



Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



September 2019



September Church Calendar

Sunday 1st	Service Rorison (2:30pm)
Thursday 5th	Focus Rorison (1:45pm)
Saturday 7th	Church Open Day (11:30am - 3:00pm)
Wednesday 11th	Guild Rorison (7:15pm)
Sunday 15th	Re-dedication Service Dalserf (11:30am)
Wednesday 25th	Guild
Friday 27th	Nursing Home Visits

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 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

Announcements

Deaths

Margaret Wilson on Friday 21st June 2019

Stewart King

Marion Montgomery on Wednesday 10 July 2019

Weddings

Iain McHolm to Joanne McNeil on Saturday 13th July 2019

Baptism

Austin James Henderson Hamilton on Sunday 4th August 2019

Special Occasions

Our love and congratulations to Forbes Gillespie on her 80th Birthday

Our love and congratulations to Prim and Andrew Gilmour who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 1st August 2019

Bible Verse of the Month



"The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever."

Psalms 145 : 17 – 21

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



www.facebook.com/dalserfchurch



www.dalserf.org.uk



CHARITY SC016156





Dear Friends

It will be September when this letter is published, the ‘tail-end’ of holiday season, when many of us take a break and if lucky enough go away on holiday. This is actually a fairly recent expectation as we have all become more affluent. The original break from school was to enable the children to help gather the harvest to ensure survival through the harsh winter. In my time as a youngster a trip ‘doon-the-water’ to Millport was so exciting. Today holidays are much more exotic, and I wonder, are they any more exciting than those of yester year?

This made me reflect on what August had meant to me over the years and I realised that it was often a time of waiting and preparing. September was frequently the time of new beginnings. First starting school then changing schools, starting my first job, changing jobs. Having children this pattern was repeated and I see it again for my grandchildren. So August was frequently a transition month; a month to prepare for new beginnings with natural nervous excitement.

As Christians we believe that God has lots of ways to protect us and we base our explanation on that well-known letter of Paul to the Ephesians (6:10) ‘*The armour of God*’.

Paul had looked at how the uniform of the soldiers gave them physical protection. Did he have an equivalent for spiritual protection?

His thoughts are summarised as follows: -

- ◇ ***God guiding our thinking and choosing, is our HELMET,***
- ◇ ***Our faith in God is our SHIELD against being led into wrong ways by other people’s influence,***
- ◇ ***We can defend ourselves with the SWORD of faith when we feel attacked,***
- ◇ ***Following God’s commandments is our BREASTPLATE,***
- ◇ ***The truth of being loved by God is our BELT surrounding us,***
- ◇ ***Following God’s direction for us is our feet SHOD with his gospel of peace and hope.***

Whether you are going on holiday, or staying at home, I pray that this month you know God’s protection surrounding you. Bringing refreshment, love, peace and hope so that you are prepared for whatever lies ahead.

September 2019 offers us new and exciting prospects if only we seek for God’s direction for our lives, both personal and congregational!

Every blessing,
John Stevenson (Locum)





Baptism

At the recent Baptism, Austin James Henderson-Hamilton, Grandson of the Laird, was presented with a Bible by John Grove.

How appropriate to see the newest, youngest member of our Church Family being welcomed by the oldest regular attender.

May GOD add His Blessing to them both.



Summer Teas

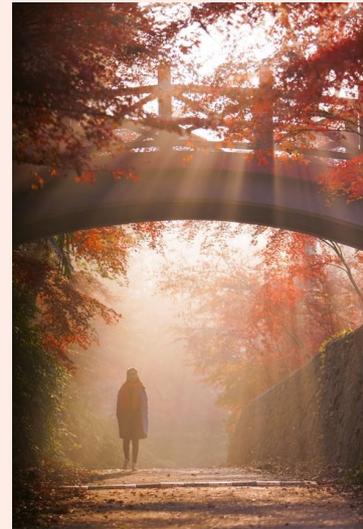
Once again our Summer Teas have been very popular.

Apart from the wonderful financial success, we have had the opportunity to share Dalsers friendship and fellowship with all who have supported us.

Many of our visitors have been coming along for a long time, some are new.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this success in any way, especially our visitors, and those who baked, served and helped with the provision of essentials.

Prayer of the Month



A Prayer for the Morning

Dear LORD,

You have brought me to the beginning of a new day.

As the world is renewed fresh and clean,
so I ask You to renew my heart
with Your strength and purpose.

Forgive me the errors of yesterday
and bless me to walk closer
to Your way today.

This is the day I begin my life anew;
shine through me so that
every person I meet
may feel Your presence in me.

Take my hand, precious LORD,
for I cannot make it by myself.

AMEN





Manse SOLD

We are now able to advise the Congregation that the sale of the Manse has been completed and is no longer the property of Dalsersf Church.

A Mother's thanks

A mother's thanks for all the prayers said for Brian, who had cancer.

He has been cleared but still feels the after effects of his treatment.

Blessings to all

Nancy

Exam Wishes

Congratulations go to Lewis Scotland for his recent success in his NAT5 examinations.

Well done Lewis.

Contacts



<p>Minister Vacant Locum Rev John Stevenson 01698 817582</p>	<p>Session Clerk Mrs Joan Pollok joan.pollok@btinternet.com 01555 860642</p>	<p>Depute Session Clerk Mrs Kay Blair 01698 882499</p>	<p>Presbytery Elder Mrs Elizabeth Lawson 01555 771096</p>	<p>Treasurer Bruce Archibald BDS henry.archibald2512@btinternet.com 01555 666007</p>
<p>Organist Mrs Fox foxattheden@musician.org</p>	<p>Flowers Mrs Kay Blair 01698 882499 Mrs RM Clarkson 01698 792628</p>	<p>Church Officer (Rorison) Mrs Anne McHolm 01698 886658</p>	<p>Church Officer (Dalsersf) Mrs Norah McGuckin 4 Kirk Road, Dalsersf 01698 886089</p>	<p>F.W.O. Convenor Mrs A Brown 01698 632010</p>
<p>Newsletter Editor David Gilchrist dalsersfnews@gmail.com</p>	<p>House Group Leader Mrs Lorna Brodie 07906416564</p>	<p>Fabric Convener Andrew Gilmour B.Ed., HNC, C&G 01555 662238</p>	<p>Child Protection Co-ordinator Joanna Gilchrist dalsersfnews@gmail.com</p>	<p>Bible Study Group Leader Rita Fairley 01698 881160</p>
<p>Roll Keeper Wendy Manson wendymanson@aol.com 07775600931</p>	<p>Hamilton Hall Bookings Booking Secretary: Lorna Brodie lorna@brodie.myzen.co.uk 07906416564</p>		<p>Rorison Hall Bookings Booking Secretary: Anne McHolm mcholmanne3@gmail.com 01698 886658</p>	

Rotas



1st Sept

Mrs Budgell & Mrs Blair

Mrs J McPhee (Larkhall)

8th Sept

Mrs Pollok & Mrs Hunter

Mr & Mrs Gilmour (Lanark)

15th Sept

Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly

Mrs King (Wishaw)

22nd Sept

Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Gilmour

Mrs M Weir (Ashgill)

29th Sept

Mrs Hunter & Mrs Lawrie

Mrs A Carson (Law)

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for October 2019,

the deadline will be Sunday 15th of September 2019. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.

“LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in times of distress.” (Isaiah 33:2)

