



# Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



March 2022

## 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  
Has been suspended until further notice.

## Announcements

### Deaths

William Callander

on Monday 29th November 2021

Joe Brodie

on Monday 29th November 2021

Graham Brady (son of Hilton Brady)

On Tuesday 18th January 2022

### Births

Congratulations to Jimmy and Isobel Baillie

Their daughter Jennifer and husband Kyle  
had a baby girl (Faye Campbell)

on Sunday 2nd January 2022

### Special Birthdays

Our Love and Congratulations to

Mrs Shirley Stewart who celebrated her  
80th Birthday on Friday 28th January 2022

## Church Services in March 2022

Sunday 6th March - Revd. John Stevenson (Communion)

Sunday 13th March - Revd. Bev Gauld

Sunday 20th March - Revd. Cameron McPherson

Sunday 27th March - Revd. Alastair Lusk



## Bible Verse of the Month

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

*The second is this: Love your neighbour as yourself.*

*There is no commandment greater than these.”*



**Mark 12:30-31**

## 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





**Dear members and friends,**

As February comes to a close I write this pastoral letter for you winter will soon be over. It is difficult for any of us to predict the turn of events in life. Thinking of all the storms and uncertainties we have had to endure recently March may yet come in like a lion.

In the midst of our topsy-turvy life remember the advice that comes from the Book of Proverbs which tell us: "don't lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them for they will refresh your soul." (Proverbs Chapter 3; verses 21 and 22: NLT version).

**£250,000 fine for a kick at the cat**

It was widely reported recently that a West Ham United first team star footballer was fined and had two weeks wages of £250,000 docked from his pay when a video film emerged of him filmed kicking one of his pet cats. Subsequently, the footballer's brother, who filmed to scene, has been dropped by his football club, and, it is reported that the West Ham United footballer has had a visit from officials of the English RSPCA who have taken both his cats into "protective custody" while enquiries continue.

**"Don't lose sight of common sense and discernment"**

Now contrast that with something that will go a long way, "to refresh your soul". Currently, Covid-19 Lockdown measures are being lifted. At the time of writing it is reported that Her Majesty The Queen, (95), has Covid-19. Yet even now Her Majesty continues, as our constant Head of State for over 70 years, to fulfil her duties, in the service of her people, to the best of her ability under God. So I say, "May God Bless the Queen".

Oh ! and err I forget, for the Dalsarf Congregation and all our friends the Hamilton Hall has now reopened. **"don't lose sight of common sense and discernment..... for they will refresh your soul"**.

**Kindest Regards,  
Bev Gauld**





*During the many months of Covid-19, it was easy to forget Dalsersf Church's Mission Statement which reads: "Dalsersf Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ through the preaching of The Word and witness of every member".*

*Over the last two years many churches closed their doors and the regular preaching of The Word was stopped. Fortunately our locum, the Rev. John Stevenson, with the help of his son-in-law, spectacularly managed to maintain the spirit of our Mission Statement through the production of the YouTube broadcasts. This facility has continued, since John left, by the installation of permanent cameras for recording the weekly service on our Website and Facebook page. Our thanks go to Eric Budgell and family for taking on this task.*

*Although rarely mentioned in the church, and even less seen, the MaD Ministries has continued its mission work in our two primary schools. Throughout the last two years they have streamed "Assembly" programmes to both premises on a regular basis. In this way they have maintained spiritual contact with the youngsters, reaching the whole school roll instead of the usual 20 children in the Kids Club.*

*Despite very limited resources, the productions have improved month by month and are well worth watching. Even adults can get something from the message. If anyone is interested in viewing the latest New Year Assembly please drop me an email at [henry.archibald512@btinternet.com](mailto:henry.archibald512@btinternet.com) and I will forward it to you.*

*The treasurer thanks the small band of members who financially sponsor this programme. Envelopes can be obtained from the treasurer.*



## Guild News

*It is great to be able to meet again as a Guild even though it is just once a month, all masked up and socially distanced.*

*We met on 8th December when we enjoyed a Christmas Theme night with carols, poems, readings and a quiz. Congratulations to the winning team...Margaret Watt, Senga Donegan, Audrey Hopkins and Rona Campbell. Although we missed the usual Dalsersf home baking thanks to Anne McHolm we enjoyed a nice cup of tea and a special selection of chocolate biscuits.*

*Unfortunately Omicron stepped in and we had to postpone our Christmas outing to Garrion Bridges for afternoon tea.*

*We had hoped to have a Burns and Scottish themed night in January but again it had to be cancelled. We were able to meet on 9th February and what a delight to have a real visiting speaker. The members enjoyed an evening with Mike Taylor who spoke to us on the work of Hamilton Museum.*

*We have decide to hold informal meetings in April, May and June with our visit to Garrion Bridges, an outing to Hamilton Museum with Mike and a Garden Party at Hamilton Hall in June.*

*Our next meeting will be on 9th March which will be our AGM. The National Guild newly appointed Secretary Karen Gillon will be our speaker that evening.*

*As a Guild we are delighted to back in each other's fellowship and look forward to meetings resuming for our 2022/23 Session. Our secretary Ann Carson is looking at ideas for a full programme.*

*We ask God's blessing on all Guild members locally and nationally and go forward knowing*

**Kay Blair**

**Whose we are and  
Whom we serve**



**" Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always."**

**( 1 Chronicles 16:11 )**





**Weekly Offering Envelopes**

During the last two years there has been a fundamental change in the way members contribute to Dalserf Church. Most contributions are now made by Banker's Order or cheque with much less "cash". This greatly helps the treasurer, eases the record keeping and maintains a visual paper trail of offerings for the accountants to follow. It is emphasised however that FWO envelopes are still most acceptable and may well be the preferred method for many members.

During the reorganisation, if any member has missed out on receiving envelopes and wishes a supply, please contact me and this can easily be arranged. If anybody wants to receive a Banker's order form please make contact with me.

**Bruce Archibald**

**In Memoriam**

A plaque has been erected inside the main gates to Dalserf Church. This is in memory of those who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic, and will be dedicated by Revd. John Stevenson on Communion Sunday, 6th March 2022

**Joan Pollok**

**Pulpit Bible Duty**

If you would be interested in carrying the bible to and from the pulpit at the beginning and close of the Sunday service at Dalserf Church, please contact John McPhee or Bruce Archibald who would be happy to note your interest.



**Thank You**

The Hamilton Family from Dunbar would like to thank Revd. John Stevenson for conducting a beautiful Baptismal service for their son Hugh on Sunday 5th December 2021. They would also like to thank the congregation of Dalserf for the warm welcome received that day.

Many Thanks,  
**The Hamilton Family**

**Congratulations Girls**

Our congratulations go to Emma Gilchrist and the Law and District U17 Women's 4x200m Indoor Relay Team who won Gold Medals at the Scottish National Indoor Relay Championships held at the Emirates Arena on Sunday 13th February 2022. Emma and her team mates Susannah Kay, Hannah Todd and Jade Gray gave everything they had on the track to secure their success.

**Well done girls!**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of prayer will take place on Friday 4th March at 2.00pm in St. Machan's Church.

It has been 10 years since St. Machan's Church last held the service. Please be encouraged to attend.

The Service for 2022 has been written by the World Day of Prayer group in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is "I know the plans I have for you"

"An invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering."



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<b>6th Mar</b>	Mrs J Pollok
<b>13th Mar</b>	Mrs M Baillie
<b>20th Mar</b>	Mrs J Harvey
<b>27th Mar</b>	Mrs J Goldie

### Items for next Newsletter

*If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for April 2022,*

*Please contact the editor by Sunday 13th March 2022.*

### Thank You

*The Flower Team would like to thank everyone who helps in any way to beautify our chancel each week with the gift of flowers. We also want to thank those who have made donations to our flower fund which we can use in emergencies when extra flowers are needed.*

*Thanks to all who help deliver the flowers and to Lily and her chauffeur Eric who organise purchase and arranging flowers when required. Lily and Eric are happy to continue doing this for anyone who wishes. The recipients are always so grateful and find pleasure and support on receiving them. This has not been easy in the last two years as we have only been able to stand on doorsteps. Hopefully that will soon change.*

*Thanks everyone....*

**The Flower Team**

**“ Through him you believe in GOD, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in GOD.” ( 1 Peter 1:21 )**

