



Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



April 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

Special Birthdays

Congratulations to Bruce Archibald Who celebrated a big ‘O’ Birthday on Mon 27th March 2023.

Church Services

Sunday 2nd April - Hazel Brooks

Sunday 9th April - Rev. Fiona Anderson

From Sunday 9th April onward, Fiona Anderson will be our new Locum and will be in our pulpit every Sunday.

We extend a very warm welcome to Rev. Anderson and wish her many happy years with us.



Bible Verse of the Month

“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life! ”



Matthew 20 : 18 – 19

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
Tom Barrowman
Grace Murdoch

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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Dear friends

I was brought up at East Lodge, the gatehouse to Cambusnethan Priory.

My Grandfather and Great Grandfather were foresters on the estate, employed by the Sinclair-Lockhart family.

My family worshipped at Dalserf and I attended Sunday School from 1963 until 1970.

John Archibald (Bruce's father) was our elder. I remember him visiting with the Communion Cards .

Back then our small lodge was surrounded by ancient woodland and every spring the forest floor was carpeted with acres and acres of bluebells.

I thought it was the most wonderful place in the world !

As a result of my childhood in this place I have always felt connected to nature. A deeply rooted gift from God.

Accompanied by a friend I still walk in these woodlands, the native trees have all been cut down now and The Priory is a sad ruin but these wonderful bluebells still appear every spring as they have done for hundreds of years.

Ecclesiastes Ch 3 Verse 15

Whatever is, has been long ago

And whatever is going to be has been before

God brings to pass again what was in the distant past and disappeared.

After the long dark days of winter may you all look forward to the coming of spring and be strengthened by the giver of all creation.

Liz Lawson





*The Lord he gave me sense
for me to choose my way
Yet his loving hand still guides me
every single day*

*The Lord he gave me joy
with family and with friends
Yet his presence is the greatest
his loyalty never ends*

*The Lord he lets me ask
all questions on my mind
And brings to me the answer
to leave all doubt behind*

*The Lord he never leaves me
in both day or night
His loving arms around me
firm and tenderly light*

*And though this world leaves me
With burdens I must bear
The Lord his love surrounds me
his gentle loving care*

L M Haddow





1st Dalserf Girls Brigade Tribute to our Founding Captain.

Kay Dickson was a leader in the Girls Life Brigade in Motherwell until she married and moved from the area.

Following discussion with the new young minister, Kay Blair set up 1st Dalserf Girls Brigade in early 1983. The company was affiliated in September '83 and Captain Kay Blair took the helm until she retired in 2005.

During this time Kay undertook several roles locally and nationally - President Clydesdale Region, Guay Management team and Camp Training team.

Kay had a very short of retirement as in 2006 she kindly agreed to help out 1st Strathaven company for a year as they required commissioned officers. Kay took on the Acting Captain role eventually finishing up in 2012.

Since her retirement, Kay was always keen to help in the background at 1st Dalserf - making pancakes for the pancake night and most recently baking for the Coffee and Carols on the 19th of December. Our last memory of Kay was her enjoyment that the company was back and making us promise we would call on her to help with catering at future events.

Over the years Kay has influenced the lives of over 1000 girls and leaders supporting them through their girls brigade life, Duke of Edinburgh award, Queens award and to become leaders in the company.

Kay was always very proud of "her girls" and we "her girls" in 1st Dalserf give thanks for the service and dedication Kay gave over the years to The Girls Brigade in Scotland.

Rest easy Captain Blair.

Girls Brigade

We were delighted to welcome 3 new girls to the company in January and we continue to work through our badge work each week.

After a break due to the covid years we had an enjoyable evening at our pancake night on the 20th of February. Thanks to Lily Budgell and Anne McHolm for making the pancakes – they were delicious. In total we raised £180.50 and thank all who attended or sent donations, your kindness is much appreciated.

Our parents evening and presentation of awards will be held on Monday 27th March from 7.00 - 8.00 pm in Rorison.

Ann Price

" For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. " (Romans 6 : 9)





**Lifting Our Hearts,
Eyes,
Prayers
and Voices**

Lord, we lift our hearts to you.

As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you.

As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you.

As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.

May we ever live to praise you!

Amen

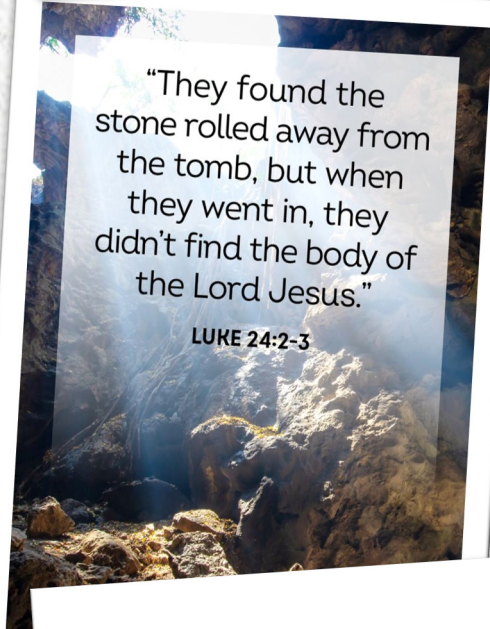
"The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all."

ACTS 4:33



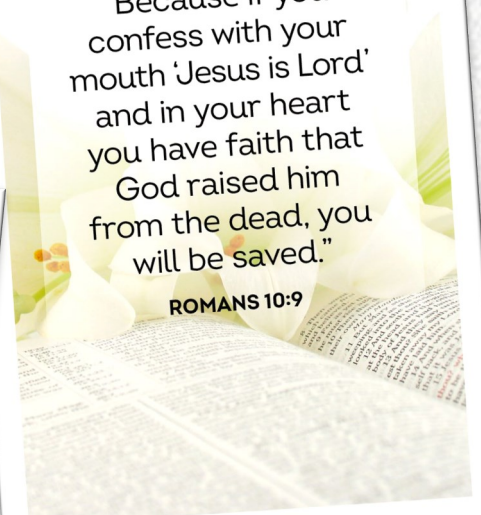
"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus."

LUKE 24:2-3



"Because if you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord' and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

ROMANS 10:9



*Father, forgive them,
for they know not what they do.*

-Luke 23:34-





Many Dalserf Church members will recall the marriage of Diana Wofford to Charles O'Neill on the 3rd of August 1985. The couple came from the USA to marry in Dalserf in memory of her grandfather Andrew Shaw who was born in Dalserf in 1892 and lived in Burnside Cottage on the Manse Brae. Andrew emigrated to the USA in 1905 aged 13 and died in Indiana in 1962.

As the couple had brought no immediate family with them, many members of Dalserf attended the ceremony and the reception in Cartland Bridge Hotel.

Diana was always very generous to Dalserf Church and made several donations to church funds. Her most generous gift was the renewal of the two stained glass windows on either side of the pulpit. The original windows had been donated by the Rev. W Rorison and his wife who lived in the manse at the time of Diana's grandfather. Andrew's father was the organist at Dalserf at that time. The restored windows were fitted in 1999. Diana will also be remembered for presenting 1000 copies of her magnificent book entitled "Hands Across The Sea".

Diana and Charles visited Dalserf several times over the years, the most memorable being at the occasion of the Rev. Cameron McPherson's retiral function in Rorison. She also visited to attend the baptism of Austin, the grandson of the laird, Chris Henderson Hamilton. It was very noticeable at that time that she was in poor health. She never recovered and sadly died on 26th July 2022.

Her lawyers in the USA have advised that, in memory of the very happy times she spent in Scotland, she has left a sizeable bequest to Dalserf Church.

Bruce



"For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man." (1 Corinthians 15 : 21)





The Guild A G M was held on the 8th of March 2023 and as previously noted, we were required to fill the vacant posts of President, Vice President and Secretary.

We had to make some hard decisions and the posts will be filled as follows:

President: Anne McHolm (Lily Budgell assisting as and when necessary)

Vice President: Margaret Watt, who said she will do vote of thanks

Secretary: Lily Budgell and Anne McHolm will jointly act as secretary.

We will conduct business on this basis and will review after a year to ensure everything is working.

After close of business, we had a quiz which was very enjoyable and certainly had us all thinking hard!

We are having an outing on 29th April 2023 to Gretna, ending in Moffat where we will have our tea.

Anne McHolm





Focus

Focus met on Thursday 2nd March when our speaker was Hazel Brooks. We all enjoyed a most entertaining afternoon.

We will meet again on Thursday 13th April at 1.45pm.

Please come along if you can and join us for fellowship and tea.

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| 2nd Apr | Mrs Margaret Watt |
| 9th Apr | Mrs Prim Gilmour |
| 16th Apr | Mrs L Budgell & Mrs A McHolm |
| 23rd Apr | Mrs Linda Marshall |
| 30th Apr | Mrs Isobel Baillie |

Items for next Newsletter

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

May 2023,

Please contact the editor by Sunday 16th April 2023.

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“ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5 : 8)

