



The greatest story ever told

A fitting summary of the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus and its place within history. Like any good story it is always dependent upon the telling of it from one generation to the next.

In our last magazine I set out some of the challenging statistics facing our national church in terms of its declining membership and ministers. Paula Cameron, in her last 'Mission Matters' in her role as Mission Co-coordinator rightly pointed out that such figures were but just half of the story - the other half comes from the inspiring stories of new initiatives and projects which are happening around the country which in their own way look to 'turn the tide' of decline.

For four years Paula has helped us become more missional in our thinking and living and our thoughts and prayers are with her as she sets off on a new career and course of study and service. What stories of new initiatives and projects might we find amongst us here in Queensferry and Dalmeny? Two in particular come to mind and over this month we would value your prayers as we look to build on the work of the last 4 years.

The first is the appointment of a Children and Family Worker, the advert for which has just been released. Funded fully by the Presbytery, this part-time post looks to develop, support and equip us all for our work of helping children and families discover for themselves the significance of the 'greatest story ever told'.

SUPPORTING Supporting and developing the existing children's work through challenge in 3 primary schools, our monthly Messy Church and our weekly children's work in the congregations.

DEVELOPING New opportunities amongst children and their families to develop their faith as well as helping families integrate more fully into the life of our congregations.

EQUIPPING Leadership within the congregations to work with and support children and families.

DALMENY KIRK
SCOTLAND'S FINEST NORMAN CHURCH

CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORKER

We are at an exciting time in the life of the congregations in Dalmeny and Queensferry and the fast-growing communities that they serve. Over the past 4 years we have re-thought many of our existing activities for young people and families, and have grown new and successful activities, including fast-paced holiday clubs and a 'fresh expression' in the Messy Church model. We now want to appoint a member of our ministry team to focus specifically on primary/pre-primary children and their families.

Closing date for applications is noon on Friday 3 March 2017

TO WORK IN SCHOOLS | THE COMMUNITY | AND IN CHURCHES

Appointment is on a part-time basis of 24 hours per week. To obtain a job description and further information please go to our website www.qpcweb.org or contact our Church office on 0131 331 1100 (office@qpcweb.org).

The second project is going to be the first stage in a 'Fresh Expressions' journey for us in Queensferry and Dalmeny and to support this we have applied to the 'Go for it' Fund of the Church of Scotland for half funding of £5,000.

We will then match this and hopefully over the rest of the year ahead we will engage both a consultant in this field and ourselves in a process of discernment as to where God may be leading us. Over the years, which follow, we hope then to appoint a Fresh Expressions worker who will inspire and lead us in reaching out and into our growing communities with 'the greatest story ever told'.



Many years ago I came across an insightful quote from the wonderful Dutch Christian Corrie Ten Boom: "Does being born into a Christian family make you a Christian? No! God has no grandchildren." And because God has no grandchildren, each new generation is invited to discover for themselves the meaning and significance of 'the greatest story ever told'.

Your prayers and engagement are much appreciated as we seek to turn the tide of decline.

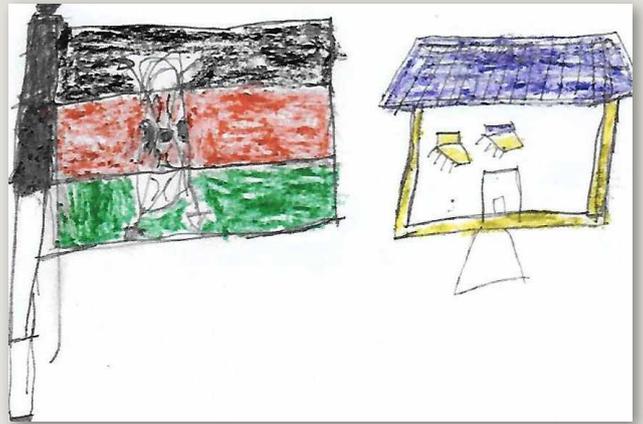
Every blessing,
David

Editor's Note

Welcome to the Dalmeny Parish Church magazine! Willie Green, the editor welcomes contributions of interest to members of the church and the local community. Copy should be sent to the editor at office@qpcweb.org

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet every second week during the school term. We will meet on 26th February, 12th March and 19th March and then break for Easter. We continue to sponsor our friend Dorcas in Kenya and we were delighted to receive their first letter from her in January. She told them that Christmas is her favourite time of year and drew them some lovely pictures. The Sunday School children held a bake sale after church on Sunday 26th February and raised £90 for the project that Dorcas attends in her village. A big thank to all those who contributed in whatever way. We are always delighted to see some new faces. Just come along on a Sunday or if you would like some more information please contact Frances Ibbetson 07850082163.



Church Hall Refurbishment & Upgrade

Planning consent has now been granted subject to an archaeological survey. Building control and Presbytery consents are still outstanding however work should be starting in March. We will keep the congregation informed as progress is made.

Flower List

The Flower List for 2017 is now on the noticeboard at the rear of the church. If you would like to donate flowers on any particular Sunday, please put your name on the list. For more information contact Margaret Campbell on 0131 331 2201.

Singing Group

A singing group for people with dementia and their carers meets in Queensferry Church Centre every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. New members welcome.

Fairtrade Fortnight - 27 February - 12 March 2017

The members of Queensferry Fairtrade Group invite you to 'Take A Fairtrade Break - Coffee Morning' in Queensferry Parish Church on 4th March, 10am - 12noon. Tea, coffee and home baking will be served.

Attractions: One World Shop stall selling Fairtrade foods, including Fairtrade chocolate Easter eggs and Fairly Traded crafts; Equal Exchange, Edinburgh will provide a tea, coffee and chocolate tasting stall.

Adult admission £2, accompanied children free. Everyone warmly welcomed.



Visit from Ugandan Pastor

On Sunday 26th February we had a visit from Pastor Moses Kiwala from Kisseka in Uganda. Pastor Moses told us about the work of Sure House Academy which makes provision for the education of children orphaned by AIDS and other children who are victims of domestic violence or cultural barriers. At the moment they cater for about 150 children.

Pastor Moses also told us about the play 'The Life of Jesus Christ' which started many years ago at Dundas Castle and is now being played out in various countries. In Uganda the play is being taken around the country and is helping to win back people to Jesus Christ.



Fresh Start

This busy charity in Edinburgh requests more crockery, e.g. china mugs, side plates, dinner plates and cutlery and kitchen utensils. Also needed are curtains, duvets and blankets. These can be collected in the Parish by Ian Slee or bring them to the church. If you can help in any way please contact [Ian Slee](mailto:Ian.Slee@freshstart.org.uk) 0131 331 3106 Many thanks for your help in the past.

FreshStart
helping people make a home for themselves



Guild Daffodil Coffee Morning

Don't wander lonely as a cloud!

The Guild warmly invites you to our Daffodil Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th March, 10am - 12 noon in the Church Centre. We can promise you great home baking and plenty of friendly chat as well as a variety of stalls.

Tickets are priced £2 with accompanied children free.

Church Cafe

The café has moved location and will now take place on some Friday mornings at Newgardens House. The next café will be on Friday 3rd March 2017.



Café attendees enjoying a cuppa at Mrs Shaw-Miller's house

Prayer in Dalmeny

In our church community we support people in prayer in many ways:

On Sundays at 10:45-11.00 the session room is available for prayer.

The prayer square is published monthly and in this we join with Queensferry and others on line praying for those in our community and throughout the world.

Prayer squares can be had from the church or by visiting the website at www.dalmeny.org

Prayer request cards are available in the church or email office@qpc.org.com



World Day of Prayer

The World day of Prayer will take place on Friday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. in Queensferry Parish Church. The theme this year is "Am I being unfair to you?" and the women of the Philippines have compiled the service. All are most warmly invited to attend. The service will be followed by teas/coffees.

Church Diary

Dates will also be included in the church diary on the website. Please note that dates may be subject to alteration, and for up to date information please check the weekly Notice Sheets.

Weekly Worship Services

Sunday 11:00 – 12:00am A traditional worship service

March 2017

Wed 1st	7.30p.m	Session Meeting
Fri 3rd	10.00a.m	Café at Newgardens House
Sun 5th	11.00a.m	Communion
Sat 4th	10.00a.m	Fair Trade Coffee Morning Queensferry Church
Sun 5th	11.00a.m	Morning Worship – Communion
Sun 26th	12.00a.m	Stated Annual Meeting (after service)

April 2017

Wed 5th	7.30p.m	Session Meeting
Sun 14th	11.00a.m	Easter Service

Find us on Facebook at  www.facebook.com/dalmenyparishchurch

Visit our website at www.dalmeny.org

DALMENY KIRK