

Dunbar Parish Calendar June 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 15:1-21 : Miriam's Song	Church
	18:00	Delta	Church hall
	20:00	F-X	Eden Room
3	13:30	Fresh Encounters week 5 Adulterous love:a poor alternative	Eden Room
4	09:45	Primary Assembly	Old Campus
5	09:00	Primary Assembly	New Campus
	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
	19:30	Wednesday Home Group	Mannings
	12:30	Fraternal	Belhaven
	14:00	Big Questions	New Campus
	19:00	Presbytery Committee Meetings	Ormiston
6	19:00	Young Peoples Home Group	Co'path
8	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 15:22 - 16:36 Bitter Gripe water	Church
	18:00	Service - Open Door Gathering - Beggar	Church
9	19:30	Congregational Board Meeting	Eden Room
10	19:30	Alpha Meeting	Martyn's
11	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
	19:30	Wednesday Home Group	Mannings
12	19:30	Reflective Act of Worship	Eden Room
13	10:30	Presbytery Prayer Meeting	Haddington
14	17:30	June Jamboree	Church hall
15	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 17:1-27 : Water out of stone	Church
	18:00	Delta	Church hall
18-20		Conference	Firbush
18	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
22	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 18:1 - 27 In-Law Jethro visits	Church
	18:00	Service Arise - 1st Sam 28:1-24 Saul and the witch at Endor	Church Hall
23-26	08:30	Grammar school Assemblies	Grammar
24	13:30	Fresh Encounters week 6 God's love carries real agonies	Eden Room
25	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
26	12 to 2	Ploughman's Lunch	Church Hall
	19:30	Presbytery	Musselburgh
28	19:00	Fim night - Catching the Fire	Eden Room
29	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 19:1-25 : Mount Sinai sacred moments	Church

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JUNGLE GUIDE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- JOHN 16:13 NIV

Sunday & Special SERVICES during June		READERS IN June	PRAYERS IN June
1st	11:00 Exodus 15:1-21 : Miriam's Song	Moyra Wright	Rachel Mylne
8th	11:00 Exodus 15:22 - 16:36 : Bitter Gripe Water 18:00 Open Door Gathering - Beggar Luke 16:19-31	Muriel Cowan	Rob Barley
15th	19:30 Exodus 17:1-15 : Water out of stone	Walter Cowan	Michael Veitch
22th	11:00 Exodus 18:1 - 27 In-law Jethro visits 18:00 Arise - 1st Sam 28:1-24 Saul & the Witch of Endor	Anne Creedican	Youth
29th	11:00 Exodus 19:1 - 25 Mount Sinai sacred moments	Margaret Croft	Mike Weaver

Ministers Letter June 2014 - What do YOU really desire?

We humans want things. We have ambitions, desires, hopes and the imagination to dream up all kinds of achievements and attainments.

Did you think about the message in the cartoon on the front of this magazine in any depth? If so, is it your ambition that the Spirit will lead you into **ALL TRUTH**?

As I read 1 John 3:18-20 God is challenging me to challenge YOU. In it we are called "*dear children*", and urged to "*love in our actions and in truth*" (Honesty and being trustworthy in all our dealings is important to God.) Then it goes on; "*this is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in His presence*... you should be scrambling for the answer to that right now. It is by not having our conscience condemn us, for God knows everything and sees everything we do, think and say.

We in Great Britain are living in disturbing times for the Church. Instead of us being salt and light to a sinful world, we are being suppressed and told to learn from the latest cultural whims which win votes for our MP's, or appear to be better logic than traditional Christian teaching. The Church has so often lost its way, dishonouring God and has reaped what it has sown. It is sad indeed. Generations have gradually lost sight of who God is and what Christianity is all about. So much so, for many it is about being nice to other people, doing charity, and not upsetting people by telling them the **truth** contained within God's Holy word. What grief we have offered to God!

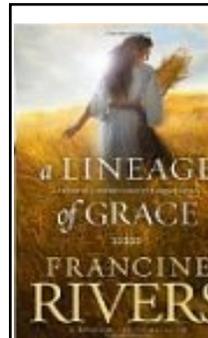
The Church of Scotland has now been in serious decline for over 70 years. (As have most other denominations in our nation) Are you preparing for revival? I think it is pretty unlikely as we seem to be heading further away from returning to the **truth** that at any time in history. But I am also not a pessimist either. It is often when things get so bad that God's remnant really look to Him and call upon Him for miraculous intervention.

John 8:31, 32 tells us why the truth is important; "If YOU hold to my teaching, you are **TRULY** my disciples, and You will know the **TRUTH** and the **TRUTH** shall set YOU free." Only then we can help others

Yours in His service of bringing REAL enlightenment **Gordon**

Plans : Coming Soon

- **Accord** - meets on 25 June at 7:30pm Cake/drinks & other nourishments! All welcome!
- **The June Jamboree** Saturday 14 June 5:30 pm Our social night for Church folk, friends and neighbours
- **Film show** - June 28 after Church **Catching the Fire (Hunger games sequel)** cert. 12 for ALL. Bring a family or friend of all ages! 7 pm
- **CHURCH LEADERS BREAKFAST** meeting **28 June at 9:30 am Eden Room**



Bible Book Club...
First Thursday in the month.
Next meeting is on **5th June at 7:30 p.m.**
Meetings will be held at various venues.

Reading: *A Lineage of Grace: Five stories of unlikely women who changed eternity* by Francine Rivers
ISBN: 9780842356329,
also available on Kindle

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

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 But will you turn to me?

Starters for Sunday!

How do you want to start your Sunday morning? Fancy a lovely breakfast prepared for you with coffee or tea in the company of friends? 9:30 is the time to head to the Eden room at Dunbar Parish Church. We chat over breakfast and then have a short time of reflection and prayer to start our day and get us revved up for the worship service at 11:00. If you are worried about sharing your prayers then don't be - you can just sit back and listen. Feeling more adventurous then why not volunteer to do the breakfast or run the prayers (or both if you are up for it!). We have a great rota of prayer warriors but the more the merrier. Please contact me if you can help in leading or catering on either 01368 459082 / 07980 492299 (M) or email: mike28atdpc@gmail.com for more information.

TRUTH

Truth exists: only falsehood has to be invented. *George Braque*

Truth is always strong, no matter how weak it looks, and falsehood is always weak, no matter how strong it appears. *Phillips Brooks*

Truth is incontrovertible. Panic may resent it; ignorance may deride it; malice may distort it; but it is there. *Winston Churchill*

Speak boldly and speak **truly**. Shame the devil! *John Fletcher*

Truth reforms as well as informs. *William Jenkyn*

The business of **truth** is to set us free from sin *Dr M. Lloyd-Jones*

Truth has no responsibility to make us comfortable. *David Russell*

The **truth** stands the test of time. It is discovered only by searching the source of all **truth**. That source is the God of creation who reveals Himself to those who desire the **truth**. **Truth** is recorded within the historical mix, but it is bound in holy scripture, a living active life-changing treasure chest for all who truly search its deep mysteries and find its joyful eternal rewards.
G Stevenson

There are none so bitter against the **truth** as those who have departed from it. *James Philip*

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 | 12. Tea/Coffee rota · |
| 6. Mission Director - NEW | PRAY that these roles will be filled to grow Christ's Church! |
| 7. Cleaners for the Church (4) | |
| 8. Prayer warriors | |

Mission Matters....

News from our Overseas Partners

Dave and Jenny have just returned to China having really enjoyed the celebration of their daughter's wedding and time with family and friends. They have been revived by this home visit and feel better equipped to deal with the work ahead of them. They need prayer for protection and security. They know their classes are monitored, house churches are being suppressed but there is increasing demand for bible teaching. Praise the Lord! Pray also for plans for a summer camp, hoping to attract students to the area through its historical significance – an ancient capital of China apparently. This is something very new for Dave and Jenny to attempt in co-operation with local pastor V.

Les and Fiona are currently in Seoul, South Korea for a WEC conference, representing their Spanish co-workers. Before they left, they wrote to say that the patchwork and cup cake classes are being well attended, and some students have been to their church. They are surprised how very different it is to the traditional Catholicism they are familiar with. Pray for inter cultural differences to be understood and more local people to be involved in the leadership of the church. Pray for much fun and fellowship with other overseas workers during their time away; for safe travelling and good health (Fiona has some issues that have caused too many visits to the Spanish doctor recently.)

Michael and Karen are excited about the prospect of more workers coming to build a team. Please pray for the family who are considering whether this is the right move for them. Karen is still unsure whether it is right for her to defer her university course for another year, or not. Pray for wisdom in this decision. There are a lot of changes in teachers and management at the children's school. Pray for stability and continuity of teaching.

As Michael and Karen will only be back in the UK for a short time this summer, they have invited us to a special service to learn about their work.

WHERE ? Logie & St. John's Church, Dundee

WHEN ? Sunday 13th July 6.30pm

WHAT ? Hear firsthand what God is doing in UAE, including how the whole family are involved in the work. Iona plans to talk about what returning 'home' now means and what it is to be a 'third culture kid.'

Please set this date in your diary now.

In view of the current crisis in Ukraine I thought the following report by Kirsty Geddes, Gap Year Student with SU Scotland, made interesting reading and would broaden our understanding of a country in great need of our prayers.

“Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine When you think of God’s family, how far does that family stretch for you? Is it your closest Christian friends, your youth group, the members of your congregation or the entire church in Scotland? But how often do you think of the family of God on an international scale? I know that I hadn’t before I went to Ukraine in February with the gap year team for our international mission trip. While we were there we saw and did so much: we taught ceilidh dances to high school pupils, we gave out gift boxes in primary schools, we played games with children in after school clubs and visited Independence Square after some of the worst protests and violence the city has ever seen.

But for me, the biggest impact hit when we visited local Ukrainian churches. We went to two churches during our stay, and both were amazing in their own way. Neither had particularly big, thriving congregations – in fact the average age was around 60 and the number of people was between 8 and 12 – and the worship consisted of just their voices, singing from battered hymn books from Soviet times. But despite lacking the components of what’s seen to make a great church back in the UK, it was here that we felt the most welcomed and truly part of something huge, despite such small numbers. In the first church we visited, we shared our testimonies with them, and then they all promised they would pray for us and laid out a table heaving with food just for us. They were not wealthy people; they met for church in a run-down little house out in the countryside, but even though they had so little they gave us all that they could to make us feel welcomed. In the second, we shared our testimonies again and an elderly lady came to me afterwards and gave me a verse she had picked specially for me: “You need only remain calm; the Lord will fight for you.” Exodus 14:14. She had listened and seen I was worried about my future, so she wanted to show me God was with me, fighting for me. Their hospitality and genuine care for us in spite of not knowing us at all was overwhelming. It was like God was saying “I am here. Not just in Scotland, not just the UK but all over the world. This is my family.”

There were times when the trip was difficult, but on a whole it was one of the most significant impacts on my faith and it opened my eyes to see that I have brothers and sisters in Christ wherever I go.

“So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19



DATE	SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS	FLOWERS in CHURCH	CLEANING ROTA (U) = upstairs (D) = downstairs
June 1	June Will Collin Moira Anthony Val Collin Jenni Conolly Richard Conolly Elsie Johnston Sandy Mitchell Moyra Wright	June Convener: Moyra Wright Mrs D Brunton	June 2 Lorna McLeod & Margaret Croft(U) Fiona Fleming & Barbara Leslie (D)
8		Vacant	9 Lorraine & Steve Gilchrist (U) Laura Punler & Laura Girvan (D)
15		Mrs L Glass	16 Ian & Jenny Manning (U) Liz Thompson & Moyra Wright (D)
22		Vacant	23 Sandy & Ian Darling (U) Anne Creedican (D)
29		Mrs J Murphy	30 Jenny & Jason Kay (U) Gordon & Gail Stevenson (D)
July 6	July Ian Manning Denise Brunton Margaret Croft Lena Glass Ian Hastie May Low Derek MacDonald Margaret MacDonald Lorna McLeod	July Convener: Denise Brunton Mrs M Low	July 7 Jonathan & Christine Idle (U) Val & Will Collin (D)
13		Mrs F Fleming	14 Margaret & Derek MacDonald (U) Lorna McLeod & Margaret Croft (D)
20		Vacant	21 Margaret & Ian Coltart (U) Ian & Morag Hastie (D)
27		Vacant	28 Fiona Fleming & Barbara Leslie (U) Lorraine & Steve Gilchrist (D)

Please pray for all other Church activities and our community!

There are lots of *Flower Rota Vacancies* in 2014 if you would like to put flowers in the Church. You can put flowers in the Church for any *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.

Article Series 6 - Introduction : *Are YOU heaven bound?*

Read a chapter of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians until you read it all

The **TRUTH** is important. We live in a corrupt world, and even within a corrupt Church. At our core is a corrupt human nature. Yet that does not stop anyone from looking for and finding the solution caused by the first Adam - who introduced SIN.

Questions like “*will I be in heaven?*” are important. So life tests us with suffering and anxieties to help us to discover living faith in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, we all want assurance, and the Christian faith is the only one that can give this without any delusions. In 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12, 13 it says, sinners “*perish because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved*”..They will be “*condemned because they have not believed the truth but have delighted in evil*” .. But Christians “*are saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.*”

Paul was concerned for the Church God told him to build in Thessalonica. As always when the **TRUTH** is proclaimed, it has both positive growth effects and negative opposition attacks. So Paul sends in a young minister, Timothy, who has little experience; to teach and help them, and for him to learn on the job.

Timothy finds that those who are fully committed to the gospel Paul has preached are growing in their faith, despite persecution and external cultural attacks. The questions they ask are written to Paul who gives fuller answers back in these letters.

As well as encouragement Paul give answers covering four major issues :-

1. How can I be sure I will be in heaven after death in this life?
2. How can I know that Jesus will return to the earth? (2nd coming)
3. If I am suffering persecution, how can I be sure I am not forgotten by Jesus?
4. How can I ensure I am living a life pleasing to God?

1 Thessalonians 4:18 tells us to “**encourage each other with these words**”. That is because they are God breathed and penned for this very purpose.

One major benefit of *being Church* is meeting in fellowship together. When we worship God, we unpack these *jigsaw pieces* of heavenly wisdom and find answers to our questions. These are not merely human opinions, but God’s actual answers.

We can study the Bible on our own and that can be well worthwhile, but by meeting with others, there are always gems we can pick up along the way in our faith journeys. If you are spiritually alive, you will be impacting others with your life and witness. If you are, then you will likely be at a home group, Accord, Fresh Encounters and be active in the prayer life of the Church etc.. If not these are a good place to start. Why not invest time getting God’s answers and helping others!

Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine; to share with YOU - Gordon

PRAYER CORNER

Put the power of prayer in your hands

With daily inspiration only The Good Book can provide.

The issues in this world are so enormous and I am so small. Who am I to ask for such big things? Who am I to think that I can actually make a difference when I pray about important and seemingly impossible issues?

You serve a big God. You don’t need to become intimidated by the grand scope of the things you pray about. They may be bigger than you are, but they are never bigger than God is.

Stormie Omartian; *The Power of a Praying Church*
(Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, Oregon. 2003) p190.

So this month I will take the last in the series of five about becoming a praying church. I will be looking at ‘Intercessory Prayer and Praying out into the World’. This is what the above passage talks of when it states we serve a big God.

In the last two years I have seen a number of people move forward in their prayer lives and therefore move the church forward too. By this I mean that people who perhaps wouldn’t have thought to join a prayer group have done so; and others who never would have prayed aloud in a group are doing so on a regular basis. In fact God is blessing us with people who are becoming really committed to the prayer life for others, themselves, and the church corporate.

So this is the next stage then – a time for you all to make a commitment to get involved in the prayer life of our church community, making a difference to your own lives and those around you. Even if you may not have made all, or even any, of the previous Reflective Acts of Worship, why not come to the one on 12th June and be encouraged to widen the scope of your prayers.

There will be a one-off Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 28th June also, which will introduce a new monthly ‘Prayer-Points for DPC’ bulletin.

Jesus said ³⁴“*Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.* ³⁵*For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.* ³⁶***Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.***” (Luke 8:34-36).

This is about us as individuals and it is important that we seek God's will for us, which is to seek the good and turn away from sin. It is equally important that we share fellowship remembering the Eucharist – living our lives in a Eucharistic manner – that is in thanksgiving for all we receive and in all that we do.

However, we now need to go beyond ourselves, and move on collectively to intercessory prayer, so that we can ask for God's will to be done on earth. When God spoke with Solomon he said *“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* (2 Chronicles 7:14). It goes on to say God is attentive, and we know this to be true, as he sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to teach us, die for us and to rise to everlasting life for us. It is now time to step forward and pray with others and join together as a praying church so that we may be the praying people God wishes us to be. Why? So we can call on His power to make a difference in our families, the life of our Church, our community, our country and our world. Now that is something worth praying for.

Yours in Christ ~ Mike

PRAYER FOR JUNE

Dear Lord and Father, we give you thanks and praise for the witness of our Church into the community. We give thanks for all our groups and the great work they do – and ask for your blessings on all who work with and attend - FX, YA, Search.Word, The Guild, Boys Brigade, Praise Group, Bible Book Club, Dunbar and Innerwick Home Groups, Delta, Basics Bank, Rwanda Team & Partnership, Little Fishes, The Kirk Session and Board, The Elders, Junior Church & Crèche, Prayer Breakfast, Pastoral Team.

Lord and Father, you have blessed us and for this we give you thanks, but ask that in our prayers you continue to grow your Church. We ask for your blessing on all the work we do in supporting both young and old; for the teaching of Your Word we bring to all who listen, and for the fellowship we share. Lord bless us, our community, our country and our world, as we pray that your will be done on earth this day, and all the days ahead.

In Jesus Name, Amen

Prayer Breakfast Rota

01 June - Lee
08 June - Liz
15 June - Laura & Michael
22 June - Emma
29 June - Mike

Reflective Act of Worship

Thursday 12 June at
7:30 in the Eden Room
*"The Power of a Praying
Church"*

My 1st Book of questions and answers!

Section 2 - Creation

26. What did God make Adam from?

Answer: The dust off the ground

Genesis 2:7

the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

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Fancy a Church Group Holiday?

Some suggestions include a Skiing Holiday and a Pilgrimage to Israel, but you might have other ideas?

Say we went Skiing to Italy in Feb 2015 (school holiday week) here are the typical costs for Feb 2014. Hotel, flights, meals and ski pass for 6 days skiing £700 + airport taxes and charges £86.00; equipment hire/carriage helmet £16.00; equipment hire/carriage ski boots only £22.00; equipment hire/carriage skis and poles only £57.00; equipment hire/carriage skis, boots and poles £67.00; equipment hire/carriage snowboard with boots £90.00; equipment hire/carriage wrist guards £6.00; instruction skiing £68.00. The instructors improve all ability levels and we could do some lessons in Edinburgh first. The Christian holiday company also provides entertainment and times for spiritual reflection and worship in the evenings. Ski clothing is also required (suits, thermals, gloves, goggles, and shades) Perhaps we could go to Israel in 2016? What we need you to do is to register interest, to see if there are enough people to justify a group? See Gordon or email him anytime at gstev@btconnect.com

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be No **July or August 2014 Magazines**

September will be available on **31st August**. Any articles, celebrations (births, special birthdays or special anniversaries etc) or any other information regarding organisations etc., to be with

Denise by

Tuesday 26th August

Tel: 862903 or email: dmbrunton@gmail.com E-DPC Magazine.....

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WEEKLY INTIMATIONS

Please note if any notices to be included in the 'Dunbar Parish Church Weekly Notices Sheet' please contact Denise Brunton on 862903 or email: dmbrunton@gmail.com

Transport to the Church: If you would like a lift to 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, so we can arrange your lift on **01368 840334**.

It is helpful to have reserve drivers. If you could offer someone a lift, even occasionally, please let Jenny know, it would be really appreciated.

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



Pastoral Note
We have recently offered God's loving compassion to the families of those listed below, whom we remember in our prayers.
Elizabeth Logan, Brunt Court

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

TEEN PAGE... WHO'S WATCHING YOU?

CCTV. An unnecessary invasion of privacy from an interfering state or an essential tool to protect the public from threat and harm?

We live in an age where our image will be captured numerous times each day, whether we want it or not. It might be on the street, in shops or on someone's phone. The first reaction to seeing something out of the ordinary is to film it and post it instantly on the net.

Many public sector workers, such as community and dog Wardens, wear personal cameras. Insurance companies recommend drivers use "dash-cams" to film their journey in case of any collisions or incidents and handle bar cameras are now common place for cyclists for similar reasons.

Here are some stats to think about:-Britain has more CCTV cameras per head of population than any other country in the world.

Shetland has more CCTV cameras than the San Francisco Police Dept.

A recent study showed Britain has 1 camera for every 32 people.

Of course all of this has sparked many debates around unnecessary intrusion, appropriate use, legislation and regulation versus the benefits.

What does it really mean to be watched over constantly? Do you think God is like a CCTV camera or drone watching over us from above? Is it scary or reassuring to think that God might be watching you? Take a moment to think about this and what it means for you.

It's true that our behaviour changes when we know someone is watching, we wouldn't do and say things in front of people who we care about, such as parents, friends or partners that we might do in the presence of people we don't know. Is this just a fear of the consequences or a genuine desire to please someone we care dearly for?

When we have a living, personal relationship with God, and our relationship deepens, we should try to behave in a way that is pleasing to God, not out of fear but through a genuine desire to please someone who loves you.

Psalm 121 teaches us to comfort ourselves in the Lord, knowing he is watching over us, when difficulties and dangers arise:

The one who watches over you will not slumber he will not let you stumble The Lord himself watches over you..... The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade..... The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life..... The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever.

This psalm doesn't suggest a God watching you to condemn and punish but paints the picture of an amazing, caring, loving, comforting God.

So consider the question again, scary or reassuring to have God watching over you?
Blessings Derek

Church Membership

Want to know what being a member in the Church of Scotland is all about?

We are planning 3 classes to explain this. At the end attendees will have the choice whether to formally join the Church with all its benefits.

Please let the minister know if you are interested in order that we can plan times for the classes?



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



Homegroups

There are currently 2 homegroups running on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm.

They are relaxed and informal and are a great way to get to know your bible a little better and to build strong friendships. You are welcome to come along any time, it would be great to have you there.

Contact Details:

Ian and Jenny Manning
2 Temple Mains Cottages,
Innerwick 01368 840334

Jonathan and Christine Idle
5 Salisbury Walk, Dunbar
01368 860922
See Calendar for dates



"We have now set dates to run an Alpha Course in autumn 2014. It will start with the 'Introduction week' on Tuesday September 16 and then for another 10 weeks (with a week off for half term). It will run from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm. There will also

be a full day on Saturday 8 November, probably in North Berwick.

Alpha is the best known and most effective course to introduce people to Christianity. It is something that folk within and outwith our Church can truly benefit from! If you'd like to help out or sign up please contact Martyn Cox.

Please start praying for this work and for those you may think it would be good to invite to Alpha.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Romans 10:14



Hospitality volunteers wanted please

Could YOU help with preparing 'simple' meals for Alpha guests? If so, Martyn would love to chat to you.

Alpha will run on Tuesday nights, from 16th September to 2nd December. The hospitality part of Alpha is between 6.30 and 7.30 pm, although there will be some clearing up time.

We plan to use the church kitchen (although dishes can be brought in and kept warm in the ovens) and serve at tables in the Narthex. There are suggested Alpha meal recipes that could be used. Hospitality volunteers would not need to stay for the rest of the evening, if they did not wish to. The more volunteers we have to help, the easier it will be and we could develop a rota. Costs will be covered. Please pray about whether you can help with this new ministry and if so, please speak to Martyn.

Truth Poem - What is Truth?

"I promise I will tell the truth," the cowboy told the judge, then proceeded to regale the court with details of the grudge that ended with a shouting match and punches being thrown by black and blue combatants whose motives were unknown. "I promise I will tell the truth," the barmaid told the court but her story contradicted what the cowboy did report. "I promise I will tell the truth," another witness swore but his story differed greatly from the two that came before.

So many of us think the truth is what we want or feel. But that's just our perspective and often, it's not real. Truth is Truth, no matter what. It can't be bent or swayed. Truth is simple; black and white. It can't be slightly grayed.

Those who don't acknowledge God live this pastel lie; You have your truth and I have mine. But then they wonder why the people we depend upon are those who rob us blind. And then they cry for justice. But justice, they will find requires some rules for right and wrong that stem from what is true and what is fair for everyone not just a group or two.

Even some with faith in God turn blind eyes to what's true because they can't imagine God will really follow through on promises of punishment for those who don't believe. They think God will adjust His truth to fit what they perceive.

But the God who made the universe did it with a plan including what we call free will. Just so you understand that means we get the chance to choose what's easy or what's true. Too many pick the easy path and if that's true of you be warned that your decisions now will have eternal weight. Believe and witness to the Truth and do not hesitate because our God has made it clear in Truth, there's just one way to guarantee eternal life. Accept Jesus Christ today. Jeff Hildebrandt © 2010 -

Hall Bookings

Contact Sonya Young (Hall Clerk) who keeps the master diary and updates the hall one. email bhraggie@tiscali.co.uk

Telephone: 01368 863285

Rwanda 2014

Excitement is rising for those of us who are travelling out to Rwanda in July. All flights booked; passports checked; vaccinations underway (ouch!) and accommodation sorted. The itinerary is full to bursting & certainly not for the faint hearted (good footwear essential)! Now that the church is built Dunbar Parish Church can leave it as its legacy and focus on God's people. We pray that the visit will be richly blessed and fruitful for both church communities allowing us to continue on the path that God is leading us. We would like to take our partners some gifts from our congregation and would welcome any items from the list below or you may prefer simply to give a cash donation which would allow us to purchase gifts locally.

- Children's Bible story books
- Small wind up torches
- Play items for nursery age kids
- Pens (NOT pencils)
- Notepads

Saturday 28 June 9:30

Prayer Ministry Breakfast Meeting in the Eden Room. All welcome to find out more about the next stage of prayer development in the Dunbar Parish Church community

Opt - ins : Serving

There are lots of "rota's" folk can join to serve Christ's Church among us.

Add your name in to any area you are **gifted to serve in**, and make sure we have your names on the lists. E.g.:

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 Page

THANKS. . .

To all those who are offering their time and talents as well as their money. Lots of sacrificial giving of time recently as well as for all the ongoing things like cleaning, Ploughman's, Prayer Breakfasts etc, folks have given time for the John Muir AGM weekend and in the construction of the new Acoustic panels, painting and putting up the new screen
Thank YOU ALL for Blessing us!



Basics Bank Update

Its Amazing....

Since opening Basics Bank on 26th February 2014 we have given out enough food for 728 meals. What generosity you have shown. Thanks for all your support.

Asda have kindly agreed to another food drive and this will happen on **21 June**. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Lorraine Gilchrist or send an email to basicsbankbuddy@gmail.com.

Please continue to support the Basics Bank with your prayers, food donations and offerings.

ITEMS WITH * ARE LOW IN STOCK

- Biscuits
- Jars of Curry Sauce
- Deodorant
- **Tinned Salmon***
- Tinned Stew
- Tinned Haggis
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Spaghetti & Meatballs/ sausages
- Tinned Chicken Pies
- Coffee
- **Toilet Paper***
- Washing Powder (small packets/bottles best)
- Shower Gel



FAMILY SERVICE on 22 June with presentation of books



After the service a
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC
will be held ~ details to follow
ALL WELCOME!

'Fiddlesticks' combined orchestras Summer Concert

Featuring local young people from the Dunbar orchestra, with students from the Tranent and the adult orchestras as well

Folk, film, rock and pop music
In the Brunton Theatre, Venue 1
On Thursday 12 June at 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 from the theatre Box Office
Tel 0131 665 2240



Fiddlesticks played in DPC before Christmas
This is another opportunity to support our young musicians

Ask Helen, Martyn or Nathan for more details

Preparations are well under way for **Dunbar Churches Together Holiday Club 2014** **'Fit for a King'**

Our team of leaders has been busy making plans and gathering resources and there are a few things on our list which we thought our congregations might be able to help us find.

If you have any of the following items tucked away at the back of a drawer waiting to be useful, we have a use for them!

Narrow ribbon
(approximately 1/8")
Pictures of animals, flowers, landscapes, fountains etc – from calendars, greetings cards or photographs

which the children can cut up. However they need to be on card or good quality paper. Thin magazine pages would be too flimsy.

Lastly, if you find yourself out walking on any of Dunbar's beaches over the next two months please collect some driftwood for us. We need pieces about 18" long that are well weathered with no sharp points.

All articles can be left in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.