



Dalsersf Parish Church



June 2026

Upcoming Events

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.

Announcements

Births

Congratulations to the proud parents Amy and Ian and Grandparents Hazel and Sandy on the birth of baby Oliver on 12th April 2026.


Weddings

Congratulations To Ruth Rastall and Tom Wilson who were married in the church on 15th April 2026 wishing you both Joy, Love and Happiness, always.

Baptisms

Vera Poppy Anne Boyle on 5th April 2026.
Sonny Florence Love Beattie on 19th April 2026.
Ellie Linda Jardine on 26th April 2026.
Wishing all three a life surrounded by Faith, Hope and Peace

Dalsersf Conventicle
Sunday 7th June 2026
at 2.30pm



The Conventicle takes place at Dalsersf Kirk.
Service led by
Rev Fiona Anderson

The Farmers Choir are holding a Concert

On Sunday 28th June 2026, 3-4.30pm

In Lanark Agricultural Centre,
Hyndford Road, Lanark.

Tickets £10. All proceeds to Cancer Research.

Available in Lanark Market in the concourse

Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm.

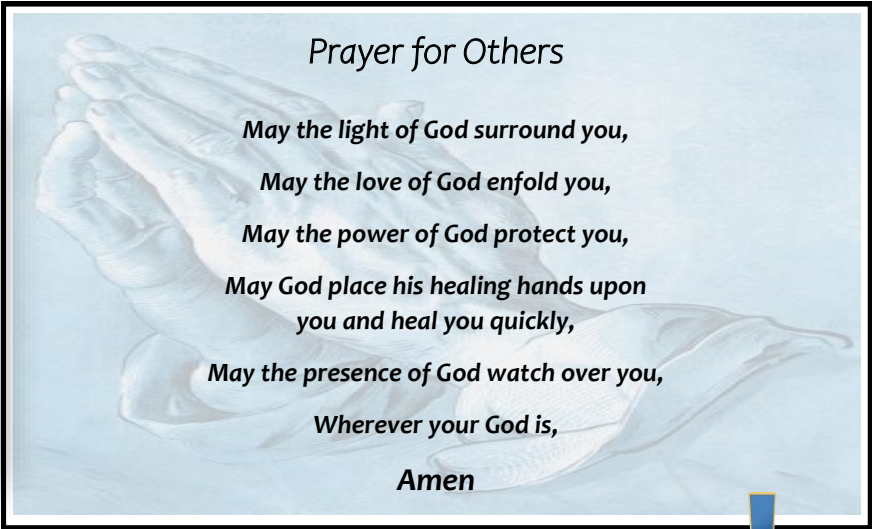
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Dalsersf Church Choir
Fancy a mid-week sing?
Come join the choir!
Whether you are a 'shower soloist', or a 'seasoned soprano', everyone is welcome to rehearsals at Dalsersf Parish Church
[#dalsersfparishchurch](https://www.dalsersf.org.uk)
Good music, good company and plenty of laughs guaranteed.

TUESDAYS
7.30-9.00PM



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





Dear friends,

Where God Has Placed Us

It is easy for a church to think only in terms of buildings.

We can become focused on the places we know well, our sanctuary, our halls, our familiar spaces. These places matter. They hold memories, worship, laughter, prayer, and generations of faithful service.

But the mission of the church has never been confined to bricks and mortar.

God places His people in particular communities for a reason.

Dalserf Parish Church is blessed with a beautiful historic building, standing faithfully in the Clyde Valley for centuries. It is part of our story and a visible reminder of God's faithfulness through the generations. This summer, as always, we will gather there for worship, for our Dalserf Conventicle, and as our Saturday Teas begin again, welcoming visitors, neighbours, and travellers who stop as they pass by.

These are important ministries. Hospitality is holy work.

But our calling does not stop there.

This summer, with Mad Ministries, we will be holding a Children's Summer Club in Rorison Hall, Ashgill.

This is an opportunity.

Rorison Hall has served the Ashgill community for many years. It has been a place where people gather, celebrate, support one another, and build community. Yet like many Church of Scotland buildings, it now faces an uncertain future and is under threat of closure.

That should concern us.

Not simply because buildings are useful, but because places matter. Communities need spaces where people can meet, where children can play, where friendships can grow, and where hope can be nurtured.

For Dalserf Church, using Rorison Hall this summer is about more than running a children's club.

It is about presence.



It is about saying that Ashgill matters. Its children matter. Its families matter. Its future matters.

Mission often begins by simply showing up.

Not asking people always to come to us, but being willing to go where people already are. Listening. Serving. Building relationships. Becoming part of the life of a community.

God has not placed Dalserf Parish Church in this parish by accident.

He has given us Dalserf, Ashgill, Netherburn and the wider community as our field of service.

Some of that work happens in an ancient church building filled with history.

Some of it happens over tea and scones on a Saturday afternoon in Hamilton Hall.

Some of it happens in a Rorison Hall filled with children, games, songs, and laughter.

All of it matters.

Because mission is not about maintaining places for their own sake. It is about loving the people God has placed around us.

As we enter the summer months, may we be grateful for every opportunity to gather, to serve, and to witness in our community.

God has placed us here.

And that is exactly where our mission begins.

Fiona





Bible & Hymn Study:

A Reflection on Lamentations 3:22-23 and
CH4 153 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"



The hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" is one that many of us return to again and again. It has a steady, reassuring tone, and its words remind us of something deeply comforting, that God does not change.

Written by Thomas O. Chisholm, the hymn draws its inspiration from the words of Lamentations 3:22-23:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

These words were written at a time of great difficulty and sorrow. The writer of Lamentations was looking out on a broken situation, yet still found hope in the character of God. Even when everything else seemed uncertain, one thing remained sure, God's faithfulness.

The hymn begins with a simple but powerful declaration:

"Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee."

In a world where so much changes, circumstances, plans, even people, this is a truth we can hold on to. God is constant. His love is not dependent on our moods or our success. He does not change His mind about us from one day to the next. His promises remain steady.

The hymn then turns our attention to the rhythms of creation:

"Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above..."

Day follows night. Seasons come and go. The natural world quietly reflects God's order and care. Each morning, as the sun rises, we are given a small reminder that God has been faithful through the night and will be faithful in the day ahead.





This leads to one of the most well-loved lines:

"Morning by morning new mercies I see."

God's faithfulness is not just something we look back on, it is something we experience day by day. His mercy is not used up or exhausted. It is fresh, renewed, and available to us each morning.

The hymn continues by speaking of forgiveness and peace:

"Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth..."

These are not things we can create for ourselves. They are gifts that come from God's faithful love. Through Him, we find both forgiveness for the past and strength for the present.

A personal reflection

As you read these words, you might like to pause and think about your own experience.

Life often brings change and uncertainty. There may be times when things feel unsettled, when plans do not work out, when worries press in, or when the future seems unclear. In those moments, it can be difficult to feel steady.

The message of this hymn gently reminds us that our hope does not rest on changing circumstances, but on an unchanging God. His faithfulness does not depend on how strong our faith feels. Even in times when we feel unsure, He remains constant.

Perhaps today is an opportunity to look back and notice the ways God has been faithful to you. It may be in big moments, or in small, quiet ways, strength in a difficult period, or peace when you needed it most.

And as you look ahead, you can do so with confidence. The same God who has been faithful in the past will continue to be faithful in the future.

"Great is Thy faithfulness."

It is not just a line we sing, but a truth we can live by each day.

A short prayer

Faithful God, thank you that your love never fails and your mercies are new every morning.

When life feels uncertain, help us to trust in your unchanging nature.

Open our eyes to see your faithfulness in both the big and small things,
and give us peace as we rest in your care.

Amen





Children's Summer Club Big Top!

Join us at Rorison Hall, Ashgill, for a fun, exciting and action-packed children's summer club run by Dalsersf Parish Church in partnership with Mad Ministries.

This is a church-run, circus-themed holiday club with a packed programme including:

- Fun games
- Creative crafts
- Quizzes and challenges
- Bible stories and lessons
- Circus-themed activities and fun challenges
- Prizes and giveaways

Children will enjoy a brilliant week of laughter, learning and adventure as we explore exciting Bible truths in a fun and welcoming environment.

Whether your child loves games, getting creative, meeting new friends, or taking on fun challenges, there will be something for everyone.

Register using the QR Code.



Come along and join the fun under the Big Top this summer!"

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)*





After three years as organist at Dalserf Parish Church, Kieran Hunter has decided to step down from the role.

Kieran recently wrote that, following his appointment as Principal Teacher of Music at Kirkintilloch High School, he feels the time is right to focus on the new responsibilities and commitments that come with this opportunity.

We are very grateful to Kieran for his enthusiastic organ playing and for the important contribution he has made to the worship life of Dalserf over the past three years. Through Sunday services, special occasions, and choir work, Kieran's musical gifts and encouragement have been greatly appreciated by the congregation.

In his resignation letter, Kieran spoke warmly of his time at Dalserf, describing it as "a privilege to serve the congregation through music" and thanking the minister, office bearers, choir members, and congregation for their kindness, friendship, and support. He also assured us that he would always be happy to help as a supply organist in the future.

We are also delighted that Shannon Kilday, who recently became a member of Dalserf Church, has agreed to take on the role of organist. Shannon has already been a very able stand-in and has contributed greatly to our evening worship. She has launched evening choir rehearsals and hopes to develop a junior choir later in the year.

We thank Kieran for all he has given to Dalserf Church and wish him every blessing in his new role, while also looking forward with excitement to this new chapter in the musical life of the church under Shannon's leadership.





Boys Brigade

Our session came to an end on Thursday 14th May when we had our parents night and prize giving. This was a successful evening when we were able to show the parents some of the activities we do on Thursday evenings.

We have had a successful session and have settled well into our new meeting place at Rorison and to being part of Dalserf church. Our thanks go to members of the congregation for the welcome we received and the support throughout the year.

We had a very successful Tea and Coffee event in April with a very good turn out and the final total realised was £774. Our grateful thanks go to all who helped and especially the ladies who produced all of the baking.

Our numbers quickly settled down to 10 boys with six in the Anchor Boys and 4 in the Junior Section. Our Junior Section boys stayed 30 minutes after the Anchor Boys doing activities to help them gain their Junior Section Awards.

Our new session will commence on the first Thursday in September when we hope to see our existing members return and hopefully new members, particularly from the Ashgill and Netherburn areas.

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Captain



" I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols." (Isaiah 42:8)





Union Update

Our congregation was cited to attend the Presbytery Meeting on the 25th of April. This was to formalise that there are ongoing discussions to amend Cluster S7 (Dalsersf, Crossford & Kirkfieldbank, Overtown), Cluster S8 (South Wishaw and Wishaw New Kirk), Cluster S9 (Carnwath, Carstairs, Forth St Paul's, Lanark St Nicholas), and Cluster CA1 (Lanark Greyfriars and Hamilton St John's). This was nothing that we did not know already but this officially ends the cluster with Overtown and Crossford.

The first meeting with representatives from Larkhall New Parish Church and the Planning and Implementation Team will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at Hamilton Hall

Please continue to keep this process in your prayers and especially remember the members of the working group as they prepare for these important conversations.



A Simple Way to Help Dalsersf Church

Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, you can help Dalsersf Parish Church at no extra cost to yourself through Gift Aid?

Whether you give regularly, make a one-off donation, or donate electronically, Gift Aid allows the church to claim extra money from the Government on your donation. It really is "free money" for the church and makes a genuine difference in helping with the running and upkeep of Dalsersf Church and its work in the community.

Many people already use Gift Aid with charities and other organisations, but you can still use it for Dalsersf Church as well.

Gift Aid envelopes are available on the pews and can be used for one-off donations, but it is important that they are filled in correctly so that the claim can be made.

If you give regularly or donate electronically, Margaret Baillie can provide a simple Gift Aid form to complete.

Every contribution, large or small, helps support the life and witness of our church. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.





Dalsarf Kids' Zone

"The Day We Sang in Prison"

By Paul (as told to you!)

Hi it is me again, Paul, and I want to tell you about a very strange night, one where I learned that joy doesn't disappear, even in the darkest places.

My friend Silas and I were travelling, telling people about Jesus. We had come to a city called Philippi. Some people were glad to hear our message... but others were not happy at all.

One day, a crowd became very angry with us. Before we knew it, we were dragged into the marketplace, shouted at, and then beaten. After that, we were thrown into prison.

Not just any prison, the deepest, darkest part.

Our feet were locked in heavy chains, and the doors were tightly shut. It was cold, and it hurt to move. I'm sure most people would have felt sad, or frightened, or even angry.

But do you know what we did?

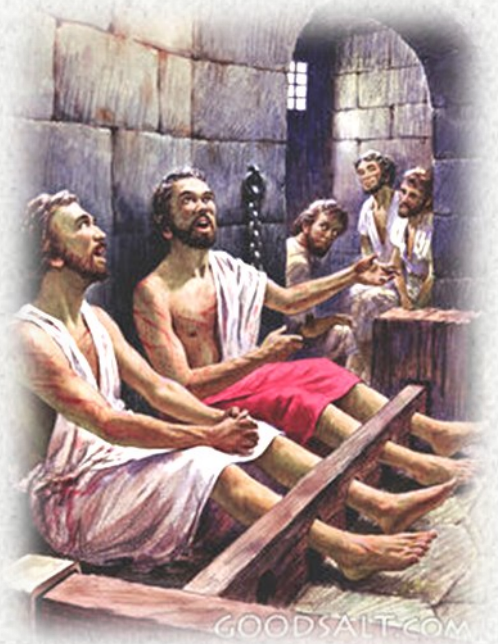
We prayed.

And then, we sang.

Yes, sang!

In the middle of the night, with sore backs and chains on our feet, Silas and I sang songs to God. We praised Him because we knew He was still with us, even there.

The other prisoners listened quietly. I wonder what they thought.





Then suddenly, everything shook.

The ground trembled, the walls rattled, and the prison doors flew open! Our chains fell off! It was an earthquake, but it was more than that. God was at work.

The jailer woke up and saw the doors open. He thought all the prisoners had escaped, and he was terrified. But I shouted, "Don't worry! We are all still here!"

The jailer came rushing in, shaking with fear. "What must I do to be saved?" he asked.

So, we told him about Jesus.

That very night, the jailer and his whole family believed. He washed our wounds, and we shared a meal together, right there after everything that had happened!

You see, even in a prison, God was working.

Silas and I could have been miserable and angry, but instead we prayed and sang to God. Even in a dark prison cell, God was at work in ways we could not see.

Even when you are finding things really tough you can still pray.

You can still trust God.

And you might even find a song in the darkness.

You can read my story in the Bible in Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34.

So, if you are ever having a hard day, feeling worried, or facing something difficult, remember this: you are never alone. God hears your prayers, knows your worries, and stays close to His people.

Have a great summer and always remember that God loves you.

Rev Fiona

ALL	HEARD	PRAYED
BANDS	IMMEDIATELY	PRISON
DOORS	LOOSED	PRISONERS
EARTHQUAKE	MIDNIGHT	SANG
FOUNDATIONS	OPENED	SHAKEN
GOD	PAUL	SILAS
GREAT	PRAISES	SUDDENLY

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Notice Board



Thank You

As it was principally my suggestion, I wish to express my thanks to Lily, Anne and everyone in the organisation of the Guild trip to the Falkirk Wheel and the Kelpies on Saturday 2nd May.

It was something I had wanted to do for a long time and was grateful for an opportunity that I could not have otherwise managed. A most enjoyable day out in good company.

Audrey Hopkins

The Guild

The guild year has finished and our last meeting had to be cancelled due to a burst watermain, which has now been fixed.

We had our annual outing on Saturday 2nd May 2026 when we visited the Falkirk wheel and the Kelpies, some of the ladies had an enjoyable experience going on the wheel.

To finish we had a lovely meal in the Coppertop and we also had birthday cake and cupcakes to celebrate Rae's birthday.

I hope everyone has a lovely summer break.

Anne

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Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. (Psalm 42:11)

