

Dunipace Parish Church of Scotland

Charity No: SC002943

WELCOME PACK

Minister Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

Session Clerk Mr Lachlan McGowan

Clerk to the Board Mrs Tish Graham

Treasurer Mrs Fiona Bruce

“Together We Make A Difference”

GREETINGS

A warm word of welcome is extended to you from the Minister and congregation of Dunipace Parish Church.

You are encouraged to read through our information leaflet and warmly invited to share in the services we offer as we seek to meet the spiritual, pastoral and social needs of the parish we serve.

You will find that the folks of Dunipace Parish Church are warm and welcoming, rich in fellowship and growing in outreach. They are longing to embrace you and your family with Christ's love as we undertake His work and witness in this community.

Although we are a small congregation (with about 100 people worshipping Sunday by Sunday and many more making use of the church facilities during the week) there are many exciting things happening in Dunipace Parish Church.

You are encouraged to share in them and help us develop them further.

You do not have to be a member of the Church just someone who is enthusiastic about their faith and willing to come along and meet new friends.

If you require further advice or assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or indeed with any of the office bearers.

Your Minister and Friend,
Rev. Dr. Jean. W. Gallacher.

MISSION STATEMENT

As part of the Church of Scotland,
Dunipace Parish Church is committed to:
Worshipping God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
We commit ourselves to:
Serving the needs of all people who live in this parish by:

- Sharing God's love with all
- Ensuring that the Church embraces people of all ages
- Caring for the needy at home and overseas
- Offering guidance for Christian living
- Giving support for faith in Jesus Christ as Lord
- Providing a welcoming Christian fellowship
- Encouraging the open use of our premises
- Supporting God's work in this community, spiritually and financially
- Giving willingly of our time, abilities and possessions

The desire is that the Church may be:

A community of service
A centre of Christian teaching
A house of prayer
A witness to God's love
Caring and Sharing in Mission and Outreach

Worship On A Sunday

Morning Worship at 11am

A warm word of welcome is extended to you. Children of all ages meet in the Hall at 10.50am before joining with us for worship in the church. Worship lasts about one hour and is very much relaxed in style. Our music is provided by a number of organists who enjoy a wide range of music. The **Sunday School** for children aged up to 12 years meets at 10.50am in the church halls. The **Youth Fellowship** for 12 –21 year olds meets at 7.30pm

Evening Praise at 6.30pm

An informal evening service of praise takes place on the last Sunday of the month between October and March (except in December when it takes place on the 3rd Sunday of the month).

Communion in the Church & Community

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the Church at 11am and in the local Sheltered Housing Complex at 3pm on the 1st Sunday of **March, June, September** and **December**. The table of the Lord is open to those who love the Lord.

Home Communion is available for those who are housebound or sick and unable to attend the services in the church or complex.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for children of communicant members and for adults is celebrated on various Sunday's throughout the year. A Service of Dedication or Thanksgiving for the birth of a child is also available for those who do not request baptism but would still like to celebrate the gift of their child. Further information is available from the Minister or District Elder.

Ministry, Mission & Discipleship

Cradle Roll Service

An invitation is extended to all families who have had a child baptized or dedicated in the previous three years. During this service we acknowledge the significance of children in the church and seek to provide follow up to those who brought their child to the church

Memorial Service for the Bereaved

A service of remembrance for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one takes place on the **2nd Sunday of October at 3pm**. This comforting service for the bereaved is open to everyone in the community and lasts about 40 minutes. Tea is served in the hall thereafter.

Book of Remembrance

There is an opportunity throughout the year for people to put an entry in the Book of Remembrance and view it at a time suitable to them

A Service of Re-Dedication for Wedding Couples

An increasing number of couples request such a service at key points in their marriage, perhaps on a special anniversary or following a difficult time in their relationship. The Minister is delighted to meet with the couple and arrange a service that meets their needs.

New Communicants

A class of enquiry for those interested in becoming communicant members of the Church takes place twice in the year. The first series of meetings begins toward the end of **January** for Admission at the March Communion. The second series begins late in **October** for Admission at the December Communion.

Prayer Group/Bible Study and Discussion

A series of studies take place throughout the year. The meetings are informal and relaxed in nature.

Flower Ministry

Each week the flowers that have graced the church are distributed to members of the church and the local community. You can help by donating flowers, donating to the Flower Fund, distributing the flowers or putting names in the Flower Request Book on the vestibule table.

Card Ministry

As a token of our thoughtfulness in times of sadness or celebration we send cards expressing our sympathy or thanksgiving. If you know of a particular occasion on which a card would be appreciated please contact Mrs Sheila Smith.

Harvest Service : Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

We support the work of Blythswood Care by filling shoeboxes with items that can bring aid to people in places where help is urgently required. The filled boxes and a donation are taken to the Deephaven depot

Christmas Gift Service

On the **last Sunday of November** the congregation bring along gifts (each to the value of about three pounds) which are wrapped and marked for a "Lady" or "Gent" The gifts are then distributed to our senior members at the Christmas Lunch.

Christmas Lunch

On the **second Saturday in December** a Christmas Lunch is held in the hall for our senior members. Transport can be arranged if required.

Christingle Service

This service takes place on the **3rd Sunday of December** at 6.30pm. The congregation is invited to bring along their own Christingle as we celebrate Christ the Light of the world. During the service two families receive a Christingle Candle. They are encouraged to light the candle on special occasions. The service is suitable for all ages and is followed by tea and mince pies in the hall.

United Holy Week & Easter Services

During this time, United Holy Week Services take place, a United Walk of Witness, an open-air Easter morning service, an Easter Breakfast and local Easter Family Services

Children's Story Club

Children of primary school age are invited to the Story Club in the church hall on the last Friday of the month, from 6.30pm – 8pm. All stories are from the Bible. A craft activity is undertaken. This is followed with a time of prayer and song.

Family Fun Nights

A variety of Family Fun Nights take place in the church throughout the year, they range from games nights to family picnics and theatre outings.

Church Magazine & Website

The church magazine is distributed bi-monthly to the home of every member. Large print copies are available. You can visit the website at www.dunipacechurch.org.uk.

Community Outreach

Spread the Good News Outreach Campaign

Every year at the Primary School End of Term Service Dunipace Parish Church presents a book or other gift with a Christian message to every child in the school and nursery. The Primary Seven pupils all receive a Bible. This outreach programme is funded through our 20p campaign

Community Café

The Café takes place in the hall on **Tuesday** mornings from 10am – 12noon. It is open to everyone in the community. Donations of home baking and help with kitchen duties and the provision of transport are always well received. A warm word of welcome will be extended to you.

Community Garden

This has been a very successful venture enabling the church and community to make greater use of the Garden. The Nursery School hold there Teddy Bear's Picnic in it, the Brownies have their Bumble Bee Project, the Story Club use it for story telling and the public in general use it as a place for quiet reflection or for wedding pictures and other celebrations

Community Quiz Night

The Quiz has proved to be so popular that we now hold two in the year. The first is held in March and the second in September

Friends of Dunipace

Following on from a very successful Community Study undertaken by Dunipace Church in partnership with Community Enterprise the church initiated the formation of a new community group called Friends of Dunipace. It is now formally registered and recognized as a Charity

Community HUB Project

In line with Church Without Walls and the findings from the community survey, Dunipace Parish Church in partnership with Friends of Dunipace is working towards establishing a new HUB for the benefit of Dunipace community.

Recycling of old Clothes

This Project allows Dunipace Parish Church to support the needs of church and community groups. Clothing collections take place at least twice a year.

Partnership Working

Dunipace Parish Church works in partnership with various local community groups such as:

Friends of Dunipace
Denny & Dunipace Churches Together
Denny 4 Youth (Looks like this will be disbanded)
Denny YMCA
LAF (Local Area Fraternal)
CGI (Community Green Initiative)
Denny & Dunipace Historical Society

Beyond Our Walls

Dunipace Parish Church also regularly supports:

Christian Aid
Mission Aviation Fellowship
Earl Haig Fund and Poppy Scotland
Bethany Trust
Gideon's International
Scottish Bible Society
Blythswood Care

Groups - Organisations - Boards

The Woman's Guild Contact: Mrs Betty McDonald	Monday 7.15pm
Kirk Session Contact: Session Clerk -Mr Lachlan McGowan	Monday 7.30pm
Congregational Board Contact: Clerk to Board - Mrs Tish Graham	Monday 7.30pm
The Community Café Contact: Mrs June Davies	Tuesday 10am-12noon
The Men's Club Contact: Mr Angus Cameron	Tuesday 7.00pm
Reminiscence Group Contact: Mr Jim Perry	Wednesday 2pm
Rainbows Contact: Mrs Anne Martin	Wednesday 6.00pm
Prayer & Bible Study Contact: Minister – Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher	Wednesday 7.30pm
Choir Practice Contact: Mr David Faulds	Wednesday 7.30pm
Thursday Friends Contact: Mrs Annette Finlay	Thursday 2pm
Brownies Contact: Mrs Jacqueline Brodie	Thursday 6pm
Badminton Club Contact: Mr George Mills	Thursday 7.15pm
Story Club Contact: Mrs Barbara Fulford	Friday 6.30pm
Creche Contact: Mrs Barbara Fulford	Sunday 10.50am
Sunday School Contact: Mrs Barbara Fulford	Sunday 10.50am
Evening Praise Contact: Minister: Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher	Sunday 6.30pm
Youth Fellowship Contact: Miss Laura Peattie	Sunday 7.30pm

For more details contact the Minister or check out the website at:
www.dunipacechurch.org.uk

PASTORAL SUPPORT & CARE

The **Minister** is available to offer pastoral support and advice. If you have pastoral needs please let us know.

Vestry Night

This is held at the Manse on a **Wednesday** from 6.30pm. To book an appointment, please, contact the Minister

District Elders & Office Bearers

Visit their districts on a regular basis. They provide a vital link between the church and local community.

Bereavement Support

We have trained bereavement counselors who work with the Minister in providing ongoing support and care to the bereaved. If you require this help please get in touch.

Nursing Home Visits

The Minister visits quite a number of Nursing Homes on a very regular basis. This can range from weekly to monthly or quarterly visits depending on the specific need.

If you know of members in a Nursing Home please let the Minister know.

Hospital Visits

Please let the Minister know if you would like her to visit you while you are in hospital

Remember that hospital admissions and records are confidential and that it is the responsibility of the family to let the Minister know if a relative is in hospital and requires pastoral support.

Please note that when you are in hospital you can request the services of the Hospital Chaplain at anytime.

Help US to help YOU by keeping us informed.

DISTRICTS & ELDERS

- D1 Mr Jim Winning
Anderson Drive – Lochhead Ave – Demoreham Drive – Shanks Ave
- D2 Mr William & Mrs Moira Ferguson
Blaefaulds Cresc – Bulloch Cresc – Argyll Path – Sutherland Dr –
Braesview
- D3 Mr David Turnbull
Lithgow Place – Sclandersburn Rd – Souillac Dr – Johnston Pl –
Baxter Cresc – Meadowbank
- D4 Mrs Jean Gray
Hookney Terrace – Stoneywood Park – Darrach Dr – Myot View –
Knightsway
- D5 Mr Angus Cameron
Garvald Lane – Randolph Gdns – Cairnoch Walk – Netherfaulds Dr
- D6 Mr Bill Paterson
Overton Cresc – Little Denny Rd – Timmons Place – Godfrey Ave –
Ferguson Dr
- D7 Mr Bill Meechan
Lochpark Pl – Sinclair Cresc – Glasgow Rd – Westfied Pl
- D8 Mr Harry Busby
Temple Denny Rd – Duke St – Broompark Gdns – Anderson Pk Rd
– Albany Court
- D9 Mrs Anne Blair
Castle Cresc – West Boreland Rd – Kilbirnie Terr – Duncarron Pl
- D10 Mrs Sandra Thomson
Windsor Dr – Dunbar Gate – Carronside Pl – Jubilee Rd – Vale Pl –
Queen's Dr
- D11 Mr George Mills
Milton Row – Miltson Pl – Allan Cresc
- D12 Mr David Reynolds
Allan Cresc

- D13 Mr Abbie Johnston
Barnego Rd – Maple Place
- D14 Mr Abbie Johnston
Barnego Rd
- D15 Mrs Aileen Sneddon
Avon St – John Davidson Dr – Meadow Court
- D16 Mr Jim Perry
Northfield Rd
- D17 Mr Jim Perry & Mrs Jean Gray
Northfield Rd – Hawthorn Dr
- D18 Mrs Barbara Fulford
Linden Ave – Hazel Cresc
- D19 Mrs Helen Lax
Beech Crescent
- D20 Mr Ian Finlay
Chestnut Crescent
- D21 Mrs June Davies
Tygetshaugh Court & Thistle Avenue
- D22 Mrs Tish Graham
Dunavon Gdns – Stirling St – Avonbank Gdns
- D23 Mrs Betty Russell
Stirling Street
- D24 Mrs Maureen Pleace &
Mrs Mandy Moffat
Ingleston Ave – Rulley View – Avonside Drive
- D25 Mrs Gwen McGowan
Auchenbowie – West Plean Cottages – Burnhouse Cottages –
Drumelzier Farm – Denovan Mains Farm – Lesliepark House
- D26 Mr Gregor Wilson
& Mrs Sandra Teven

Denny – Dennyloanhead – Bonnybridge

D27 Mrs Anne Marchant

Denny – Dennyloanhead – Head of Muir

D28 Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

Clackmannan (Dollar & Sauchie) – Stirling – Auchenbowie – Larbert
Falkirk – Bonnybridge

D29 Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher

Stirling Royal – Falkirk Royal – Forth Valley Royal Hsp –
Bonnybridge Hosp – Bankview Nursing Home – Wheatlands
Nursing Home – New Carron Nursing Home etc

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Meets usually on the 3rd Monday at 7.30pm in halls

January – March – May – June - Sept - November

Finance Committee

Stewardship Group

Property Committee

Health & Safety

Social Projects Committee

Hospitality

Communications Committee

Planning Group

KIRK SESSION

Meets usually on the 2nd Monday at 7.30pm in halls

February – April – June – October - December

Youth Committee

Christian Education

Roll Review Group

Children's Ministry Team

Pastoral Care & Outreach

Child Protection

If you would like to serve on any of the above committees etc, please, let us know and we will gladly bring you on board. Committees meet as required.

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL CHURCH

As a registered charity SC002943 Dunipace Parish Church relies on the support of its members and the local community it serves.

We require in excess of **sixty thousand pounds** each year for the general fund alone (this does not include property costs).

You can help support the church by giving a fitting proportion of your time, talents and money. You can give in the following ways:

Weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes

Gift Aid Donations

Giving through the Open Plate

General Donations From individuals and groups/ organizations

A **Gift Giving Appeal** takes place once a year.

The Twenty Pound Campaign

Cheques and donations should be made payable to:
Dunipace Parish Church.

Fund Raising Events

The **Mayfair** takes place on the third Saturday of May

The **Christmas Fair** takes place in late November.

A **Dance** is held in the Masonic Hall at least once a year

A number of other fund raising and social events take place throughout the year

Your support is needed and appreciated.

OUR WHO'S WHO

Minister	Rev Dr Jean W Gallacher
Session Clerk	Mr Lachlan McGowan
Associate Clerk	Mr Gregor Wilson
Clerk to Board	Mrs Tish Graham
Treasurer	Mrs Fiona Bruce
Freewill Offering	Mrs Jean Gray
Gift Aid	Mrs Sandra Thomson
Mission Bags	Mrs Aileen Sneddon
Roll Keeper	Mr David Turnbull
Presbytery Elder	Mr Jim Winning
Organists	Mr Bill Strang
	Mrs Zoe Cox
	Rev Ronald Maxton
Choir Leader	Mr David Faulds
Children's Ministry	Mrs Barbara Fulford
Youth Fellowship	Miss Laura Peattie
Child Protection	Mrs Tish Graham
Guild	Mrs Betty McDonald
Men's Club	Mr Angus Cameron
Badminton Group	Mr George Mills
Flowers	Mrs Jane Mills
Communion Linen	Mrs Chrissie Busby
Community Café	Mrs June Davies
Transport	Mr Jim Winning
Property	Mr Jim Perry
Finance	Mrs Anne Marchant
Social Projects	Mrs Gwen McGowan
Hospitality	Mrs Maureen Pleace
Communications	Mrs Helen Lax
Magazine Distribution	Mr Bill Paterson
Posters	Mr David Reynolds
Website Editor	Mr James Smith
Health & Safety	Mr Bill Ferguson
Life & Work	Mrs Maureen Pleace

VESTRY NIGHT

At the Manse on a **Wednesday** from 6.30pm
For an appointment please contact the Minister

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