

Directions

The starting point is at **The Baptist Church** in Herbertshire Street. From Denny Cross go east on Broad Street for 30metres and turn left into The Vennel. At the end of this short street turn right into Herbertshire Street and **The Baptist Church** can be found 50metres further on the right.

From **The Baptist Church** retrace your steps to Denny Cross where you will find the **Old Parish Church**. Go across The Cross, on a slight dog – leg to the right, into Duke Street. Follow Duke Street for 200metres to **Denny Westpark Church** which is the red sandstone building on the right. Retrace your steps for 150metres and turn left into Church Walk, which is opposite the Post Office. Carry on down Church Walk for 50metres and **Broompark Church** is on your left. There is a prominent sign outside naming it the Broompark Centre. Continue down Church Walk for 100metres to Stirling Street and you will see **St. Alexander's Church** on the other side of the road on your right. Return to Church Walk and continue down Stirling Street. At the bottom of the hill, turn right and after a further 150metres cross the Denny Bridge over the **River Carron**. Carry on for another 200metres to **Dunipace Parish Church** which is on a bend on the left side of the road.

Retrace your steps for 50metres to Milton Row with a large wall on its right side. Walk down Milton Row for 300metres to its end, where it goes straight on to a C class road. It is worth noting the old fireplaces on the Milton Row wall (more information in Heritage Trail No.1). Follow the C road, with a zigzag over a small bridge and a sharp left turn uphill for 600metres to a junction with the road from Dunipace to the Hills of Dunipace. Turn right at the junction and follow this road for 800metres to **Denovan Church**.

30metres before you arrived at **Denovan Church** there was a Land Rover track on your right. Follow this past a cottage to the **Dale Bridge** and at the far side turn right on a red ash path. Follow this for 50metres to Winchester Avenue. Turn left and walk for 200metres to the Main Road, which is called Broad Street. Turn right here and walk for 250metres to a street on your right called Kirkslap. Walk down Kirkslap to its end and turn right and **The Baptist Church** is a further 50metres on your left.

6. Dunipace Parish Church

The church is situated at the corner of Stirling Street and Barnego Road. It was built between 1888 and 1890 by the architect William Simpson and was originally known as the Dunipace Free Church.

The church hall was added to the east side of the church in 1901. Looking at the Belfry, cannon spouts can be seen sticking out from its angle rounds.



7. Denovan Church

The first Dunipace Parish Church was sited near the “Hills of Dunipace” and its priest in the late eleventh century as William Wallace’s uncle.

The formal name for the church was Dunipace Old Parish Church. It opened in 1834 and seems to have been sited at Denovan because of the large increase in industry in this area of the parish.

The congregation met for the last time on Christmas Day 1988 after which they joined Dunipace North Church. It is now a private house.



The George Skelton Heritage Trail No.3

The Churches Heritage Trail



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1. Baptist Church

The Church began in the old Town Hall, which was located on the Glasgow Road site opposite the Bank of Scotland Branch. (This site later had the De Luxe Cinema/Bingo Hall, now demolished due to a fire in 2010). The congregation moved to their present location in 1905.



2. Denny Old Parish Church

In 1599 the minister for Falkirk Parish (Adam Belleden) was afraid that the parishioners of Denny “ar almost fallin in athisme thrugh want of the comfort of God’s word”.

With this in mind the clerk of the Falkirk Parish wrote to the tax collector in Airth to provide the funding for a church in Denny. It would seem that the “auld Chappell of Denny” was repaired and refurbished and opened in 1600/1601 and the first minister (Thomas Ambrose) was appointed in 1603.

The present Church was opened in 1814 at a cost of £1658-4s-11d.

The present church bell was installed in 1908 and the original bell dating back to 1631 is on display inside the church.



3. Denny Westpark Church

The name resulted from the union of Denny Broompark Church and Denny West Church in 1963. The Denny West Church held its first meeting in Dunipace at Risk Farm in 1843 following a split from the Church of Scotland. The present building dates from 1900 and was the Denny United Free Church.

The United Free Church returned to the Church of Scotland in 1929 and the church became known as Denny West Church of Scotland.



4. Denny Broompark Church

The church’s origins were in a group who left the Denny Parish Church in 1738 but the meetings for worship had to be held in Falkirk, then Bonnybridge, because of the lack of accommodation. It wasn’t until 1787 that the church opened in Denny.

The church changed its name several times until 1929 when it became known as Broompark Church of Scotland.

During the 1950s Pastor Berry taught bible knowledge to the 1st Denny Boys Brigade. His teachings were so thorough that the local lads won the Falkirk Battalion scripture knowledge competition so often that they were given the annual prize of the Pulpit Fall to keep permanently.



5. St. Alexander’s Church

The first local use of the name of St Alexander’s was for the spa and chapel near Kirkland on the north bank of the Carron. The present St Alexander’s took its name from the martyr, Pope St Alexander of Alexandria. It is built in the Gothic style and it is thought that the name is unique in Scotland.

The foundation stone for the present church was laid in July 1889 and the church was officially opened in April 1890 by his Grace Archbishop Smith and it was reported that “the weather favoured the auspicious occasion in every particular”. At the opening ceremony, it was said that Father Hannon deserved the highest praise for his zeal and indomitable courage in the erection of the church. Before the present church was opened the Catholics in the area worshipped in the chapel school or St Patrick’s where the first parish priest was the Reverend Peter Ward.



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The Society meets on the second

Monday of each month

in the Heritage Rooms at

13 Milton Row, Dunipace, at 7.15pm