

Dunscore Church Family Notices Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

SUNDAY 26th July 2020 Minister REV MARK SMITH

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10.30am – Worship Together via Zoom video-conference. Rev Tim Harmer

is leading our service. Please think of the most valuable item you own in monetary terms and another item they value or treasure in emotional or sentimental terms and be prepared to talk about the second item for a minute (and show it if they can) and I will aim to ask up to 5 folk to talk.

ZOOM link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81494924691

Tel. 0131 460 1196 with meeting ID: 81494924691

A note from our Minister:

This week I'm having a Sunday 'off'. Lockdown has confused much of life ... we don't know what day of the week it is and our routines have gone to pot with home-working, home-schooling, online everything! Being 'off' work has become the norm for many.

We're on the verge of moving into the Manse – once broadband is connected, I'll be able to work from there, just in time for lockdown to ease further!

Our friends in Lubuto are moving from lockdown, but not into normality as they face political upheaval in their country, so we remember them this week, too.

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

Worship during self-isolation and social-distancing:

To ensure that we can all continue to worship together as far as possible we currently mainly use the internet:

Zoom video-conferencing for Sunday worship (also by telephone!)

YouTube clips for meditation and reflection (highlighted in CFN)

Facebook posts for ongoing encouragement and information

Email for general contact and updates

- but ... we are aware that some of you are not connected to such things.

Your Elder will ensure that you get a copy of the CFN each week and these include the hymns, a few thoughts on the reading for Sunday Worship, and other ideas to enable you to join in the ongoing worship, prayer and study life of the congregations as you are able.

TOGETHER AT HOME ... 7pm Sunday & Thursday.

Join in prayer, thought and reflection. Use the weekly prayer and theme from CFNs. Light a candle. Look at pictures of friends/family/congregation. Listen to restful music. As we pray in the name of Jesus the Holy Spirit will unite us across the distancing.

YOU can help ...

If you have a helpful prayer ...

If you have any beautiful pictures ...

If you have any encouraging stories ...

...let Colin, Lindsay, Mark, Matthew, or Max have them to share with everyone ** Don't forget to pass on these CFNs to neighbours and friends as you are able **

This Week:

PRAYER OF THE WEEK – Heavenly Father,

Your Spirit intercedes for us, Your Son presents our prayers to You, and You want to give us good things, yet we find it hard to know what words to use. Hear our heartfelt groans, inner turmoil, and hidden pain, and give us Your Peace, Your Hope, Your Joy, and fill us with Your Love for Jesus' sake.

PRAYER THEME – Pray for our friends in Lubuto, Zambia, in a prickly political time. *Awakening* – music and images for prayer, contemplation {

https://youtu.be/7pWUaWV8A8Q

Wednesday Reflection – Romans 8:28-end { https://youtu.be/JMz-R4ua7_Y

Next Sunday:

10.30am – Sunday Worship Together via **Zoom** video-conference

OPENING THE CHURCH AGAIN

Following Scottish Government advice, a Kirk Session meeting and permission from Presbytery we can open the church with certain stringent safety measures. If you wish to use the church for private prayer please contact Colin or Mark. If Funeral Directors wish to use the church for a funeral they should also contact Colin or Mark. Most of the Kirk Session wished to continue with Zoom services unless there is a high demand to have services in the church (This would involve spaced out seating, no singing and wearing masks) Please let an elder or Mark know your thoughts about this.

Pyramids, Peaks and Plains: Kath and Matthew will be showing photos of their travels in Central and South America on Wednesday 5 August at 7:30pm. You can join this Travel Evening on Zoom at: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89586880258</u>.

Eco – Snippet – Save water – Try these easy tips to reduce water waste. 1 - A running tap wastes more than 6 litres of water per minute, so turn it off whilst cleaning your teeth. 2 - Install a water efficient or dual flush toilet. 3 – switch to water efficient shower heads

First Base Food Bank ... Due to present difficulties, it has become preferable to donate money so that First Base can source the food required themselves. You can donate by using the following link <u>www.justgiving.com/first-base</u>. Please do donate if you can.

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* Notes for inclusion in August's CFNs to Samantha by Friday midday please. * Samanthathaw782@outlook.com Tel. 07368238127.

Make way, make way, for Christ the King In splendour arrives. Fling wide the gates and welcome him Into your lives. Make way! Make way! For the King of kings! Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!

He comes the broken hearts to heal, The prisoners to free. The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, The blind shall see. Make way! Make way! For the King of kings! Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, Who weep and sigh; With laughter, joy and royal crown He'll beautify. Make way! Make way! For the King of kings! Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!

We call you now to worship him As Lord of all. To have no other gods but him: Their thrones must fall! Make way! Make way! Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succour speedy to those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong. To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, Shall peace, the herald go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow

For him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend, His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end. The dews shall nourish A seed, in weakness sown, Whose fruit shall spread and flouring And shake like Lebanon

O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all blest The time of tide shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand for ever; That name to us is love

> No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.