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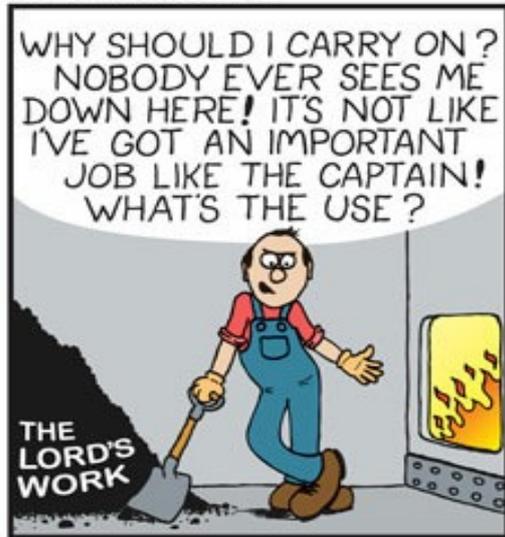
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STEAMBOAT



A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 NIV

Your work in the LORD is never in VAIN.

Sunday & Special SERVICES during March		READERS IN March	PRAYERS IN March
1st	11:00 18:30 Exodus 33:1-23 : The Glory of the LORD Arise Gathering : Habakkuk 1:1-4 Huge Suffering	Moyra Wright	Catherine Hodgson
8th	11:00 Exodus 34:1-16 : Knowing OUR God	Mike Bigden	Rachel Mylne
15th	11:00 18:30 Exodus 34:17:35 : God's people, are we? Evening Service led by Delta	Anne Creedican	Rob Barley
22nd	11:00 Exodus 35:1-29 : Put God's word into action	Ian Darling	Martyn Cox
29th	11:00 Psalm 118:1-2 & Philippians 2:5-11 : Palm Passion	Denise Brunton	YOUTH

Ministers Letter March 2015 : Church Fellowship : don't miss it

The Church is a **family of all ages**, men, women, boys and girls. It is also much more than the blood lineage which our biological family is.

In both types of family we typically don't get to choose who joins us, but in the Church family most especially there is a **place for us all**. Paul says:-

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household
Ephesians 2:19,

Some families can be dysfunctional. I hate to see that at family occasions (weddings/funerals etc.) or hear of it. It can happen within Churches too, with all kinds of divisions, preferences, cliques etc. However, the Church family must be about **growing together as a team** for God's glory.

Many of us have played in teams, or have been in clubs where we join in, turn up for games, or whatever is required, and spend time with other members of our groups, giving what we have for the greater good.

Our Church has opened up many new ventures for new groups to form in order that we can get to know one another better and build fellowship. Fellowship is a powerful spiritual energy resource when Christians meet to worship, to study God's word, to serve one another and to grow together.

The Church largely runs through **the giving** of individuals for the **common good of the many**. Many make sure our buildings are fit for the next event, or ensure that we can all enjoy a cuppa and some eats etc. There are loads of helpful ways we can play our part, and thankfully we have a decent number of good folks giving of their time and talents among us.

At times some feel valued, at other times they don't. More helpers would always be a real encouragement. When some need to give up servicing for a while, others need to be found and welcomed into a rota or team.

In many Churches money is a far too regular topic and we give thanks to God that we do not talk about it very much at all. Service however, using our God given talents and time for the fellowship of God's people, that is a far more important topic for us here at this point in time.

So we are truly grateful that God has nurtured and provided five new elders who will be ordained soon. We also hope to add others to the Congregational Board at our Annual Stated Meeting on the 22nd March too.

Please pray for each new trustee and for others to emerge offering their talents to fill many other roles which would enhance the work of Christ's Kingdom, serving here and impacting our world, far and wide.

Let us give ourselves fully in His service **Gordon**

Mission Matters (Helen Cox, Missionary Correspondent)

My task is to keep you informed about overseas partners. Often the material I have is inappropriate for wide distribution and so I have to be selective as to what is printed here. Therefore my contribution is frequently about other areas of over-seas Christian work, which I hope are of interest, and remind us to keep our horizons broad. There is much going on for which we need to be both thankful and prayerful. Be inspired by news from Scottish Bible Society about Bibles in China.

CHINA Fact File: Area: 9500000 km² (4th largest country in the world. 40 times the size of the UK.)

Population: Approx. 1.3 billion (July 2014) – the biggest in the world.

Major Religions: Officially atheist, but approx. 5% Christian

The Church is growing. Thousands turn to Christ and long for their own Bible. Christians experience such joy when they finally hold the Scriptures they have longed for. Jin walked for 3 hours in sub-zero temperatures to get to a church where free Bibles were offered. She got one. This is Jin's 2nd Bible. The 1st is 20 years old, battered by daily reading, and missing a whole chunk of Genesis that simply wore out. Is your Bible used like that? She says 'Reading the Bible is like having God talk to you'. Aged 70, Jin still earns her living as a watermelon grower. She had always suffered from travel sickness on her bus journey to the nearest market. "One day I prayed, 'Lord, if you let me not feel sick I will take whatever I earn today and buy a Bible'," she recalls. "I didn't feel sick and I bought a Bible. After a year I was baptised and changed my name ; which means 'God's love'."

A miraculous cooperation between the government and the Church has permitted the printing of 3.8 million Bibles **this year** at the Amity Printing Company in Nanjing : a joint venture between the Amity Foundation and the United Bible Societies - they print almost 50 Bibles every minute. At over 70 distribution centres, using their own van, they distribute the Bibles out to those who are waiting.

The special paper is expensive. The Bible Societies want to cover the cost of the paper so that the Bibles can be sold at an affordable price, or given for free. Recently Dave and Jenny told us that Bibles are available (even through Amazon.cn) but cost the equivalent of a week's grocery shopping. Every 80p donated to this SBS appeal will enable a Chinese believer to receive a Bible. One paper roll costs £480, with each roll providing enough paper to print over 600 Bibles.

Please pray

- giving thanks for the cooperation between the government and the registered Christian Church, which has resulted in the permission to print Bibles.
- that these Bibles will quickly get into the hands of those desperately waiting for God's Word.
- for the many new believers in China, that their faith will be strengthened as they engage with the Word of God.
- for our overseas partners in China, Spain and the Arabian Peninsula. Ask me for a copy of the prayer guide if you would like more information to help you do this.

For all those words which were written long ago are meant to teach us today; that when we read in the scriptures of the endurance of people and of all the help that God gave them in those days, we may be encouraged to go on hoping in our own time. Romans 15:4

Rwanda news

Fundraising for **Sarah's house** has now seen the total grow to £3042 and with the money we already have in the Rwanda account we can now begin the process of building the house. However, because we have other projects in the pipeline, it would be wonderful if we could manage to raise the full £4500 required. Thank you to everyone who has given generously so far. There is still time to sign up for the **bag-packing event on Saturday 28th February at ASDA 10-4pm** and many volunteers are needed. Please consider giving 1 hour or 2 of your time so we can ensure Sarah and her children has a new and safe home. You'd like to help? Great, please call 01368 863658 or speak with one of the team to book your slot now!

Rwanda Scotland Alliance

Members of DPC Rwanda Team provided support for a fundraising event held in Pilrig Church earlier this month where we all enjoyed a taste fusion of authentic Rwandan and Scottish fayre. The Alliance pulls together individuals and groups interested in Rwanda. The president is our Kirsty Harper, whom many people will know has a long standing love of and affiliation with Rwanda.

Children's Christmas Gifts

At Christmas we sent £200 for the children of the Living Church Kibungo. All the Sunday school children enjoyed a Christmas party and each child was given a small present. This money will also allow the church to take the children on an outing to Kayonza in March this year.

A lot of the work we do in Rwanda could not be achieved without the voluntary help of a young man named **Rene Rutagengwa** (volunteer project manager and communications lead Living Church Kibungo). In return for his support and kindness we intend to help him gain additional professional qualifications through the Rwanda team's annual personal challenge event whereby each member guarantees to raise the minimum of £100 over a 4 month period. This is great fun and we have already seen many innovative examples! So this year we intend to open this challenge up to anyone who would like to participate and support our partnership with the Living Church Kibungo.

Watch out for future fundraising events which include an evening concert with supper working with **The Herber Mooths**. We'd also like to thank the **Boys' Brigade** and leaders for their plans to hold a coffee morning.

PRAYER CORNER

Put the power of prayer in your hands

With daily inspiration only The Good Book can provide.

The Word at Lent

Lent is upon us but what does this mean to you? Are you one of those people who give up something for the period from Ash Wednesday through to Easter Day, like a belated New Year's resolution? Or perhaps you ascribe to a more modern approach of do something worthwhile something that is giving to others rather than denying oneself. (not that some type of fasting is not worthwhile!) Whatever your preference, Lent is a time of preparation and reflection. Unlike the preparation of Advent which is a build up to the excitement of Christmas, Lent is a more sombre and muted affair, and quite rightly so. It is time for reflection as we move toward Holy Week .

Then there is the triumphal procession of Jesus and His followers into Jerusalem; the evocative, moving scene of Jesus sharing the Last Supper with the disciples, and the words, "take, eat this is my body.."; And into the Garden at Gethsemane, a place of betrayal and violence, but also a place of prayer and acceptance. Next to Pilate's hesitant ineptitude, the leaders call for crucifixion and blood, but as the darkness falls the curtain of the Temple is torn in two as Jesus' life drains away as He hangs there on the cross. People like us are left bereft, hurting and lost.

Our Lord taken to a tomb and sealed within, guards posted at the door, just in case the disciples try to steal His body away. We're left in limbo, but as morning breaks and the day begins there is confusion – the tomb is empty. How could that be? Our Lord was only placed there two days ago.

The **good news spreads** – Jesus has risen, Jesus has been resurrected; Jesus has come again and death has been beaten.

And that is the key – it's Good News. The word Gospel means good news, and **Jesus' command is that we spread and share that good news**. The good news came at Christmas in the Word made flesh, but then the Word died that we might be forgiven; taking the sin of the world upon His shoulders and then His life taken, - only to beat death so that we may have true life, eternally.

The Word – Jesus is the Word, the truth, the light and the life. Why not take time this Lent, whatever it is you may be doing – and make time each day to delve into the word of the Bible and read the Gospels of Jesus life, and take the Word into your heart as you wait for our risen Lord.

Yours in Christ Jesus Mike

PRAYER FOR APRIL

Lord, as spring is awakening in our fields and forests, along our paths and in our gardens, as new life starts to sprout, we prepare for the darkness, the violence and the death that assaults us in the Easter story. The contrast is stark Lord, but with death comes new life :a risen life. Lord, we pray for your word to move us this Lent – to move us into action to really know your word in our heart that we might burst to share the Good News.

Lord we pray for all our sisters and brothers in Christ in our community, our fellow churches of all denominations – that we and they share in preparations, drawing our community toward the heart of our faith, found at the cross and gazing into an empty tomb.

Lord, strengthen us, those we love and all others, in all we do, and may it always be to Your honour and glory.

In Christ Jesus. Amen

Prayer Breakfast Rota

01 March - Emma Weaver
08 March - Ian Coltart
15 March - Ian Manning
22 March - Rachel Mylne
29 March - Catherine Hodgson

Events

Renita Boyle is an innovative Christian Storyteller who recently appeared at Deep Impact. She comes highly recommended and offers much more than just reading a story.

Renita is coming to Dunbar on **Friday 6th March**, spending time in the Primary School before leading a **Children's Event at 2:30 pm** in the Parish **Church Halls** - ALL are welcome with or without children.

The Youth Leaders Forum - **Friday evening 6th March at 7:30 pm** at Belhaven Church Hall. This event for any who have any interest in children/young people. We can promise an interesting and dynamic evening.



**SUNDAY
MARCH 8TH**

£2 = £4 can provide
100 tea saplings
£10 = £20 can provide
500 tea saplings

Smallholder farmers grow 70% of the world's food, but make up half of the world's hungriest people.

Traidcraft works with farmers providing training and support to help them work their way out of poverty.

On **Sunday March 8th** we, as a congregation, will have the opportunity to take part in Traidcraft's "Big Brew" for their Fair Necessities Appeal.

Money raised selling tea, coffee, juice and cakes after church

will be donated to this
Traidcraft initiative .



**Help families GROW more.
EARN more and EAT more**



TEEN PAGE

Christ said, "Let your light shine before men..." (Matthew 5:16).

In recent weeks we seem to have been bombarded with bad news, from the continued persecution of Christians in many areas of the world, including executions, violence and mass displacement, while at home Christian values continue to be eroded and the Christian faith is attacked by high profile atheist or humanist individuals and groups. We become increasingly aware of the bad news and can feel down or negative in the face of constant onslaught.

In amongst the noisy negativity however, we need to look out for the positive. It's often not as loud, or in your face, but it is there!

Here are some examples:

During a recent visit to Saudi Arabia, Prince Charles took the opportunity to express concerns regarding the treatment of Christians and other minority faith groups. This was not a popular view and he was criticised in the press, for "meddling" in politics, rather than being congratulated for raising issues and tackling injustice.

During the Six Nations rugby, over consecutive weekends, on primetime TV, Euan Murray was mentioned as, "due to his personal faith", he would not be playing rugby for Scotland as the game was on Sunday. There was no condemnation or judgement passed on this, Murray was not interviewed. He wasn't required to passionately defend his position or use compelling argument, he just did what he believes God wants him to do.

Following an interview from Stephen Fry, where he launched a stinging attack on God and Christianity, the Rev David Robertson (Solas Centre for Public Christianity) took to social media to address the points raised, in a loving, non-confrontational manner. (www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuhtv0iaGEY)

Sometimes we don't shout as loud as others when airing our beliefs and opinions and sometimes it seems that we are on the ropes, constantly taking a pummelling, however make sure you don't miss the positive moments, where people take a stand for Christ. This need not be in an overt, attention grabbing act of defiance or brilliant intellectual argument. The best example we can give is to live a life that glorifies and honours God. If we do this, we will bear fruit that will not go unnoticed to those we interact with.

Be bold, take the opportunities God gives you, to stand up for your faith, in a way which shows the love and forgiveness God has shown to us.

While the world at large finds it easy to criticise and question matters of theology and religion, it is far harder to criticise an individual who displays a loving, living faith.

Blessings *Derek*

JUNIOR CHURCH

Many thanks to Rhona Menzies who has recently stepped down from helping in our Bubbles group. She has been a great help for several years and the Bubbles team and pre-school children are missing her. If you feel able to fill the gap please speak to Jenny Manning and we can put you in on the rota, either an odd week here and there or on a more regular basis. It would be much appreciated.

Suzanne Burgess is having a break from the Splash group at the end of March as she prepares for the arrival of their new baby. Again, she has led the group for years and will be missed by all in the team and the children but we wish her well. We have leaders for this group but any extra helpers would be great!

As before, we are still short of a leader for our older group Xstream (primary 4-7). If you feel you'd like to be involved or would like more information please speak to Jenny.

Thank you for all your continued prayers and support.

Your Junior Church Team



The year has started well for the Basics Bank with food donations up by 14%. We have also had some amazing monetary donations from ASDA and EDF staff at Torness. With Spring in the air we have been doing some tidying and the stock room is now fully organised with the new shelving being fully utilised. We have even overflowed into the basement where we now store all our toiletries and nappies. It is quite humbling to see the shelves so well stocked through the generosity of all those who donate to the food bank! Thank you to all who give so willingly.

(Can I mention that now that we have sorted out our storage we do not need any more beans, soup or pasta for the time being.)



The Church of Scotland World Mission Council encourages us to 'connect' with the world. Choosing to buy fairly traded produce is one way to do this. 2015 is the 20th birthday of the Fairtrade Fortnight and many of us will now be familiar with the Fairtrade logo.

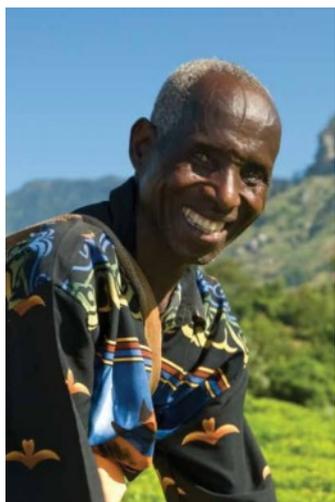
Fairtrade guarantees a better deal for producers and workers in developing countries, through fairer trading practices, stable pricing and improving working conditions. Fairtrade can make a difference and much more can be achieved if more producers are able to sell more on fairer terms. It is not just a way of doing business - it's a way of life. Fairtrade standards create a system that delivers positive change.

A *minimum price* is set; producers can negotiate the final price *above* the minimum, based on world market conditions and quality. The minimum price is calculated to cover the producer's average costs of sustainable production.

A *Fairtrade Premium* is paid to businesses/co-operatives in the scheme; they choose democratically how to invest this additional money for the mutual benefit of their business, environment and community (be that training in good agricultural practices, building schools, controlling pests and diseases to enhance crop yield, or improving access to health care). The premium is invested to develop, strengthen and future-proof business, securing a more sustainable livelihood. 54% of the premium has been used directly to meet the needs of the community in education, housing and healthcare projects.

Fairtrade Finance makes short-term loans available to producers who don't have a year-round crop, so they can buy what they need when they need it to sustain the business through quieter periods. *Fairtrade International* gives producers access to funds enabling them to improve and invest in the business over a longer term.

Fairtrade Standards also require small scale farmers to come together in an organised, transparent way, usually through co-operatives. These groups have a stronger voice, are in better negotiating positions and generate respect, trust and honesty within the community . Also through these Standards, workers have greater protection and health and safety is considered important. There are also standards to protect the environment and promote good agricultural practice.



Tea farmer Fyson Tchale is 79; he started growing tea in 1964. 11 years ago he joined Sukambizi Association Trust (SAT), a co-operative with more than 8,000 smallholder farmers in the Mount Mulanje area of south Malawi. Here exported tea provides up to 70% of a smallholder's income, other produce (maize, cassava, pineapples, bananas) is grown for household consumption and sale locally.

Being part of the Fairtrade Foundation has enabled Fyson to have access to safe drinking water from a community tap, instead of water from unprotected wells. He now wishes to see piped water in every household in his village. And for himself? 'A water tap in my house'. His grandchildren also now have a school and desks - paid for by the Fairtrade Premium.

We can support these initiatives by being more thoughtful as we shop. Choose to buy fairly traded products. Look out for the Fairtrade symbol, not just on tea, coffee, cocoa and bananas, but also chocolate, sugar and wine, roses, cotton and rubber gloves. Consider buying from traidcraftshop.co.uk where groceries, household goods, clothing and jewellery are all available fairly traded. Delivery is free on orders over £50.



Magazine Input :

Please send your items in by **Tuesday 24th March** or if you would like a regular E_Magazine

Tel: 862903 Denise or email: dmbrunton@gmail.com

Weekly Notices :

Contact Denise as above

Hall Bookings

Please Contact: Sonya Young she keeps the master diary and updates the hall one. email bhraggie@tiscali.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



Pastoral Notes

We have recently offered God's loving compassion to the families of those listed below, whom we remember in our prayers

John (Jock) Johnstone

Alice (Ace) Page

Elizabeth (Betty) Lockhart

Margaret Taylor

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.

My 1st Book of questions and answers!

Section 2 - Creation

31. Were Adam and Eve good when God made them?

Answer: Yes, very good. All that God made was good..

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning - the sixth day.

Read: Genesis 1:31

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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 Guild meets on 24th February
2:30 pm in the Halls. RNIB with
Ken Field - **NOTE: Afternoon
meeting**

RVS with Alice Hall 10th March in
the Halls at 7:30 pm

GUILD SPRING

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 15th March

10-12 noon in the Halls



Article Series 6 (part 8) - Fellowship is DEEPER Friendship

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 Our responsibility to one another
Are you a positive or negative person? Do you see the good in others, or their faults in the first instance? Do you bring harmony or destroy it? Working in any group brings responsibilities for the greater good rather than our own whims or desires. In Thessalonica, Paul was letting the Christians know that “**living at peace with one another**” is very important v13. But knowing the rule is not enough; it needs to be put into action. Carrying grudges or bitterness is never helpful. So if we can reconcile with anyone, then we must make every reasonable effort to do so!

In our Church we have elders and leaders. v12 Speaks of people who “**are over you in the LORD**”. These folk have responsibility for your spiritual well-being, however, in addition as Christians we all have responsibility for ourselves and for others.

v14,15 offers sound advice. Things like revenge are wrong, always, be kind. Do you see this in action in our Church? Do you do these kind of things? Many, if not all Churches, have *members* who no longer attend due to some issue that they will not forgive and forget about. We are not called to avoid difficult issues, but taking risk with faith and good intention is the right thing to do. When we are honest, even when we make mistakes, folk can discover we never intended to cause hurt or harm.

“Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances” what does that look like?v16-18 We can be like this if our lives produce *the fruits of the Spirit*(Galatians 5:22,23) So when people lack these fruits and do not take their lead from God’s word that conflicts arise. We all need to nurture these fruits! It is God’s will for us all!

v19-22 teaches us more about the Holy Spirit. It’s easy to put a dampener on good things. It only takes one harsh word or bad deed. Imagine we quench God’s Spirit from the amazing wonders He is capable of doing? Are we like this? Have we decided certain things are the boundaries we will accept, or are we honestly taking our lead from God’s word of truth and His Spirit which is in full agreement with God’s word?

I believe it is possible to be sure of God’s will and to know what He wants, however, I have never seen God’s will undermining His word. Though I have seen many people suggest otherwise by their words and actions. So I pray for all of you Paul’s words in v23; May God sanctify YOU thoroughly and may YOUR whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless. May our witness and service be one where we greet one another with a **holy kiss** v26 in order that the genuine affection is so evident that it wins over doubters or opponents for Christ... Why not re-read this?

Accountable to you and to God Gordon.

DATE	SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS	FLOWERS in CHURCH	CLEANING ROTA (U) = upstairs (D) = downstairs
March 1	March Will Collin Moira Anthony Lindsay Barley Rob Barley Val Collin Christine Idle Jonathan Idle Elsie Johnston Moyra Wright	March Convener: Anne Creedican VACANT	March 2 Laura Punler & Laura Girvan (U) Ian & Jenny Manning (D)
8		VACANT	9 Liz Thompson & Moyra Wright (U) Sandy & Ian Darling (D)
15		Mrs M Affleck	16 Anne Creedican (U) Jenny & Jason Kay (D)
22		Mrs M Low	23 Gordon & Gail Stevenson (U) Jonathan & Christine Idle (D)
29		Mrs S McKenzie	30 Val & Will Collin (U) Margaret & Derek MacDonald (D)
April 5	April <i>Ian Manning</i> Denise Brunton Margaret Croft Ian Hastie Lena Glass May Low Lorna McLeod Derek MacDonald Margaret MacDonald	April Convenor: Kath Ellis Mrs K Ellis	April 6 Lorna McLeod & Margaret Croft (U) Margaret & Ian Coltart (D)
12		VACANT	13 Ian & Morag Hastie (U) Fiona Fleming & Barbara Leslie (D)
19		Mrs E Johnston	20 Lorraine & Steve Gilchrist (U) Laura Punler & Laura Girvan (D)
26		Mrs M Wright	27 Ian & Jenny Manning (U) Liz Thompson & Moyra Wright (D)

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

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.

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

Fellowship and REAL Friendship

Keep close **company** with the soundest Christians who have the most experience of Christ and learn from them. *J. Bunyan*

Fellowship with Christians is for the sake of **fellowship** with God. *J. I. Packer*

In the early Church **koinonia** was not the frilly '**fellowship**' of church-sponsored bi-weekly outings. It was not the tea, biscuits or small talk in the Hall 'after the service'. It was an **unconditional sharing of their lives with the other members** of Christ's body. *Ronald J. Sider*

Christians may not see eye to eye, but they can walk **arm in arm**. For real **friends** warm you by their presence, trust you with their secrets and remember you often in their prayers.

Anon.

Real **friends** are those who speak the truth in love *O Guinness*
Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness *W.A. Ward*

Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief. *Anon*

JOB VACANCIES - Are we really praying/hearing?

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

1. Junior Youth Work Director
2. Little fishes Leaders (2)
3. Media/Sound Team & Photographer
4. Musicians and Vocalists
5. Church lead Artist
6. Mission Director - **NEW**
7. Cleaners for the Church (4)
8. Prayer warriors
9. Readers / Prayer leaders
10. Support Leaders
11. Film night team
12. Various other groups
Would welcome extra committed personnel.
13. Tea/Coffee rota ·

PRAY that these roles will be filled to grow Christ's Church

Plans : Coming Soon

- **Storyteller** 6th March. 14:30 in the Halls: and 19:30 at the Youth Leaders Forum in Belhaven Halls
- **Kirk Session & Board Meeting** 9th March. Approve accounts 7:30 in Eden Room
- **Annual Stated Meeting** 22nd March.
- **Bring and share lunch** Sunday - 22nd March - straight after the service
- **Accord** - 25th March 19:30 Cake/drinks & other nourishments! All welcome!
- **Earth Hour FILM night** Sat 28th 19:20 switch off at home and come to the Eden room.
- **Palm Sunday Procession**
- **Holy Week Services**

Bible Book Club

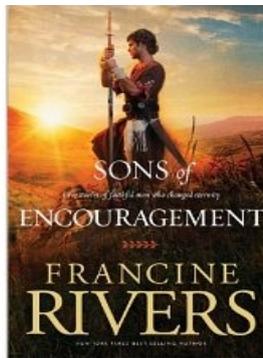
1st Thursday in the month.
Next meeting is on
5th March at 7:30 p.m.
Meetings will be held at
various venues.

CONTINUING A NEW BOOK:

Sons of Encouragement by Francine Rivers
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Together we explore the lives of 5 Biblical men who stood behind our faith heroes and quietly changed eternity: Aaron, Caleb, Jonathan, Amos & Silas who 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 your Sunday morning with a nice breakfast, coffee or tea, in good company. 9:30 in the Eden room. We chat over breakfast and then have a short time of reflection and prayer to get us ready for worship at 11:00.

No need to worried you can just sit back and listen or join in. If you are able to help in leading or catering on either on 01368 459082 / 07980 492299 (Mike) or email: mike28atdpc@gmail.com 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
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Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m.

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See Calendar for dates

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
Psalm 84:10

Dunbar Parish Calendar March 2015

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 33:1-23 The Glory of the LORD	Church
	2-5	Services at Care Homes	various
	18:30	Arise Gathering - Habakkuk 1:1-4 Huge Suffering	Church
2	10:00	Glebe Development Team meeting	121 Edinburgh
3	13:00	Primary School Assembly	John Muir Campus
4	13:15	S.U. Topic: Suffering	Grammar
	19:30	Home Group	Manning's & Idle's
5	19:30	Bible Book Club - Aaron	Ask Emma/Lorna
6	14:30	Storyteller event	Church Hall
	19:30	Youth Leaders Forum	Belhaven Ch Hall
8	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 34:1-16 : Knowing OUR God	Church
	18:30	Delta	Church Halls
9	19:30	Kirk Session & Board Meeting	Eden Room
10	18:00	Presbytery Parish Review Team meeting	Gorebridge
11	19:30	Home Groups	Manning's
13	09:00	Primary Assembly	Lochend Campus
	19:00	Young Peoples' Home Group	Veitch's
15	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 34:17:35 : God's people, are we?	Church
	18:30	Evening Service led by Delta	Church
18	13:15	S.U. Topic: The Easter Cross	Grammar
	19:30	Home Groups	Manning's & Idle's
22	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 35:1-29 : Put God's word into action Annual Stated Meeting after the Service (bring and share lunch)	Church
	18:30	Delta	Church Halls
23-25		Minister at 5-year ministry conference	Coatbridge
25	19:30	Accord	Eden Room
26	12 - 2pm	Ploughmans' Lunch	Church Halls
27	19:00	Young Peoples' Home Group	Hodgson's
28	19:20	EARTH HOUR film night (come on join us and save the planet)	Eden Room
29	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Psalm 118:1-2 & Philippians 2:5-11 : Palm Passion	Church
	14:20	Palm Sunday Procession starting in Dunbar Parish Church	
30 Mar- 3 April		Holy Week Services	
31		Easter Decoded	Church/Hall