



Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



October 2019



October Church Calendar

Sunday 6th Harvest Service (& Rorison 2.30pm)

Wednesday 9th Guild (Free To Live Trust)

Tuesday 15th Session Meeting (Rorison 7.30pm)

Saturday 19th Harvest Lunch (Hamilton Hall 12.30pm)

Wednesday 23rd Guild (Adventures in Curling)

Friday 25th 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

Announcements

Special Birthdays

Our Love and Congratulations go to
Lewis Scotland who celebrated his
16th Birthday on
Monday 23rd Sept 2019

Bible Verse of the Month



“Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

Matthew 13 : 30 – 32

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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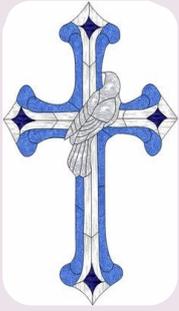


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Dear Friends

Autumn officially begins on September 23 this year. This bit of information from the internet may simply reaffirm what you already know: *“Earth’s two hemispheres will receive the sun’s rays equally. Night and day will be approximately equal in length. The name ‘equinox’ comes from the Latin for equal and night. But, since Earth never stops moving around the sun, these days of equal sunlight and night will change quickly.”*

All of this banter about autumn and equinoxes is meant to remind us that God has provided markers to help us remember changes that take place in our lives. Things don’t stay the same. With each change in the seasons, we can look back and marvel at what is new and what is no more.

Think about the careers that did not exist ten years ago. Try to remember when you didn’t have a television that you could pick up and carry with no help and hang on the wall. September 23, 2019 will come and go and before we know it, September 22, 2020 will be upon us and once again we will begin to think about autumn.

I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 which begins *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...”* We often take for granted the wonder that is the workings of our world. We hardly note the passing of the equinoxes or the solstices. We don’t even think about the intricacies of it all and how fragile this world is and yet how enduring and magnificent.

Each of us lives out our years in a part of the world where the average life expectancy for a male is 79.2, and 82.9 for women. We move through each day and talk about how hot or how cold it is without remembering the same conversation a year ago. We become so wrapped up in the here and now, that we ignore the workings of the universe and the passage of time or the changing of the seasons. Part of this may be due to our ability to be insulated from these changes today. We can watch our favourite programs on our own schedule rather than natural time and we don’t have to fret about above average or below average temperatures. We can almost become persuaded that we are in control and are indeed masters of our own fate.

One might almost be persuaded that we are in control if one had not read and pondered Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 or any of the other wonderful scriptures that remind us of the wonders of God’s world and that we are God’s creation. None of what we have in the world came from us. Everything in it came from God; from the principles that apply in the working of any mechanism to the formulas that went into making the latest plastic. Can humankind turn back the clock or speed up the clock? Only within the boundaries that make up the world that God created. So, start getting ready to put away those summer outfits and looking for the long sleeve shirts. Just remember, we live in a world that belongs to God, a world about which we know very little. Will you need those Summer clothes on the first day of Autumn?

Every blessing,
John Stevenson (Locum)





Guild Report

The Guild returned on Wednesday 9th September. The Rev. John Stevenson led us in worship reminding us of our theme "One Journey, Many roads" and the focus for the incoming Session being Companions. Our Re-dedication Service was held in Dalserf Sunday 15th September. We thank the Rev. Stevenson for his words of encouragement on both occasions.

An interesting syllabus has been arranged for the Session and a copy can be viewed on the notice boards at both Dalserf and Rorison. We would welcome new members or even if something catches your attention, come along and join us on that evening. Remember it is no longer the "Women's Guild" but THE GUILD.

Our October meetings are on the 9th with "Free To Live Trust" and the 23rd with Aileen & Michael Neilson on "Adventures in Curling".

Kay Blair



When We See The Harvest

A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn;
 A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.
 With bright coloured leaves, a fall festive blend;
 A wonderful time for families and friends.
 A harvest of carrots, a harvest of grain;
 A harvest of bounty, and cool Autumn rains.
 A big harvest moon - way up in the sky;
 A harvest of blessing that God has supplied.
 Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord;
 He has showered His blessing here in our world.
 But have we been faithful, and have we been true?
 Have we put God first in all that we do?
 A harvest that God sees is not food or crop;
 Not carrots, or grain, nor apples that drop.
 But God sees the harvest of souls needing Him;
 A harvest of people who need saved from their sin.
 A harvest of souls and a harvest of love;
 A harvest of mercy from our Father above.
 When we see the harvest, let's see through God's eyes;
 And share with the nations the life He supplies.



Harvest Prayer

Creator God, for daily bread,
 and all who work
 to bring your harvest home,
 we bring our thanks today.

Forgive our ingratitude,
 we who have so much,
 yet waste what you have given.

For those whose harvest is poor,
 whose crops have withered,
 water tainted, children starve,
 help those who bring relief
 and bestow on us
 an unaccustomed generosity,
 that all might share from your garden
 and all might sing your praise.

Creator God, provider of all
 we bring our thanks today.

AMEN





Sincere Thanks

Through the pages of the newsletter I wish to express my thanks for all the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to me following my recent surgery.

Your prayers, flowers, cards, visits and phone calls are all greatly appreciated. You truly are a very supportive family.

I am not the first to say thank you for your kind acts and I know that I'll not be the last for right now others in the congregation are awaiting surgery. Please remember them in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Sheena Archibald

Dalserf Quiz Success

Congratulations go to "Team Dalserf" following their recent success as the Machanhill Church Quiz Competition Winners.

Well Done!

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Rotas



6th Oct	Mr & Mrs Harvey	Mrs A Warnock (Crossford)
13th Oct	Mr & Mrs Manson	Mrs I McLean (Larkhall)
20th Oct	Mrs Budgell & Mrs Blair	Mrs J Tennant (Larkhall)
27th Oct	Mr & Mrs Archibald	Mrs R Clarkson (Dalserf)
3rd Nov	Mr Johnstone & Mrs Kelly	Mrs C Prentice (Larkhall)

Items for next Newsletter

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

the deadline will be Sunday 13th of October 2019. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.

