



TOGETHER IN WORSHIP, WITNESS & SERVICE

ST ANNE'S

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL & METHODIST CHURCH IN DUNBAR

A letter from the Rector

Dear friends,

Building the Church

It is now a full year since the community at St Anne's regrouped in a beautifully refurbished building and started out life with a new rector. And what a year it's been! We've welcomed new people, including a joyful collection of children into our midst; we've hosted concerts and community events; we've gone out on the streets and had fun sharing a simple message of love and joy with neighbours in the local community. It hasn't all been easy - transitions are



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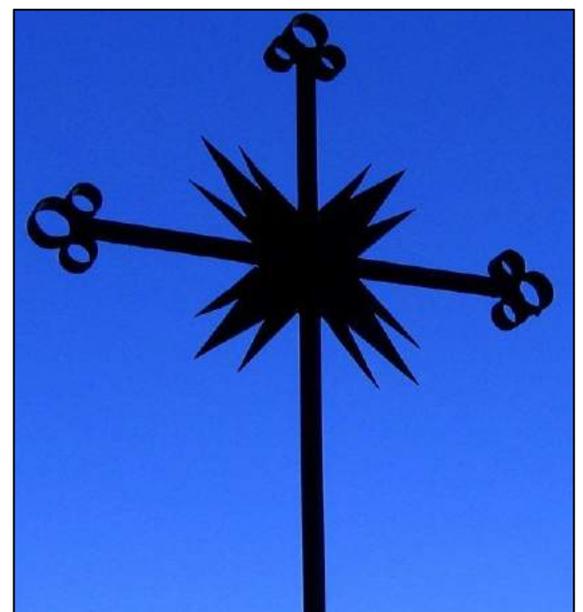


never completely plain sailing! And there has been sadness, too - especially when we've had to bid farewell to some much loved and longtime friends. But through it all God has been faithful. Slowly and gently, our community is growing... Growing in number; growing in confidence; growing in diversity. And more importantly, there's a growing sense of the desire to be people of prayer, to be people who feast on the scriptures and who, inspired by them, live lives that reflect Jesus.

There is lots going on. In this issue of the magazine you'll find encouragement about how our young people are growing in fellowship and faith. You'll find invitations to worship in new ways in a Midweek Prayer service and at Holy Communion marking Saints days. You'll find an invitation to learn how we can be better stewards of God's creation; and encouragement to share your ideas about how we can spread the Good News we've heard to others. These are exciting times for St Anne's!

Alongside all this, you'll also find in this issue of the magazine an important invitation to reflect on the significance of St Anne's to you and to Dunbar, and the ways in which it seems to you God would have us develop as a church in the coming years. Churches - like it or not! - cost money, and as part of fulfilling their responsibility as trustees your Vestry has been working on ways we can pull together to build on the foundations we have been laying. We need to work to ensure that the future of St Anne's is financially secure, releasing us to grow and diversify an outward-facing ministry in the local community.

As we've been hearing in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the starting point for everything is that God is blessed, and that by grace, God lavishes gifts on us so that we might be a



blessing for others. As we grow in Christ we learn to identify and use our gifts. The church is a body, with many parts (people!) who are different but made to work together in community, relying on one another. And if the church is to work well we all need to play our part in that Body. Each of us has something unique to give - be it in time, talents, tithes - and in September we'll all be invited to consider this. To me, this is incredibly exciting: think about it for a moment... we each get to play a part in something that is of eternal significance: what God is doing in Dunbar.

As I look back over the last 12 months I am full of gratitude for each of you, for all that you bring to St Anne's, and for what God has been doing among us. I wait with baited breath to learn what God has in store for us in this next year.

With love, Diana



Additional Services at St Anne's

Wednesday Midday Prayer – starting in August

Having been talking about prayer quite a lot over the last few months, it is time to try something new in our prayer life together. So, from the start of August there will be a short service of Midday Prayer at St Anne's **every Wednesday at 12 noon.**

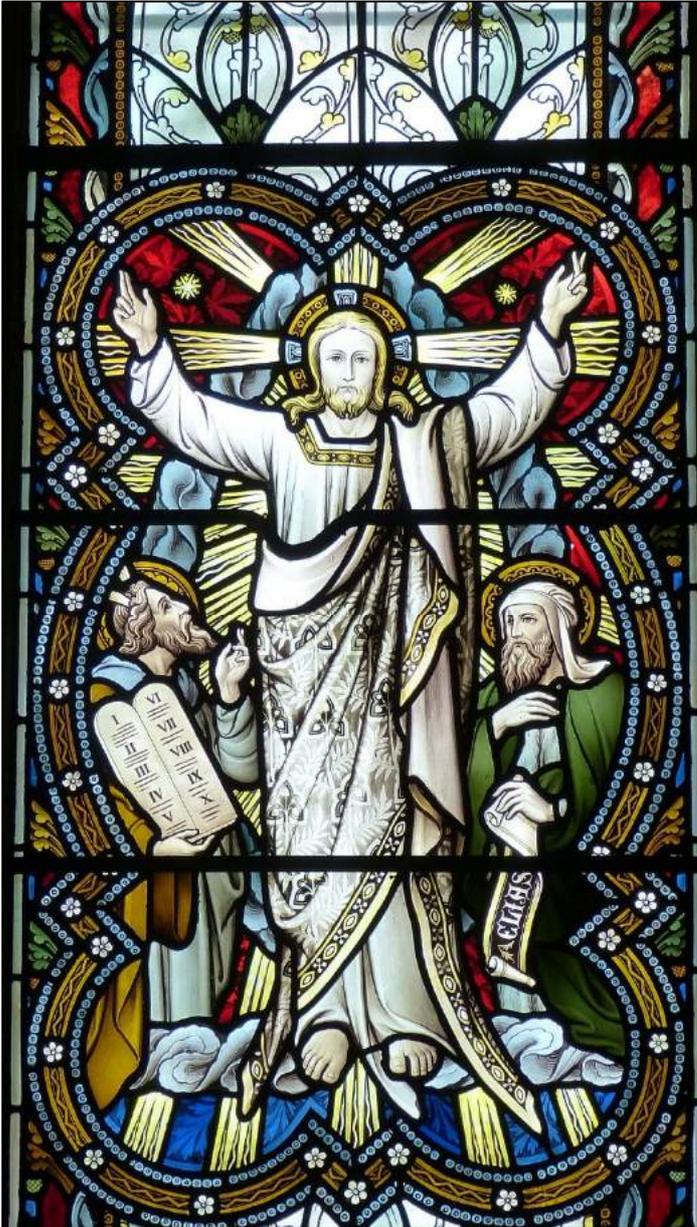


The format is simple, quiet, uncluttered, and easy to follow. Liz Gordon has been working on a service sheet, and as she puts it there: *“Prayer at midday provides a way to consecrate the day at its centre and to realise the presence of God in the heart of life. The admonition of Jesus that we pray and not be weary is fulfilled in this way, and we identify with him on the Cross, the centre of his work.”*

We hope that this short service may provide a brief opportunity each week for people to pause and find rest and renewal with God. Please do give it a try, and spread the word - anyone at all (from any church or none, from Dunbar or anywhere else) is welcome, and there is no need to commit to being there every week.

Church Festivals

Throughout its Calendar, the Church designates certain people as named companions for us on our journey of faith. These ‘saints’ are people who have been recognised as models of faithful discipleship. The custom of remembering and reflecting on them “has been one of the delights of Christian people down the centuries”. Why? Because “in the lives of the saints it is as if the intense white light of the gospel has been passed through a prism and been refracted into its constituent colours... in the outcome of their lives we glimpse little by little the face of the Christ who is coming to gather up all things in himself.”



In light of this, for an experimental period we are going to re-introduce the traditional practice of marking these days with a celebration of Holy Communion at St Anne's. On the dates listed below in August and September there will be a service at 10.30am, followed by coffee and conversation. The format will be similar to what happens at our regular Thursday morning service, but we will hear the Bible readings the Church has set for the particular festival, and over coffee we might use the time to learn a little about, and hopefully be inspired and even challenged by these 'heroes' of the Christian life. Please do come along if you can.

Holy Communion for Church Festivals in August and September:

- August 6th (Mon) - The Transfiguration** (followed at 11.15 am by Hiroshima Day Vigil at the Peace Pole outside St Anne's)
- August 24th (Fri) - Bartholomew**
- August 29 (Weds) - Beheading of John the Baptist**
- September 29 (Sat)- Michael & All Angels**

Remember HIROSHIMA

A vigil service for peace,
to pray for those killed in war, and
to pray for nuclear disarmament

11.15am

Monday 6th August

At the Peace Pole, St. Anne's Episcopal and Methodist Church, Westport,
Dunbar

For more information contact Rev. David Mumford
(dmumford@phonecoop.coop or 01368 840361)

The responsibility is ours

We stand at an exciting and important moment in the history of St. Anne's, with our renewed building, growing congregation, and a full-time rector for the first time in many years. Your Vestry has been looking to the future and how we might build on this success.

We want to ensure that everyone in the St Anne's family is personally involved in helping us grow. What's our vision? To grow deeper in God's love and share the fruits of that love more broadly in our communities. To support that vision, we need to build our financial security.



In September, Diana will lead us in a series of reflections on what it means to respond to God's abundant generosity, by using our own time, talents,

and funds for His Kingdom. You will receive an invitation to a special service on Sunday 9 September, where we will explain St. Anne's financial position and how you can help. You are also invited to a Saturday

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8



morning event on 15 September where we can take a fresh look at everything that St Anne's does now, and could do in the future. You can share your ideas on what we could be doing, what's important to you, and how you'd like to be involved. Please put these two dates in your diary now and help shape the future for St Anne's.

St. Anne's Vestry

Health Inequality

*The lower you are in the hierarchy, the worse your health; the higher you are, the better your health. (Sir Michael Marmot, author of *The Health Gap: the Challenge of an Unequal World*).*

**YOUR POST CODE
SHOULD NOT DETERMINE
HOW LONG YOU LIVE
BUT IT DOES**

Talk on health inequalities by Professor David Walsh
(Glasgow Centre of Public Health)
Dunbar Parish Church Hall
August 15 2018 @ 6.30 pm

All are welcome to attend this talk on Health Inequality. It promises to be a very interesting event.

Quest for a Kiwi

Fortune favours the brave on an inspired trip to the other side of the world

As the music began, it all came flooding back: memories of the music and songs we'd played and sung together.

That was over thirty years ago! Daphne had returned to New Zealand and become a singer on TV, while I gave up my music and became a nurse. Eventually we both married, Daphne moved to Australia and I to Scotland. We'd kept in contact, but over the years our letters became fewer until eventually we lost touch.

Over a third of a century later, here was this music playing a compelling sound as if to say, "Find Daphne."

I had just won a sewing competition with both money and a fine cup as first prize. There was also a long-standing invitation from a friend in Australia. Could I combine the two to find Daphne?

A chance remark from my daughter spurred me on: "If you had all the money in the world," she said, "which country would you visit?"



Without hesitation, I replied,
“Australia, of course.”

This was March – how soon could I be ready? Months of sewing and saving had my travel arrangements finalised by November. My first trip abroad! Would I find Daphne?

My daughter was happily installed in college 400 miles away and so I had no worries there. Until three weeks later the telephone rang: “Your daughter is ill in hospital with appendicitis; please come at once.” A terrible blow – I couldn’t go to Australia! There would be aftercare and nursing... But by the next day the crisis had become a scare – no operation needed – and I breathed a sigh of relief.

Christmas came, and with it the news of a compulsory house move. A removal – just before Australia! How could I possibly move house in January and go to Australia in February? Ironically, ‘our music’ seemed to be broadcast increasingly often – a persistent reminder to find Daphne. Removal day was horrendous but at last we were moved. Doggedly I packed and

repacked my things. I was going to find Daphne.

At last, departure day, February 3rd, arrived. I looked out of the window: Oh no! There’d been snow in the night, several feet of it, and we were snowed in. A friend with a land-rover eventually got through and took me to the airport. Panic set in: 12,000 miles to the other side of the world to search for a friend I’d not seen in 34 years. Suddenly I was on my own, airborne with no experience of aeroplanes. Bahrain, Bombay, Singapore... and 27 hours later I was there. Australia is vast. Where to start looking?



I explored Melbourne and the music department of the university. Hours spent in libraries and the Percy Grainger Museum revealed nothing. Then I tried the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Yes! Daphne had been heard of! But that

was twenty years ago. I decided to spend ten days touring and camping before using my spending money to go to New Zealand.

By March I was in Wellington. At once I began my search for Daphne. Libraries and church choral societies were searched, but no trace of my friend. Then, I remembered Daphne's interest in genealogy and family trees. In the telephone directory I found the address of my distant relative Ronald (whom Daphne had originally found for me) and caught a bus to Te Awamutu. But Ronald's wife Eleanor didn't know Daphne, and Ronald was away in Fiji on a year-long contract! Should I abandon my search or press on to Fiji? I had £250 left. New Zealand Airways were offering half price fares; for £208 I could just travel there and back.

Arriving in Fiji, Ronald met me and took me to stay with friends. Next day we went swimming in the airport pool. Here I had my first lucky break: a woman called Martha joined me in the changing room having overheard my conversation with Ronald. She'd been a

missionary, a former friend of Daphne's, and was now a teacher. Like Ronald, however, she could only give me addresses in New Zealand. I remained in Fiji for four more days.

Once more I was airborne and, touching down in Auckland, at once set forth for New Plymouth and the first address; but no-one there could remember Daphne. Then on by coach to the second address at Wanganui; no luck there. Utterly dejected, I boarded the railbus back to my base digs near Wellington.



The next day a friendly postman greeted me with, "Are you living here or just a stranger passing through?" I told him of my search for my music chum. "What kind of music?" he enquired. "Rather old-fashioned – Schubert songs," I replied and then hummed him the

tune of Daphne's favourite song. "Just a minute – there's a charity concert at Paekakariki," he said. "Someone is singing those sort of songs there tonight! You know the place? Has a huge white Madonna on its hillside, all lit up at night. Long way, mind you. Five hours up the coast by railbus."

Thanking him, I rushed off in search of the bus agents. The single daily bus had left at 8.30 am. It was now 10 am. I had to get to Paekakariki. But railbuses were slow – could I catch up? Most concerts started at 7.30 pm. It was worth a try! I walked to the next village's main garage. Was anyone going north? Yes, after lunch a lorry would be picking up a load of gala apples.

At last we reached Wainuimata as the railbus was preparing to leave. I jumped aboard. The next stop would be Paraparaumu. Only one more stop and then I'd be at Paekakariki! But perhaps the postman's suggestion had sent me on a wild goose chase?

Arriving late at the concert, I missed the announcements. After the first number I was allowed in, and

quickly slipped into my seat. Some songs were announced and an attractive lady in blue came on; no, this was not Daphne. These were followed by more songs, and there she was! Dressed in green and somewhat thinner than I'd remembered. My imagination played havoc. Did our eyes meet? Did a puzzled, almost disbelieving, look come over her face?



Well, I'd have to contain myself until the concert was over. As excitement built up inside me, I found it almost impossible to sit still for a further two hours. As soon as the last chord sounded and the curtain fell I was up and out of my seat. I moved as though on wings to get backstage.

We hugged, and the tears of joy fell...

Margaret Laidlaw



Rubbish quiz!

Which of these packaging items
can you recycle at kerbside?
Which are recyclable elsewhere?
Which can't be recycled at all?

To find the answers, along with
lots of other useful information,
ways to protect our environment,
and products to make your life
greener, come along to St. Anne's

Unwasted Day drop-in!

Saturday 22nd

September, 10am-2pm

In association with ***Surfers
Against Sewage***



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SEWAGE**

Young Church News!

A summer picnic

On the last Sunday in June, just after morning service, an excited group of children and their assorted adults set out for a play and picnic at Lauderdale Park. Leroy, Zoe, Abigail, Christian, Alex-Sophia, Cian and Finnán variously walked, ran, jumped, and climbed their way down the road and spread out into the park. It was well into the afternoon before they stopped moving. They climbed in the playground; played football, quoits, and rounders on the grass; and had some very energetic games of chase, until Cian finally flopped down exhausted on the grass to watch the older children play football... and tiring him out takes some doing. Even the adults joined in joined in!

It was a gloriously sunny afternoon and I took great pleasure in watching the children getting to know each other better and draw other children that were visiting the park into their games. I will look forward to future gatherings and to seeing them have fun and learn together at St Anne's.



Val Hale

Prayer is for everyone

Just as the adults at St Anne's have been thinking in recent months about prayer, our young people are also exploring prayer together. In recent weeks their explorations have included learning a "full body" prayer, with actions, about how much God loves them (from the top of their nose to the tip of their toes!). They've prayed for things going on elsewhere in the world - including for the safety of the children who were trapped in caves in Thailand (and those prayers were answered with a "yes"!). They've also been helping to make their own prayer tepee, so that they now have a cosy - but also very beautiful! - space they can retreat to, to be quiet and spend time with God.



Do chat to the young people about what they have been doing in church on Sundays - they have some good stories to tell! And please remember them - and Alison, who pours much love and work into her time with them - in your prayers. Children are the future of the church, and it's a great joy and privilege to have them among us.

Diana

THE DUNBAR BRANCH OF UNICEF

marks its 30th Anniversary

with a CLARSACH concert

LN: St. Anne's Church, Westgate, Dunbar

ON: Friday 21st September 2018

At: 7.30 p.m.



Madness? No, Mission!

In partnership with other congregations, St Anne's has been involved in a number of 'pop-up' activities in Dunbar in recent months. We began in Advent, taking a Nativity Facebook out and about to remind folk about the Christmas story. Then in Lent we offered hot cross buns and free hugs on the High Street, and found (to the surprise of some) that lots of people took us up on the offer! Then, in the run up to the European

Stone Stacking Championships we held a stone painting workshop in the church, painting pictures and messages of love and hope on stones which we then gave away to attendees at the competition in Lauderdale Park. And most recently, on Lifeboat Day, we used Doctor Badger's bench down at the harbour to offer a listening service, which catalysed positive response from passers-by.



You might wonder what these initiatives are all about. The answer is straightforward, really: they're simple ideas of things we can do easily to catch peoples' attention and to show, gently, that Christians and the churches in Dunbar are here to serve and bless... That we have a positive, constructive and (shock, horror!) even fun contribution to make to our local community. They might just get people asking questions ("Why would anyone want to would do something like that for me?").



For many people the face of the church, generally, has seemed to be distant, unfriendly and dour. But we

can all do little things gently to build relationships with people around us that show them that well-expressed faith is personal, friendly and full of joy! This is what mission looks like: loving God and loving our neighbours as ourselves. It's not always easy and our ideas may not always work! But there are endless ideas we can try.

If you have an idea about something St Anne's could get involved in - whether it's tiny or huge - that can help build relationships in the community and provide an opportunity to 'love other people' as part of our faith, have a chat with Diana. Let's have some fun and serve our local community, showing folk God's love so that they can experience it for themselves.

Greening your garden

A garden is naturally an eco-friendly place. Right? Not necessarily. St Anne's Eco-group have been reflecting on the environmental impact of gardening and how we can be more eco-conscious in the garden. Below, we share some ideas which might be helpful, especially if you are planning to re-design some areas of your space this summer.

Plant a tree. Trees help purify the air, give wildlife a home, and planting them isn't as difficult as you might think, though you might need a friend to help!

Use a water butt. Conserving rainwater is a great way to make less impact on the earth while growing a greener garden. Installing a butt is also a relatively easy DIY project.



Water smartly. Give your garden a drink during the coolest part of the day, so more water has a chance to seep into the ground before it evaporates. You'll save water over the long haul.



Go wild! Consider creating a wild flower meadow area or plant bee-friendly plants such as lavender,

buddleia, or salvia in main areas and your garden will be buzzing.

Use fewer chemical-based products. If you're used to using chemical-based fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides, challenge yourself to replace one of those methods with a more natural strategy. Look out for organic products next time you're at a Garden Centre.

Go organic on a smaller scale. If the idea of growing an entire organic

garden is a little too much to start with, get your feet wet by trying organic gardening methods in a container garden first.

Start a compost pile. Composting takes your gardening debris and converts them into nutrient-rich food for your soil. You'll make your plants happy.

Green your pots. Some garden centres are beginning to sell plant pots made of recycled and/or recyclable materials, but it will take a while before this is mainstream. Merryhatton Garden Centre will recycle your plastic garden pots for you. Dunbar Garden Centre said they would consider doing so, but have no plans at present. Or you can reuse anything from old teapots to old wellies!



Provide homes for bugs. Insects and other micro-wildlife will appreciate you buying a ready-made hotel for them – or you might like to get the little people in your family to share in the project of making your own.

Look out for changes in St Anne's garden as the gardening team put some of these ideas into practice too!

Sharon Morgan



Phoebe - A Story

Encountering Paul through fiction

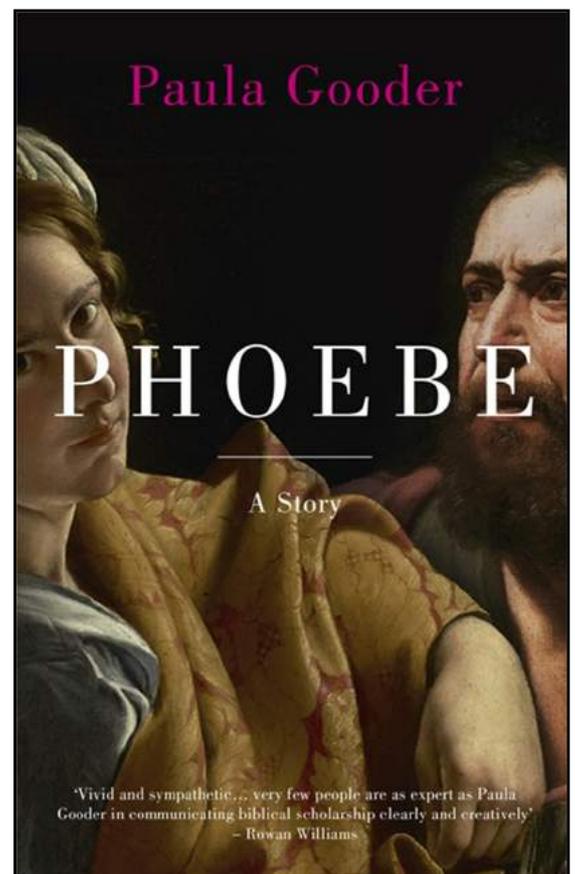
“Phoebe would never forget the first time she had seen Paul...she had heard a lot about him. His arrogance. His unreliability... His disgraceful letters...His rudeness. Oh yes - she had certainly heard about Paul”

The writings of the apostle Paul contain some of the most theologically rich material in the New Testament. However, Paul is also someone about whom people form strong - and sometimes quite negative - views.

Love or hate him, if you sometimes find Paul’s writing

difficult to get to grips with; if you could use some help imagining life in Paul’s times; and if you enjoy fiction as a means to help you get more out of reading the Bible, then *Phoebe* could be the book for you!

Written by respected New Testament scholar, Paula Gooder, *Phoebe* is a fictional account of the woman Paul entrusted with delivering his Letter to the Romans. The book tells Phoebe’s story - who she was - the life and faith of a first century woman. And in doing this from a well-researched base it gives a fresh perspective on Paul’s theology - the questions and influences that shape his writing and the early church more generally.



Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury) says the book is “a really vivid and sympathetic picture of the world of the first Corinthians... [this story] will bring the biblical text freshly alive”.

Phoebe, A Story is written by Dr Paula Gooder, published by Hodder & Stoughton and costs £14.99.

DUNBAR CHURCHES TOGETHER PRESENTS 

**Professor Potty's
TIME TRAVELLER'S TALES**



**SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB
FOR CHILDREN GOING IN TO P2-P7**

AUGUST 6-10
10 A.M. - 12.30 P.M.
**DUNBAR PARISH
CHURCH HALLS**
(NEXT TO REIDS GARAGE)
FREE ** (Suggested £1 Donation per day to cover costs)

**GAMES, MUSIC, CRAFTS, BIBLE
STORIES, SNACKS, FAMILY EVENT,
CHALLENGES, FUN**

**JOIN US AS PROFESSOR POTTY
BRINGS BIBLE CHARACTERS TO
DUNBAR IN HIS TIME MACHINE**

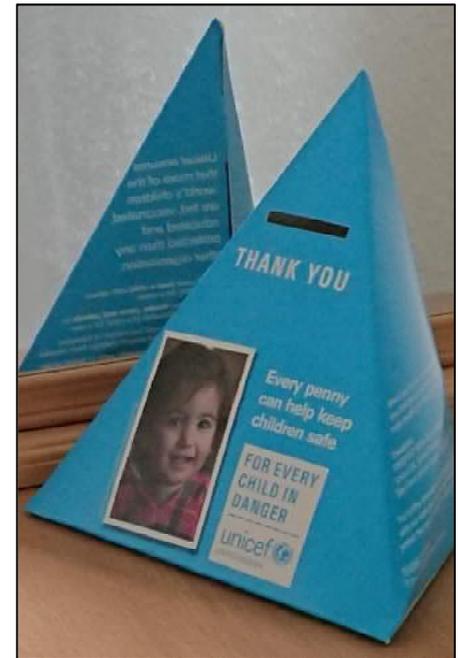
Bookings: dunbarholidayclub@gmail.com
Tel: 01368 238913

Please hold the leaders and children of the Churches Together holiday club in your prayers during the week August 6th-10th

Unicef *Pyramids of Grace* Appeal

Unicef ensures that more of the world's children are fed, vaccinated, educated and protected than any other organisation. Can you help this autumn/winter?

Between Harvest and Christmas we are asked, each time we have a meal, to put a penny aside and to say Grace. If you are interested in taking part, pyramid boxes for your pennies can be obtained from Margaret Laidlaw.



Many thanks

Let's Sing!

Singing, laughter, coffee & biscuits, maybe even some dancing!

In St Anne's Church

3rd Sunday of the month, 2.30-3.30pm (next dates: Aug 19th and Sept 16th)



You don't have to be a good singer or a churchgoer... **Everyone's welcome!**

Dunbar Basics Bank

You might not know that **the summer holidays can be an especially busy time for food banks**. It's not just winter that bites hard, the long summer holidays – when children can't receive a free hot meal at school, can be even harder on families struggling to make ends meet.



Dunbar's Basics Bank is run by Dunbar Parish Church in partnership with Edinburgh City Mission. It supports families in Dunbar and the surrounding villages of Belhaven, East Linton, Innerwick, Oldhamstocks, Stenton, Spott, Tynninghame and West Barns.

Please consider popping an extra item in your shopping basket, and dropping it in the drum at the back of church. Thank you!

If you would like to be kept up to date with Basics Bank news and also receive a weekly updated shopping list, which takes into account current stock levels, please email basicsbankbuddy@gmail.com

Sunday Readings for August and September

If you swap with another reader, please let Diana know.

Thank you.

August 5th

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12th

Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19th

Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26th

Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

September 2nd

James 1:17-end; Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

September 9th

TBC – Please check with Diana

September 16th

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-end

September 23rd

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 30th

James 5:13-end; Mark 9:38-end

Rotas for August and September

If you swap with another person on the rota, please let Diana know. Thank you.

August 5th

Sidesman	J Rea
Reading	J Rea
Coffee	A&S Dickerson
Chalice	G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel	J Fleming

August 12th

Sidesman	J Fleming
Reading	J Fleming
Coffee	A Swan
Chalice	Liz M
Intercession and Gospel	Liz M

August 19th

Sidesman	G Harley
Reading	C Kavanagh
Coffee	H Kennedy
Chalice	Liz G
Intercession and Gospel	Liz G

August 26th

Sidesman	H Kennedy
Reading	J Rea
Coffee	J Ramage
Chalice	Liz M
Intercession and Gospel	Liz M

September 2nd

Sidesman	J Rea
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Sidesman	G Harley
Reading	C Kavanagh
Coffee	H Kennedy
Chalice	Liz M
Intercession and Gospel	Liz M

September 16th

Sidesman	H Kennedy
Reading	R Ling
Coffee	M&R Ling
Chalice	G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel	J Fleming

September 23rd

Sidesman	M Ling
Reading	J Fleming
Coffee	J Fleming
Chalice	Liz M
Intercession and Gospel	Liz M

September 30th

Sidesman J Ramage
Reading S Williams
Coffee J Ramage
Chalice G Wilson
Intercession and Gospel J Fleming

October 7th

Sidesman J Rea
Reading J Rea
Coffee A Swan
Chalice Liz M
Intercession and Gospel Liz M

CASTLE BRASS

in concert

Saturday 1st September @5pm

St. Anne's Church, Dunbar

Brass comes alive! Exciting music, from Morricone to Brahms

Entry £6 - Children FREE

Proceeds to SWAN UK

Regular Services

Sunday

10:00 am - Holy Communion

2:30 pm, third Sunday of the month - *Let's Sing*

Wednesday

12:00 noon – Midday Prayer

Thursday

10:30 am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee and discussion

Friday

A Prayer Group meets regularly at Liz Mitchell's house

Church festivals

10:30 am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee and discussion

Please see page 5 for details

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