



## Darvel Parish Church of Scotland

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### Reaching Out. . .

The American poet and author Richard Willard Armour is perhaps best known for his humorous observation, "*Shake and shake the ketchup bottle. None'll come, and then a lot'll.*" Or, put another way, you can wait for an hour for a No 18 bus on Sauchiehall Street, and then three will all come at once. Well, it just so happens that three very exciting things have all come along at once in the life of our church; none of them attributable to me I should add (any amount of shaking makes no difference as far as I'm concerned). What is even more thrilling is that these three things are all projects that involve the church in outreach.

Firstly, we have decided to run a Holiday Club mission this summer, reaching out to primary school-age children in the parish. The mission will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of August; the last week of the school holidays. *The Darvel 2012 Holiday Club* is an ecumenical venture and we are particularly pleased to be working with the Flame Church.

Secondly, we are in the initial stages of setting up a Foodbank in the Valley, reaching out to those experiencing a financial crisis and unable to buy food for themselves. The Foodbank will work on a referral system and clients will receive a three days supply of emergency food rations. The Foodbank is franchised by the Trussell Trust who have already been involved in setting up a number of Foodbanks across the country.

Thirdly, we are exploring the possibility of setting up a twinning relationship with another church, possibly in Africa or Eastern Europe, reaching out to brothers and sisters whose circumstances are very different from our own. A number of Church of Scotland churches are already in twinning relationships and have had their life and worship enriched by the experience.

I would like to encourage you all to consider how you might like to get involved with one or other of these projects; the Holiday Club is already looking for volunteers. I wouldn't advise getting involved with all three: even if, in the unlikely event that three No 18 buses do arrive at the same time on Sauchiehall Street you would be hard pushed to jump on all of them. Just consider where your own particular talents might best be expressed. I commend all these projects to your prayers.

I shall leave you with a final word of caution from Richard Armour, "*Nothing attracts the mustard from wieners, as much as the slacks just back from the cleaners.*"

Wishing you all God's Blessing, Charles.

### EMERGENCY FOODBANK IN DARVEL

As some of you may know, we are busy trying to establish East Ayrshire's primary Foodbank here in Darvel Parish Church. The Foodbank network was established by The Trussell Trust which is a Christian organization providing emergency food and support to people in crisis and these are springing up nationwide - in fact, there are currently more than 100 Foodbanks in operation in the UK.

Our initial goal will be to tackle the hidden hunger that exists unnoticed on our doorsteps in Darvel, Newmilns, Galston and Hurlford, whilst working with the other churches and communities in the Irvine Valley. In the longer term we would also hope to encourage and assist other churches to open distribution centres with the eventual goal of seeing the whole of East Ayrshire covered.

With, reputedly, 20% of the population of East Ayrshire living below the poverty line, something as small as an unexpected bill can force families on the breadline to go without food. Our Foodbank will provide people struggling to make ends meet with a minimum of 3 days emergency food. Every person who will come to us will be referred by a frontline care professional such as a doctor or social worker. All food given out will be donated by - members of the public, schools, churches and businesses. (There is a list of suitable non-perishable food items for this purpose).

This is going to be a most worthwhile project which will involve all the communities in the Valley working together whilst giving plenty of opportunity for those interested to get involved. For more information, talk to Cheryl Forbes on 01560 321600 or find out more about the Foodbank network at [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org).

### COMMUNION SERVICE

will be conducted by

Rev. Charles Lines

in Darvel Parish Church

on Sunday 26th February

at 11a.m.

### MONTHLY MIDWEEK SERVICE

will be held on Thursday 8th March  
in the small meeting hall behind the  
church at 2 p.m.

This short service will be followed by  
tea/coffee

.Anyone wishing transport to the service  
should please contact any member of the  
Kirk Session or Board.

### PARISH REGISTER - DEATHS

George Menzies	4 Fulton Terrace
John Provan	Glaister Farm
John Williamson	20 Temple Street
Jean Kirkpatrick	Westpark Care Home, formerly of Fleming Street
Ria Burnside	Torrance Lodge, formerly of Calderwood Avenue
Hugh McMillan	14 Burnbank Street
Anna Cochrane	9 Robertson Gardens
Margaret Russell	3 Collins Avenue
Bobby Cuthbert	Crossgates Care Home, formerly of Burnbank Street
Nan Mainds	Dalmellington Care Home, formerly of Kirkland Park Gardens

### Office-bearers on Duty March

T. Ferguson, R, McBride  
Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Walker,  
Mrs Anderson,  
Mrs MacInnes, Mrs McBride

### April

H. Nisbet, A. Thomson,  
J. Craig, Mrs Strang,  
Mrs Faulds,  
Mrs. A.Thomson

### May

Mrs Todd, J.Seton,  
R, Henry, J. Grier,  
Mrs Higton, J. Dobson,  
Mrs.L.Henderson

**A** PRAYER MEETING  
will be held every  
Saturday morning from  
9 to 10 a.m. in the small  
meeting hall behind the  
church. Enter by the  
side lane of the church.

### KID'S HOLIDAY CLUB

It has been many years since we last invited the children of Darvel to join us for some teaching and fun during the school holidays. So this year we are going to host a Holiday Club for 5-11 year-olds to take place between the 6th and the 10th of August. This will be linked into an Olympic theme.

Our friends in the Flame Fellowship and the Catholic Church have been invited to join in this event and we are now looking for volunteers from our own congregation to help in whatever capacity they feel able. Not everyone feels cut out to be a group leader, but we also need people to pour juice, decorate and set up the hall (and tidy up afterwards). to join in the singing. to pray for the event and people on the door to make sure none of our young attendees wander off.

So if you feel able to offer assistance in any way please come to the first meeting in the small hall on Tuesday 14th February or phone Maggie on 01560 323246 and she'll let you know what's happening.

**The next WHIST DRIVE  
WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL  
ON FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY at 7.15 p.m.  
Admission £2 - includes tea/coffee etc**

## Darvel Parish Church Website Launched

As in this age of modern technology, more and more churches are keeping in touch with their members and the rest of the world via the Internet, it was decided to embrace this form of communication and launch a website of our own. Anyone with access to the Internet can now find a great deal of information about Darvel Parish Church - news, events, photographs, history, who's-who etc. at [www.darvelparishchurch.org](http://www.darvelparishchurch.org). And this newsletter will now be available to be downloaded from the website as a PDF anywhere in the world, making it possible for absent friends and ex-patriot Darvel people to share in the news and activities of our church, however far away they may now live.

Anyone or any organization within the church who have news, events or photographs to be placed on the website, please pass them to Gordon Cree or email them to [webmaster@darvelparishchurch.org](mailto:webmaster@darvelparishchurch.org)



### 1st Darvel Boys Brigade Happy 1st Anniversary



On the 16th January 2012 the 1st Darvel Boys Brigade celebrated their one year Anniversary since their relaunch in January 2011. A fancy dress disco was organised to help celebrate this momentous occasion. The boys were allowed to invite a friend along for the evening to help share in the celebrations. A fantastic night was had by all as they played games, danced and blew out their birthday candle

Lynsey Henderson, Company Captain, said the company was going from strength to strength and with a variety of outings and activities planned for the upcoming session it looks as if another successful year is on the cards.

A few spaces are still available for any boys that are interested and are in Primary 1-7.

1st Darvel Boys Brigade meet on a Monday evening 6.15pm-7.30pm in the New Church Hall  
Ranoldcupp Road, Darvel. For more information please contact

Mrs Lynsey Henderson on 07935 437 018 or email on [evjc2009@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:evjc2009@yahoo.co.uk).

All welcome.

## DARVEL PARISH CHURCH GUILD

Meetings are held in the New Church Hall, Ranoldcoup Road on alternative Tuesday evenings at 7.15 p.m.

21st February - Rev. A. Black, Prison Chaplain.  
6th March - Mrs Margot Graham, Lace Making  
20th March - Closing Social. Cheryl Forbes and Company

**A cordial welcome is extended to all old and new members and to both men and women**

### Lent Meetings: Life Calling

Throughout the season of Lent, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> April, a series of meetings entitled *Life Calling* will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm in the Small Hall.

Some people think that vocation is just for special people... but God calls us all to live our lives shaped and directed by his call. *Life Calling* explores the meaning of vocation for everyone.

In five interactive sessions, beginning on Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, these meetings aim to explore:

1. Called by God: discovering the shape of God's call.
2. Called from within: drawing out the call and gifts that God has planted in us.
3. Called out: being set free from everything that stops us responding to God's call.
4. Called up: understanding how God calls us to join in with his loving care of this world.
5. Called on: growing in our sense of calling beyond the end of the meetings.

### Historic Listing for the Organ of Darvel Parish Church

Since 1991 the British Institute of Organ Studies (BIOS) has been creating a register of pipe organs in the UK which are, of course, an endangered species. Organs can, if eligible, become listed as being of 'historical interest,' rather in the same way that buildings become 'listed buildings.'

The organ of Darvel Parish Church was installed in 1908 by Messrs. Forster & Andrews and is constructed to the utmost standards of organbuilding. In the one-hundred-and-four years of its life, nothing has changed about the organ except the addition of an electric blower to relieve the need for the bellows to be hand pumped; however the hand bellows are still *in situ* and fully functional so that the organ could still theoretically be operated in this way if necessary. No other modifications or alterations have been made to the organ and it is still functioning with unstinting reliability.

On becoming aware of this historical listing scheme, Gordon Cree, who arguably knows this organ better than anyone else, decided that it was perhaps worth pursuing a listing for the Darvel organ. The organ is certainly not a large one as organs go; and taking into account the fact that the country's leading organs such as the organs in Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow Cathedral and Paisley Abbey have all been listed as Grade I, it was thought that Darvel's organ might just about be eligible for grade III listing based on its quality and unaltered state. Imagine the delight, then, when the application for listing was accepted, rendering Darvel's organ certified – not as grade III, but as grade I, listing it among the leading organs in the country.

This listing will be of great benefit in the long term: not only will it generate interest in the instrument among the organ community, it will also make the organ eligible to receive various grants, lottery funding etc. in the event of it requiring repair or renovation in future.



In celebration of this wonderful news, March's organ recital will now be a special, celebratory, 'celebrity' organ recital featuring Scotland's leading and most respected organist, Professor George McPhee MBE who is Organist and Master of the Choristers at Paisley Abbey, as well as vice-president of The Royal College of Organists and professor of organ at the University of St. Andrews.

Professor McPhee will give a special recital and present the Certificate of Historical Interest to the church on behalf of the BIOS.

### COFFEE MORNINGS

The monthly tea/coffee morning held in the Church Hall from 10a.m. to 12 noon takes place on **Thursday 1st March**

*Please come along - you will be most welcome*

### DARVEL PARISH CHURCH Minister

Rev. Charles Lines, B.A  
Tel: 01560 322924

#### Session Clerk

T. Graham Couper  
Tel: 320583

#### Congregational Clerk

Mrs J.H.T. Ireland  
Tel: 321944

#### Congregational Treasurer

Derek Black  
Tel: 320596

#### Freewill Offering Secretary

Mrs J. Struthers  
Tel: 320261

#### Covenant Secretary

Mrs Anne Thomson  
Tel: 321339

#### KIRK SESSION

D. Black, T.G. Couper,  
J. Craig, T. Ferguson,  
Mrs. J.Gordon,  
J. Grier, R. Henry,  
Mrs. E.Higton,  
Mrs. J.H.T. Ireland,  
Mrs. E. Lines

R. McBride, D. Ralston,

Mrs. A. Ramsay,  
J. Seton,

Mrs. J. Struthers,  
R. Struthers,

Mrs. A.Thomson,

A. Thomson,

Mrs.A.Walker.

#### ADDITIONAL ELDERS

A.Y. Cameron,

R. Cochrane,

Mrs. I. Findlay,

G. Ferguson,

R. Gebbie, Mrs. I. Goldie,

David Paton,

Mrs. E. Service,

W. Steel, G.Willis.

#### CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Mrs Elsie Anderson,

Mrs Una Baird,

Robert Coltherd,

Mrs Barbara Couper,

John Dobson,

Mrs Jessie Faulds,

Jim Harrison,

Mrs Lyndsay Henderson,

Mrs Nancy Henderson,

Mrs Margaret McBride,

Mrs Maggie Macrae,

Mrs Mary MacInnes,

Hugh Nisbet,

Miss Janette Purdie,

Mrs Jean Strang,

Mrs Doris Todd

### The Sunday Seekers

meet on Sunday mornings at the same time as the morning service of worship and after the short children's service in the church go to the new Church Hall, Ranoldcoup Road with their teachers.

Miss Janette Purdie and her fellow teachers extend a warm welcome to all children to come along and join in the fun with the assurance that they will be well looked after. There is also a crèche available for younger children.

**The Stated Annual Meeting of Darvel Parish Church will take place in the New Church Hall on Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7 p.m.**

The main account, the General Account is published here.

For those wishing a complete set of accounts, these will be available at the Stated Annual Meeting on 28th March 2012

<b>DARVEL PARISH CHURCH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011</b>				
<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Offerings</b>				
F.W.O. scheme	13,532.53		12,343.96	
Gift Aid	16,352.60		14,802.80	
Tax Recovered from Gift Aid	2,093.82		3,755.78	
Donations	1235.00		0.00	
Ordinary Offering (Open Plate)	3,266.60	36,680.58	2,699.23	33,601.77
<b>Other Ordinary General Income</b>				
Contributions from Congregational Organisations	651.20		611.40	
Donations Weddings & Funerals	1,280.00		1,445.00	
Fund Raising	4,256.95		2,114.60	
Rental of Premises	800.00		640.00	
Life & Work	219.60		213.60	
Miscellaneous Income	225.00		11.31	
Presentations	0.00		1,400.00	
Interest	4.52		3.08	
Investment Income	0.00	7,237.27	143.75	6,582.74
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</b>		<b>43,917.82</b>		<b>40,181.51</b>
<b>Total Ordinary Expenditure</b>		<b>44,351.54</b>		<b>44,486.33</b>
<b>DEFICIT</b>		<b>(433.72)</b>		<b>(4,304.82)</b>
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	8,314.36		10,116.18	
<b>BALANCE AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER</b>		<b>£7,985.64</b>		<b>£ 8,314.36</b>

<b>NOTE A. Fund Raising</b>	
Music for a Summer Evening	200.00
Whist	561.00
Ceilidh	441.00
Coffee Group	600.00
Guild Coffee Morning	130.00
Christmas Card Delivery	234.00
Kirk Fayre	977.14
Smartie Appeal	1,113.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>

  

<b>NOTE B. Giving By Organisations</b>	
Church of Scotland Guild	400.00
Craft Group	251.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>651.20</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>National Ministries and Mission &amp; Wider Work</b>				
Ministries and Mission Fund (Allocation £23,856)	24,399.00		23,295.05	
Presbytery Dues	760.00	25,099.00	800.00	24,095.05
<b>Local Staffing Costs</b>				
Locum Salary & N.I.	0.00		1,566.12	
Travelling Expenses	1,744.15		1,314.60	
Telephone Expenses	300.00		219.79	
Organists	3,025.00		2,970.00	
Pulpit Supply	420.00	6,159.15	380.00	6,450.51
<b>Building Costs</b>				
Electricity	780.00		769.32	
Gas	3,635.92		3,980.40	
Insurance	4,520.96		3,109.17	
Mainor Council Tax	2,285.92		2,426.42	
Water Rates	253.86		244.00	
Cleaning & Hygiene Materials	167.41	11,644.10	93.09	10,623.21
<b>Other Local Costs</b>				
Life and Work	192.78		179.52	
Stationery, Printing, Etc.	550.83		959.32	
F.W.O Envelopes	419.58		408.70	
Fund Raising Expenses	228.36		131.00	
Presentations	0.00		1,400.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	727.74	1,899.93	239.02	3,317.56
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>£44,351.54</b>		<b>£44,486.33</b>

**NOTE 1. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
In Addition to the General Account The following income from Special Collections and Fund Raising Events for Special Charities was received and disbursed during the year to other Charities.

Christian Aid	380.00	Galston & Newmilns Brass Band	200.00
Japan Earthquake Appeal	197.00	Ayrshire Hospice	225.00
Erskine Hospital	170.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Darvel Boys Brigade	141.00
		Outburn East Africa Famine Appeal	404.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING TO CHARITY ORGANISATIONS</b>			<b>£1,717.00</b>