

Dunbar Parish Calendar September 2014

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	19:30	Congregational Board Meeting	Eden Room
3	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
	19:30	Accord Exodus Part 2 read through	Eden Room
4	19:00	DCT meeting	Methodist Church
5	19:30	Bible Book Club	Various
5- 7	20:00	Church Youth Weekend at Glenshee	Compass Centre
6	14:00	Wedding: Amie McLauchlan & Greg Richardson	Church
7	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Psalm 42:1-11 - Thirsty Satisfied	Church
10	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
	19:30	Wednesday Home Group	Mannings
11	19:00	Presbytery Committees	Ormiston
13	14:00	Film Night	Eden Room
14	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 20:1-11 - 10 Laws, part 1	Church
	18:00	Service Arise - 1st Samuel 28:1-24 The Witch of Endor	Church
16	09:45	Primary Assembly	Old Campus
	19:00	Alpha Introduction week	Church
17	13:10	S.U.	Grammar
	19:30	Wednesday Home Group	Mannings/Idles
18	17:30	Fresh Encounters wk 5 Adulterous love:a poor alternative	Eden Room
19	09:00	Primary Assembly	New Campus
20	17:30	The Harvest Hop - Food, Fun and Frolics	Church Hall
21	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 20:12-26 - 10 Laws, part 2	Church
	18:00	Delta	Church hall
	20:00	Lammermuir Festival Handel's Pastoral Acis and Galatea	Church
22	10:30	Presbytery Prayer Meeting	Haddington
	19:30	Alpha weekend planning	Martyn's
23	19:00	Alpha week 1	Church
25	19:00	Presbytery Meeting	Roslin
	12 to 2	Ploughman's Lunch	Church Hall
28	09:30	Prayer Breakfast	Eden Room
	11:00	Service - Exodus 21:1-36 - 10 Justice Matters	Church
	18:00	Service Open Door - Nuggets Galatians 5:22-26	Church Hall
22	19:30	PWAMM Arrive	
24	19:30	Accord	Eden Room
29 to 3	08:30	Grammar school RMPS Classes	Grammar
29 to 3	6-7:30	Mission Activities	Hall & Bus

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BREAD OF LIFE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 NIV

Sunday & Special SERVICES during September		READERS IN September	PRAYERS IN September
7th	11:00	Psalm 42:1-11 - Thirsty Satisfied	Barbara Leslie Rachel Mylne
14th	11:00 18:00	Exodus 20:1-11 - 10 Laws, part 1 Arise -1st Samuel 28:1-24 The Witch of Endor	May Low Rob Barley
21st	19:30	Exodus 20:12-26 - 10 Laws, part 2	Margaret MacDonald Michael Veitch
28th	11:00 18:00	Exodus 21:1-36 - 10 Justice Matters Open Door - Nuggets Galatians 5:22-26	Douglas McClintick Ian Coltart

Ministers Letter September 2014 - On a Mission

As I write, the week of joint mission in Dunbar is about to begin. A big team from all the Churches means that resources for all the tasks are readily available, and enthusiasm is high.

The one thing that almost all Churches agree on today is that we need to be involved in **Mission**. The gospel is not something to keep behind closed doors. Though the culture out there is often negative about Christianity, and ignorant about it, it is the best news that everyone needs to hear in this life, in order to gain that precious prize which a future in heaven offers.

Our Church will be **engaging** in other ways also in the coming months.

From the 29th September onwards there will be **our Challenger Mission** with PWAMM, going into the schools, holding youth work and the All - age events in the evenings. These are greatly appreciated by all those who attend. All - age or family events are for EVERYONE!

The **Alpha** course is renowned for letting folk tell us what they believe and why, and for asking all their questions about spiritual matters; we will kick off our **Alpha** on Tuesday the 16th September. It is something that is both enjoyable and truly worthwhile. Why not let friends and neighbours know about it? Free food, laughs and good company, as well as the chance to share views and **make awesome discoveries**.

On the 9th October we have managed to secure a booking for the **Riding Lights Drama Team on their UK tour**. They are professional, funny, clever, and better than any of the fringe shows on offer. Once again there is a desire to invite others along. Your Church needs your support and we hope for a large crowd to fill our fabulous venue.

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14

There is no invocation without faith, no faith without hearing, no hearing without a messenger, no messengers without one who sends, and our Christian faith, has **the finest sender imaginable**.

May we play our part in allowing others to find living faith in Him

Your messenger in His service **Gordon**

Plans : Coming Soon

- **Congregational Board** - meeting 1st September at 7:30 pm Eden
- **Accord** - meets on 3rd September at 7:30pm Exodus part 2. Cake/drinks & other nourishments! All welcome!
- **Film show** Saturday 13th September at 7pm Larry Crowne - Tom Hanks/Julia Roberts cert.12
- **The Harvest Hop** Saturday 20th September 5:30 pm Our social night for Church folk, friends and neighbours - sign up ASAP.
- **PWAMM Mission** Starts on 29th September events for everyone.
- **Riding Lights** Fantastic Acts 9th October 7:30 in the Church.



Bible Book Club...

First Thursday in the month.

Next meeting is on
**4th September 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 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

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.

THANK YOU...

To all who kept the Church moving over the summer. A huge thanks to those who brought God's word as well as to those who did all the other things which are important to the Church.

Evangelism, Mission and Outreach with the GOSPEL

The **gospel** does not fall from the clouds like rain, by accident, but is brought by the hands, and voices of those called by God to where he sends them. *John Calvin (adapted)*

Evangelism is still **God's Word** for this hour. *Alan Walker*

Evangelism is the redistribution of spiritual wealth. *John Blanchard*

Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread. (But the stuff that feeds us for eternity) *D.T. Miles*

The Church is not a yachting club, but a fleet of **fishing** boats.
Anon

Sinners, every one of us, need to be caught and captivated with the true and full **gospel**. Not by platitudes or half truths, nor by idle hope based on human wisdom, or feel good cultural propaganda that appeals to our current values. So how can we help others if we don't investigate the evidence adequately and discover the deep spiritual insight which God offers to everyone who truly seeks Him and believes in Him and His WORD? *G. Stevenson*

The medicine of the **gospel** has been prescribed by the Good Physician; we may not dilute it nor add ingredients to make it more palatable; we must serve it neat. *John R. W. Stott*

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



“Continue to remember ... those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” Hebrews 13:3

As the situation in the Middle East continues to dominate the media headlines, I felt it appropriate to encourage you to pray. I struggle to find words to respond in the face of such horror, but remember Paul's words in Romans: 'We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.' (Romans 8:26).

We can give financially to the humanitarian relief effort, but prayer is a very powerful weapon. In the last two months a staggering 850,000 people have fled their homes in terror as Islamic State (IS) fighters have swept across the north of Iraq. An estimated 10,000 people have lost their lives, most of whom are civilians. Religious and ethnic minority groups, such as Yazidis, Christians and Turkmen, have been particularly targeted, and many have been subjected to unspeakable brutalities. It's estimated that a quarter of Iraq's Christians have now fled, threatened by IS with fines, forced conversion or death. These displaced people are in desperate need of shelter, food, water and medical care, and symbolise the plight of so many more innocent victims.

In response to the current crisis and increased conflict in Iraq, Gaza and across the Middle East, a Tearfund staff member in Jordan has written this prayer to help you pray for this situation.

Father of all mercies, we pray for the families who have fled their homes in fear. We lift up the families who have escaped, leaving behind all that they possess. Their country has changed, their lives will never be the

same and they are afraid of the future.

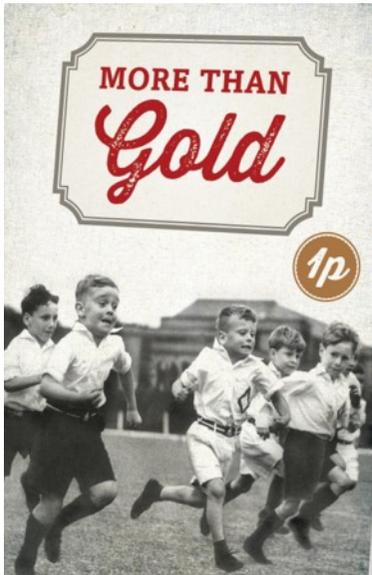
Lord, you are the God who heals. Please bring your comfort and healing to those who are hurting.

We lift up the communities who have taken in refugees and displaced people, even though they may be struggling themselves. We thank you for their generosity and compassion towards those in distress.

Lord, you are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need.

Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East. We pray for leaders in Iraq, Syria, Gaza and throughout the region and ask you to turn their hearts towards peace. As our leaders and those around the world consider how to respond, please grant them wisdom and insight.

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed, and ask you to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East.



More than Gold - did it drop on your door mat over the summer? Some inspirational stories from the world of athletics along with Luke's gospel account of the life of Jesus.... it's worth reading. And thanks to a big team of volunteer distributors this 'penny gospel' went through the letter boxes of 3,000 homes across our parish, to link with the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

This was no mean task and sincere thanks to ALL who took up the challenge of reaching every home. Some delivered a few, others hundreds, but thanks to everyone who participated.

We may not see the fruits of this labour in our time, though we might, but God plants, waters and harvests; we just need to do our bit as we are able.

Mike and Helen

A few spare copies are available in the Narthex - please feel free to take one to give away or to read yourself.

DATE	SUNDAY DUTY TEAMS	FLOWERS in CHURCH	CLEANING ROTA (U) = upstairs (D) = downstairs
			September 1 Val & Will Collin (U) Margaret & Derek MacDonald (D)
September 7	September Sandy Mitchell Moira Anthony Val Collin Will Collin Jenni Conolly Richard Conolly Elsie Johnston Moyra Wright	September Convener: Gail Stevenson Mr J McNie	8 Lorna Mcleod & Margaret Croft (U) Margaret & Derek MacDonald (D)
14		Mrs C M Smith	15 Ian & Morag Hastie (U) Fiona Fleming & Barbara Leslie(D)
21		Mrs I Johnston	22 Lorraine & Steve Gilchrist (U) Laura Pulner & Laura Girvan (D)
28		Vacant	29 Ian & Jenny Manning(U) Liz Thompson & Moyra Wright(D)
October 5	October Ian Hastie Denise Brunton Margaret Croft May Low Lena Glass Lorna McLeod Derek MacDonald Margaret MacDonald Ian Manning	October Convener: Moira Anthony Mrs E Cumming	October 6
12		Mrs J Paterson	13
19		Mrs L Glass	20
26		Vacant	27

There are lots of *Flower Rota Vacancies* in 2014 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 **September Low** or the Flower Convener for that month to help you **organise this**.

Please pray for all other Church activities and our community!

Article Series 6 (part 2) - Hostility Towards the Gospel?

Read Acts 17:1-15 The Church in Thessalonica is threatened

After June's introduction to this series, we begin in Acts as it is a fitting place to set the scene in Thessalonica, where our series 6 is based.

Do you fight for the underdog? Would you speak out against a crowd who plan to stone you for your faith in Jesus Christ? The man we meet here Jason, along with Paul, Silas and others, face that threat for their faith in Christ Jesus. It is so apparent to real Christians that our current society and the establishment in the UK are attacking Christianity today. So real Christians should be able to identify with Jason and the others in Thessalonica of that time.

Do you defend your beliefs or just let others share theirs? v5-7 There seems to be issues of jealousy from Jews towards Paul; why do you think this is? v4,5 Are the accusations fair? What is the real issue? Are the Christians inciting riots or is the sin of jealousy the true problem? Explaining our terms is vital for comprehension. So how can we help others to react better to living faith? Think of Jason, a convert of only 3 weeks, as he speaks up for himself, others and the gospel - if it were you, how would you feel and what might you say?

In v11,12 another group, the Boreans, who are described as "having a noble character", have an interesting reaction to the gospel as it is being preached, and **as they weigh it up**. They have **an open mind** and the willingness to actually **investigate the evidence** in order that they can form a balanced view before they make any decisions how to react.

In v13 the *Thessalonian religious pact* show their true colours once more. How **open minded** are they? How foolish is it to be stuck in a worldly cultured mindset? All Church denominations contain some people who are drawn into the latest cultural whims, and agitate those who actually are spreading the real Christian gospel? It is no wonder that so many people do not understand the real gospel, when it is put down and substituted by ideas which are not scriptural, unchristian and offensive to God.

So what might Paul say to those facing this assault, then or today? The great thing about Scripture is that it is so relevant both then and now. All we have to do is listen, study and obey it, and along with many others believe. (See v12 where prominent intellectual folk weigh it up and discover it to deliver what it promises)

So what can this passage do for us? Maybe we need to **start some further investigation of the evidence on offer** in order that we too can **weigh it up**. **Maybe we can find courage to stand up and speak out against the secular culture within and out-with the Church in our generation**. Maybe we will **see the importance of getting the gospel out to everyone and pass out invitations to our neighbours** to attend the many diverse opportunities for hearing the gospel that our Church locally offers?

The gospel is still every bit as relevant today. It still dramatically changes the lives of all who hear it and believe it. But too many, with closed minds, sucked in by the latest cultural myths and human based values live as though it has little relevance to them, and they therefore cannot properly decide as they cannot **weigh up** all the evidence. So our task is to share the evidence and let folk decide for themselves - What will you do about it?

Standing upon a sure and certain hope

Gordon

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God is Omnipotent

Omnipotence is having unlimited power or authority. Where is scriptural evidence of this for God? Well, God is referred to as 'Almighty' a total of 58 times in the holy Bible. The link between omnipotence and almighty is the Greek, *pantokrator* which means 'all-ruling' and is translated as either omnipotent or almighty.

Revelation 19:6 says ⁶"I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunder, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God **omnipotent** reigns KJV

The NIV translates it thus, ⁶ *Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God **Almighty** reigns.*

In either version, it is clear that it speaks of an all powerful and 'all-ruling' God.

So as we declare God Almighty, we acknowledge His control, His absolute legitimate authority and rule over all creation; including ourselves. And by our acknowledgement of Scripture as the guiding Word of God's authority, we must accept that He has all authority to do as He pleases. Isaiah 46:10-11 states ¹⁰ *I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'* ¹¹ *From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfil my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.*

So if we accept the Biblical definition of Almighty, (that God has authority and will do what He plans), then we must accept no other as God, and we can rightly call Him omnipotent. Jesus himself said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26). So God can do anything – *well not quite*.

The Bible also says that He cannot lie (Titus 1:2) nor deny himself (2 Timothy 2:13). God is unable/unwilling to act in opposition to His nature but this does not mean He is anything other than omnipotent. Scripture's repeated reference to the Almighty God is evidence enough of his unending, all pervasive power – God is omnipotent.

However, that is not the end of the story – if it was, then all humanity would recognise God's authority, but unfortunately it doesn't. Why – not because of God but because of our stubbornness – we are asked into a relationship with the Father, LORD God, which is made possible by the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. The absolute power and authority of God are manifest in the Trinitarian nature of God. However, that relationship is broken by sin and many today do not come into the relationship with God, either through ignorance; or through active denial of God's call; or because of the influence of Satan, and instead opt for a human centred life. God is omnipotent, but he gives us free will to choose His call on us. If we opt to accept His son, Jesus Christ as our guide, our Saviour and redeemer and in the power of the Spirit, we can all be welcomed by Almighty God.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
Ephesians 6:10-18a

Prayer for September

Dear Lord, Father and creator of all. We praise you for the sacrifice of your Son. For his rising and ascending that we might be able to have a relationship with you. We praise you for the power of the Holy Spirit, guiding and working in our lives and in the world.

We pray for the our young folk as they have begun a new school year – we pray that they are open to you Lord; that their hearts are not cold and stony but warm and welcoming. We pray for the forthcoming mission from PWAMM as they visit Dunbar at the end of the month. Lord, let them connect with the young folk and all others they meet, that each person may come to know you, personally, and commit to your service gladly receiving your loving grace.

Lord, Father, omnipotent God, we pray for our country this month, that there is reflection, compassion and reconciliation on and beyond the 19th September. We pray this proud nation, strives forward into the future, as a country with the with love of You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in all our hearts, and that we may serve our communities in Your name. May our free will be turned to You, in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer Breakfast Rota

07 September - Gordon
14 September - Ian Coltart
21 September - Ian Manning
28 September - Catherine

My 1st Book of questions and answers!

Section 2 - Creation

26. What did God make Adam from?

Answer: The dust of the ground

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.

Read: *Genesis 2:7*

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Your Child

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with
encouragement,
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance
and friendship
He learns to find love in

the world.

As I've Matured...

I've learned that one good
turn gets most of the
blankets.

I've learned that it takes
years to build up trust, and
it only takes suspicion, not
proof, to destroy it.

I've learned that you
shouldn't compare yourself
to others - they are more
screwed up than you think.

I've learned that age is a
very high price to pay for
maturity.

I've learned that artificial
intelligence is no match for
natural stupidity.

I've learned that there is a
fine line between genius
and insanity.

PLEASE NOTE:

The **October 2014 Magazine** will be available on **28 September**. Any articles, celebrations (births, special birthdays or special anniversaries etc) or any other information regarding organisations etc., to be with Denise by

Tuesday 23 September

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

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WEEKLY INTIMATIONS
Please note for 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 Notes

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

Bill MacKenzie

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.WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Have you seen the programme. Who Do You Think You Are? It's where celebrities are taken back through their genealogies, finding out where they came from and what their forefathers did. There are usually some surprises along the way and a few dark secrets are revealed. Ultimately, the celebrity finds out about their own background and their family name.

So what does name mean? The dictionary gives it as The word or words that a person, thing or place is known by or the reputation that someone or something has – your name! Have you ever found out what your name means? Some can be deeply profound; others have no meaning whatsoever, other than to identify you as a member of a certain family. Some of us are named after others as a tribute to them and to prolong a family name, other names are invented because they sound nice. Some are named after the family profession, a place or a colour.

Celebrities often use a pseudonym, either to protect their own identity or to add some element of mystery or portray a certain persona.

Just ask Sean Combs(Puff Daddy) (P Diddy), Adam Wiles (Calvin Harris), Shaun Carter (Jay Z), Farrokh Bulsara (Freddy Mercury), or Stefani Germmotta (Lady Ga Ga)!

Throughout the Bible we see God being referred to in numerous ways. So what about Jesus? What does "Jesus" mean? How did he receive that name? Did Joseph and Mary choose it because they liked the sound of it? Was it the name of a relative or family member? Why was Jesus named "Jesus"?

In Matthew 1 we find that Mary was discovered to be pregnant during her engagement to Joseph. Joseph, not wanting to embarrass this young woman he loved, was considering how to best handle the difficult situation.

"But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins'"

Jesus whole being and purpose was summed up in his name, God who is able to forgive sin, who came to earth and died for us, that we can be saved! This was no name chosen at random, no family tradition, no new fashion or fad but a profound description of God's purpose!

When you read your Bible this month, meditate on the different titles you come across for Jesus.

Here's some to start off with:

Jesus, the Son of God – Matthew 26:63 – 64

Jesus, the Son of Man – Matthew 25:31-32

Jesus, the Good Shepherd – John 10:14-16

Jesus, the Christ – John :11-27

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 7.30pm.

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

Riding Lights Theatre

Company Presents

Fantastic Acts

7:30 pm 9th October tickets £10
More details to follow on Sunday's

Farewell to Lee Ballentine (for now)

We bid farewell to Lee who joined with us for the past year, as he returns to complete his studies, get married and discover where God is calling him next.

We strongly suspect God is calling another preacher into the world. We ask God's richest blessings upon Lee and Zoe and will remember them in our prayers with much affection.

Thank you!

Got questions
about life?



THE ALPHA COURSE will start on 16th September and run on Tuesday evenings from 7 pm to 9.30 pm until December. There will be a break for half term. If you'd like to come or maybe invite a family member or friend to join you, please let us know in advance. You can find out more details and use the church web

site <http://www.dunbarparishchurch.org/alpha-course.html> to register by e-mail. Alternatively speak to Martyn Cox.

Attending the course may change you.....for ever.....

Alpha is the best known and most effective course to introduce people to Christianity. It is something that folk within and out-with our Church can truly benefit from! Many Atheists, Agnostics and Searchers find answers through it. 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**

You Say...

God Says...



You Say

God Says

Bible Verses

I can't figure it out	I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired	I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible	All things are possible	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me	I love you	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself	I forgive you	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it	It will be worth it	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough	I will give you wisdom	1 Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able	I am able	2 Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on	My grace is sufficient	2 Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it	You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage	I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:13
I'm afraid	I have not given you fear	2 Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone	I will never leave you	Hebrews 13:5



Basics Bank Update

In August the Basics Bank celebrated it's Demiversary (6 month Anniversary) at it's new location in the Parish Hall. Many milestones have been reached with over 4 metric tonnes of food donated and over 1000 meals given out. On our busiest week we fed 11 Adults, 11 Children and 2 Babies. Our two food drives raised 1.25 metric tonnes. It has been wonderful to see the support this project is gaining and the impact it is making in our local community. One of my favourite quotes from a client, who was explaining what the Basics Bank was like to a social worker, "if you want to cry someone will cry with you, if you want to talk someone is there to talk to, in fact it's just like family." Touching the lives of people is such a privilege and we have met many wonderful people. We were even able to encourage one client to enrol in a residential course with Teen Challenge and it has been humbling to see their progress. If you would like to see the worthwhile work they do check out <http://teenchallenge.org.uk>

All this is only possible due to the generous giving and prayer support of many and we are truly grateful for this. Currently we have 38 Basics Bank Buddies who are regularly kept up to date with weekly news and updated shopping lists. If you would like to be added to the email list please drop a email to basicsbankbuddy@gmail.com

If you would like to know more about the Basics Bank check out the church website <http://www.dunbarparishchurch.org/basics-bank.html>

All Items **emboldened** are **low in stock**

- **Reduced sugar items**
- **Coffee**
- **Tinned macaroni cheese**
- Tinned Mince
- Tinned Haggis
- **Tinned Chicken in white sauce**
- **Tinned Pies**
- Tinned Ham
- **Tinned Mixed Veg**
- Long-life Milk

- Tinned Chicken Curry
- Tinned Chilli Con Carne
- Size 1 and 2 nappies
- Tinned Chicken in white sauce
- Tinned Rice
- Tinned Custard
- Toothbrushes
- Washing Powder (smaller packs/bottles are best)



Go Conference - S4 to S6 pupils - for those ready to make a difference in their school, community and church. This year by exploring the character of Moses, **learn how you can be moulded and shaped by God and not by your culture.** Being distinctively Christian is a challenge. The speaker is Dougie Simpson, the Young People's Pastor at Deeside Christian Fellowship in Aberdeen.

For more details, speak to Helen Cox

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

THE GUILD'S first meeting will be held on the 7th October with the Dedication Service at 2:30 pm in the Halls.

New Members most welcome!

For ALL Hall Bookings Please Contact Sonya Young (Hall Clerk) who keeps the master diary and updates the hall one.
email bhraggie@tiscali.co.uk
Telephone: 01368 863285

Junior Church/ Search.word

Welcome back to everyone after the holidays. Summer Sunday School has been good fun for our own children and various holiday makers learning about Joseph. We finished the summer sessions by watching the Joseph Musical DVD - a first for the children who all enjoyed it (I had to stop myself singing my way through it!). As a team we have had a bit of a shuffle round, thanks to Laura Veitch for her help as she now moves to help in search.word and thanks also to Gillian Treacy who has offered to help lead the Splash group. We are in need of more volunteers to help on our rotas as we go into another session. Please prayerfully consider if this is an area you would like to be involved.

Bubbles - this is our pre-school group meeting in the Harbour room. We would appreciate more helpers for this group. We always have 2 adults on each week - you could do a regular number of weeks or just help now and then, it's flexible and not a problem to swap around.

Splash - this is P1-P3, meeting in the Palm room. We currently have enough leaders for this group although it's always handy to have people on standby if needed.

XStream - We are in need of a leader for this group. This is for P4-P6 (age 7-10) in the Olive room, using Scripture Union material each week. Currently Karen Duff leads every other month and we are filling the gaps between us with thanks to Barbara Leslie who also helps us from time to time. Any help would be appreciated for these alternate months, whether it's 1 or 2 weeks or 3 or 4.

Search.word - This is our P7 - High School group which meets in the Eden room. This is currently led by Ian Manning, Craig Burgess and Laura Veitch. One person leads (material supplied) and one helps each week with the members staying in church on the last Sunday of each month. Another leader is required for this group as we have said goodbye to Lee who helped during the past year.

If you are able to help in any of these ways please speak to myself for Junior Church, Ian for Search.word or to Gordon.

Thanks for your continued prayers and support. *Jenny Manning*



PRAYING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

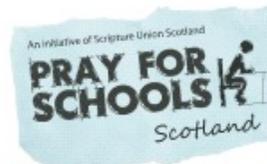
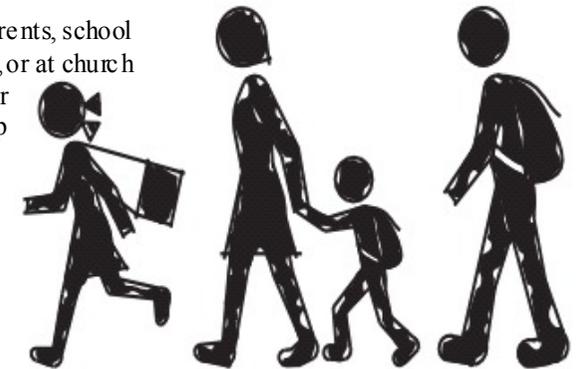
Join together in praying for our local schools

Pray for

- pupils, teachers, school staff who are known to you
- the whole school community: management, teachers, pupils,
- special events, exams, discipline, guidance, staffing, educational achievement
- chaplains, Christian pupils and staff, RME, Scripture Union groups.
- count God in on everything!

How to pray

- as an individual: pray every day for your children, grandchildren, neighbours children, church children
- pray with other parents, grandparents, school staff, pupils - at home, at school, or at church
- as a church: make schools prayer a regular part of your homegroup and team meetings
- as a chaplaincy team: support one another, pray informed prayer into the needs of your school community.



Thank God for opportunities to share Jesus in our school communities. Pray for boldness and grace in every situation.

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