



Newsletter

of Dalgety Parish Church

February 2020

Minister's Musings

We have a 'different' edition of WOW this time around – we are looking for someone to take on the role is magazine editor. Maybe that's you, maybe not.

At the end of March our treasurer Laura steps down after two years, doing our 'books', we are looking for our next treasurer . Maybe that's you, maybe not.

We are having worship training (prayer this time) for those interested. Maybe that's you, maybe not.

We have Lent Studies starting first week in March. All are invited to come along. Maybe that's you, maybe not.

God made the world in all its glory, and loves everything that has been made. That IS you! He sent Jesus, his Son, born in Bethlehem for everyone. THAT is you! Jesus came to show God's love to each and every person. That is YOU!

Jesus did not shy away from the cross. His love even then was more powerful than fear.

And he stayed the course for everyone. THAT is you! God raised Jesus from the dead to show His power of love is THE power above all powers, and yes – he did it so we could all know he never leaves us in this world, or the next. No-one is exempt, and so he did this for everyone. That is YOU!

The Holy Spirit is given to the world – and to each individual – yes, you are there before me this time! THAT IS YOU!

Whether or not you are treasurer, Session Clerk, retired, young, busy, or bored.....during Lent we particularly remember what Jesus brought to us, for us, from God. And as we learn we also learn to offer our gratitude and our love through worship, witness and service: then we reach Easter with hearts full, and faith deepened.

Christine

Bereavement Support Group

Held on the last Thursday of each month in Dalgety Parish Church.

Drop in whenever you wish between 10.00 am and 11.30 am for tea or coffee and a chat in a friendly and understanding atmosphere.

A quiet space is always available for one-to-one support with a members of the Pastoral Care Team if needed. You will be sure of a warm welcome.

Messy Church Dates 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

29th March 2020

31st May 2020

27th September 2020

29th November 2020



Changes!

The National Church now has two main 'forums' to help us in God's mission: Faith Nurture and Faith Impact. There is still much to be done to bring remits and vision together; please pray for those who work at 121 George Street, the Church of Scotland's Head Offices.

At Presbytery too there are changes afoot. General Assembly (GA) 2019 began the work of looking to make larger Presbyteries across Scotland. St Andrews, Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline Presbyteries have all agreed to follow a route that would bring into being The Presbytery of Fife. This proposal will go to GA in May 2020.

And of course the Special Commission of Presbytery has reported in February, and Presbytery agreed to ask groups of congregations to discuss a future with fewer buildings and fewer 'ministers'. The entire report will be made available very soon through the Presbytery and our own website, and in hard copy for those who would prefer that (please ask your Elder to put in your 'order').

For Dalgety Parish Church this means a conversation with 6 people from each of North Queensferry, Inverkeithing, Aberdour and ourselves: reducing buildings from 6 to 4, and Ministries from 3 to 2.5. A representative from The General Trustees will be on hand to help discussion about buildings, and someone from Place for Hope will lead the conversations which might at times be difficult.

In our own congregation Isobel Macfarlane has served 10 years as Session Clerk and with her two terms of office completing we have a new Session Clerk elect. Elma Doig, Convener of The Guild, will take over from Isobel, and we thank her for her willingness to serve. Please do support Elma and keep her in your prayers.

Isobel has been a wonderful Session Clerk. She has always been there to guide me through some difficult waters, calm me in some hairy times, and laugh with me in good times and not so good. Dalgety Parish Church owe Isobel a huge 'thank you' and although she might be thinking of sitting back in retirement I have a feeling that might not be the case!

Easter

Lent Study Groups meet on Tuesday afternoons, from 3rd March for 6 weeks 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm at the church; and on Thursday evenings from 5th March for 6 weeks at 7.30pm at 9 Dalmeny View. No previous experience required!

The Quiet Room will be open from 9.00 am till 7.00 pm Monday Friday during Lent (from Monday 2nd March)

Lent Reflection Area available during Holy Week Monday/Tuesday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Wednesday – Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, and again from 6.00 pm and time after our Evening Services. Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon.

Holy Week Services (6th – 10th April):

All at 7.00 pm

Monday: Aberdour: St Fillan's
Tuesday: North Queensferry Parish Church
Wednesday – Friday: Dalgety Parish Church

Easter Sunday:

8.00 am at The Peace Garden
10.30 am Family Service
7.00 pm quiet evening service with Communion



Church Family

Deceased:

Linda Morgan
Anne McNeil

New Members:

Jerry Walsh
Andreas Poniros
Mrs Aileen Paterson
Mrs Ann Pattison

Baptisms:

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Members Left:

Anne Yarney
Michael Yarney

You are invited to join with us to celebrate
the Sacrament of
Holy Communion
Sunday 8th March
10.30 am
All are welcome at the Lord's Table

2020 Harvest Appeal

This year the congregation voted to support Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society (EMMS) Green Pastures Project. This is to provide a palliative Care unit at the hospital in Pokhara, Nepal. Mary Robertson from EMMS spoke to us on Sunday 16th February about the work and explained the difference this would make to families.

Our harvest appeal will run throughout the year (till Harvest) and if you would like to donate monthly, or occasionally, or a one off gift that would be wonderful. More information will be available soon as to ways to do this - however we are, of course, happy to receive any donations, anytime. We will give updates throughout the year as to how the project is developing. I hope you feel able to help.

Christine.



Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast will meet on the following dates:

April 4th 2020

June 6th 2020

September 19th 2020

November 21st 2020

The Noise of Fellowship

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