions when I have been away for some time and return to find; HORROR of all HORRORS my study has been tidied!! How on earth will I be able to find anything again. Eventually I do find that most of the stuff I thought I could not throw out was, in fact, NOT really applicable to what I needed for my work. I now try to keep my study reasonably tidy in response to Isobel's good work.

This insight to my 'messy' workplace is a bit like our life with God.

God needs us to free from the things that hold us back. Past glories, good deeds already accomplished, maybe even a good sermon, so that He can direct us into new and brighter things for Him.

So, when you see the leaves begin to fall, take it as a reminder from God that you may be needing a similar process in your life.

Blessings to you all.
John Stevenson (Locum)

Prayer of the Month



*This day, Father,
may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty
in all that is ordinary - yet special
around me.*

*May the glory of all that you have made
remind me of your presence
and lead me closer to you.*

AMEN

Dalserf Church Guild

The Guild returned for 2018 – 19 Session on Wednesday 12th September when Rev John Stevenson spoke to us on the Guild theme for the year "Seeking the Way". We have an interesting programme planned for the incoming session and invite new members, remembering it is not just for ladies. A copy of the syllabus can be seen on the church notice boards at Rorison and Dalserf.

We are delighted to have the new dish washer in place and it will be invaluable on nights when we have visitors allowing the Guild ladies, and those requiring to clear up after hospitality, more efficiently. Thanks to all who helped fund this project.

Kay Blair, President

" And GOD is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. " (Corinthians 9: 8)





Foodbank Anniversary Service

As chaplain to the Clyde Avon & Nethan Foodbank, I would like to draw the attention of you dear folks I was minister to only a few years ago, to a service to mark the Foodbank's Fifth Anniversary. It is to be held in Trinity Church Larkhall on 24th October at 1.30pm. Local clergy along with myself and Foodbank volunteers will be involved in the service. A warm invitation to this service is extended to all members and adherents of Dalsersf Church along with friends and family members.

The Foodbank was set up five years ago on 29th October 2013 following an appeal made through Hamilton Presbytery. From the start the Foodbank has been ecumenical in its scope attracting the interest of all the Larkhall churches. Members of all the local churches including Dalsersf have been involved as volunteers. When premises were being sought Trinity church offered its "cottage" which remains as the Foodbanks physical location. This is a highly praiseworthy initiative but the Foodbank could benefit from more volunteers. If you would be interested in helping please contact the Foodbank Tel. No. 07591104027.

With fond memories of my long ministry in Dalsersf I wish you, your worthy locum John Stevenson and Interim Moderator David Doyle God's blessing on the continued work and witness of the congregation and a speedy resolution to the matter of your congregational status.

Cameron McPherson



Thank You

I would like to thank everybody for their words of support and prayers recently.

God bless and thank you,

Claire Walker

Love & Thanks

I wish to thank Mrs Pollok, Mrs McHolm and Mrs Clarkson for delivery of the flowers from the church on Sunday 25th August. The flowers were lovely and lasted for 2 weeks.

I would also thank everyone for their prayers in the church. I am still struggling a bit with walking as I await physiotherapy.

With love and thanks,

Mrs Violet Leggate

Youth Matters



Congratulations Emma

On Saturday 1st September Emma competed in the LAAA Track and Field Championships at Wishaw Sports Centre and won a Bronze medal for U13 Girls 200m .

At the CSSAL League competition on Sun 9th Sep she achieved a new PB in 200m (28.6 sec)

Well Done

Birthday Wishes

Love and congratulations to Lewis Scotland who celebrated his 15th birthday on Sunday 23rd September 2018.

Happy Birthday Lewis

Love and congratulations to Abby Gilchrist who celebrates her 10th birthday on Thursday 4th October 2018.

Happy Birthday Abby



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Rotas



	Coffee	Crèche	Flowers
7th Oct	Mrs Budgell & Mrs Blair	as required	Mrs Warnock (Crossford)
14th Oct	Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly	as required	Mrs Hazel Blair (Larkhall)
21st Oct	Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Gilmour	as required	Mrs I McLean (Larkhall)
28th Oct	Mrs Hunter & Mrs Lawrie	as required	Mrs J Tennant (Larkhall)

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for November 2018, the deadline will be Sunday 14th of October 2018. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.

“ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen ” (Ephesians 4:29)

