



Dunscore Church Family Notices

Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

SUNDAY 6th September 2020

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10.30am – Worship Together via Zoom video-conference. Organist: Andy Thorne

ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82554529733>

Tel. 0131 460 1196 with meeting ID: 82554529733 #

A note from our Minister:

As things are still in a state of flux in many aspects of our lives, it was good to be able to enter our church buildings last week. Those who were able to come along enjoyed the quiet, prayerful atmosphere and felt a new appreciation for our buildings and the years of prayer and worship which has seeped into the fabric. The plan (for the time-being) is to hold one Prayer and Reflection session in each church once a month, on a Sunday afternoon at 3pm. St Ninian's on the second Sunday and Dunscore on the fourth Sunday – watch for details.

As the song says ... One More Step Along the Way We Go.

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

Worship as Lockdown eases ...

****** With continued restrictions on the use of our buildings we will continue to mainly use the internet **Zoom** video-conferencing for our main Sunday worship (also by telephone!)

YouTube for recordings of the Sunday Worship and other resources

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.

This Week:

PRAYER THEME – Pray for Grace to be a servant to others, as Christ has served you

PRAYER OF THE WEEK – *Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

Next Sunday:

10.30am – Sunday Worship Together celebrating the 1st Birthday of Messy Church via **Zoom**
3pm – ***Prayer and Reflection*** in St Ninian's Church

Eco Snippet

Once again plastic bags are in much discussion in the news re putting up the price and the damage they are causing to wildlife and the environment, so if we have to purchase them can we please re-use in all sorts of ways or NOT buy at all and invest in a few canvas bags, which can be used endlessly. Many youngsters will be heading off to college and Uni: a gift of Canvas bags could be useful for books, clothes etc instead of the usual black placcy bags.

POST OFFICE RE-OPENS

The Post Office based in the Glenriddell Hall is now open at the following times:

Monday 11.00 – 12.30

Wednesday 12.30 – 1.30

Friday 11.45 – 1.45

Only one customer at a time and face coverings need to be worn.

Connect Discussion Group

The Discussion group is now being continued online on Thursday evenings. If you would like to join in please contact Tim Harmer- timharmer95@gmail.com

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. Please do donate if you can by using the following link

www.justgiving.com/first-base

YOU can help

- If you have a helpful prayer
- If you have any beautiful pictures
- If you have any encouraging stories

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

Notes for inclusion in September's CFNs to Linda Mushet, by Friday midday please. You can contact me on linm122@outlook.com or Tel. 07850 397867

Words for Sunday's service are overleaf.....

Hymn 498

Angel voices ever singing
round Your throne of Light,
angel harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless You
and confess You Lord of Might.

Lord, we know Your heart rejoices
in each work Divine,
You did ears and hands and voices
for Your praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Your pleasure all combine.

In Your house our gifts we offer
from Your Love so free;
and for Your acceptance proffer
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, Glory, Might and Merit
Yours shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless-ed Trinity.
Earth and heaven join in praising,
voices raising joyfully.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Activity Ears, hands, voices ...

Song MP181

God forgave my sin in Jesus' Name;
I've been born again in Jesus' Name,
and in Jesus' Name I come to you
to share His Love as He told me to.

He said:

*'Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give;
go in My Name
and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' Name
in earth and heaven in Jesus' Name;
and in Jesus Name I come to you
to share His power as He told me to.

He said ...

Carol Owens

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Hymn 694

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard AM Gillard (b.1953)

Matthew 18:21-35 *The Unmerciful Servant*

Notes:

Peter wanted an exact figure to check off !
Seven? Seventy-seven? Seventy times seven?
Jesus talks about the Kingdom of Heaven:
... a place of forgiveness and mercy
Do you live that way? Or want a check list?

Hymn 153

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
as Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided - great
is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and Winter, and seed-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness ...

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Great is Thy faithfulness ...

Thomas O.Chisholm (1866-1960)