

# Haggs

Linked with

# Denny Old

Spring 2025

## Walk in the Light

*"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him, there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)*

Jesus also said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

The concept of light is a powerful and recurring theme throughout the Bible. To walk with Jesus is to walk in the light, and this light illuminates our path, guiding us in righteousness. Without the light of God, we cannot fully understand how to live our lives according to His will.

Living in darkness is incompatible with walking in the light. If we desire to walk with God, we must turn away from darkness and embrace His light. The passage from 1 John highlights two key blessings of walking in the light. First, it enables us to have true fellowship with one another—cultivating love, understanding, and unity in our relationships. Second, the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin, restoring our relationship with God.

Walking in the light ensures that we maintain both a right relationship with others and a right relationship with God.

These two relationships—horizontal with humankind and vertical with God—are the foundation of a life rooted in faith.

It is noteworthy that studies on death and dying suggest that as people reach near the end of their lives, they seek reconciliation with God and their loved ones. This reminds us of what truly matters: living in the light of Christ each day.

As we prepare for changes in our church community through the Church of Scotland's reforms, I encourage you to remain steadfast in your faith. Though Haggs Parish Church will soon close and unite with Denny Old, we trust in God's plan for our united congregation. He will guide us as we continue to serve and worship together.

I encourage you to stay on the new church roll and to support our future United Church: Denny Old and Haggs United Church with your time, talents, and resources for the glory of God.

During this Lenten season, take time to reflect on your walk with God. Are there areas of darkness in your life that need His light? Surrender them to Christ and allow His light to lead you forward. May His light guide us all as we continue our journey of faith. **Amen.**

Rev. Raheel Arif

Minister: Denny Old & Haggs



## MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

The move towards Haggs and Denny Old Churches forming a union in the summer is now well under way.

A joint Kirk Session meeting was held at the beginning of February with representatives from the Presbytery of Forth Valley and Clydesdale. Both sessions voted unanimously to accept the 'Basis of Union', as stated in Phase 1. of the Presbytery Mission Plan and to proceed towards forming a union between our churches by the end of June 2025.

Denny Old will then become the main Worship Centre.

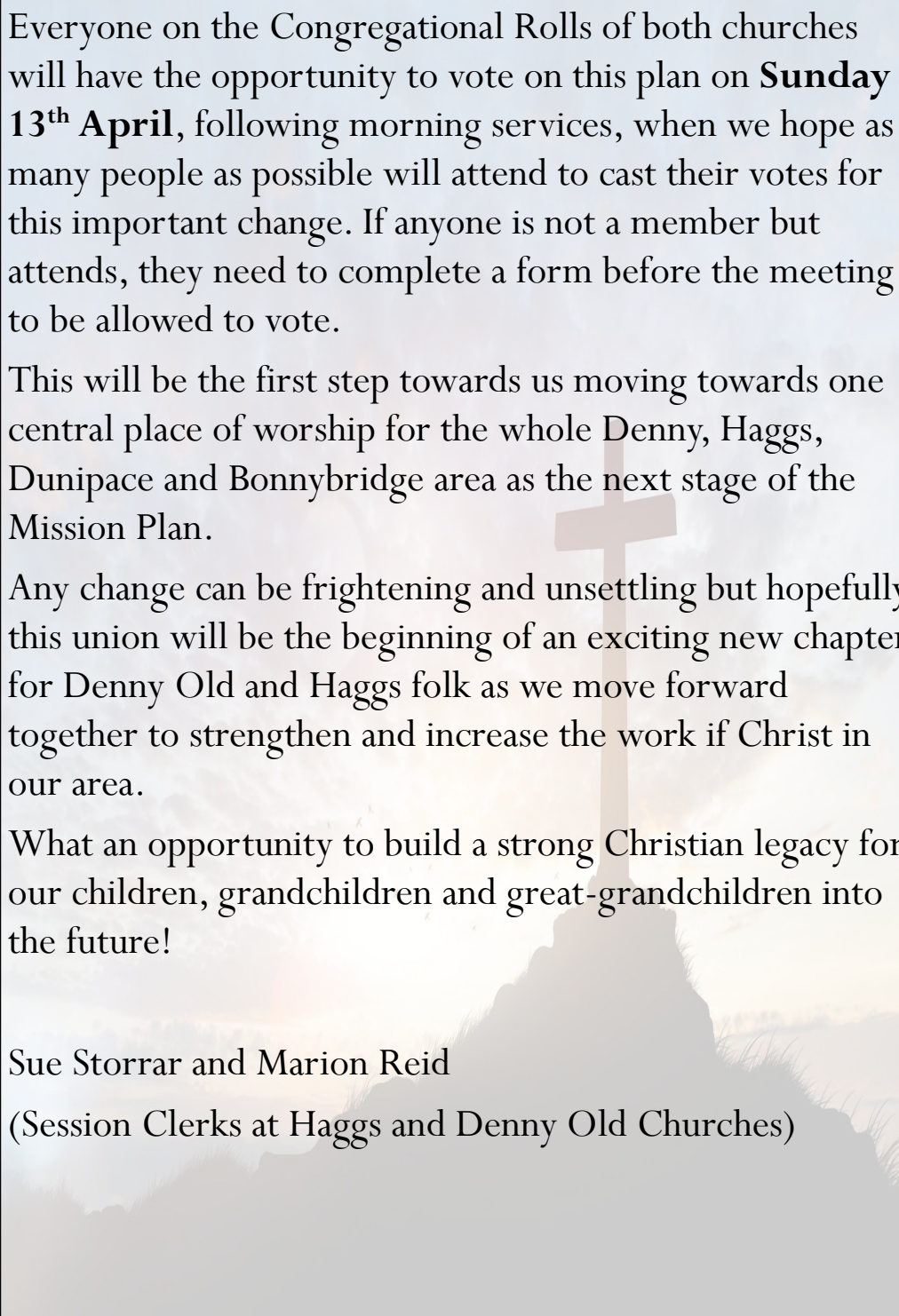
Haggs Church will close, after 185 years of Christian service to the community of Haggs and Banknock.

Haggs Church Hall will be retained for community and missional activities until the final plan outcome of a Single Unite Charge occurs, then the position will be reviewed.

The name of our new church will be **'Denny Old and Haggs United Church of Scotland'**.

We will retain Rev Raheel Arif as our minister and the business of the united church will be governed by one Kirk Session. All elders will continue to administer pastoral duties to members.





Everyone on the Congregational Rolls of both churches will have the opportunity to vote on this plan on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**, following morning services, when we hope as many people as possible will attend to cast their votes for this important change. If anyone is not a member but attends, they need to complete a form before the meeting to be allowed to vote.

This will be the first step towards us moving towards one central place of worship for the whole Denny, Haggs, Dunipace and Bonnybridge area as the next stage of the Mission Plan.

Any change can be frightening and unsettling but hopefully this union will be the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Denny Old and Haggs folk as we move forward together to strengthen and increase the work of Christ in our area.

What an opportunity to build a strong Christian legacy for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren into the future!

Sue Storrar and Marion Reid

(Session Clerks at Haggs and Denny Old Churches)

**A Shower of Blessing**  
***There shall be showers of blessing.***  
**Ezekiel 34:26**

A single drop of rain glistening on your window may seem insignificant. It doesn't have the power to sustain a plant or quench a person's thirst. It simply evaporates and disappears.

But consider what happens when that single drop is joined by thousands, millions or billions of other drops. They can replenish a city's water supply, nourish a field of grain, or even carve the Grand Canyon. Singly drops have incredible power when they work together.

You're only one person out of a world of more than 7 billion people, a single drop in the sea of humanity. But God created people to live and work in community. When you work together as part of a team, the difference you make grows exponentially. The local church is God's team. Being part of it can help deepen your relationship with God, as well as expand your circle of friends. But God's church has a bigger role to fill. Working together, you have the opportunity to become a shower of blessing, helping quench the needs of a thirst world.

Lorna Duncan

## SUNDAY CLUB and BIBLE CLASS (Denny Old)

Hello,

It seems like a long time ago, but hoped you enjoyed the Christmas service and the fellowship that followed. It is good to have an inter-generational worship with lots of people taking part.



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Since there have been joint services, it seems like a while since we have had the chance to have a Sunday club. We are looking forward to welcoming our young people and new young people on a Sunday morning for fun, games, snacks and crafts. Over the next month, we will be looking at the Easter story and chocolate may follow.

After that we will continue with Spill the Beans until the summer and the Prizegiving service when we will again be looking for volunteers to take part. Exciting times ahead.

Marion Reid

# The Guild

We are approaching the end of our current session and once again we have enjoyed a wide variety of topics with some very interesting speakers. We had a most successful Christmas Shoppers' Lunch back in December, and our thanks go to all who supported us so generously.



We have had very enjoyable joint meetings in January and February with Westpark Guild where we enjoyed sharing in fellowship and friendship together. Among other things we heard about Marie Curie, a most entertaining Burns Afternoon with Ian Scott, music and song with the Rev. Philip Hacking and a most interesting insight of the work done by CrossReach.

Our concert at the end of February featuring the Renaissance Choir was much enjoyed by everyone and raised the wonderful sum of £530. This money will go to our Project, CrossReach and our thanks goes to everyone who has made this possible.

We will finish our Session with our AGM on 8th April and then we will be having our outing to Galashiels on 31st. May.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

May Thomson.

(Denny Old)



## CHRISTIAN AID



Christian Aid week which is May 11 – 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 and has been held every year since 1957 in Britain helping to raise funds to aid the humanitarian relief and long term development and support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice, and championing peoples rights.

Your help is greatly appreciated and this year we shall be holding a soup and sandwich lunch in the Church hall after Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May to which you are all welcome to partake.

Jean McCheyne, Treasurer Christian Aid  
(Haggs Christian Aid Group)

## CHRISTIAN AID (Denny Old)

2025 marks the 80<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Christian Aid's founding by churches in Britain.

Check the poster in the hall to find out about special events throughout 2025. You can also find events at [caid.org.uk/Events](https://caid.org.uk/Events).



There will be a Service of Thanksgiving in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 17 May, all welcome. There will also be services in Largo and Inverurie - dates to be confirmed. These towns share links with Rev Douglas Lister who first called on British churches to respond to the humanitarian crisis that followed the Second World War.

This year's Christian Aid Week is from 11-17 May and takes us to Guatemala, a country dealing with immense challenges. In past years our church has not carried out house-to-house collections therefore envelopes will be available in church. These "Church collection envelopes" will be available shortly. You can also donate by visiting [caweek.org/envelope](https://caweek.org/envelope) to create, personalise and send your own e-Envelope this May.

Let's get quizzing for Christian Aid Week 2025! Have fun and fund hope for people living in poverty around the world. This year's Quiz is more of a team type, which would be good for family or group to get together to raise funds. I have copies of the Quiz, and answers, if anyone wants to find out more.

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# Some Easter Jokes



What song is the Easter Bunny's favourite?  
**"I wanna dance with somebunny."**

What do you call a line of rabbits walking backward?

**A receding hareline.**

Why do we paint Easter eggs?

**Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!**

Why are people always tired in April?

**Because they just finished a March.**

Why should you never show Easter eggs in a scary movie?

**They're all a little chicken!**

Who is the Easter Bunny's favourite movie actor?

**Rabbit De Niro**

Why shouldn't you tell an Easter Egg a joke?

**It might crack up!**

How does the Easter Bunny keep his fur neat?

**With a hare brush!**

What do you call a bunny with money?

**A millionhare.**

What did the magician say after the rabbit vanished?

**Hare today, gone tomorrow.**

What day does an Easter egg hate the most?

**Fry-days.**

How can you tell which rabbits are getting old?

**Look for the gray hares.**

How do you make Easter easier?

**Replace the "t" with an "i"**

What do you call the Easter Bunny the day after Easter?

**Eggs-hausted.**

Where does the Easter Bunny live?

**No bunny knows.**



# Lunchbox (Denny Old)

What comes into your head when you hear the lunchbox mentioned in the intimations on a Sunday morning?

The majority of our customers aren't members of the congregation. They come from local sheltered housing, care homes etc. We do have a few that are members of the congregation but there are also many that attend other churches in the area, so our Lunchbox is a hub where all denominations get together and there are no barriers to keep them apart.

We have all age groups from the youngest to the oldest through our door on a Monday. It can be a noisy place at times, but it is full of laughter most of the time.

Everyone will get a good meal, at a very good price, our prices are:

Soup: £1.20 per portion

Sandwich: £1.20 per round

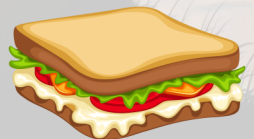
Cakes: 60p each

Tea: 50p per pot

Coffee: 60p per mug

Squash: 20p per glass

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**‘Denny Old and Haggs United Church’ will  
be guided by some important truths:-**

**God loves everyone**

There will be no favorites of forgotten ones.

**Everyone can love God**

Faith isn't just for professionals or specialists.

**Everyone is different**

Thank God we are not the same!

**Everyone needs help**

Nobody gets through life without needing other folk.

**Everyone can play**

We can all contribute to our life together.

(Adapted by Sue Storrar from a poster in Milestone Community Church on  
Orkney – where 5 small churches have united to form a new multi-purpose  
church)

## **Snowdrop Café (Haggs)**

The Snowdrop Café is a very informal friendship group (for all genders) and there is no need to “join” – come when you want. A small donation can be given if and when you can afford it to help with the cost of providing tea/coffee with cake. Birthdays are celebrated with birthday cake and candles. We have had a variety of activities since we started including, but not exclusively, in house bowls, prize bingo, music bingo, quizzes, chair yoga, table games and a very enjoyable Christmas party. Loraine came along with her drums and will be coming back soon to let us try drumming again – great fun.

We have been entertained by Sheila's Reels, Freedom of Mind Choir, The Men's Shed band, Irish dancers and Ian Guthrie will be coming with his guitar soon. We have had talks from CAB, Food Train, Sensory Centre, SP Energy, Creative Home Care, Driving Force and Jacob's Vision to name a few. April comes from Strathcarron once a month to give those who want a very relaxing hand massage – a great treat! We are not set up as fund raisers but we did do a successful McIlann lunch along with ladies from the Church and have made donation to Haggs Church (we are much in their debt for the free use of the Hall), Strathcarron Hospice (who set up the concept of “Snowdrops”), Blythswood Shoe Box appeal, Seagull Trust and Driving Force with small donations to speakers from organisations. We go out for Christmas lunch and have visited Fallin Snowdrop Café for a very enjoyable Burns afternoon and visited Happy Mondays for their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday party where Country and Western Band WDR performed. A couple of outings were organized to Largs with Fishers Tours. Hope this gives a flavour of who we are. Happy Mondays for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday party where Country and Western Band WDR performed. A couple of outings were organized

Marion Dickson, Treasurer

## Pastoral Care Group

Please contact us if you know of anyone who would welcome a visit from our family friendly team either at home, care home or hospital or even just a phone call to keep in touch. Just give any names to an elder on door duty or leave a name in the marked box on table at back of church. You can also contact Raheel on 01324 819149 and he will pass on details to the team.

Diana Martin  
Team Leader



# FALKIRK FOOD BANK



Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to Falkirk Foodbank

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Sugar (500 g)
- Fruit Juice (carton)
- Soup
- Pasta Sauces
- Sponge Pudding (tinned)
- Tomatoes (tinned)
- Cereal incl. variety pack
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Custard (tinned)
- Tea Bags 40 & 80
- Instant Mash Potato
- Rice/Pasta
- Meat (tinned)
- Fish (tinned)
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Biscuits
- Snacks



Centre:

Unit 1

Tamfourhill Industrial Estate,  
Tamfourhill, Falkirk FK1 4RT

E-mail [info@falkirk.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@falkirk.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity No. SCO43763



1061.3 Kg - What is this amount all about? That is the fantastic total donated by you from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 -

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Wow!! Huge thank you from Falkirk Foodbank for this continued support which helps those struggling to cope in this time of economic crisis.

The boxes for donations are in church. These can be found at the front door and next to the kitchen hatch in the hall. If preferred donations can be dropped off at Janet's home on a Monday who will take them to the Foodbank on Tuesday. Please phone the number below for the address.

Times remain really hard for many folk and it is taking a lot of donations to keep the shelves stocked. There are shortages in many items, especially tinned soup, beans and tinned tomatoes. So, if you are looking for ideas for a donation please bear this in mind.

There is a continuing need for all the items listed. Also, "Wellbeing" packs are supplied, where required, and there is an ongoing need for toiletries, i.e. toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap powder, baby supplies and cleaning materials.

The distribution centre delivers to all parts of the Falkirk Local Authority area, including Grangemouth, and deliveries are made in Denny and Dunipace.

Please contact Janet Rhodes on 824721 for more information.



# **1<sup>st</sup> Haggs Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association aggs Boys' Bridgade and Girls' Association**



We currently have four attending our Anchors each week on a Tuesday. We have a mixture of fun and games as well as crafts. We recently had a Treasure hunt around the church hall – which the kids loved!

Our Junior and Company meet on a Friday night with three regularly attending each week. Again despite our small number we have a varied mix of badgework and games. We have had a relaxed few weeks with various games being played from Mouse Trap and Monopoly. We also recently had a Mario Kart tournament.

We are preparing for our midsession break over Easter and will be undertaking various themed activities on the approach across our sections.

We continue to meet on Tuesday (6-7pm) for the Anchors (Primaries 1, 2 & 3) and Friday (6.30 – 8.30 p.m.) for Juniors (Primaries 4, 5 & 6) and Company (Primary 7 and up) in the Church Hall. We are always looking for new members to come along and join the fun.

A big thank you to everyone who supports the company and allowing us to continue working with the young people in the area.

Alan Hobbs

# Easter

## Word Search



S O A  
 R S C C M  
 D P T E Q X E  
 V I E E L Z L X M  
 S Y K O E E F M O J Y  
 J S G M E B P C H Q L  
 S A G W C E R D Y E I H M  
 B Q O Z E R A H O A C D B  
 V U K N G R T W T E A W E  
 G N N A G E I N F A R E F  
 F R D N S U O J I T R C I  
 Q A W L Y T N U H P O H N  
 G B P E T U D K O U T I D  
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 V I C H O C O L A T E K W  
 T K G H H F H I B S S  
 Q V R B O U Q U E T M  
 Z D L U N M Z I C  
 F L O W E R S  
 J T O Q B



Word list:

BASKET  
 BOUQUET  
 BUNNY  
 CARROTS

CELEBRATION  
 CHICKS  
 CHOCOLATE  
 COTTONTAIL

DYE  
 EGGS  
 FIND  
 FLOWERS

HIDE  
 HOP  
 PEEP  
 RABBIT



# Gift Aid It



## What is Gift Aid?

This is a government scheme which allows the congregation (as a registered charity) to reclaim the tax **you** have already paid on the money you give in your offering.

## How does the church benefit?

While the basic rate of Income Tax is 20%, the congregation can recover the tax at the rate of 25%- e.g. £4 becomes £5

£20 becomes £25

£40 becomes £50

## Who can give through Gift Aid?

Anyone who pays **Income Tax** or Capital Gains Tax which is annually at least equal to the tax which the congregation and other charities to which you make Gift Aid donations will reclaim on your gifts for that year.

## What is Required?

Sign a Gift Aid Declaration- this is printed in the church magazine- ready for you to complete. Hand this to your elder or anyone on door duty on a Sunday or you can call Jean Duff, Gift Aid Convenor, on 01324 824768 and she will come and collect the completed form.

Give your offering using Offering Envelopes or by Bank Standing Order or by Cheque - to provide the Church with the necessary records of your giving.

## You Do Not Need:

- To Promise to give a particular amount
- To promise to give for a specific period



# Gift Aid Declaration

## The Church of Scotland

### Please complete this declaration in CAPITALS

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed from the government by charities from the tax you pay for the relevant tax year. Your congregation can reclaim Gift Aid on your offerings if you pay sufficient income tax and you provide a signed Gift Aid Declaration (*below*). In order to Gift Aid your donations, please complete the form and hand it to your treasurer.

**I want to Gift Aid all monetary donations I have made in the past four years and those I make from today onwards to:**

Name of congregation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation's charity no: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.**

Please tick:

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### My details:

First name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the Church Treasurer/Gift Aid Convener if you:

- wish to cancel this declaration
- change your name or address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

### PRIVACY NOTICE

You are giving your personal data to (*insert name of congregation*)

..... as the Data Controller.

**Your Personal Data:** You are being asked to supply your name, address, postcode and signature.

**Purpose:** The purpose of processing the personal data we ask for is to complete a Gift Aid declaration. The legal basis for this processing is the Legitimate Activities of the Church as a not-for-profit organisation. Your personal data will not be used for another purpose without your consent.

If you do not provide the personal data requested, we cannot complete the declaration.

**Data Subjects:** Individuals making a monetary offering or donation to this congregation.

**Sharing Your Personal Data:** Your personal data will only be shared with HMRC as an independent data controller. This sharing is solely for the purpose of administering Gift Aid declarations.

### Your Rights:

You have rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. For more information visit the website at [www.churchofscotland.org.uk/using-our-site/privacy-centre](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/using-our-site/privacy-centre)

## FLOWER GUILD (Denny Old)

**Song of Solomon 2:12 (NIV)**

*Flowers appear on the earth; the  
season of singing has come, the*



The Flower Calendar for 2025 is on display in the big hall. You will see that, as in past years, there are a few Sundays where there is no service in Denny Old, which means there will be no flowers in our Church. This is unfortunate, but if you wish you can choose an alternative Sunday.

Contributions to the Flower Guild can be made by putting your name against the date you would like, perhaps a date of special meaning to you, or there are boxes in church for monetary donations.

Flowers are delivered to people who have been bereaved or are unwell. Also, if someone is celebrating a special anniversary, or just needs cheering up, flowers are sent to them. It means such a lot to folk to receive flowers from church letting them know that they are kept in our thoughts.

If you are already on the Calendar, you will receive a reminder the week before, and arrangements can be made to get them to the person arranging them

Do you think you would like to have a go at arranging flowers in church? If so, please speak to Janet who would love to hear from you. You do not have to do this for a month at a time, weekly would be great.

*Janet Rhodes, Flower Convener*

*Tel: 01324 824721*

## The Driving Force



The Driving Force is a charity which takes anyone who has cancer and is registered with a GP in Banknock, Bonnybridge or Denny to hospital appointments for free.

Local volunteers work together to fundraise, co-ordinate and drive cancer patients to and from hospital appointments and treatment sessions. Kidney dialysis patients also benefit from this service. There are three types of volunteers – drivers, co-ordinators and fundraisers.

Drivers can volunteer to give as much time as they wish. While some drivers offer their car and services 5 days a week, Monday to Friday, many offer to drive 2 days or some 1 day.

Co-ordinators volunteer on a rota system and arrange a driver for each patient's journey and contact the patient with their driver's details. They contact the GP surgery daily to pick up the messages left by the patients.

Fundraisers are very important to help with raising funds through coffee mornings, prize bingo, etc.

Haggs Church supports the Driving Force regularly with proceeds from Soup and Sandwich lunches etc. being donated to the charity. Three members of our congregation volunteer as drivers and 1 volunteer as a co-ordinator. If you, or someone you know requires the services of the Driving Force please contact your GP surgery and leave your name and phone number and the on-call co-ordinator will contact you for your requirements. The Facebook page, The Driving Force, is a good way to find out more about the charity.

Volunteers would be delighted to come and speak to groups of people about the service and to raise awareness of this worthwhile charity. There will be a "Grand Raffle" prior to Christmas with fantastic prizes to be won. Please support this if you can.

Jean Proffit

## Girls' Brigade (Denny Old)



I can't believe that we are at the end of another session. 2024 – 2025 has been a busy one. There have been parties, games and lots of fun.



The Explorer numbers swelled when Beth and companions offered Taster sessions at Denny Primary. We are indebted to those that made this possible. The girls are all having a great time with us adults being very tired afterwards! The theme for this year has been water in its many forms so we have had some interesting things to make. Moses parted a Red Sea of jelly; sharks have been running round and lately the Easter bunnies invaded.



The Juniors have been busy bunnies too with first aid, lots of crafts, a spiritual puppet show and if there is still any energy left – skipping. They love, love, love time spent in the kitchen most so it is usually the first question they ask about. Then it is asking if they can go into the Church.

This is Beth's last session before retiring and she has gone back to where she started – leading the oldest girls. As they have made sock monsters, they have discussed Bible topics, and their knowledge has really increased. For the physical section, the girls have been pursuing their own interests.

Our annual display evening will be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 6:30pm in the halls. You are all welcome to come along to see the girls perform some small acts of entertainment before they get their awards.



Thank you to all who have supported us this year. Each night could not run without the great group of the officers Mairi, Christina, Shona and Beth. Although Beth is hanging up her GB fleece, she will still be back some nights and I am sure she is keen to continue the Blythswood Shoeboxes. Her dedication to GB has been amazing and she has enjoyed all the time spent with the girls and their families. We are in debt of all the time she has given to GB and may need more than one person to replace her!

After the display night we will be taking a break to plan for the next session starting on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Regards

Marion Reid, Captain



## **Bunny Drive**

Join us on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in Haggs Church Hall for an afternoon of pre-Easter fun at our annual Bunny Drive. Whether you are 5 or 90 come along and compete for the prizes. Tickets costing £5 for adults and £2 for children are available from Sue Storrar or Jean McCheyne. Refreshments will be served and raffle prizes will be greatfully received.

Jean Proffit

## **Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Church family, both Haggs and Denny Old, for cards, flowers, visits and get well wishes received following my recent hip surgery. I really appreciate everyone's kindness and support and I'm delighted to say I am recovering well and I hope to be back among you soon.

Blessings, Jean Proffit



**E** is for Each of us. God loves everyone.

**A** is for A broken world, so He sent His Son.

**S** is for our Sins that Jesus took away.

**T** is for the Tomb where He lay three whole days.

**E** is for the Empty tomb. The stone was roller away.

**R** is for the Risen Lord. Jesus is alive today!

# **A Prayer for Peace**

**From Rev Sally Foster-Fulton – Christian Aid.**

**‘In days to come .... they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nations shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.’**

**God, it is said that you are the peace that passes all understanding. We sit now, staggered at how quickly the fragile half-peace we have pieced together has unraveled.**

**The lessons we have so desperately needed to learn have been laid aside as the instruments of war begin their haunting reprise. Call us back to our senses.**

**For the angry, abused and frightened among us, who strike out in a disordered quest for victory, help us to find ways to convince that there is no victory to be found in violence.**

**Peace-making is a daunting path to tread, especially when fear follows so closely behind, so breathe your loving spirit into our hearts and help us to walk your way.**

**We pray ceaselessly for our family in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, for we are all a family when one part suffers, we are all depleted. Peace in pieces is a collective, shared shame.**

**God you are the peace that passes all understanding, so help us understand how to find it.**

**AMEN**



# United Services 2025

Pentecost	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Haggs Church
New Beginnings	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Denny Old
Harvest	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Dunipace
1 <sup>st</sup> Advent	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonnybridge

## Holy Week and Easter 2025 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Dunipace Parish Church
Tuesdsy 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Haggs Parish Church
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Denny Baptist Church
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Bonnybridge St Helens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Walk of Witness – Dunipace Church
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Westpark Church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Open Air Service Westpark Church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Easter Breakfast – Westpark Church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Family Service – Denny Old Parish Church

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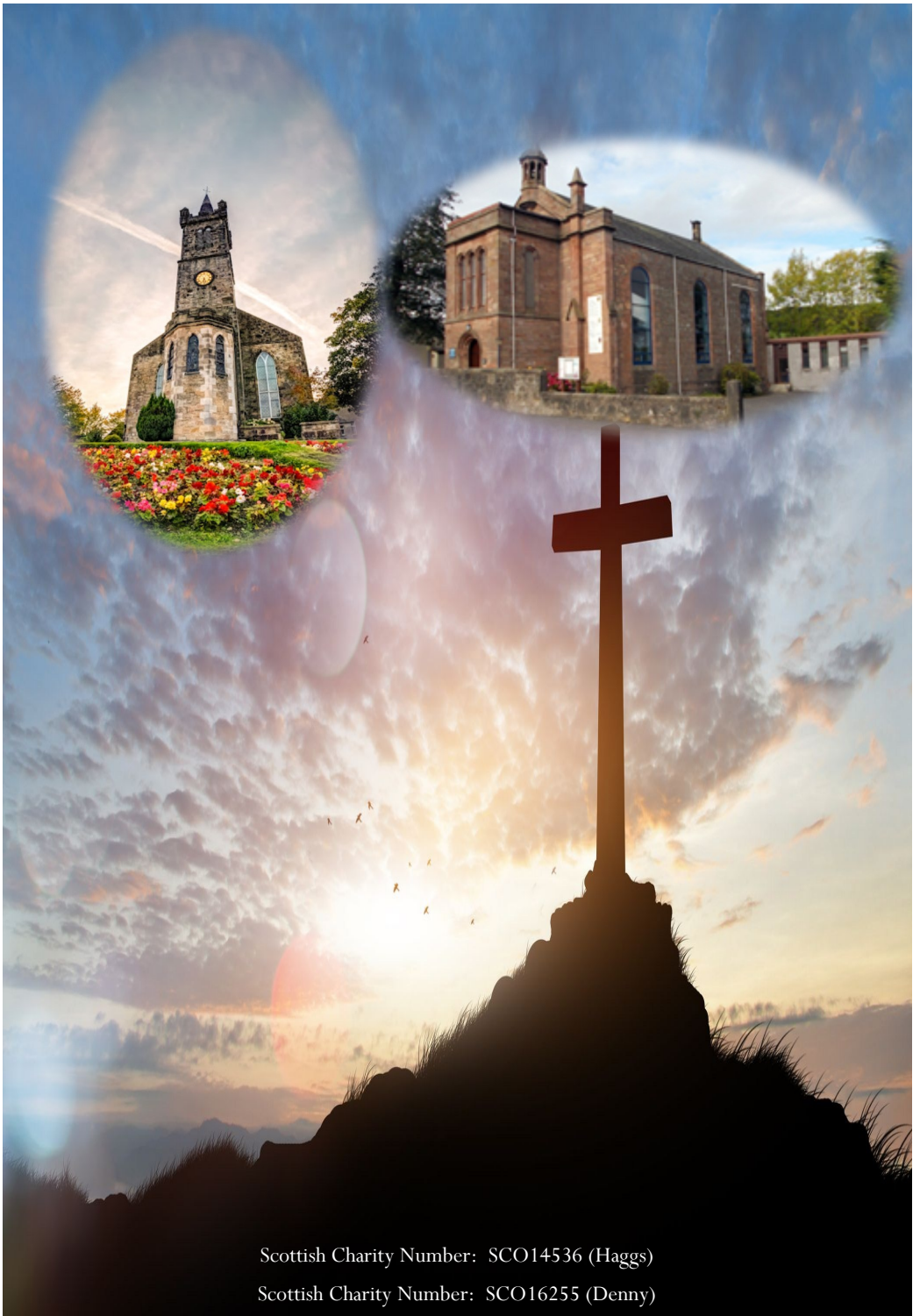
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