



Newsletter

of Dalgety Parish Church

July 2020

Minister's Musings

It's nearly four months now since lockdown (for some longer) with signs of hope as the number of Covid-19 infections fall, but it has been a hard and sore time for many. Every death hits hard and when restrictions mean you can't be with family and friends; can't attend funeral services and are unable to share hugs or even handshakes, then no matter the cause of death, grief is even harder. It has been a time for some to have more time, others to be more stressed and as lockdown is eased it seems the stress is increasing. When Jesus said 'let not your heart be troubled' he didn't mean we would sail through life with no concerns because we have faith, but rather because we have faith we know we have someone with us with whom we can share those concerns. Lockdown can make us all feel sometimes that we are on our own, God assures us we are never alone.

Please know you are remembered, prayed for by me, by your Elder and held in the prayers of our church family.

This is our fourth printed communication to all our members and friends, some of whom have Facebook/YouTube, but many others of you don't. We have put in place two phone lines which anyone can call for around 1p per minute. The reflection is about 10 minutes long and the number to call is 0131 322 1341. At the start of each week you will find about 30 minutes of the Sunday Service, which Jude magically produces, on 031 357 6424. If you would like a CD of the Sunday Service please do ask. Jude is making the CDs and she or someone will deliver them/post them to you.

Live streaming of our Sunday Service on YouTube will continue and the

10.00 am Facebook reflections will be slimmed down (!) to Tuesdays and Fridays over the summer holidays.

We are not yet ready to re-open the church building. We have the basic permissions from government and The National Church of Scotland and we expect permission to open for worship to follow in the next phases.

However, to ensure your safety on return, we have a very long check list to sort, which Presbytery then has to approve and the Elders and others are working to get this in place.

So, we will continue to communicate regularly and we hope to be able to give you more details of when we are in a position to open and what we will require of you as we bring some worship into the real, rather than virtual world.

2019 Accounts

Our accounts for 2019 have been seen and approved by Kirk Session (our Trustees), by Presbytery, and have been sent in to OSCR. In summary:

Our income was £163,032

This includes offerings (£88,804), gift aid (£20,876) hall lets (£25,663) funerals, weddings, fundraising (£6667) and legacies (£8,000).

Our expenditure was £147,311

That includes our contribution to the central church for Ministry and Mission (£80,371), heating and lighting, property maintenance and repairs, stationery.

The full accounts are available for all our members to see, please get in touch if you would like a copy.

This year of course will be very different as you have just read.

Over the last three months, while we have been unable to have services in church, our income has been mainly dependent on those members of our congregation who give their offering regularly by Standing Order, with the addition of a few cheques from other members. When the COVID 19 situation emerged, the decision was taken NOT to ask you to consider how you give to the church, as we did not feel it appropriate to do so when the possibility of financial challenges could be very real for many people.

With no hall lets and no 'open plate/envelope' offerings we are running a monthly deficit of around £5,000, which we have been in the fortunate position to be able to cope with on a short term basis.

However we can't sustain this loss for much longer and, with no guarantee of when worship will be able to be held again in our building, we are asking that you consider making your offering by setting up a standing order payment through the bank: if and only if, you are in a position to do so. If you set up a standing order, you elect to make a regular monthly payment, for a specified amount, into the church account and this amount can be amended by you at any time. This will help us to have a clearer idea of our monthly income and to budget more effectively. You can also elect to make a one off payment into the account if you would prefer to do that.

For our bank details please contact Elma at this email address, finance@dalgety-church.co.uk or leave a message at the church office (824092), with your name and phone number and we will get back to you.

Alternatively, you can make a donation to the church through a Donate button that we have set up on the church website. Currently, this will take you to the National Church of Scotland website, where you will be led through the process to donate to Dalgety Parish Church either by Paypal or by debit/credit card.

If you would like to make a donation by cheque, you can send it to:

Mrs Elma Doig
15 Gorrie St
Dunfermline
KY11 4BA

Or

If you would prefer to make your offering by envelope, let us know and we can arrange for someone to collect them.

Due to the COVID 19 virus, it is going to be more difficult to deal with cash and we are looking at the possibility of having the facility of contactless card payments when we return to our building.

We will always accept money for the church! However we will always need **you** more than your money.



Deceased

Margaret Fairgrieve
Eunice McAllister
Myra Rodger
Joan Prescott

Members Left

Mr Richard & Mrs Sue Lloyd
Mrs Anne McGuffog
Mr Bill & Mrs Sheila Brown



At our last Kirk Session meeting Elma Doig stepped up as our next Session Clerk. Contact details below.

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A Wee Reflection

I am sure you all know the story of The Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. If you don't it is a good read to be found in the Book of.....Exodus! Moses and Pharaoh, plagues and the night-time bid for freedom through the Red Sea; followed by 40 years wandering in the wilderness most of that time wishing they were back in Egypt.

They were freed physically, but it took much longer to free their minds ready for a new way of living when they would make the decisions and live by them; when they were responsible for themselves and their priorities. THAT took much longer and is a lesson with which we are still struggling.

Freedom from lockdown, I pray, is still ongoing as you read this but that means we have the opportunity to enter a better land depending, of course, on what we take with us, what we leave behind; depending on our priorities and for what ones we are willing to fight.

We all have a role in this so we all need to decide individually, and corporately. Nit-picking, wanting our way, the way by which we will get most? Or encouraging, working together for the good of all, but especially for the poorest, most vulnerable amongst us?

Freedom of our minds and hearts needs to be grasped by us, ourselves. Only then will we make this a better world for the generations to come. And we stand a very good chance of making a good fist of this IF we remember who the leader has to be. God! Pure and simple in the best sense of those words.

So, what are you going to take with us, and build on; and what will you leave behind?

Meet our Summer Student

Hello. A wee note to introduce myself. My name is Andrea Fraser, a Student Minister within the Church of Scotland and I will be on Summer Placement with you at Dalgety Parish Church. I will be at Dalgety Parish Church from the middle of July until the end of August, so around 6 weeks. I am about to start my 3rd (and final year) at New College within the University of Edinburgh, and this will be my second placement, my first placement took place at Dunfermline Abbey. My route to study is a Master of Divinity (Hons), this is completely new to me as my previous career and background was in Public Health and Social Work Services, with a speciality within Alcohol and Drug Sector. I currently live in Kinross-shire, with my husband Mark and three children, Katie, Matthew and Euan. I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible over the next 6 weeks, whether that be via zoom or Facebook, a social distance chat or some sort of worship. Whatever Summer may bring I am looking forward to my placement at Dalgety Bay.

Andrea