

Calendar for June 2015

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	19:30	Healing Practice and Prayer	Shiona's House
2	19:00	Presbytery Parish Resources and Mission	Tranent
3	13:00	Scripture Union	Grammar
	19:30	Home Group	Idle's
4	20:15	Business Committee	Ormiston
5	19:00	Young Peoples' Home Group	Veitch's
6		CHURCH FAIR	Halls
7	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service Hebrews 2:1-4 DO NOT DRIFT AWAY	Church
	2-4:30	Care Homes Services	3 venues
	18:30	Arise Gathering - Habakkuk 2:1-3; Psalm 130	Church
8	19:30	Property Committee	Eden Room
9	13:45	Big Questions	Primary School
10	19:30	Church Prayer Meeting	Eden Room
13	17:30	JUNE JAMBOREE	Halls
14	09:30	Prayer breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Hebrews 2:5-9 Humiliation or GLORY	Church
	18:30	Delta Finale	Halls
15	19:30	Kirk Session Meeting	Eden Room
17	19:30	Home Group	Idle's
17-19		Minister on Theological Retreat	Firbush
	19:00	Young Peoples' Home Group	Beach BBQ
21	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service Hebrews 2:10-18 What HIS work offers us	Church
	18:30	Civic Week Harbour Service (St Annes if wet)	Harbour
23	13:00	Primary Assembly	John Muir
24	19:30	Church Prayer Meeting	Eden Room
25	12 - 2	Ploughmans' Lunch	Halls
	19:00	Presbytery Meeting	Musselburgh
26	11:00	Primary Assembly	Lochend
28	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Prizegiving Service - Luke 24:44-49, Ephesians 3:14-21	Church
	18:30	Open Door SPECIAL GUEST	Church
29	10:30	Presbytery Prayer	Haddington

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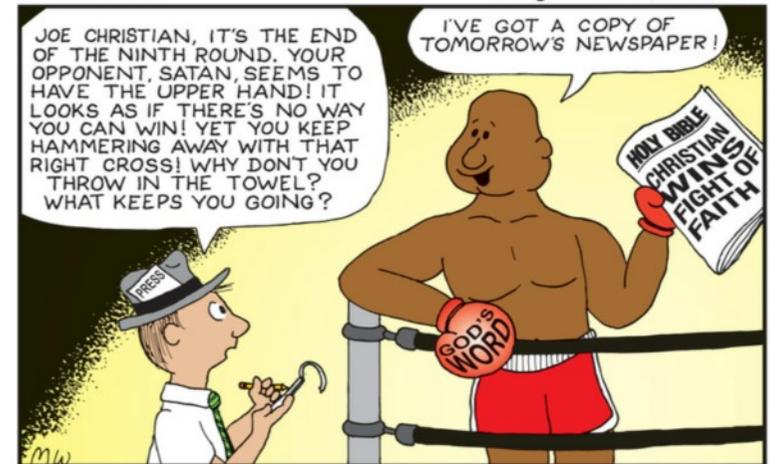
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FIGHTER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Fight the good fight of the faith.

- 1 TIMOTHY 6:12 NV

Will we live THE Christian Faith and endure onto an eternity in heaven?

Sunday & Special SERVICES during June		READERS IN June	PRAYERS IN June
7th	11:00 Service - Hebrews 2:1-4 DO NOT DRIFT AWAY 18:30 Arise Gathering - Habakkuk 2:1-3, Psalm 130	Elaine O'Brien	Michael Veitch
14th	11:00 Service - Hebrews 2:5-9 Humiliation or GLORY	Moyra Wright	Ian Coltart
21st	11:00 Service - Hebrews 2:10-18 What HIS work offers us 18:00 Civic Week Harbour service	Mike Bigden	Steve Gilchrist
28th	11:00 Prize-giving Service - Luke 24:44-49, Ephesians 3:14-21 REAL POWER FOR LIVING RIGHTLY 18:30 Open Door - Guest : Spiritual Reflections	Linda Greig	Youth

Ministers Letter June 2015 : Summer Heat !

A new minister will be in town next month. Rev Hucke will be preaching in the Parish Church for 5 weeks from the 5th July. Your minister will be in the US preaching in Albuquerque, New Mexico for that same period.

Of course Dunbar gets its own sunshine and warmth in the summer, but it is on a different temperature level than that in New Mexico. Air conditioning will not be an optional extra for us, but a necessity. Being too hot or too thirsty can be overwhelming, most worrying and potentially fatal.

Likewise, the Christian life journey can have its hot and arid moments; including times of suffering, both physical and spiritual. People can backslide or fall away, some can feel that even reading their Bible seems dry and tasteless. We also know that when the devil *puts the heat on some*, he causes seed sown on shallow or rocky ground, or in soil that is surrounded by thorns to wither in the heat and even to die.

Good soil on the other hand, is great for seeds to grow in. Not only do they grow, but they produce a crop, a most fine harvest when they are provided with all the nutrients and water that are required. Good soil can be made!

We know that the gospel works. Many Christians have stood the test of time and all the stresses and strains have helped them become the people they are now. Over time they have been strong and have been refined to be more godly, wiser and radiant. They have not given up, but on the contrary, they have reaped a rich reward, with much more to come.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going is fighting talk; but we are not all fighters. Some are more gentle in nature, some avoid conflict at all costs etc. Some get disillusioned by fights and disagreements.

The truth is that those who endure to the end are the ones that win the prizes - the winners are those who finish the race; not all of those who begin it finish; God is not mocked, He doles out the prizes to those who have trained and served faithfully; those who endure to the end; those who have that sure and certain faith in Him, and in Him alone.

We pray for our Church and community for the summer ahead, hoping that many find time to get to know the Rev Hucke and his family; hoping many come and hear God's word preached through him; hoping many cold embers feel the heat of fellowship with fellow believers especially on the LORD's Day. Please pray for us in the heat, physically and spiritually also?

Suffering for the gospel is necessary, but sowing the seeds of God's truth is vital for any harvest to be reaped. Be brave and join in with the reapers.

May you be re-hydrated by God almighty *Love and prayers Gordon*

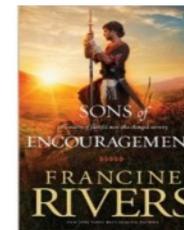
Plans : Coming Soon

- **Kirk Session Meeting** 15th June 7:30 Eden Room.
- **Church Fair** - 6th June (Halls).
- **Prayer Meeting** on 10th & 24th June 7:30 pm Eden Room
- **June Jamboree** 13th 5:30 pm
- **Spiritual Retreat Service** 28th 6:30, go on try something NEW
- **Junior Church Prize-giving** 28th followed by the Church picnic at John Muir Country Park

PRAY constantly 1 Thessalonians 5:17
How many of us do that? How many of us spend more time watching tv or doing other things? Ever wondered why our nation is running from God?

Bible Book Club

1st Thursday in the month
Meeting next on
4th June at 7:30 p.m.
Meetings will be held at
various venues.



CONTINUING ON with

Sons of Encouragement by Francine Rivers
ISBN: 1414348169 also available on Kindle

We are exploring the lives of 5 Biblical men who stood behind faith heroes and quietly changed eternity: Aaron, Caleb, Jonathan, Amos & Silas. They all answered God's call to serve without recognition or fame and gave everything, knowing their reward might not come until the next life.

This is another amazing book which brings the bible to life. It's not too late to join join...If you are interested please call *Emma Weaver* for details of venue, 01368 459082.

Starters for Sunday!

Start Sunday morning with a nice breakfast, coffee or tea, in good company. 9:30 in the Eden room. We chat over breakfast, then have a short time of reflection and prayer to get us ready for worship at 11:00. No need to worry, you can just sit back and listen or join in. If you are able to help in leading or catering speak to Michael Veitch or email: michaelgveitch@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Homegroups

Relaxed, informal, a great way to get to know the bible a bit better and to build good friendships. You are welcome anytime.

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

A Life worth living

Martyn Cox

martyncox43@googlemail.com
Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

Contact *Ian /Jenny Manning*
2 Temple Mains Cottages,
Innerwick 01368 840334

Jonathan and Christine Idle
4 Salisbury Walk, Dunbar
01368 860922

See Calendar for dates

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything, and may provide in abundance for every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8

SUFFERING

God sometimes has to **put us on our backs** in order to make us look up. *Anon*

Suffering can unbolt the door of the heart; then the Word gains easier access into the soul. *Richard Baxter*

Suffering is a part of the preparation for GLORY. *D. Kingdom*

There is a certain kind of maturity that can be attained only through discipline and **suffering**. *D.A. Carson*

Scripture teaches that not all **suffering** builds character. Unbelievers suffer and often learn no lessons from it. *J. Frame*

Suffering can often produce great depths of character, mature understanding, warm compassion and rich spirituality. *David Watson*

Calvary is great proof that **suffering** in the will of God will always lead to GLORY. *Warren Wiersbe*

Suffering times are a Christian's harvest times. *Tom Brooks*

JOB VACANCIES - Are we really praying/hearing?

Pray for the Lord to send out more workers into the harvest (we still need):

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Junior Youth Work Director | 9. Readers / Prayer leaders |
| 2. Little fishes Leaders (2) | 10. Support Leaders |
| 3. Media/Sound Team & Photographer | 11. Film night team |
| 4. Musicians and Vocalists | 12. Various other groups
Would welcome extra committed personnel. |
| 5. Church lead Artist | 13. Tea/Coffee rota |
| 6. Intern - NEW | |
| 7. Cleaners for the Church (4) | PRAY that these roles will be filled to grow Christ's Church |
| 8. Prayer warriors | |

Miss_ion Matters (from Helen, Miss_ionary correspondent)

Give thanks to God for the renewal of the national DAB radio licence for UCBUK.

United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) is an international Christian broadcasting and media group. It started broadcasting in New Zealand in the early 1960s from a garage, becoming a permanent operation in 1976. It wasn't until 1986 that UCB broadcast into parts of the UK, nationwide broadcasting following in 2009.

Today **UCB UK** is available nationally on DAB radio, Sky 0125, Virgin 914, online and via a free iPhone app, as well as a web app. You'll find entertainment, Christian music, news and current affairs, as well as thought-provoking interviews, discussions and teaching. All you get from a secular radio station, and much more. And able now to continue broadcasting with its renewed licence thanks to the prayers and financial support of listeners.

UCB Inspirational broadcasts a lively mix of praise and worship, along with "music you've loved for years" and is available online at ucb.co.uk, via the iPhone app and on Sky 0136. If gospel music is your thing, then UCB Gospel broadcasts a selection of gospel music from the UK, US, Africa and the Caribbean, online at ucb.co.uk, via the iPhone app and on Sky 0135. **UCB Extra** is an alternative music station playing an upbeat and eclectic mix of Rock, Urban and electronic music from Christian bands and artists- described as "Positively Alternative". UCB Extra is available online or via the iPhone app.

UCB Bible (online at ucb.co.uk, via the iPhone app and on Sky 0134) gives access to 'The Word for Today' and 'Word4u2day'. However many of us prefer the paper version of these devotional notes, which Jim McClintick distributes. Ask him for a copy if you would like to try it out.

UCB TV Christian television is available on Sky 584 and online, as well as via the app. The world's first ever live Christian mobile TV channel was launched in 2010. U C B also operate a confidential telephone service called **UCB Prayerline** (0845 456 7729) operated by trained Christian volunteers.

UCB exists to change lives for good by the power of God's Word. Through modern media systems God has called UCB to reach every person, every place, every moment of the day with His life changing Word. UCB exists to inspire listeners, watchers and readers, to raise their expectation for God to move in their lives and upon the nation in an unprecedented way. They intend to seize every opportunity to reach out into the nation and share quality media content, which evangelises, disciples, encourages and equips in a relevant and engaging way. Through UCB, God's Word is being heard throughout the UK. Try it out.

(Other Christian broadcasting organisations are available).

Romans 10:17 "... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

BASICS BANK UPDATE!

One word sums up the past few months at the Basics Bank - generosity!

From the lovely couple who, rather than receive wedding gifts, asked their guests for donations for the Basics Bank, to the old age pensioner putting a tin into our donation drum in Asda. Many congregations now join with ours in giving on a regular basis - Pencaitland Parish Church, Hope Church in Musselburgh and our Lady of the Waves in Dunbar. Through these continuing acts of kindness we have been able to give out food amounting to over 2750 meals!

Another invaluable donation has been the time and effort given by all the volunteers, who work tirelessly to provide a worthwhile service to the community. The Basic Bank runs from 12 pm to 2pm on a Wednesday but many of the volunteers give much more of their time by arriving early to pray and set up, by writing thank you letters, by baking and making soup for the cafe and by working in the stock room well after closing time.

It reminds me that Jesus said that in giving a cup of water to those who need it we would be blessed, so I am sure that this would at least equate to a tin of beans!

Lorraine Gilchrist

Dunbar Churches Together Holiday Club - 'Polar Explorers'

10th -14th August 2015

Booking is now open for children currently in Primary 1 – 6. Please register your children as soon as possible. Spaces are filling up quickly. Booking forms are available from your Sunday School leaders or Dorothy Wildgoose.

Teenagers – If you are interested in being a Trainee Leader please let Dorothy know now! (If you will be over 16 years old, you will need to fill in PVG forms).

Holiday Club Extra! – for those who will be in S.1-3. This will be a fun, informal group meeting in the Methodist Church hall 7-9pm on the evenings of Holiday Club week. Come along! (Team members also needed)

Props needed! The theme will be exploring the polar regions so any props such as polar bears, penguins, igloos, posters, wooden sledges, old ski equipment are all very welcome! Sheet Maps of the World, Middle East, Antarctica or Arctic areas.

Please pray for Holiday Club – the children, the team, the planning.

Contact - Dorothy Wildgoose Tel. 863161 or dorothywildgoose@hotmail.com

Church Membership

In the autumn we will once again be running membership classes to help those interested in finding out about the privileges and blessings of committing their lives to Christ and living for His kingdom. We also cover all the basics of membership and give the opportunity of joining Christ's Church after the course to those who believe that it is appropriate for them to do so.

Please think and pray about this for yourselves and for others, and if you know of any interest, please let the minister know ASAP.

DATE	SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS	FLOWERS in CHURCH	CLEANING ROTA (U) = upstairs (D) = downstairs
June 7	June <i>Jonathan Idle</i> Moira Anthony Lindsay Barley Rob Barley Will Collin Christine Idle Elsie Johnston Moyra Wright	June Convenor: Moyra Wright Mrs D Brunton	June 8 Fiona Fleming & Barbara Leslie (U) Lorraine & Steve Gilchrist (D)
14		Mrs L Glass	15 Laura Punler & Laura Girvan (D) Ian & Jenny Manning (D)
21		VACANT	22 Liz Thomson & Moyra Wright (U) Sandy & Ian Darling (D)
28		Mrs J Murphy	29 Anne Creedican (U) Jenny & Jason Kay (D)
July 5	July <i>Ian Hastie</i> Denise Brunton Margaret Croft Lena Glass May Low Lorna McLeod Derek MacDonald Margaret MacDonald Ian Manning	July Convenor: Denise Brunton VACANT	
12		Mrs F Fleming	
19		Mrs A Creedican	
26		VACANT	

There are *Flower Rota Vacancies* if you would like to put flowers in the Church please speak with **May Low**.

You can put flowers into the Church for an **anniversary** or **in memory of a loved one**, you don't necessarily need to be added to the rota in order to do this. Please speak with May Low or the Flower Convener for that month to help you organise this.

Please pray for all other Church activities and for our community!

Article Series 7 (part 3) - No Pain No Gain Christians

Please read 2 Timothy 2:1-13 Suffering Gospel Servant hood

In a military, soldiers are trained to please their commanding officer. Part of the training is to ensure that they are as fit as they can be, in order that they will be reliably obedient. Getting fit and staying fit demands much physical and mental effort, inner drive and an eye on the purpose of being fit. An athlete is another well used analogy, training for a prize, but the reality is whether we are a farmer, an engineer or whatever, hard work, with a good focused aim, pays dividends v1-6. This is true for Christians living out their faith as well.

So Paul alludes to this by urging Timothy, and us to be strong in v1. Further, enduring hardship v3 may not be fun, but that is the command, whether it is about worldly or spiritual things, endure for the **gospel cause, as it is well worth it and it requires strength.**

v7 challenges us to reflect. What suffering have we endured (physical and spiritual)? Does it compare with what the LORD Jesus went through for each and every one of us? His suffering conquered death and sin, and He is now seated in glory at the right hand of God. In addition, Christ's example and promise to us is that our suffering for His cause will likewise be productive and positive in the long run. We are investing in eternity.

v8, proclaims that Jesus was raised from the dead because He is God, perfect, divine; "His deity is proclaimed". Further, having descended from David, shows that He is human, and this is crucial as He can be an appropriate substitute who died in our place, for our sin.

Come with me back to v2. How do people find out about God? 'It needs to be taught, and heard from those "who are qualified to teach." This is not speaking about having degrees in divinity from a university. It is about enduring under the ministry of someone who knows and believes God's word, becoming born again spiritually, and discovering the blessings of God offered in the Gospel are for sharing. Many times we read of being known by our fruit or reaping what we sow. Paul's life and witness proclaim with integrity that what he is saying is clearly seen in both his words and deeds v9, 10.

In v11-13 we are given a lovely sonnet (or "trustworthy saying") to learn and repeat. The essence of it is that suffering comes to all true believers before we endure and enjoy glory. What then can we LEARN from Paul the Apostle, an expert in living as God wants us to? Surely we need to come regularly under tuition from those properly qualified to teach us? Surely we need to train in order that we can learn to be strong? Surely we need to serve and be a real potent witness for Christ? Surely we need to wake up when the enemy is enticing us to follow the deserters, who do not endure or serve as good witnesses for Christ? Are there folks you are grateful for? Some whose patience and witness helped you to journey onwards in your faith? Teachers and ministers who kept on faithfully, even when you thought you knew better than what they taught? Mark 8: 34-35 tells us, "whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for the gospel will save it". It is a startling message to many who slumber, lack fitness, and who are highly likely to miss out.

Enduring and faithfully preaching THE Gospel to those who willingly listen Gordon.

PRAYER COORDINATOR CORNER - by Michael Veitch

Put the power of prayer into your hands

With daily inspiration only The Good Book can provide

It is an honour to have been asked to follow Mike Weaver as prayer coordinator at Dunbar Parish Church. We are all indebted to Mike for his labours over recent years in seeking to build up the prayer life of our congregation in line with the will of God, and we wish him well with his ongoing preparations for entering full time Christian ministry.

It is my firm conviction that an active prayer ministry is absolutely vital to the spiritual health of any church. While I am by no means an expert or authority on the subject, it must be a truism that no church can hope to prosper without regular - indeed constant - dialogue with God, as we worship, seek his will and present our requests before him.

We must take as our example the early church as revealed in the pages of the New Testament. There in the book of Acts we find a church characterised by prayer and close fellowship, which suggests much more than 'formal' worship services on Sundays (as vital as that is too).

It is similarly vital that each and every one of us who profess Jesus Christ as our saviour nurture an active life of personal prayer (following after the example of Christ), it is equally important that we commit ourselves to corporate prayer, remembering that God never intended us to live the Christian life alone, and that the close fellowship of believers is absolutely crucial to our spiritual growth.

Prayer Meeting To this end, I believe it is right that we establish a dedicated church **prayer meeting**, which will meet on the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month in the Eden Room at 7:30 p.m. (replacing the existing Accord meetings on the fourth Wednesday).

My hope is that a rota of leaders will be established, who will open the meeting with a short talk or reflection, perhaps on a particular passage of scripture or a spiritual theme. The intention would also be for guest speakers or missionary partners to speak at meetings from time to time. **If you would like to join the leaders rota or have ideas for possible speakers please let me know.**

The remainder of the meeting (chaired by the leader) would be dedicated to two open prayer sessions. The first session would be dedicated to global & national issues (i.e. our Rwanda partnership, the persecuted church, missionary partners and the various ongoing issues in our own nation) while the second would focus on the local church and community (including matters of personal prayer).

I believe God is greatly glorified when his people come together in unity to call upon his name and to present our requests before him. As such, we must come believing that he will answer and confident that he will indeed respond in power within our church, our community and beyond. Please make every effort to attend if you possibly can. I earnestly believe that God will honour us collectively and individually if we make this our priority and make every effort to do so.

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th June (Eden Room, 7:30-9pm)

House Groups The prayer meeting will complement the existing house groups which have a crucial role to play in nurturing study, prayer and fellowship in an intimate setting. The prayer meeting and house groups are really two sides of the same coin.

There are currently two house groups led by Ian & Jenny Manning (Innerwick - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed) and Jonathan & Christine Idle (Dunbar - 1st & 3rd Wed). Countless Christians can attest to the benefits of gathering together in a small group setting to talk about the things of God, and I would therefore urge you to attend if you can. Please speak to the leaders of these groups if you would like further information.

Bible Book Group is our 1st Thursday in the month Home Group.

Prayer Breakfast I can say without a shadow of doubt that the meeting which has meant the most to Laura & I since we started attending Dunbar Parish Church in autumn 2013 has been the prayer breakfast – indeed, I think it is probably the high point of my entire week. There can be few activities more closely aligned to the biblical model of Christian fellowship than gathering together to eat, pray and share fellowship together at the start of the Lord's Day – which is exactly what the prayer breakfast is about. Breakfast is served in the kitchen on the first floor of the church from 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning, with a very informal time of prayer following at 10:00 am in the Eden Room. We would love to see you there.

10:55 Prayer Until recently, it was our established practice for a few folks to gather with Gordon (or whoever was preaching) in the vestry a few minutes before the service. Unfortunately this habit seems to have fizzled out of late. I wonder if there is anything more important for a preacher than to spend a few moments with others in prayer immediately before he takes to the pulpit, asking that God would speak through him and help him? We have therefore decided to officially reinstate "10:55 prayer" every Sunday, so please consider supporting Gordon in the room behind the pulpit for the five minutes immediately before the start of the morning service. This will start with immediate effect!

Blessings Michael Veitch

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Prayer Breakfast Rota

- 07 June - Jim Thompson
- 14 June - Derek MacDonald
- 21 June - Emma Weaver
- 28 June - Laura & Mike Veitch
- 05 July - Liz Thomson
- 12 July - Ian Coltart
- 19 July - Catherine Hodgson
- 26 July - Rachel Mylne
- 02 August - Ian Manning

NEW

CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

On Wednesday 10th & 24th June at 7:30 p.m. in the Eden Room

My 1st Book of questions and answers!

Section 3 - How Man Sinned

34. What is not keeping God's law?

Answer: Not being or doing what God requires.

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **Luke 10:31**

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Opt - ins : Serving

There are many rota's you can serve on among us.

Add your name where you are **gifted to serve**.

Coffee/Tea rota

Cleaning rota

Sunday Bible reading rota

Sunday prayer rota

Accord leader rota

Accord catering rota

Film night catering rota

Prayer Breakfast leader

rota

Prayer Breakfast catering

rota

See other roles that your Church needs filling on the Job Vacancies Section

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to **obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20**



*The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. **Zephaniah 3:17***

Magazine Input :

Please send your items in by **Tuesday 25th August** (for September Magazine) or if you would like a regular E_Magazine
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Weekly Notices :

Contact Denise as above

Hall Bookings

Please Contact: Sonya Young she keeps the master diary and updates the hall one.
email bhraggie@fiscali.co.uk
Telephone: 07874 816326

Your Elder

All members and adherents should contact their elder if they know of any pastoral needs. If you don't know who to contact, ask Eric Easton on:
01368 869659 or email: charles.p.easton@googlemail.com

BASICS BANK BUDDY SCHEME

If you are not already part of the Buddy Scheme please drop an email to basicsbankbuddy@gmail.com and you will be kept up to date with a weekly email and shopping list.

Transport to the Church: We can arrange for someone to bring you to church and take you home each week. Please phone **Jenny Manning** by the Thursday evening, on **01368 840334**. If you could offer someone a lift, even occasionally, you could be a reserve driver, please let Jenny know, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sermon's are available on the Church website. Use the link on the Home page (www.dunbarparishchurch.org) to access them

PASTORAL TEAM

Do you know someone who could use some pastoral help? Perhaps someone infirm, lonely, or bereaved of a loved one? Maybe an illness or operation or other suffering has knocked you a bit? Any member or adherent who is interested contact Moyra Wright (tel. 863316) or Mike Bigden (tel. 865385) directly or via any Church member. The pastoral team carry an identity badge, signed by the minister and they are genuinely interested in your well-being.

PLEASE PRAY...

For your office bearers and all who lead and teach in Your Church here. Pray for more resources to share the load and for all those we can aid in Christ work.

TEEN PAGE PRIDE

I hate Russian dolls, they are so full of themselves!

We are often encouraged to be proud of our achievements, proud of our heritage, take pride in our appearance and so on. However there is a fine line between being pleased and taking satisfaction from doing a good job to becoming proud or full of ourselves.

The dictionary defines pride as: "A high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority".

The Bible is very straightforward when discussing those who are filled with pride. James and 1 Peter quote Proverbs 3:34, which states that "He (God) mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble." Proverbs 16:18 goes even more in depth, saying that "pride goes before destruction; a haughty spirit before the fall." Those who are proud believe they are fine as is and that they don't need God in their lives.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is humility. Sometimes this can be mistaken for weakness, someone who can be bullied or trampled on. However this could not be further from the truth. Being humble is something that is a must for any Christian, the Bible is very clear on this. The Old Testament mentions the importance of being humble many times and during his ministry, Jesus also spoke about the importance of being humble. The subject is also brought up often in the writings of the Apostles found in the New Testament. It is only in being humble that we realize just how much we need a Saviour.

We are taught that we should live just as Christ Himself lived. Christ's life on earth began as humbly as could be, in a stable in Bethlehem. In Matthew 11, Jesus says, "take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart." He goes on to say that "you will find rest for your souls" by doing this. Every time you say the Lord's Prayer, which Christ taught us, you humble yourself before God ("Thy will be done"). Jesus humbled himself again in the Garden of Gethsemane, when he again submitted to the will of the Father. In short, Christ is the ultimate example of a person being humble.

The best way you can humble yourself before God is to give him your time. This doesn't mean fitting God into your day, instead, you should build your day around the time you give to God. (think about this for a moment) By reading the Bible every day and having a committed daily prayer life, you are submitting your will to God. These moments with God will allow you to know God's plan for you. When you follow God's will, you humble yourself to your Lord and God. This is especially relevant to those of you who will be leaving home soon. Share with others that you are a Christian, seek out Christian friends, get involved in your new church or Christian Union, let your light shine!

You also need to remember to be humble when dealing with your relationships with friends and family. No matter how difficult this can be, never forget 1 Corinthians 13:4: "Love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."



Greetings From New Mexico

My family and I look forward to our visit to Dunbar this summer. Scotland is a special place for us. My wife, Debbie, and I were married there when I worked as an Assistant Minister at Colinton Parish Church in Edinburgh. Our son Ian was born there and given a proper Scottish name. We lived in Edinburgh for a total of three wonderful years.



Pastor Doug Hucke, Debbie, Ian & Rebecca

We came back to the United States in 1996. But then in the summer of 2009 we exchanged pulpits with a minister from Dalkeith. Now we are privileged to be coming to Dunbar as I exchange pulpits with Rev. Stevenson. We will also be trading housing and automobiles for the month of July. My wife Debbie and I have two children in Ian and a daughter named Rebecca. Ian is 19 and heading off to the University of New Mexico in September. Rebecca has another year of high school before she goes to university. Our entire family loves Scotland and can't wait to get back.

I am also looking forward to getting to know you and Dunbar Parish Church. Part of the fun is exploring the differences in culture and the way we approach being the church. But our bond in Jesus Christ unifies us. I believe share the joys and struggles of following Jesus Christ in an increasingly complex world. I will be preaching a series called the "Marks of Discipleship" that explores the characteristics that disciples of Jesus Christ have in common no matter where they live. In what ways should we be growing as followers of Jesus?

We look forward to being with you in July!

To our Manse Family - The Stevensons!...

We wish you a safe journey to Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico. We all hope that you enjoy the pulpit swap and the exploring of that part of the country. We look forward to having Pastor Doug Hucke and family with us while you are away. Remember the sunscreen!

With many blessings on behalf of your Church family.

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6TH JUNE

DUNBAR PARISH CHURCH HALLS

1-4 PM



Flower Display



Face Painting

Silent Auction
GAMES
CRAFTS

Archery for Children



Junior Bake-off



2nd hand clothes

CUSTARD PIE FLING



Bookstall

REFRESHMENTS



Curry Stand

Donations for stalls can be brought to the halls. Speak to Emma Weaver (01368 459082 Mob: 07824141884) or Moyra Wright (01368 863316)

Note that only good quality 2nd hand clothes can be accepted