



# Dalsersf Parish Church Newsletter



September 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

Jessie Anderson on Tuesday 6th June 2023  
Tom Barrowman on Tuesday 25th July 2023

### Baptisms

Albert Thomas Hose and  
Grace Elizabeth Marie Hose  
on Sunday 13th August

### Weddings

Lucy Beresford to David Sheenan  
on Saturday 22nd July 2023

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Eric Budgell  
who celebrated a big O birthday  
on Sunday 16th July 2023

Congratulations to Stuart Eathorne  
who will celebrate a big O birthday  
on Sunday 3rd September 2023

Congratulations to Mary Stark  
(Minister's Mum)  
who will celebrate a big O birthday  
on Friday 8th September 2023

## *Bible Verse of the Month*

For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last.



*Matthew 20 : 1 - 16*

### *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*

*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

- <sup>1</sup> I lift my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot slip - He who watches over you will not slumber;
- <sup>4</sup> indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life;
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. [Psalm 121]

I have often narrated Psalm 121 as one of the Scripture passages at funerals, posing the question: Where will my help come from? With the answer being: *My help comes from The Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth.* The Psalmist presents these assuring words as our hope; our hope that God is watching over us and protecting us, whether than be during a period of grief; moving from Primary to High School; moving from High School to work, or college, or university; or any other period where we need assurance that we are not on our own and that God is always with us - as He promised He would be. So, as we start a new session for school, church organisations, etc, let the words of Psalm 121 be your hope for whatever situation you find yourself in. There are actually around 25 passages in the Bible whereby we are assured that God will never leave us nor forsake us. This is our hope. This is good news indeed. This is good news which we must share.

What can I say... what a journey it's been so far from Easter until now...

I missed three Sundays during July while I was away on holiday and so I would like to thank Rev Alistair Lusk and Rev David Doyle for stepping in and taking the services, and I would also like to thank Rev Bev Gauld for conducting a wedding. Yes, Tom and I were away in the sun and yes, we did enjoy doing very little. That said, I did conduct Sunday worship one of the weeks at the local church we attend when we are away, and it was a real blessing to re-acquaint with the members of William Pouchie Memorial Church again. If you too have been away, I trust that you had a restful and enjoyable time too.

It has been a sad but privileged duty to carry out several funerals recently, and I would commend the following deaths to you, and ask that you support their families where you can and continue to pray for them at this difficult time: Jessie Anderson; Christine Scott; Robert Holmes-Henderson; Tom Cooper; Tom Barrowman; and Alex Gillespie.

However, we have also had the joy of celebrating a wedding in the church with the marriage of the new Mr & Mrs Davy & Lucy Sheenan. Sadly, I was not here at the time, but I am so glad it all went well, and we wish them God's blessing on their marriage. We also look forward in September to the wedding of Stuart & Julie, the soon-to-be Mr & Mrs McAllister, and I'm delighted to be conducting that wedding in church.

It is also fantastic that we have had the recent Baptism of Bertie and Grace Hose, the children of Martin and Alex, and it would be lovely to see them grow up amongst us.

**"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."**

**( Psalms 147:3 )**





This summer has been exceptionally busy with the return of the 'Saturday Afternoon Teas'. This has been a huge success and has raised a record amount of money which will be dispersed to various chosen charities. A huge thanks to all of you who have been involved with this...all the bakers who have produced such delightful treats; the servers and the washer-uppers; those who have donated money to buy ingredients; those of you who have made jams & marmalades; those of you who have donated produce to sell...but especially, a big thank must go to everyone who came along to support us each week.

I would like to say again how welcome you have made Tom and I, and we've especially enjoyed getting to know lots more members and visitors every week during the 'Saturday Teas'. It's also now official that we are full members, having transferred our lines, but we are not the only ones, as it is great to have Liz Reynolds, Sandra Bett, and Mary & David Stark join us as new members...but there is plenty of room for more. So, if you feel at home here and are thinking about 'officially' joining, please speak to me, it would be great to have you onboard here at Dalsersf and I would be delighted to run a communicants class.

The Wednesday Bible Studies will be starting up again, and, in a few weeks, I will be trying something new. Many of you will be familiar with the movie and the musical *Les Misérables*, so I am planning to use the film as a basis for a series of Bible Studies, but I'm hoping to kick-start this with a film night showing the movie, purely as a social event, so even if you are unable to join us for the Bible study which will start in the weeks following the film, you may want to come along to the social event and watch the movie on the big screen. If the film night is a success, then it may be the start of something more regular? Its up to you to support it.

As you will see in the magazine we have registered as an "Eco Congregation" and this is something we will be working on over the coming months. Tom has a separate article on this, so I'll say no more.

One of the things we are really excited about, is the fact that the current "Moderator of the General Assembly", the Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton and her husband Rev Stuart Fulton, will be joining us on August 27<sup>th</sup> at Dalsersf, when Sally will be preaching and leading worship.

Rev Sally will also be presenting long service awards to several of our elders and so I would like to take the opportunity to thank the following elders for their dedication and service over the years since their ordinations: Bruce Archibald (51); Hilton Brady (34); Eric Budgell (34); Rita Fairley (32); and John Grove (51)

And if you think that's it...well keep watching this space for even more Dalsersf developments...and remember to keep planting the seed.

Love & blessings,

*Fiona*





### Eco Congregation

*Dalserf Parish Church is now registered as an Eco Congregation, and we would love to start by getting our Bronze Award.*

*The eco congregation award looks at three specific themes:*

**Spiritual Living:** *helping the whole congregation to make the link between their Christian Faith and environmental concerns.*

**Practical Living:** *taking practical action in individuals' lives, the church, and the church grounds.*

**Global Living:** *having a positive impact on national and global environmental justice concerns.*

*As you can see there is plenty for us to do as individuals and as a church. However, many of the things that we are currently doing would contribute towards gaining this Bronze Award. In order to coordinate this, we need to have a small "Eco Congregation" Team. If this is something you would like to get involved with, please speak to Tom Anderson.*

*As part of the Spiritual Living aspect during September and on to Harvest Sunday on October 1 a "Creation Time" theme will flow through the services in prayer, worship, and teaching.*





*When I became an elder some 51 years ago I was a member of a men's club that met in the Cartland Bridge Hotel every fortnight for an evening meal of two courses plus coffee.*

*One night the management informed us that they were raising the cost of the meal from seven shillings and sixpence (37,1/2p ) to ten shillings (50p). We complained to the hotel that such an increase was unreasonable and that they were profiteering !! At that time one could buy a new bungalow for £3,500.*

*I relate this tale to emphasise the ravages that inflation , over a period of time, can have on a currency and one's personal savings. I need not remind members that the British nation has undergone a severe spike in inflation, and prices, in general, have risen accordingly. Electricity, gas and oil have all rocketed. The pulpit supply fee rose by 66% in June of this year, and increases in minister's salaries have been forecast.*

*Many members have been scrupulous in adjusting their offerings as the years have gone by, whilst some, perhaps including myself have been less so. May I remind members that Dalsarf Church is still under threat of closure. To avoid that the church has to demonstrate that it is self financing, and will not prove to be a burden on the National Church in the future.*

*In stark figures, our church will have to generate in excess of £80,000 in 2023. That figure was just reached last year, only by the inclusion of £20,000 of investment income. Our offerings alone fall well short !!*

Best wishes,

**Bruce**





## **The Guild**

*The Guild has been on holiday but our first meeting will be on Wednesday 13th September at 7:15pm, Rorison Church. The speaker will be our locum minister, Rev Fiona Anderson.*

*Our syllabus is completed for session 23/24.*

*We will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month and hopefully everyone will enjoy our varied syllabus.*

*We look forward to welcoming old and new members.*



**Anne McHolm**

## STRENGTH

*Sometimes in life things can be tough  
And our own inner strength just isn't enough  
So, God in his wisdom gave to us all  
Family and friends to help ease any fall*

*And with those people are hands to hold  
Worries to share and burdens to off load  
For in these people who are always around  
The strength we all lack is there to be found*

*So I send this to you, so you will know  
That no matter the journey, you are never alone  
And when that mountain seems too high to climb  
In your loved ones a hand and a prayer you will find*

*L M HADDOW*





# Dalserf Kids' Zone

Here is something new for this month, which I hope you will enjoy. We are going to look at a Bible Hero called David. He was a young boy who stood up against an invading army's giant champion fighter. This month we are looking at the story of David and Goliath.

This story can be found in the Old Testament of the Bible in the First Book of Samuel, chapter 17.

Now you can read this in your Bible, or have if you can access YouTube, you can watch me read it. You can find it at [https://youtu.be/NFCPbw\\_LSt4](https://youtu.be/NFCPbw_LSt4)

After you have watched the story make up the image of David & Goliath using the jigsaw on the link below.

<https://www.jigidi.com/solve/b8zl0vjp/david-and-goliath/>

I will publish the above links and a link to a "Blooket" Quiz on the story on the Dalserf Facebook page. The quiz will be available until about the 11th of September.

Please me know if you enjoy the story and the quiz.

If you need a Bible, then please contact us.

Rev Fiona



## Notice Board



### New Members

We the Kirk Session and Congregation of Dalsersf welcome 6 new members, by transfer of certificate.

Rev Fiona Anderson, Mr Tom Anderson, Mrs Mary Stark,  
Mr David Stark, Liz Reynolds and Sandra Bett

Blessings,

**Joan Pollok**



### Girls Brigade

Girls Brigade will enrol on Monday 28th August 2023 between 6:30pm and 7:30pm in Rorison.

**Ann Price**

### Rotas



3rd Sep

Janette McPhee

10th Sep

Prim Gilmour

17th Sep

Elizabeth King

24th Sep

Margaret Weir

1st Oct

Hazel Blair

### Items for next Newsletter

*If you have any news or  
information that you wish to  
submit for the newsletter for  
October 2023,  
please contact the editor by  
Sunday 10th September 2023.*

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**"Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he pronounced."**

**( 1 Chronicles 16:12 )**

