



# Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



April 2020



## April Church Calendar

Friday 10th Good Friday

Sunday 12th Easter Sunday

Monday 13th Easter Monday

***In light of the current Government Guidance,  
all Church gatherings have been suspended  
until further notice.***

### 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  
Has been suspended until further notice.

Worship at Rorison Church  
Has been suspended until further notice.

### Announcements

#### Deaths

Mrs Anna Baillie on  
Saturday 22nd February 2020

Wendy Manson’s Mother  
on Monday 2nd March 2020

Mrs Janette Price  
(Mother-in-law of Anne Price) on  
Tuesday 10th March 2020

Mrs Joyce Hughes  
(Wife of Jim Hughes) on  
Sunday 8th March 2020

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



***“Those who live in the shelter of the Most  
High will find rest in the shadow of the  
Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He  
alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is  
my God, and I trust him.”***

**Psalm 91 : 1-2**

### **Nursing Home Visits**

***Have been suspended  
until further notice***



### **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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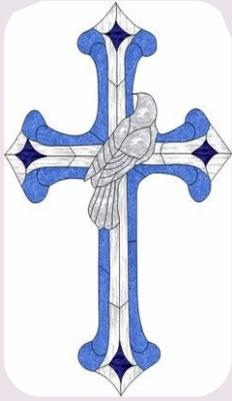


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Dear Friends

We live through difficult times! Having struggled through the trauma of 'Brexit' and the on-going uncertainty of our decision to leave the European Union, we now find ourselves facing even more uncertainty,

The Corona Virus pandemic that now sweeps through the world brings with it questions and a great deal of fear. However, this country has come through very difficult situations in its history and I am certain that God, who has brought us through major events, will continue to be with us.

The virus that threatens us now has to be taken seriously but we have to be careful not to let our imaginations run wild. We are advised to take sensible precautions and if we do this should reduce the spread of the virus and hopefully limit its worst effects. Simple things like washing our hands and limiting our physical contact with others will go a long way in stopping the spread of the virus.

We are now advised that we have to stop all services until further notice!! This is not an easy decision for the Church but a necessary one under the circumstances of the time.

The Girls' Brigade have suspended all events for the rest of their session and the Guild and Focus Group have been advised to consider carefully whether they should risk continuing their meetings. Please speak to the organising committees of each group.

As Locum Minister I will not be carrying out Pastoral visits and our monthly visits to share worship in the Nursing Homes will stop. I will still have to conduct funeral services and I would value your prayers as I seek to bring comfort to the bereaved families in our Parish.

These are precautions and you should also take the Government's advice regarding safety during this time of crisis.

A word about our pastoral responsibilities during the present times! Many of our older members will be feeling isolated and worried. We can help by letting them know that we care. This can be done by telephone and by making sure that those at risk have enough shopping for their needs and that they have the medicines they need. A visit to the grocers, or the Pharmacist can be a lifeline for them. Importantly pray for them and all who struggle through this time and let them know that they are remembered in prayer!

With regard to the Vacancy procedures, the Electoral Register is compiled but unfortunately we have to suspend ALL vacancy matters for the foreseeable future. This means that you are stuck with me for even longer!!! Continue in prayer as God hears us and cares. Keep safe and keep those around you feeling less isolated.

May God bless us all and keep us safe as we continue to live by faith and not by fear.

**John**





**Guild Report**

The Guild met on Wednesday 11th March and held its AGM.

All Posts were re-elected. President, Kay Blair, Vice President Margaret Watt, Secretary Ann Carson, Treasurer, Lilly Budgell. Anne McHolm and Rona Campbell agreed to assist when necessary. Margaret Watt thanked all who had helped throughout the year with a special thanks to Anne McHolm who looks after our creature needs, heating and tea with pancakes.

Plans were made for future events but in light of Coronavirus it has been decided to suspend all meetings and outings until further notice.

The evening was closed with a Quiz kindly provided by Prim Gilmour. The winners by one point were Ann Carson's Team. Well done ladies.

Let's look after each other, pray for each other and help look after the more vulnerable in our community.

" don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."—Matthew 6:34

**Kay Blair**

**Church Funds and Offerings**

As a result of the Corona Virus crisis, much of our fund raising over the summer has been put in jeopardy.

If this had to continue over the whole summer there would be a £10,000 drop in our revenue.

Because of this, the every day cash flow problems within the church's finances will be severely stretched.

The usual bills and on-going costs will continue relentlessly despite our inability to attend our usual Sunday service.

Members who use the FWO envelopes may now wish to consider setting up a standing order to make their offering at this time. Anyone wishing to arrange this can contact the treasurer for further information. If you feel that this is not for you, once the usual Sunday services resume, envelopes will be taken as normal and your offering can be collected in one combined payment.

Please note that Presbytery have recently made us aware that some church members in other areas have had visits from people falsely claiming that they have been asked, by their church, to collect offering envelopes from members during this crisis. Please Do Not be taken in by this scam and only make your offering directly at the church on resumption of normal service.

The treasurer thanks all members for their support over the years, and hopes that this will continue through these trying times.

Best wishes and kind regards,

**Bruce**

**National Day Of Prayer**

Although services cannot be held worship should continue and we can do that together. Although 'socially distanced' spiritually we are bound together in that love of Christ Jesus.

On Sunday 22 March, people of faith were encouraged to light a candle and place it in their window at 7pm.

The letter asked that we "join in prayerful solidarity with this witness", describing the candle as "a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, the source of hope in this life."

The prayer opposite was suggested for use when lighting the candle.

Perhaps we can continue in similar acts of solidarity and worship of the One who is constant



*God is still on the throne  
And he will remember his own  
Though trials oppress us and  
burdens distress us  
He never will leave us alone.*

*God is still on the throne*

*May God continue to  
bless you and yours  
through this time of  
challenge,*

**John & Isobel**

For all that is good in life, thank you,  
For the love of family and friends, thank you,  
For the kindness of good neighbour and  
Samaritan stranger, thank you.

May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless,  
experience support,  
May those who are sick, know healing,  
May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.

Bless and guide political leaders and  
decision-makers, with wisdom,  
Bless and guide health workers and key workers,  
with strength and well-being,  
Bless and guide each one of us,  
as we adapt to a new way of living.

And may the light shining from our windows,  
across road and Wynd, Glen and Ben, Kyle and Isle,  
be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.





I Almost Went to Church Today

I almost went to church today but couldn't find the time  
 So much to do about the house to leave would be a crime  
 So I brushed and screwed and polished and went wearily to bed  
 But made a resolution to go next week instead

I almost went to church today but some old friends came  
 And to have closed the door on them would have been a shame  
 So we talked and chatted and gossiped until the goodbyes were said  
 But made a resolution to go next week instead

I almost went to church today but something made me late  
 And unpunctuality is a sin I really hate  
 So I sat before the fire and took up a book and read  
 But made a resolution to go next week instead

I almost went to church today but my favourite programme was on  
 And by the time it ended the time for church was gone  
 So I sat before the telly until the set was dead  
 But made a resolution to go next week instead

I almost went to church today but a certain preacher was there  
 And for her type of preaching I really didn't care  
 So rather than go to church and come home with a heavy head  
 I made a resolution to go next week instead

I ACTUALLY went to church today but I went too late  
 The church was locked and silent "FOR SALE" was on the gate  
 Oh the remorse which then I felt,  
 this little church was dead  
 And I had killed it by  
 GOING NEXT WEEK INSTEAD



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Congratulations Joan & Andy

On the 6th of March 2020, Joan And Andy Pollok celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Pictured above, their afternoon celebrations at New Lanark Mill Hotel on 7th March 2020.

**Well done !**



**On Thursday 26th March 2020, at 8:00pm, people around the UK have taken part in a "Clap for Carers" tribute, saluting NHS and care workers dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.**

*The Royal Family and the prime minister joined well-wishers who flocked to their balconies and windows to applaud. A message from the NHS on social media described the tribute as "emotional".*

*Please continue to support our NHS by staying safe and following the guidance given by our CMO and First Minister.*

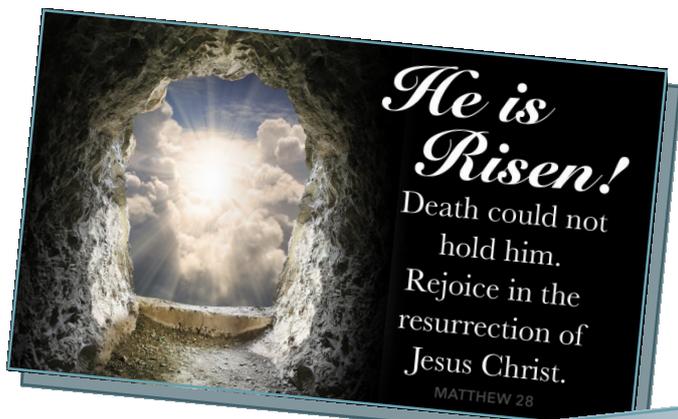
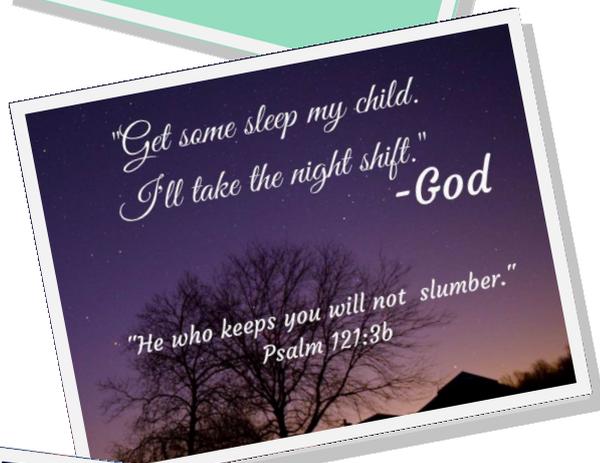


# Easter Word Search

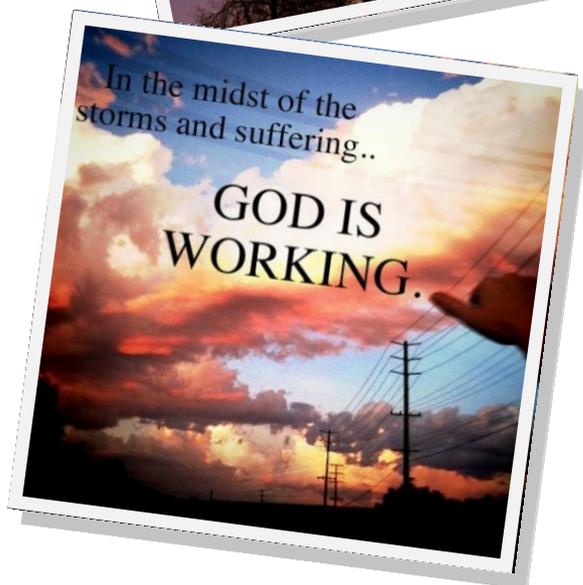


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God has a plan for you (Jer. 29:11) and you will make it through this time of testing. Keep on believing and moving forward and you will see Him working out the details. God is never early or late but His timing is always perfect. You will see, I promise.



"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8)





**A Big Thank You**

Thank you so much for the beautiful church flowers that I have received on a number of occasions. They have been such a blessing and its lovely to know that folk are thinking of you, especially while I have been ill over these past weeks.

Thank you also for the good wishes I have received on being installed as the current Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery. Despite being really daunting it's a great privilege and I am learning so much. I may not see you so much these days but I do hear your news and keep you in my prayers. I wish you all every blessing.

Many thanks

**Maxine Buck**

**Sincere Thanks**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my Church Family for all their good wishes, beautiful flowers, cards and presents, and a book full of Blessings for my 80th Birthday .

Thank you all for singing " Happy Birthday ", it made my day.

God Bless you all,

**Love Rita**

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**Rotas**



5th April

12th April

19th April

26th April

3rd May

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**Items for next Newsletter**

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for May 2020,

the deadline will be Sunday 12th of April 2020. Please contact the editor with your content by this date.

