



Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



March 2023

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

Helena Henderson
(daughter-in-law of Chris and Ian Henderson)
on Wed 18th January 2023.

Church Services

Sunday 5th March - Rev. David Doyle (Communion)

Sunday 12th March - Rev. Bill Murdoch

Sunday 19th March - Rev. Fiona Anderson

Sunday 26th March - The Elders



Bible Verse of the Month

*“ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. ”*



Isaiah 40 : 29 - 31

Prayer for Others

Rita Fairley and Family
Willie Miller
Colin and Marion McAllister
John Grove
Mary Grove
Forbes Gillespie
George Gillespie
Anne Brown
Jean McMillan
John and Isobel Stevenson
The Blair Family
The Henderson Family
Tom Barrowman

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





Kay Was Unique

Kay was tireless, efficient and she gave of her time, talents and money to the service of her Lord.

She never shrank from commitment and whenever a gap arose, she was right there willing to fill it. She would often say how busy she was, and she would be told to stop volunteering but of course she never did, because that was who she was. She co-ordinated the Saturday teas for many years, she baked endlessly for the teas and anything else we were having at Dalsersf. She helped with the co-ordinating of the shoe boxes and the Christmas gifts for the children. She organised the Easter and Christmas appeals, she attended funerals here in Dalsersf and helpfully guided people to their seats before the service. She contacted whoever the Preacher was every week and then made up the Orders of Service for Sunday worship. She dealt with the flower list. The list of what she did is endless.

Kay was ordained an Elder in 1999. She became Deputy Session Clerk, a roll that she took very seriously as she did with every roll that she undertook. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years, she was the 1st Girls Brigade Captain of Dalsersf Girls Brigade and she was President of the Guild. She dealt with so many things and we here at Dalsersf will only find out what these things are now that she is no longer here. It is a true saying, nobody knows what I do till I stop doing it.

We have been left heartbroken by the loss of Kay and at this moment in time we are struggling to find a way forward without her, but as in all things the Lord will provide us with strength and courage to go on.

She has left a huge gap which will be very hard to fill.

Rest in peace with God, Kay.

We will miss you.



Joan





*There are moments in our life
That take us to the wall
Stages that define us
And lessons when we fall*

*We stand within our energy
Be it strong or hard to clasp
We take each step onwards
And hold within our grasp*

*And when the journey is lonely
The road never seems to bend
We must carry forward
Until the awaking ends*

*So, hold the will to march
And take each step with pride
Cause in those darkest moments
Is light to be our guide*

L M Haddow





Happy New Year to you all from 1st Dalserf Girls Brigade

Thank you to you our church family who came along to our Coffee and Carols event in December. It was a lovely evening and a nice way to end our first session back. We were joined by our Divisional Commissioner Caroline Rice and Divisional Chaplin Andrew Rooney.

Thank you to all who gave donations for the foodbank. My car boot was full and these along with £65 were delivered the following day.

As you know while GB has not been meeting, some of the Brigaders have been working away on their Duke of Edinburgh award. They have had awards delivered to door steps during the pandemic restrictions and I felt, given all the work they had completed they should have the awards officially presented.

The following awards were completed in 2020, Silver to Katie Watt and Jodie Brisbane. Both are currently studying, Katie in England and Jodie in Aberdeen so were unable to attend the presentation.

Caroline Rice presented the following awards – completed 2021, bronze Certificate of achievement followed up by bronze award to Ellie Rodger and Karyn Scotland and in 2022, Bronze to Ellie Watt and Olivia Gillies and Silver to Morven McLean, Ellie Rodger and Karyn Scotland.

The Rev Rooney then presented Brigaders Brooches, second highest award in GB to Ellie Rodger and Karyn Scotland.

Thank you to the baking angels Kay Blair and Anne McHolm and Lily and Eric Budgell for making the mulled wine.

The company started back on the 9th of January and as the girls were just back to school that day we had a fun night with toast and hot chocolate. One Juniors feedback was "best night ever".

Plans are in place for the remainder of our session, we held our Pancake night on Monday 20th February and our Presentation of awards will take place on Monday 27th of March at 7pm.

Thank you

Ann Price





Foodbank Donations



*(Left to Right)
Ellie Rodger, Karyn Scotland, Morven McLean,
Ellie Watt and Olivia Gillies*



Ellie Rodger and Karyn Scotland

**"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
(Phillipians 4 : 13)**





As all the congregation sit downstairs, two or three of the visiting preachers have indicated that they would prefer to preach from the Communion Table.

To meet this request the Kirk Session decided to purchase a new "lectern" for those ministers who would prefer to use this facility.

Mrs Primilia Gilmour has kindly decided to donate the lectern to the church in memory of her late husband, Andrew Gilmour. 15/4/37 to 16/3/22

Andrew served as an elder in Dalserf as a young man before moving to, and worshipping in Lanark for many years. However, he never forgot Dalserf and in later life returned to serve as Fabric Convenor.

Andrew was very skilled in woodwork and could turn his hand to many of the small jobs (and some large) that required to be done about the church buildings. Since his death his presence and willingness have been greatly missed.

The church's thanks goes to Primilia for this generous gesture .

I have recently been moved and touched by the TV pictures of the rescue of that new born baby in Turkey. The infant girl was alive, still attached by the umbilical cord to her dead mother. The woman, Afraa, will have gone through the usual pains and efforts of childbirth and hoped good things for her baby. Maybe as she died she will have known it was a daughter; maybe she had a brief moment to be glad of her arrival. I sincerely hope she died a painless death, and that in the eternity of heaven she knows that her efforts were not in vain. The rescuers dragged her bruised body from amongst the rubble and passed the child to the emergency doctor. By pure chance the doctor's wife had just given birth herself and thus was able to breastfeed both infants.

This "miracle" emphasises that amongst all the doom and gloom, natural catastrophes and man made wars, life still goes on and a new dawn is always approaching. It is so easy to become depressed and pessimistic over the winter with the poor weather, the long nights, the economic situation, natural calamities and even the closure of Dalserf. Locally we experienced a mini natural disaster with the flooding of the Clyde causing damage to local properties. For our friend Mike Taylor it was no "mini" disaster as he was forced out his house in the middle of the night, just able to rescue his dog from drowning. Sadly he has lost most of his possessions and has had to relocate to a friend's house in Ashgill. The cottages in the village escaped damage with the help of the fire brigade and some well placed sand bags.

Sadly we have experienced several deaths in the community which have caused much grief, and each has left an indelible gap in our lives. The late Queen Elizabeth once said that "grief" is the price we pay for "love". If this is so then they were all well loved. However I rejoiced in the baptism of Maisie, the daughter of Claire Walker, as well as celebrating the wedding of Rira Fairley's grandson, Connor.

I look at the daffodil bulbs appearing, the days getting longer, the passing of Covid, and exult in all the acts of kindness and love I see about me. Soon the lambs will be seen gambolling in the fields, and the crops will sway gently in the breeze. There will be a blue sky again and warmth in the rays of the sun.

Bruce Archibald





Guild News

The Guild met on Wednesday 8th February 2023. As a mark of respect, we started with a minute's silence to remember our president, Kay Blair, who had been our president for a long time, she will be sadly missed and leaves a huge void.

Our speaker Ruth from chocolate heaven, one of the guild projects, was very knowledgeable about how the chocolate was made, from the growing of the beans to the bars of chocolate being transported here.

This all takes place on an island in South East Asia where Pioneer UK helps with all departments.

We will be holding our AGM in March when we will be looking to fill the following posts:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Anyone who would be willing to take on any of these roles or help in any way would be much appreciated.

Thanks,

Anne McHolm

GUILD CHARITY DONATIONS FOR 2023

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| Street Pastors | £100 |
| St Andrew's Hospice | £100 |
| Erskine Homes | £100 |
| Crossreach | £100 |
| Clyde, Avon and Nethan Foodbank | £100 |
| Marie Curie | £100 |
| Church of Scotland Guild Charities | £300 |
| Dalserf Girls Brigade | £100 |

Can we thank everyone who helped us by attending our events to raise this amazing amount, so that we can help those most in need.

God Bless,

Lily Budgell

Guild Treasurer

Whose we are and

Whom we serve





1st Dalserf Girls' Brigade

We will be holding the annual GB Awards Presentation in Rorison on Monday 27th March 2023, from 7pm. We would love to see you there.

Ann Price

Focus

Focus met on Thursday 9th February when our speaker was Ivan Potts.

A lovely afternoon of praise and Christian fellowship was enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 2nd March when our speaker will be Hazel Brooks.

Tea will be served. Please come along and join us if you are able. We meet in Rorison at 1.45pm

Rotas



5th Mar

Mrs Joan Pollok

12th Mar

Mrs Margaret Baillie

19th Mar

Mr John Wilson

26th Mar

Mr Janet Goldie

Items for next Newsletter

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

April 2023,

Please contact the editor by
Sunday 12th March 2023.

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" May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had." (Romans 15 : 5)

