



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



February 2023

## 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

### Deaths

Alan Gibson  
on Friday 9th December 2022

Peggy Callan  
on Saturday 7th January 2023

Sommerville Fairley  
On Friday 20th January 2023

Kay Blair  
(Deputy Session Clerk and Guild President)  
on Saturday 21st January 2023



### Baptism

Maisie Elizabeth Janet Montgomery  
on Sunday 11th December 2022

### Special Birthdays

Love and Congratulations to Lily Budgell  
who celebrated her 70th Birthday  
on Tuesday 24 January 2023

## Church Services

Sunday 5th February - Rev. Bev Gauld

Sunday 12th February - Rev. Cameron McPherson

Sunday 19th February - Rev. Cameron McPherson

Sunday 26th February - Rev. Alastair Lusk



## Bible Verse of the Month

*"The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned."*



Psalm 34 : 15 - 22

## Prayer for Others

Rita Fairley  
Willie Miller  
Colin and Marion McAllister  
John Grove  
Mary Grove  
Forbes Gillespie  
Anne Brown  
Norval Toryusen  
Janette McPhee

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 friends,

As I write this, mid January, I ask myself is it too late to wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. The trappings of Christmas are packed away and the bells have rang out the old year and welcomed in the new. Resolutions made and very probably broken already.

I've taken to thinking, just as a dog is not just for Christmas, Christmas is not just for December. The love that came down at Christmas is for all times and ages. Scripture tell us the birth in the stable is the fulfilling the prophesies. Gal 4:4 "but when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law." Without Christmas there would be no Easter

Moving now to January the Guild will have planned and held it's first Annual Burns Supper since 2019. What's this to do with my theme? Robert Burns is not everyone's cup of tea but he did compose some beautiful words on nature, created for us by God. My favourite is "A prayer under the Pressure of violent Anguish" composed at a time of great stress when the poet wrote to his father quoting from Rev 21:1-4 that all tears would be wiped from all eyes. At the beginning "O Thou great being what Thou art surpasses me to know" ending "If I must afflicted be to suit some wise design, Then man my soul with firm resolve to bear and not repine". Prayerful words still relevant in the crisis's of world today.

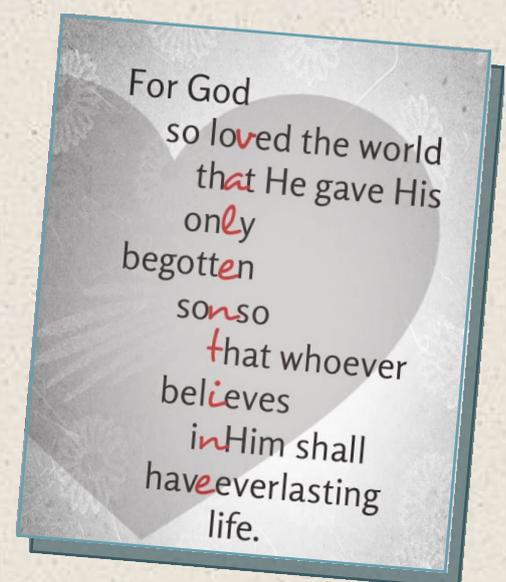
So where does this take me in the early months of 2023? St Valentine's Day. Under Roman rule young couples were forbidden to marry so that the young men could easily be enlisted to the Emperor's previously defeated legions which had been left depleted . Valentine continued to perform marriage which finally led to his imprisonment and eventually being known as the Saint of love.

The pure source of love is our Lord who defeated evil through death and resurrection.

So as we put away the decorations but not the birth, we know that although Christmas is the season, Easter is the reason.

May we all feel the blessings of our Lord in 2023  
"To love one another as He has loved us."

**Kay Blair**





## **Guild News**

*The Guild had their first meeting of the year on Wednesday the 11th January 2023.*

*It was a business meeting with a bring and buy stall. With it being a business meeting we distributed some of our funds to guild charities and also ones closer to our hearts.*

*The Burns Supper is to take place on Wednesday the 22nd February 2023.*

*The Christmas fayre raised the magnificent amount of over £1300, thanks to all who made this wonderful sum possible. Our next meeting is on the 8th February 2023 with AGM nominations and speaker from Mind.*

*Look forward to seeing you all there.*

## **Anne McHolm**

### **From The Treasurer**

*Now that Dalsersf is in a new financial year, if any member requires FWO envelopes or MAD envelopes for 2023, and who have not had them delivered please contact the treasurer.*

### **Death intimation**

*Sadly, the death is announced of Alan Gibson of Cherrytree Crescent, Larkhall, aged 63.*

*Alan was the husband of Sandra Gibson who regularly attended Dalsersf in her younger days and who helped the treasurer with the Gift Aid tax reclaim.*

*Sandra is the daughter of the late David and Jane Paterson who used to be the proprietors of the public house in Netherburn, and who were regular attenders at Dalsersf. David served as an elder for many years before moving out the district. Alan's father also served as an elder many years ago before his own untimely death.*

### **Bruce**

#### **An anonymous entry**

*As a very irregular visitor to Dalsersf Church I would like to express my appreciation for the "gathering" that took place just before the Watch-night Christmas service on the evening of the 24th December. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing some "old" faces and greatly enjoyed the excellent range of food. I also enjoyed The Rev Doyle's service and the atmosphere in the church that night.*





**FOCUS**

Focus met for our first meeting of 2023 on Thursday 12th January in Rorison.

There were 16 of us and we had a lovely afternoon with plenty of Christian fellowship.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 2nd February in Rorison at 1.45pm. If you find yourself with some time on your hands, please come along enjoy the company, cup of tea and good speakers.

**Joan Pollok**



**1st Dalsersf Girls' Brigade**

A couple of upcoming dates for your diaries are the Pancake Night on Monday 20th February 2023, from 7pm and the GB Awards Presentation on Monday 27th March 2023, also from 7pm.

**Ann Price**

**Shining Star**

How wonderful to see the Star up and shining at Rorison, a beacon in our dark world

It reminds us that the wise men were led to where Jesus was trusting in its guiding light and I hope we keep that shining light with us as we go into this new year.

The Star would not have been there without the hard work of Rhona and Bob Campbell.

A huge big thank you from us all.

**Anne McHolm**

**Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards, flowers and good wishes while Rose-May was in Wishaw General hospital.

We greatly appreciated this very comforting support and Robert particularly enjoyed the goodies given to him to keep his energy up!!

**Robert and Rose-May Clarkson**

Rotas	
5th Feb	Mrs K Love
12th Feb	Mrs Joanna Gilchrist
19th Feb	Mrs Margaret Paterson
26th Feb	Mr Bert Gold

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**" For this GOD is our GOD for ever and ever : he will be our guide even unto death. "**  
 ( Psalm 48 : 14 )

