



Dalserf Parish Church Newsletter



June 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

Congratulation to Emma Gilchrist who has been offered and accepted a place at Glasgow Caledonian University to study Child Nursing

Congratulations to Karyn Scotland who has been offered and accepted a place at Strathclyde University to study Primary Education

Bible Verse of the Month

And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



Romans 5 : 5 - 11

**Rita Fairley and Family
John Grove
Mary Grove
Forbes Gillespie
George Gillespie
Anne Brown
Willie Miller
Colin and Marion McAllister
Jean McMillan
John and Isobel Stevenson
Tom Barrowman
Hazel Brooks
Liz Lawson
Joan Harvey**

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**



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Greetings!

Welcome to our June edition of the Parish newsletter. I hope this finds you all well and as they say, 'full of the joys' of Spring. Isn't it great when the days get longer, and the sun begins to make an appearance after the April/May showers; the garden noticeably changes colour almost every day.

The following Scripture verses seem appropriate for this time of year:

Genesis 1:14 - Then God said, 'Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night. Let them be signs to mark the seasons, days, and years.'

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Genesis 8:22 - As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day, and night.

If June is the time when you go on holiday, then I wish you safe travels and a restful and blessed time.

Thank you...

As I pen this pastoral letter, I have now been with you as locum for 6 weeks... I'm tempted to pose that as a question: "Only 6 weeks?" as it seems longer, and the reason for that is because I feel I've gotten to know you and feel 'comfortable' quickly, as has Tom, and we both feel really at home in the congregation... and that's down to you for making us feel so welcomed and part of the Dalsersf family... so thank you, we really appreciate that.

Coronation Tea...

On Saturday 13th May, I experienced my first Dalsersf afternoon tea party, when we had our coronation celebrations in Hamilton Hall. It was a lovely afternoon sharing food, friendship, and fellowship... and boy was there a 'buzz about the place'; it was just great. The organisers really excelled themselves not only with the selection of sandwiches, home-made scones, and all sorts of cakes, but the decorations were fantastic too, with Union Jack flags, banners, ribbons, napkins... even the chairs were covered with white covers and decorated with blue and red ribbons. When I described it to my friend, I said it was like a wedding with out the bride and groom.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of this. I thought it was exceptional, but I'm told this is the Dalsersf 'standard'.

Conventicle...

On Sunday 14th May, I had the privilege of conducting worship in Douglas, at the annual Conventicle which takes place beside the cairn memorial in the memorial park. It's a beautiful setting with the lake on one side and the ruined 'Castle Douglas', or 'Castle Dangerous' as it's often referred to due to the history attached to it. During the service the geese and ducks on the lake could be heard honking and quacking... and fortunately the threatened rain stayed away. The service was attended by ex-servicemen, invited guests, the Provosts from South and North Lanarkshire who laid wreaths at the memorial, together with David Mundell MP, who also laid a wreath. The unaccompanied singing was also great. I preached on Psalm 121 and Psalm 1, and we sang Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes, and we gave it 'laldy,' ending with Will Your Anchor Hold. It was lovely chatting to people afterwards, who all had a story they wanted to share; that's one of the precious things of ministry.

Bible Study Class...

The Wednesday Bible Study commenced on Wednesday 10th May when we looked at the Book of Ruth, paying particular attention to the life of Naomi. The following week it was Abraham's wife Sarah's turn... and at the time of penning this article, I've not yet decided what our study will be the following week.





As previously indicated, the study on Les Misérables will be deferred until August/September, when most folks will have returned from holidays.

Bring a Friend...

As you will no doubt notice... we now have our banner up at the end of the road indicating that we are open for worship every Sunday, and everyone is welcome. I came across this wee summary - see below:



Please note the point with the greatest success rate... a one-on-one invitation. So, please feel free to invite along a friend. You'll regularly hear me talk about 'planting seeds' or in the benediction to 'go and share the Gospel'. Remember, someone once told you the 'Good News', so its your turn to share it... plant the seed and watch it grow.

Jigsaws...

Have you been trying our weekly jigsaws? These go out on the Facebook Page and the Church Website each week, usually on a Friday night. Feel free to share them with your friends. If you are having problems opening them on your phone/tablet, then try going directly into the Jigsaw website directly www.Jigidi.com typing 'Dalsarf' in the search box.

Service of the Week...

On June 18th we will be the recorded 'Service of the Week' on the main Church of Scotland website!

As I've announced from the pulpit, it would be great if we could have a wee choir for that date to sing an Introit. We've still got a couple of Sundays in June before the 'big day' in which we can have a wee practice. Please let me know asap.

Lectionary Readings...

For those who may wish to know/read the passage in advance of the service, the (two) readings each week will be taken from the following:

4th June (Trinity Sunday): Genesis 1:1-2, 4a; Psalm 8; 2nd Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

11th June: Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Hosea 5:15 – 6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13 & 9:18-26

18th June: Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35 – 10:8, (9-23)

25th June: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Finally...

If you haven't been back to church in a while, then the Spring/Summer months are a great time to come back, especially as the better weather 'should be' on its way. A good way to ease yourself into coming back on a Sunday, is to drop past and join-in the fellowship of our 'Saturday Teas', where a warm welcome awaits together with tea, coffee, home-baking and a blether, every Saturday afternoon during June, July, and August... that way coming back on a Sunday won't be as 'unfamiliar'. However, the weekly service is recorded, and we aim to get it onto the church website as soon as we can, so please do join us that way too if you are unable to come along.

I'll sign off just now with every blessing to you and yours.

Fiona





Girls Brigade Presentation of Awards 2023

On Monday 27th of March we finished our Girls' Brigade year with our presentation of awards - the first since March 2019.

We were delighted to welcome our GB Elder Mrs Lorna Brodie to present the awards and the new locum minister Rev Fiona Anderson to lead our opening worship.

All girls received awards for the badgework carried out as well as an award for the year of service to the company.

The Girls' Brigade programme for badgework is based on 4 elements, Spiritual, Physical, Service and Education with a wide range of topics to choose from for each age group.



If the girls are with us from primary one, by the time they leave the company they have an armband of awards looking like this.

As there had been a gap of two and a half years, this year there was less focus on badgework topics and more on learning to be a GB company again. Its amazing how many times I've said how do we play x game or what's the words for y song!

Special mention is given to Ellie Watt who was presented with her Brigaders Brooch, the second highest award in Girls Brigade. Ellie also received her Bronze D of E award.

In December at our Coffee and Carols event Ellie Rodger and Karyn Scotland also received their Brigaders Brooch as well as Bronze and silver D of E awards. Well done to all three of you.

For Ellie Rodger and Karyn Scotland, life as GB girls has come to an end as they now leave school and head off into university life.

I am however delighted they are both undertaking leadership training and will return as leaders next year. They will be joined by Ellie Watt, Ellie Murphy and Morven and Angela McLean.

As the girls are well aware I do have a problem with names – however things will be better next year as 50% of the leaders will be called Ellie.

Karyn, Ellie and Ellie, we wish you God's blessing with your GB training over the summer and look forward to working with you next year.

Following a tearful tribute to our founding Captain Kay Blair, our evening closed with a vote of thanks.

Thank you to Lorna for her visits to company, helping out on some Mondays when leaders had holidays and presenting our awards.

Anne and Lily for their home baking, pancake night and coming to make pancakes with the girls. Friends of Girls Brigade awards were presented to all three.

Fiona, was thanked for her support, enthusiasm and engaging Easter talk with the girls. We are looking forward to working with you next year, and were delighted to present you with a Girls Brigade Chaplain badge.

Thank you to Dalserf church for your support and prayers, to our parents and carers for bringing your girls along and trusting us to look after them, but most of all thank you to our girls as without them there would be no company.

To our leaders - thank you for all you do for our company, to support me and the time effort and expense you give.





The final thanks the leaders have asked me to make, was to my husband George, affectionately known as Saint George. He is on hand when we manage to fuse the lights..... I said we....I'm not blaming anybody. He sourced our emergency torches, comes along to be the second adult in the building in case the leaders get held up, puts out chairs, creates our posters..... the list is endless. George I know you said "to have and to hold" when we married but being a husband of a brigade captain was not necessarily in the vows but I am extremely grateful.

The GB leaders have a planning weekend coming up mid-May when dates etc. will be finalised but our new session will begin either the end of August or start of September.

Ann Price

Girls Brigade Coronation Celebration

In April, I took delivery of a badge gifted by Girls Brigade Scotland Executive for each member of Girls Brigade to commemorate the coronation of King Charles.

Although the GB session had ended, I wanted the girls to have the badges ahead of the coronation so we decided to have a Coronation Party on Monday 1st May.

We were joined by Fiona, Lorna, Anne, Lily and George. We made crowns, pinned the crown on the King, played games, ate cake, had hot dogs, "fizzy pop", more cake and generally just had a great night.

Thanks as always to Anne and Lily for cake and goodies.



" But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you." (Psalm 5:11)





The guild have been busy even though we have no meetings till September. Our outing to Gretna outlet centre was a great success, most people managed to buy something. We stopped in Moffat and had a wee visit to the woollen mill we were very fortunate as the rain stayed off till we were in for our tea which we had in the Star Inn in Moffat which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

On Saturday 13th May we had a Coronation afternoon tea. It was a great success, tickets were sold out long before the event, again everyone seemed to enjoy it. We had some light entertainment from Peter Hughes which we all enjoyed.

£432 was raised which will go to St Andrews Hospice

I would like to thank everyone who came, baked, made hanging decorations, set tables, fetched things from the loft and took them to Rorison, along with other bits and pieces. Thank you also to dishwashers and all those who stayed behind to help clear up and if I have missed anyone out I apologise, as we all worked together to make it such a success. Once again a big thanks everyone!

Anne McHolm



“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)





Dalserf Saturday Teas

Hamilton Hall,

Dalserf

Please come along and enjoy our delicious home baking, served with lots of Christian Fellowship



12 noon - 4.00pm

**From Saturday 3rd June to
Saturday 26th August 2023**

Dalserf Parish Church

Communion Invitation

All Members and Adherents are invited to share in the sacrament of the LORD'S Supper on

Sunday 4th June 2023

" Do this in remembrance of me "

Notice Board



Many congratulations go to two of our Elders, Mr Eric Budgell and Mrs Rose-May Clarkson, as both have been awarded the 'Lord Provost of South Lanarkshire Community Award' in recognition for their voluntary community service.

As a church family, we are delighted for them both in receiving this great accolade. Eric's award goes to him for the work he has done over the years giving service to The Boys' Brigade, as well as his work with the Burns' Club in local schools. Rose-May's award was presented in recognition for all the voluntary work she has done over the years with The Machan Trust.

We are very proud of them both and send our warmest congratulations.

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." (Isaiah 35:4)



Thank You


My grateful thanks for the church flowers, text messages, cards, telephone calls, thoughts and prayers. All of which I received since my accident on 6th May 2023.

Blessings,

Joan Pollok

Congratulations

Congratulations to Emma Gilchrist who, along with her team, won Junior Team of the Year at the Clydesdale Sports Council Awards. This was following the success of the Law and District U17 Women's 4 x 200m indoor relay team at the Emirates Arena last year.

Rotas 

4th June	Mrs L Lawrie
11th June	Mrs R Hunter
18th June	Miss L Wilson
25th June	Mr A Gillespie
2nd July	Mrs B Collins
9th July	Mrs R Fairley
16th July	Mrs H Blair
23rd July	Mrs A Brown
30th July	Mrs N McGuckin
6th Aug	Mr W Miller
13th Aug	Mrs M Simpson
20th Aug	Mrs L Budgell
27th Aug	Mrs Pollok & Mrs R Hunter

CHURCH IS NOT AN ORGANISATION YOU JOIN; IT IS A FAMILY WHERE YOU BELONG, A HOME WHERE YOU ARE LOVED AND A HOSPITAL WHERE YOU FIND HEALING.

Items for next Newsletter

If you have any news or information that you wish to submit for the newsletter for September 2023, please contact the editor by Sunday 13th August 2023.

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"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." (Psalm 55:22)

