



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



November 2022

## Church Calendar

- Thu 3rd**      **Focus** (Rorison 1:30pm)
- Sun 6th**      **Communion** (Dalsersf 11:30am)
- Mon 7th**      **Girls Brigade** (Rorison 6:30pm-8:30pm)
- Wed 9th**      **Guild** (Rorison 7:15pm)
- Sun 13th**      **Cenotaph** (Netherburn 10:30am & Rorison 11:00am)
- Sun 13th**      **Remembrance Service** (Dalsersf 11:30am)

### 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 Has been suspended until further notice.

### Announcements

#### Special Birthdays

Love and Congratulations to John Grove who celebrated his 95th Birthday on Wednesday 26th October 2022

#### Nursing Home Visits

Have been suspended until further notice



## Church Services

- Sunday 6th November - John Stevenson
- Sunday 13th November - John Stevenson (Cenotaphs)
- Sunday 13th November - David Doyle (Dalsersf Service)
- Sunday 20th November - Bill Murdoch
- Sunday 27th November - Bev Gauld



### Prayer for Others

Rita and Somerville Fairley  
 Willie Miller  
 Colin and Marion McAllister  
 John Grove  
 Mary Grove  
 Forbes Gillespie  
 George Gillespie  
 David Wells  
 Anne Brown  
 Norval Toryusen  
 Jean McMillan  
 Chanti Raju Karini

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





Last year, on 11th November, a friend and I had the privilege of taking part in the Remembrance Day parade through the town of Seclin, Larkhall's twin town, in Northern France. We walked to the newly refurbished war memorial, of which the people were, quite rightly, very proud.

On the eve of the parade we met with veterans of more recent conflicts who took it in turns to stand vigil in front of the memorial, proudly displaying their medals. The day was marked with respect and reverence. The mayor addressed the crowd and beautiful flowers were laid. We laid our poppy wreath on behalf of Larkhall Twinning Association.

I have been many times to the Somme. I have visited the grand memorials and left a small wooden cross at Thiepval beside the name of my uncle and felt proud, even although, of course, we never met.

Wandering in the graveyards, so beautifully tended, it is sad to read the ages on the white headstones - so many young men lying there. However there is also a sense of peace and tranquility, so different from what these soldiers must have known. The presence of the Christ I love is felt in the silence of the cemeteries and around the memorials which show the names of those with no known grave.

The Great War was "a war to end all wars" but history has shown this to have been a bitter hope. We still fight, to grab land, to expel people from their homes and settled lives whom we see as enemies or a threat.

Now, of course, more than ever are our prayers needed for those whose lives are still being destroyed by war.

Psalm 34:14 tells us: "Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

Lorna Brodie





## *The Soul of Dalsarf*

*The mist that lingers  
On a Sunday Morn  
Around the resting place  
Of Generations gone.*

*The bells are ringing  
No time to delay  
The service is starting  
On God's Holy day.*

*Hymns we will start  
Joyous voices raise  
Dalsarf is awake  
To sing God's praise.*

*The whisper of Prayers  
From young and from old  
The pulpit high standing  
God's message is told.*

*This building is more  
Than bricks and wood  
It's a temple of safety  
Of blessings and good.*

*Elders of past  
And children of today  
Same message is heard  
And treasured the same way.*

*That Dalsarf is formed  
On connection's so true  
The loved ones that gather  
God's love shines through.*

*Praise be to God  
For building this place  
And for bringing us here  
To share in his grace*

*L.M Haddow*





### **A NEW ADDITION**

*Alex, Morag, Katie & Ellie were away to York for the weekend, while they were away there was great excitement as there was a new addition to the herd!*

*One of the Jersey cows gave birth to a heifer calf, which has been named Manse Brae Caliban Ellie*

*15 years ago Alex bought 2 Jersey calves from a herd in Norfolk, it's great the cattle line is continuing!*

*The first photo is the calf the day it was born 17<sup>th</sup> Sept and the other photo was taken today at a month old.*

*Kind regards,*

**Margaret Watt**



### **AN UNUSUAL MODE OF TRANSPORT**

*Dalserf Church has been the venue for many, many weddings with the happy couple and friends coming from near and far.*

*Many modes of transport have brought the bride to church and seen the newlyweds off on married life.*

*Limo's, horse and buggy, vintage cars, camper vans even a helicopter.*

*However none can have been more memorable than the tractor that transported*

*Martyn and Wendy from the Church gates to the Radstone Hotel, courtesy of a surprise from the bride to her new husband.*





## Bible Verse of the Month

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.



2 Corinthians 4: 15-16

## Prayer of the Month

I meditate on you O Lord.  
For you have borne the pain,  
You have lived the trauma,  
You have tasted shame.

I meditate on you O Lord.  
For you have beaten death,  
You have covered everything  
With gentle loving breath.

I meditate on you O Lord.  
For you're the promise bright,  
You're the hope of healing hands,  
You're the brightest light.

I meditate on you O Lord.  
Come meet me in my fears,  
Touch me with your wings of love,  
And lift my heart of tears.

I meditate on you O Lord.  
My saviour and my friend,  
My comforter, my one and all,  
On you I will depend.

## GOD HAS PROMISED

*God has not promised skies always blue,  
flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.*

*God has not promised sun without rain,  
joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God has promised strength for the day,  
rest for the labour, light on the way,  
grace for the trial, help from above,  
unfailing sympathy, undying love.*





The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 13th November, where there will be the opportunity to donate to Poppyscotland and the RAF Benevolent Fund.

There will also be the opportunity to donate at the previous service on the 6th November. We in Dalsarf have generously supported these causes for very many years and I can assure contributors that the letters of thanks from these organisations reflects their gratitude and the essential nature of their work.



As treasurer I am very pleased to report that £420 was raised at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in aid of the Clyde, Avon and Nethan Foodbank in Larkhall.

This reflects highly on the generosity of those who attended the service.

Some have questioned the appropriateness of giving "money" rather than food parcels. Having been involved with the Larkhall foodbank for many years I can emphasise that "hard cash" is essential for the bank to operate properly. There are very many items that a family requires that are not normally donated by individuals. Such things as toothpaste, toothbrushes, female sanitary products, toilet rolls, razors, pet food etc. etc. Also the "Bank" gives out money vouchers to be used in the local greengrocer for fresh fruit and vegetables.

I am also aware that many people think that the "Bank" is a spongers paradise. I can assure those that donate to Larkhall that the distributions are only made after a suitable written referral is made from the social services, ministers etc., and generally only 3 visits are allowed within a six month period. It should also be emphasised that the "Bank" covers many crisis situations. A family may have a house, a car and a comfortable life style but suddenly through death, redundancy or the breadwinner losing his/hers employment, the household income stops very suddenly. Applying for government benefits such as universal credit can take many weeks resulting in a large gap in the family's income. I have witnessed such people arrive in tears in such a situation as the "Bank" is the only place they can turn to. Often, many weeks later, once they have resolved their personal circumstances, they reappear bearing large donations as an expression of their gratitude.

I can assure members that the £420 will be well spent.

### ***Bruce Archibald***



*Harvest Thanksgiving at Dalsarf led by Revd. David Doyle*

*Fresh produce has been donated to Hamilton Joint churches Drop-In Centre.*

*The Harvest Offering will be donated to the Food Bank in Larkhall*





## **GUILD REPORT**

*The October meeting was treated to an evening of humour and walk down memory lane as Janice Ross recalled her early life, the time living in Benbecula and read to us from her book "Not Miss Whittlieburrn" The evening was acclaimed a great success by all present.*

*The Annual Guild Together Communion and Re-dedication is on Thursday in St. John Church Hamilton at 2.00pm. This is an important service and all members are encouraged to attend.*

*The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th November when the speaker will be from Crossreach. There will be a sales table so bring your purse.*

## **FOCUS**

*At the October meeting, the Focus Group were delighted to welcome Jessie Shaw to the meeting. Jessie spoke on the life and works of John Newton, as influenced by his wife Mary, giving the words and meaning of Amazing Grace a whole new understanding.*

*Next month we meet on 3rd November when the guest speaker will be Ian White. Everyone is welcome.*

## **ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK GIFT SERVICE APPEAL**

*The Gift Service will be on 27th November, the first Sunday in Advent. Any gifts should be brought to this service or taken to Rorison car park at 11.30 on Tuesday 29th November where they will be collected by Social Work Dept.*

*Gifts should be put in a gift bag and label boy/girl, age suitable for.*

## **SHOE BOX APPEAL**

*Shoe boxes for the Blytheswood appeal should be in Dalserf Church by 6th November or Rorison car park at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 9th November for transport to Falkirk.*





## Scripture Readings Rota

The rota for the Scripture Readings will be re issued on 11th December.

If you are already on the list and wish to remain,

If you wish to be removed from the list,

If you wish to be added to the list,

If any of the above apply to you, please let Kay know.

Please note that if you are unable to do the Sunday allocated to you, let Kay know well in advance so that someone else can do it. Please do not arrange for someone to replace you, as we have a list of people to do this

There has not been a great response to this, can I ask you please to contact Kay and let her know your situation regarding the scripture readings

Blessings

**Joan**

## On the Birth of our Granddaughter

Thank you for all the gifts, flowers, cards and prayers our family received on the birth of our beautiful granddaughter Olivia Arlene.

**Janet and Graeme Tennant**

Rotas	
6th Nov	Senga Donegan (Ashgill)
13th Nov	Linda Marshall (Ashgill)
20th Nov	Joan Pollok (Crossford)
27th Nov	Mrs C Prentice (Larkhall)

**Items for next Newsletter**  
 If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for December 2022,  
 Please contact the editor by  
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**“ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” ( Matthew 6:33 )**

